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## Kofi Annan Resigns As County NAACP President

**Fairfax NAACP issues statement;  
Sean Perryman assumes presidency.**

President Kofi Annan tendered his resignation as President of the Fairfax County NAACP and it is with profound regret that the Executive Committee has accepted the resignation of Kofi Annan as of Sunday, July 28. Annan resigned for personal reasons, but his resignation did follow a story in the Washington Post about a dispute with former branch president Shirley Ginwright. Despite the private nature of the dispute in the context of a personal text message conversation with Ms. Ginwright, the Executive Committee denounces Mr. Annan's use of derogatory language towards Ms. Ginwright, as well as his negative comments about Fairfax County officials - NAACP said in a statement.

Our primary focus as an organization is to address the myriad of issues Fairfax County residents face on a daily basis, from

education and affordable housing, to community policing. The Fairfax NAACP chapter just completed a community service project benefiting the Capital Area Food Bank earlier this month. In partnership with the Fairfax County Police, we're preparing for the Cops and Kids Basketball game next month. It's unfortunate that in the midst of a busy summer, we have to be distracted by what amounts to an interpersonal matter between two individuals who have known each other for years.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, we apologize to Ms. Ginwright for the disrespectful comments made by our former president. They do not reflect the attitude or values of this Board. Ms. Ginwright is always welcome to attend our events and share her perspective.

The Executive committee apologizes to Chairman Sharon Bulova. Though we've



**Kofi Annan**

had our share of disagreements, Chairman Bulova has been a friend and an ally of the NAACP. She was especially critical in establishing more civilian oversight of the Fairfax County Police Department through the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Committee and the Police Civilian Review Panel. As Chairman Bulova is stepping down after this term, we plan to continue this excellent relationship with the Board of Supervisors, and the new Chairman.

The Executive Committee would also like to apologize to FCPD Chief Edwin Roessler. We appreciate Chief Roessler and the FCPD's commitment to serving all the residents of Fairfax County, and intend to continue working with them to strengthen our community.

Though the Fairfax Branch is one of the oldest chapters of the NAACP, the branch has truly flourished in recent years under Mr. Annan's leadership. His tireless advocacy and tenacious pursuit of justice drove everyone in this branch to the next level, culminating in winning the NAACP's prestigious Thalheimer Award in 2018.

We invite the community to join us at our next General Membership Meeting on Aug. 10 at the A.M.E. Baptist Church in Alexandria. Membership in the Fairfax NAACP is open to all Fairfax County residents, regardless of gender, race, creed, religion, or national origin.

**STATEMENT FROM SEAN PERRYMAN,** on assuming presidency of Fairfax County NAACP:

"As many of you may have heard by now, I'm assuming the Presidency of the Fairfax County NAACP. I'm both excited and humbled by the opportunity to represent an organization with a legacy as rich and important as the NAACP.

In an organization founded by legendary intellectuals and titans of civil and human rights like Ida B. Wells and W.E.B. Du Bois, it's daunting to compare yourself to leaders of past. The work remains though, and must continue. I realize, however, that every branch is only as good as the people who volunteer. Thankfully, in Fairfax, we have some of the most talented and passionate individuals in any branch in the



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**Sean Perryman**

country. I hope to lead in a way that honors their service and dedication. I also hope to lead in a way that does justice to the work already started by Kofi Annan.

I remember when I attended my first meeting not sure what to expect. Kofi brought me into the fold. He gave me real responsibility. He let me ascend to leadership quickly and listened to the advice I gave. I'm incredibly proud of the work I accomplished with him and I'll never forget the opportunity he gave me.

The outpouring of love for Kofi Annan following the announcement of his resignation is a testament to the impact of his work and the lives he's touched. I'm wise enough to understand that you don't replace someone like Kofi but can only try to further the work with the amazing team they left you. I hope he continues to stay involved and we can partner in whatever he does next.

I cannot and will not seek to be like previous leaders for I fear I could only be a bad imitation. I will instead try to carve out my own brand of leadership focused on equity, policy, and elevating the status of this branch. I will not try to recreate myself but continue to lead with honesty, humor, occasional snark, and a lot of passion. The branch will shift somewhat but our resolve and mission will remain the same.

My motivation—my daughter Ava and every child like her—remain the same. Because as a nation, we must realize that no one is coming to save us. We must create the communities we seek until eventually the world becomes something we are proud to hand our children and children's children.

As I look forward to the future, I am eager to continue my work with leaders throughout Fairfax County and hope to meet with leaders from the Virginia state delegation, county board, and school board soon.

I appreciate all of you as I prepare for this task of leading this amazing organization.



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**Dr. David Anmuth of Pediatric Lung and Allergy Center answers questions from the community during an open forum Q&A session on July 18 in Fairfax.**

### Discussing Food Allergies

On July 18, the pediatric allergists of Pediatric Lung and Allergy Center (PLAC) teamed up with the Northern VA Food Allergy Group to host an open forum question and answer session for the community. The session was geared toward parents of children who manage food allergies of all kinds. The physicians, Dr. David Anmuth and Dr. Anne Miranowski, talked with parents of infants, teenagers, and all ages in

between. They covered a myriad of topics including food allergy testing, how cooking can trigger specific allergic responses, reading food labels, ancillary support services, various treatment options, and more.

For more information, follow the groups on facebook: @pediatriclungandallergycenter, www.fnacp.com | @novafoodallergy, www.novafoodallergy.org.



## Back-to-School Rituals Cause Stress

BY JOE FAY  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FACETS

As summer nears the end, we are getting ready to say goodbye to 21 teens that are headed off to college. These young people have been involved in our summer youth programs for many years. They have experienced — like the other children in our programs and all kids — the excitement and anxiety around back to school preparation. These rituals include buying clothes and school supplies, getting a haircut, and finding out what teachers you have.

For the nearly 23,000 kids that live in poverty in Fairfax County, back to school rituals can cause stress. In a region of so much wealth, it's hard to remember that many children do not share the same levels of preparation. They want to but simply cannot.

FACETS serves many impoverished youth through our Education and Community Development Program. The program operates year-round in four low-income, subsidized communities offering a continuum of supportive services to break the cycle of poverty. People living in these affordable housing communities have limited financial resources, with the average annual income for a family of four less

than \$24,000.

At Robinson Square, Ragan Oaks, Barros Circle and Wedgewood, staff and volunteers offer an array of educational, preventative and enrichment programs to help youth, including mentoring and tutoring, and a variety of classes such as literacy, art, and computers. Participation provides many benefits, including ensuring a safe after-school and weekend environment, interaction with caring adults, award winning programs, and access to resources and case management.

We also work with these youth to help them get ready to go back to school. Like many nonprofits, we conduct supply drives that help make sure they have backpacks, pencils, and a myriad of other supplies that come on the lengthy lists provided by the schools. In many of the 400 backpacks, we also supply kids with a voucher for a haircut from the Hair Cuttery.

These school supply drives really do make a difference, and we hope you will consider contributing to ours or other organizations. If your means permit, perhaps consider donating a gift card to a clothing store or a hair salon. Helping a child feel confident and fit in during those first weeks of school goes a long way in making the school year productive. And if the youth we are helping prepare for college are an indi-



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### Volunteer stuffing backpacks.

cator, then we know it works.

Learn more about how you can help at [www.FACETSCares.org](http://www.FACETSCares.org).

## 400 Years of Democracy and Its Scars

BY SCOTT SUROVELL  
STATE SENATOR (D-36)



### COMMENTARY

On July 30, 1619, 22 men met in Jamestown for what eventually would become the longest, continuing, democratically-elected legislative body in the western hemisphere. They were originally called burgesses and their meeting was an experiment in representative democracy that changed the world. This week, the nation importantly celebrates the 400th anniversary of that historic gathering.

While the experiment of democracy in the New World ultimately led to some incredible results, Virginia's democracy was far from perfect. Some of the most egregious scars were Virginia's laws that codified, encouraged, tolerated and forced enslavement on African people, forcibly first brought to Point Comfort in today's Hampton a few weeks after the House of Burgesses' first meeting.

For most Virginia's history, the state had laws designed to discourage voting and perpetuate elite power. In 1619, only adult, white men who were not enslaved or indentured servants could vote. After various experiments and Bacon's Rebellion, legislators enacted property ownership requirements for voting so onerous that three decades after American independence in 1776, one-third of adult white Virginia men still were still not allowed to vote. This law especially affected Virginians west of the Blue Ridge Mountains. In fact, the legislature did not abolish property ownership voting requirements until 232 years after democracy began in Virginia.

When Reconstruction Era constitutional reforms pushed voter participation to new levels, white backlash brought state-sanctioned discrimination openly directed at African and Native Americans resulting in voting policies designed to reduce turnout to only the "right" voters — wealthy white people. Voter turnout dropped from 264,000 voters in the 1900 presidential election to 130,000 four years later thanks to the poll tax, literacy test and felon voter disenfranchisement.

Like many other states, Virginia's laws also barred women from voting until the 19th Amendment became law on Aug. 18, 1920, 301 years after the founding of democracy in the western hemisphere that we celebrate. Virginia refused to even ratify the 19th Amendment until 1952. With women voting, Virginia voter turnout jumped from 232,000 in 1920 to 305,000 by 1928.

Virginia also has a long history of abusive gerrymandering. In the first 300 years, the legislature periodically refused to redraw legislative districts to perpetuate the power of wealthy landowners in the Tidewater. By 1960, fear of minority, lower-income whites and ultimately progressive Democrats meant districts had little relation to population and some congressional districts had 50 percent more residents than others. In 1962, Fairfax County was given one state senator after seeing 179% population growth between 1950-60. The U.S. Supreme Court ended this with "one man, one vote" in *Baker v. Carr* in 1962.

Entrenched power worked to keep minority influence down in other ways. For example,

Virginia cities often annexed neighboring county land as "white flight" gave rise to more minority voting in cities, particularly in Richmond. After many counties converted into cities (cities could not annex land from other cities), the General Assembly enacted an annexation moratorium in 1987.

Virginia's blemished history is one reason many Virginians object to efforts to restrictive measures like voter identification laws. When the current majority of the House of Delegates was decided by the flip of a film canister, one cannot help but think that these policies make a difference in maintaining power.

Last month, I was in Greece where democracy was invented. As I travelled the country and saw many old statues, I wondered how many were hated by subsequent generations, torn down and replaced. I also wondered how a society that achieved so much, ruled the western world and created much of the foundational elements of western culture could come crashing down but exists today with a population smaller than Virginia and an economy smaller than the states of Oregon or Tennessee.

Our current national political environment has demonstrated that many basic, norms that Americans thought were permanent can be shattered. The last two millennia and Virginia's last four centuries show that democracy can be a fickle thing if we do not protect it.

So while we honor the 400th anniversary of democracy in Virginia on July 30, 2019, please remember our scarred history. It has been an honor for me to serve you as part of this experiment started 400 years ago and I will continue to do my best to make Virginia's democracy as strong and participatory as it can be.

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# How to Volunteer in Retirement

RSVP-Northern Virginia holding free seminar Sept. 5 in Burke.

**R**SVP-Northern Virginia will hold a seminar on volunteering in retirement, Thursday, Sept. 5, at 1:30 p.m., at the Burke Centre Library in Burke. The one-hour event is free and open to the public.

To sign up for the Sept. 5 info session, email RSVP volunteer specialist Brandi Morris at [bmorris@volunteerfairfax.org](mailto:bmorris@volunteerfairfax.org) or call RSVP at 703-403-5360. You can also find an easy to use online sign up link at [www.rsvpnova.org](http://www.rsvpnova.org).

Burke Centre Library is located at 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke, just a few yards off the Fairfax County Parkway. Free parking is available.

RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program), the region's largest volunteer network for those 55-years-old and better, provides personalized support to seniors and retirees who are seeking convenient, fun and social service opportunities in and around Fairfax County, Arlington County

and the City of Alexandria.

RSVP offers more than 300 meaningful opportunities that include helping seniors age in place, assisting local food pantries, and teaching financial literacy. RSVP also recruits volunteers for various community events including the 2019 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics taking place Sept. 14-28.

Several of RSVP's nonprofit partners offer opportunities in the Fairfax-Burke area including Junior Achievement, The Fairfax County Park Authority and Insight Memory Care.

RSVP volunteers enjoy flexible schedules, free accident and liability insurance while serving, optional mileage and meal reimbursement and are also invited to monthly volunteer group service projects and social gatherings.

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## PET CONNECTION



**Dodie dressed for Halloween Pet Parade.**

### Meet Dodie

Dodie is a calm and loving "beagle, bichon, cocker spaniel, poodle and pug" mix. She provides comfort to patients at INOVA Fairfax Hospital through the Animal Assisted Care Program and to residents in assisted living/nursing care at Greenspring Village retirement community. Dodie takes agility classes at South Run Recreation Center where she enjoys jumping through tires, walking up and down A frames, running through tunnels and balancing on teeter-totters. She is a rescue dog, who was found



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**Enjoying the ride.**

and put up for adoption by Maryland Animal Sanctuary. Her owners, Linda and Neal - of Springfield - were blessed to adopt her nearly 8 years ago. Dodie goes for rides in the basket of Linda's bicycle and dresses up for Halloween. Last year, she won a prize for her "Strawberry Shortcake" outfit at the Del Ray Halloween pet parade. Dodie is Linda and Neal's best friend and companion.

—LINDA HABENSTREIT,  
SPRINGFIELD



**Linda and Neal's best friend and companion.**



## PET CONNECTION

**Vizsla Penny Bradley celebrates Cinco de Mayo.**



PHOTO BY SUSAN LAUME

## Dog Bartenders

**Serving up dog "beer" and biscuit pairings to eager customers - dog bartenders, Springfield resident Susan Laume and Cindy Green.**



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**Dog beach adventures - meeting a horseshoe crab.**

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**Dog beach adventures - meeting a rosy manta.**

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## ONGOING

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Through Aug. 2, gallery hours in the McGuireWoods Gallery, Workhouse Arts Center, Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Virginia Watercolor Society (VWS) is organizing its 40 th annual juried painting exhibition with about 85 paintings on display. Free and open to the public. Visit [www.workhousearts.org/](http://www.workhousearts.org/) or [www.virginiawatercolorociety.org](http://www.virginiawatercolorociety.org) for more.

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**Registration Open: The Northern Virginia Senior Olympics** features more than 60 events that challenge the mind as well as the body. New games this year: jigsaw puzzle and line-dancing. The games run Sept. 14-28. There will be no on-site registration. Paper registrations, available at most local recreation and senior centers, must be postmarked by Aug. 24. Online registrations must be completed by Aug. 31 at [www.nvso.us](http://www.nvso.us).

**Crafters Wanted for 2nd Annual Fall Craft Show.** The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum will hold its 2nd Annual Fall Craft Show and LEGO (TM) Train Show on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Booth space is enough room for a 10x10 canopy and cost is \$50 per space. Email [dmueller@fairfax-station.org](mailto:dmueller@fairfax-station.org) for an application and further information. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org) or call 703-425-9225.

**Kingstowne Farmers Market.** Fridays, through Oct. 25, 4-7 p.m. in the Giant parking lot, 5870 Kingstowne Towne Center, Alexandria. Call 703-642-0128 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstowne](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstowne).

**Wakefield Farmers Market.** Wednesdays, 2-6 p.m. through Oct. 30, at Wakefield Park, 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale. Call 703-642-0128 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/wakefield](http://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. Call 703-642-0128 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/lorton](http://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](http://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. Call 703-642-0128 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/burke](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/burke)

## THURSDAY/AUG. 1

**Evenings on the Ellipse: Machaya (Klezmer).** 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. Tastings and sales from Fairfax County's two Wineries, Paradise Springs and Bull Run. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/evenings-on-the-ellipse](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/evenings-on-the-ellipse) for more.

**Hometown Thursdays: Lesson Zero.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Old Town Square, 10415 North St., Fairfax. Fairfax's Hometown Thursdays concert series takes place the first and third Thursdays through September. A free, family-friendly event for all ages. Visit [www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/special-events/hometown-thursdays](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/special-events/hometown-thursdays) for more.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 2

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## Workhouse Mural Project and Festival

Visit the inaugural Workhouse Mural Project (WMP) and Festival. This one-day event is the first mural project of its kind in Fairfax County and will showcase the creativity of regional artists whose primary art form is mural painting. This outdoor festival include live painting, live music and performances, food trucks, cash bar, local vendors and sponsor booths, and more. Saturday, Aug. 3, 3-6 p.m. at Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton. \$15-\$20. RSVP at [www.eventbrite.com/e/workhouse-mural-project-and-festival-tickets-61120026645](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/workhouse-mural-project-and-festival-tickets-61120026645). Visit [www.workhousearts.org/](http://www.workhousearts.org/) for more.

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## SATURDAY/AUG. 3

**Children's Entertainment Series.** 10-10:45 a.m. at Burke Lake Park Ampitheater, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Featuring Mr. Jon & Friends (children's songs). Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/springfield-nights](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/springfield-nights).

**Unprofane Riders DMV Car Show.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Ave., Springfield. Unprofane Riders DMV 1st Annual Car Show/Cars, Trucks, SUVs and Bikes, all models welcome. Proceeds go to Shelter House, Inc., a nonprofit organization helping victims of domestic abuse. Spectators free admission; registration for cars, trucks and SUVs \$20, bikes \$15. Bring a donation of school supplies donation and receive entry into the giveaway prizes. Email [unprofaneridersva@gmail.com](mailto:unprofaneridersva@gmail.com)

**Summer Saturdays.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton. Each Saturday in June, July, and August, stop by for a historic adventure. Call 703-550-9220 or visit [www.gunstonhall.org/visit/guide/upcoming-events](http://www.gunstonhall.org/visit/guide/upcoming-events).

**The Drew-Smith School Reunion and Picnic.** Noon-5 p.m. at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, 8115 Fordson Road, Gum Springs. Celebrating the Communities of Spring Bank, Gum Springs, Hybla Valley, and Springfield. Share common history with photos, year books, and tributes to Fairfax County School leaders and community pioneers. Tickets must be reserved and picked up before the event. Contact: Carolyn Quander at 703-772-9440 or [cquander@outlook.com](mailto:cquander@outlook.com); and Sharon "Shubby" Suggs at 703-371-3388 or [SuggsSharron3@gmail.com](mailto:SuggsSharron3@gmail.com). In case of rainy weather, meet in the Gym at the Gum Springs Community Center.

**Workhouse Mural Project and Festival.** 3-6 p.m. at Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton. Visit the inaugural Workhouse Mural Project (WMP) and Festival. \$15-\$20. RSVP at [www.eventbrite.com/e/workhouse-mural-project-and-festival-tickets-61120026645](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/workhouse-mural-project-and-festival-tickets-61120026645). Visit [www.workhousearts.org/](http://www.workhousearts.org/)

**Live Music: Toney Rocks.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Epicure Cafe, 11104 Lee Highway, Fairfax. After

two years on the scene, Toney Rocks left Las Vegas for a round-the-clock commitment to the road. Epicure Cafe presents the alternative singer-songwriter playing songs from his latest album, Drifting. \$10. Visit [www.facebook.com/events/304964177036680/](http://www.facebook.com/events/304964177036680/) for more.

## SUNDAY/AUG. 4

**Reading Circle Activities.** 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Join for a fun afternoon discussing a book on railroads, everything from the history of railroading to different types of railroad cars. A book on life during the Civil War might also be read and discussed that day. There may be a craft to highlight the book theme of the day. No extra charge for craft fees. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org) or call 703-425-9225.

**Burke Historical Society.** 3:30-5 p.m. at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Shortly before D-Day, Jerry Wolf who served as a B-17 turret gunner was shot down. He will be sharing stories of his detention and liberation. Free. Visit [www.burkehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.burkehistoricalsociety.org) for more.

**Films in the Park: Small Foot (2018).** 7 p.m. at Strawberry Park in Mosaic, Fairfax. Mosaic's summer movie lineup. Grab a blanket, friends and family and watch favorite films underneath the stars. Visit [mosaicdistrict.com/events/event/films-in-the-park-2/](http://mosaicdistrict.com/events/event/films-in-the-park-2/).

## TUESDAY/AUG. 6

**Volunteering with Students.** 1:30-3 p.m. at Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Information session about GrandInvolve recruiting older adults who are interested in volunteering in the classroom in Fairfax County's Title 1 elementary schools. Opportunities: mentors, classroom helpers, material preparation, and more. Free. Visit [www.grandinvolve.org](http://www.grandinvolve.org) for more.

**Searching Fold3 Records.** 7-8:30 p.m. at Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Learn to search military records through the Fold3 database, available through the Library of Virginia and covering from the Revolutionary War to the Vietnam War. Free. Email [slawski\\_brian@yahoo.com](mailto:slawski_brian@yahoo.com) or visit [www.burkehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.burkehistoricalsociety.org).

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 7

**Springfield Nights: The Colin Thompson Band (Blues 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/performance/springfield-nights](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/springfield-nights).

## THURSDAY/AUG. 8

**A Musical Revolution.** 2:30-3:30 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Library, 7415 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church. Welcome U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps. This special performance brings to life the music and instruments of the Revolutionary War. All ages. Free. Visit [librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/5224826](http://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/5224826) for more.

**Evenings on the Ellipse: The David Kitchen Band (pop/rock).** 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. Generous tastings and sales from Fairfax County's two Wineries, Paradise Springs and Bull Run. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/evenings-on-the-ellipse](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/evenings-on-the-ellipse)

## FRIDAY/AUG. 9

**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](http://www.fairfaxvfd.com) or call 703-273-3638 for more.

**Author Event: E. A. Dustin.** 7-8:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble Mosaic District, 2921 District Ave., Suite 180, Fairfax. Join for a discussion and signing with local author E.A. Dustin who will be talking about and signing copies of her book, Save Me Twice – a WWII story. She will also give a preview of her upcoming book "Self-Healed," a thriller. Free admission. Call 703-245-9260 or visit [bn.com](http://bn.com) for more.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 10

**Geocaching.** 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Set off on a modern-day treasure hunt at Burke Lake Park with the "Geocaching Workshop." Participants 8-adult will learn to use hand-held Global Positioning System (GPS) units to locate hidden treasure caches within the park. After learning how to enter latitude and longitude coordinates, students will test their skills by following the coordinates to find a hidden object. Bring a GPS. There are a limited number to borrow. \$22 per person. Call 703-323-6600 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burke-lake](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burke-lake).

**Music in the Parks - "Feast for Young Ears."** 10 a.m. at Burke Lake Park Amphitheater, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra is partnering with Fairfax County Parks to provide free Music in the Parks children's concerts. The performances are engaging and interactive experiences; perfect for young, first-time concert-goers. Each concert offers an introduction to the musicians, their instruments, their roles in creating the music, and features a wide variety of musical selections. Visit [www.fairfaxsymphony.org/concerts-in-the-parks](http://www.fairfaxsymphony.org/concerts-in-the-parks).

**Family Safety Day.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Focus Family Martial Arts Academy, 11230 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax. A family-oriented, fun day to spend time with community members at "Family Safety Day." Dance demonstrations, sno-cones, inflatables, more. Free. Email [office.manager@jccag.org](mailto:office.manager@jccag.org) or call 703-383-1170.

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## SUNDAY/AUG. 11

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

**Films in the Park: Homeward Bound (1993).** 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/](http://mosaicdistrict.com/events/event/films-in-the-park-2/).





From the front, the ramp will cater to wheelchairs if needed in the future. The kitchen and breakfast bar are ready for occupants.

# Group Home Opens in Springfield

Community members with an open toolbox and outlook refurbish a home for the intellectually disabled.

BY MIKE SALMON  
THE CONNECTION

When the Northern Virginia Training Center off Braddock Road closed a few years ago, it increased the need for housing for people with intellectual disabilities in this area. In stepped Marian Homes, Inc. who partnered with the Knights of Columbus, Fairfax County and others to help meet this need.

They recently opened the “Queen of Hope House,” in Springfield, their sixth group home in Fairfax County, and a significant step in the new residents’ lives. For the five men that will move in soon, “this becomes their home forever,” said Walter Purdy, a Marian Homes board member who was part of the renovation effort.

“We had to take everything down to the ground, gut the inside,” he said of the five-bedroom house in Springfield, located in an older community across from Springfield Town Center. A ramp was built to the front door, the garage taken out, doorways were widened, the bathrooms are now wheelchair friendly and the yard was spruced up. It is one of the more upgraded houses on the block and will be a place where the men can live in the community. “It’s better to get them ... into a group home,” Purdy said.

Chimes Virginia will manage the residence once everyone moves in and will oversee the property 24-hours a day. Chimes is Fairfax company that provides community services for adults with intellectual disabilities, autism, and co-occurring disabilities. “As a member of Chimes Family of Services, our desire is to ensure that all people with intellectual and behavioral challenges



The walk in shower is an easier transition than a bathtub.

can achieve their fullest potential,” their website says.

Carl Powell is the Chimes representative that has been working with these five men for the last 10 months, preparing them to move into the new house. “It’s a step up,” Powell said.

The effort was funded through Marian Homes; Fairfax County; the Knights of Columbus; the Van Metre Foundation; Clipped Wings, a woman’s group in Clifton; and the Amazon Smiles Campaign. Marian Homes raised funds through casino nights, dinners, cruises and their annual gala as well as a \$450,000 Community Development Block Grant awarded from the county.

The other five homes opened by Marian Homes included the Marian House which opened in 1998, and others in Annandale, Fairfax, the City of Fairfax and North Springfield.

In preparation for the Queen of Hope House, they went door to door to talk with the neighbors as well, and invited everyone to the grand opening event, which was held on in August last year. There were more than 80 people at the event including

Fairfax County officials, police officers from the Franconia station and others that were involved. “We want this to be a community effort,” said Purdy, “we want to be the best neighbors in the neighborhood,” he said. Their mission is not over yet though. With

more than 1,000 people on the waiting list for this kind of living situation, they are looking to open a seventh house in the future.

“There are that many people that need housing,” he said.

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**Obituary**

**COL RUSSELL LAWRENCE HENDERSON (age 75)**

Of Alexandria, VA, died August 26, 2018. His survivors include wife Judith Manz Henderson, daughter Janine S. Kovack (Skylar), sons Richard R. Henderson (Peggy), and Ross E. Henderson; grandchildren Colin, Susan, and Tiffany Chatfield, Howard and Charlotte Henderson. Raised in a military family, graduated from Virginia Tech, received a Masters from Boston University (Manheim Germany), he retired from the US Army after a 27-year career, having served in Korea, Vietnam, Italy, and Germany. He was an Eagle Scout and active in Boy Scouts throughout his life. He was also a member of Friends of Fort Hunt Park, (MOAA) Military Officers Association of America, and the Scottish Clan Henderson Society. He and Judy hosted 15 international high school exchange students. Funeral services Fort Myer Old Post Chapel 11 am Friday, August 9, 2019 followed by interment at Arlington Cemetery. Enter through Fort Myer Hatfield Gate off South 2nd Street for access to the chapel, allowing sufficient time to clear post security.

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**NEWS**

**Area Woman Elected President of National Association**

On Friday, July 19 at the 82<sup>nd</sup> National Convention of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., the members voted to elect their new National President: Sherelle T. Carper, the President of a local club, the Northern Virginia Business & Professional Women's Club. Carper expects to step down as the President of the local club as of Aug. 1 to assume her position as the 24<sup>th</sup> National President. The voting was held at the Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort in Florida. Carper walked away with more than 65 percent of the votes. The installation of new officers was carried out by a local judge of Ft. Lauderdale at the closing banquet that Saturday evening, July 20. In the Association, the tenure of the Presidency is 2 years, with the possibility to be reelected for another 2 years.



**Sherelle T. Carper.**

era in history, Black people were referred to as "Negroes," therefore the word, "Negro" is used in the name of the National organization as opposed to "Black" or "African American."

Prior to her recent election, Sherelle Carper was the President and Co-Founder of the Northern Virginia Business & Professional Women's Club; the club was established as one of the Mid-Atlantic regional clubs of the National Club.

Carper obtained her education from the University of Virginia and the Darden Graduate School of Business Administration. A resi-

dent of Centreville, she worked as an Air Traffic Controller at the Federal Aviation Administration. She also was a Manager at the FAA. Carper has been vigilant in her support of local community groups and organizations. She currently serves on the Advisory Board of Fairfax based Global Woman P.E.A.C.E. Foundation.

With their mission stated in 4 parts, the Club is committed to promoting and protecting the interest of African American business and professional women, to serving as bridges for young people seeking to enter business and their professions, to improving the quality of life in the local and global communities, and to fostering good fellowship.

**WEEK IN SPRINGFIELD**

**Man Charged in Fatal Stabbing**

A 34-year-old Louisiana man has been charged with second degree murder from July 27 morning's stabbing in Springfield. He remains under guard by officers as he receives treatment from a nearby hospital. Upon his release, he will be taken to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and held with no bond.

This is the county's sixth homicide of 2019.

Franconia Police Major Crimes Bureau and Crime Scene Section detectives continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding the stabbing death of a woman in Springfield in the morning of July 27 at the Hilton Hotel at 6550 Loisdale Road.

Officers responded at 3 a.m. for a call for help. When officers arrived, they found a man in a room with injuries to his upper body and Toni Newkirk, 55, of Louisiana, dead as a result of the stabbing. The man was taken to a nearby hospital with serious injuries but is now stable.

Newkirk and the man are known to each other and there is no threat to the public safety.



PHOTO BY MIKE SALMON/THE CONNECTION

**Rainbow Over Kingstowne**

After a thunderstorm on Wednesday, July 24 at 7 p.m., a rainbow formed over Kingstowne Boulevard.



# BULLETIN

Submit civic/community announcements at [ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar](http://ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar). Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

## DONATIONS NEEDED

**School Supply and Backpack Drive.** 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Parent Resource Center, 2334 Gallows Road, Room 105, Dunn Loring. For the nearly 56,000 students in Fairfax County Public Schools living at the poverty line, obtaining school supplies can be difficult. FCPS is partnering with roughly 20 nonprofits and businesses to ensure that students will have the supplies they need this fall for its "Collect for Kids" campaign. A \$25 donation will fill a backpack with FCPS approved supplies for a student. Organize a collection drive of new backpacks in your community and bring to one of the Collect for Kids drop off locations. Visit [www.collectforkids.org/get-involved](http://www.collectforkids.org/get-involved) or call 703-204-3941.

## FRIDAY-MONDAY/AUG. 2-5

**Road Closure: Route 50.** Eastbound and westbound Route 50 (Arlington Boulevard) at the Route 7 (Leesburg Pike) interchange and eastbound Wilson Boulevard (Route 613) between the eastbound Route 50 service road and the westbound Route 50 service road will be closed from 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2 to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5 to demolish the Wilson Boulevard bridge deck over Route 50 and install the new bridge deck. Drivers can expect major delays and are advised to use alternate routes. After the weekend closure, drivers can expect single-lane closures on Route 50 and the eastbound Wilson Boulevard bridge until late fall. The project is scheduled for completion this winter. Visit [www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/wilson\\_over\\_50.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/wilson_over_50.asp) for more.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 3

**Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group.** 2-4 p.m. at Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale. All are welcome. RSVP for available seating. Call 301-263-0616 or visit [www.dcpnsupport.org](http://www.dcpnsupport.org)

## SUNDAY/AUG. 4

**Life Notes Workshop.** 1:30-4 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Join singer/songwriter and presenter Daniel Nahmod for an experience of music, readings, journaling, and discussion. Through the Life Notes process developed and refined by Daniel, participants will learn to see themselves with clarity and resolve. \$25-\$45. Visit [uof-nahmod-workshop.eventbrite.com](http://uof-nahmod-workshop.eventbrite.com) or call 703-281-1767.

## 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.

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 7

**Setting the Stage for School Success: Preparing for a New School Year.** 10 a.m.-noon at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 – Room 100, Dunn Loring. Transitioning to a new school year can be overwhelming. Join us to learn important strategies to help kick-start a child's school year in elementary, middle, or high school. Call 703-204-3941 or visit [www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center](http://www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center) for more or to register.

**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](http://www.fpow.org). Call 703-324-5424 or visit [www.fpow.org](http://www.fpow.org) for more.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 10

**Shamanic Journeying.** 5-8 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Learn about Shamanic Journeying is, and how it is different than meditation in this three-hour long intensive. In the first two hours, there will be a presentation on the history of shamanic journeying, and an explanation of paths that use shamanic journeying as a tool. Donations accepted. Call 703-281-1767 or RSVP at [journeyingaugust10.eventbrite.com/](http://journeyingaugust10.eventbrite.com/).

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## Money For What, Exactly?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Presumably, most of you readers are aware that many supermarkets have a rack located somewhere near the rear of the store that is stocked with off-price merchandise: discontinued items, items with damaged packaging, out of season products, etc.

Over the years, I have been a regular checker of this rack looking for such bargains. I have purchased breakfast cereal, soup, cookies, candy, and miscellaneous other non-perishables. I've even purchased two bags of Kingsford charcoal.

In addition, I've seen household products, health and beauty, school supplies; and everything else you can imagine, running the gamut from "A" to "Z," for sale. Recently however, on this rack I saw a product I'm not sure I even thought was available to the general public, and if it was, would not have thought buying it from the discontinued merchandise rack at the supermarket would not have been the way to go. But what do I know? As has been proven many times: not much.

The item? A DNA Paternity Test Kit. I guess, I thought, if this test was necessary, it would involve a physician or at least be administered by a health care professional and/or involve witnesses/legal representation (at least a notary). Going to the supermarket or even the drug store? And then testing yourself without necessarily knowing the precautions and proper procedures appropriate for the task at hand?

There seems as if there's a bit more at stake here than an at-home pregnancy test, a test with which many of us are familiar. But DNA testing at home?

What is this, the Maury Povich Show?

Having not traveled down this particular road myself, perhaps I'm unaware of the realities. All I know is what I've seen on television or read about in the papers.

I guess I just assumed (generally a bad thing), that the steps one takes to verify/confirm/resolve paternity-type issues were a bit more involved than a visit to the supermarket.

Apparently, this subject is just another where I know very little about, like tools and how to use them, automobile repair, home maintenance, lawn and garden, cooking, and on and on and on. But enough about me.

What about those wanting answers to extraordinarily important questions: Who's the father? And is that my child? Looks can be deceiving so a professional, or so I thought, incorrectly, is brought in to oversee the process.

Nope. No professional need apply. Just go to your local "chemist," as they say in England. No need to visit "the surgery," as they also say over there.

Just find a box with the right letters on it and go back to your home/work and swab, stick, pin-prick or whatever and the results will be known soon enough if you or someone else is whomever they claim to be or not to be. That is the question which begs an answer, Shakespeare notwithstanding.

It seems only fair that one's birthright should be gotten wrong. And not that home-testing can't be trusted. Just the opposite. Nevertheless, some things, like circumcisions, though they can be performed at home (see "Shaky the mohel" from a long ago Seinfeld episode).

I would have thought, a DNA Paternity test, given the need/want of a resolution/clarification which could possibly impact multiple individuals/families over generations, be similarly performed in the most careful of conditions. This kind of test has no margin for error – or humor.

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