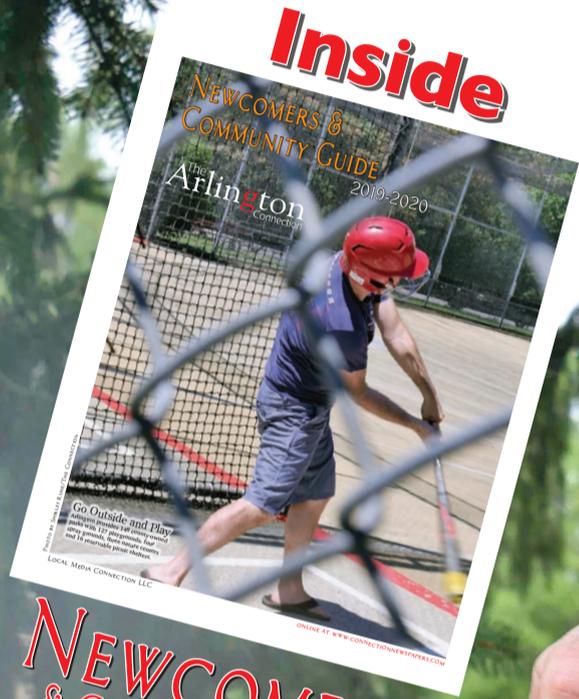


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Jeff Hogarth attaches pajamas to a clothesline in the yard outside Rock Spring UCC to call attention to the fact that every child has a right to sleep in a bed and have adequate health supplies — including immigrant children.



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Lyon Park Neighborhood Conservation Plan Updated

The Arlington County Board in July accepted the first update to historic Lyon Park's Neighborhood Conservation plan since 1973. The update, spearheaded by the Lyon Park Citizens Association, seeks to address increased non-resident traffic and other challenges through 19 recommendations for improvements.

Neighborhood Conservation plans provide the County with an understanding of the priorities and concerns of neighborhoods. Their recommendations are taken into consideration when making decisions and taking actions that affect the neighborhood.

"This updated Neighborhood Conservation plan reflects the many changes in our community,

and in the Lyon Park neighborhood, that have occurred since 1973," Arlington County Board Chair Christian Dorsey said. "The residents who worked so hard on this plan recognize that growth, which brings both opportunities and challenges, requires adaptation."

The Board voted unanimously to accept the updated plan.

Lyon Park was built as a bedroom community in 1919. Its boundaries extend from 10th Street North to Arlington Boulevard in the south and from North Irving Street to Arlington Boulevard in the east. Largely composed of single-family homes, it also contains a small commercial zone at N. Pershing Drive, and some duplexes and apartments on its outskirts. The 2016 Lyon Park Citizens Association neighborhood survey found that 60 percent of respondents identified walkability as the number one reason they like living in Lyon Park, and their biggest concern was speeding and cut-through traffic, including pedestrian and bicycle safety.

One of the neighborhood's characteristics is the three-acre privately owned park at its heart, with its private Lyon Park Community Center, a community house and reception hall. In 2002, Lyon Park was named a National Trust Historic District.

The updated conservation plan supports improvements to sidewalks, traffic calming and signage to help the neighborhood cope with cut-through traffic generated by two arterial roads, Arlington Boulevard and Washington Boule-

vard. The plan also seeks the County's support for protecting and developing a more substantial tree canopy; walkable schools that keep neighborhood children together and more. It voices residents' concerns about infill development that is replacing older, smaller homes with much larger homes, and the loss of mature trees.

Arlington's Neighborhood Conservation program, created in 1964, seeks to improve and enhance Arlington neighborhoods by having the people who live there come together, share their ideas for improving their streets and beautifying their public spaces, and develop a plan that County government takes into consideration when making decisions that affect the neighborhood. Over the years, through voter-approved bond funding, neighborhoods have seen sidewalks, curbs and gutters, streetlights and signs installed as well as improvements to parks, neighborhood art installations and various beautification projects.

Typically, Neighborhood Conservation plans begin with the civic association conducting a neighborhood survey.

Federation To Host Forum

The Arlington County Civic Federation (ACCF) will kick off its 104th year by hosting a candidates forum at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 3 in the Hazel Auditorium at Virginia Hospital Center, 1701 N. George Mason Drive, Arlington.

At 6:30 p.m., ACCF will host a "meet and greet" candidates reception in the Hazel Auditorium meeting room and lobby. Both events are free and open to the public. Attendees are asked to park in the Gold parking lot.

This year's forum gives Federation members and the public the

opportunity to meet with and ask questions of the candidates for the Arlington County Board, Senatorial District 32, and House of Delegates District 49. This event will be filmed by Arlington Independent Media.

Founded in 1916, ACCF is one of Arlington's oldest and largest civic organizations dedicated to advocacy and community engagement. The Federation, with more than 90 member organizations, promotes the general welfare of Arlington County and its citizens in a non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-sectional manner.

Focusing on Drunk Drivers

During the 2019 Labor Day holiday, Arlington County Police will again partner with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to get drunk drivers off the roads and help save lives. The high-visibility national enforcement campaign, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, runs through Sept. 2. During this period, police will conduct nightly saturation patrols with the goal of drastically reducing incidents of drunk driving on roadways.

According to NHTSA, 10,874 people were killed nationally in drunk-driving crashes in 2017. During the 2017 Labor Day holiday period (6 p.m. Sept. 1 – 5:59 a.m. Sept. 5), there were 376 crash fatalities nationwide. Forty-four percent of those fatalities involved drivers who had been drinking (.01+ BAC). More than one-third (36%) of the fatalities involved drivers who were drunk (.08+ BAC), and more than one-fourth (26%) involved drivers who were driving with a BAC almost twice SEE DRUNK DRIVERS. PAGE 19



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Emma Urban, first year teacher, with a first grade class at West Fleet Elementary.



Dining Commons on the first floor will accommodate 625 students this year in three lunchtime shifts.

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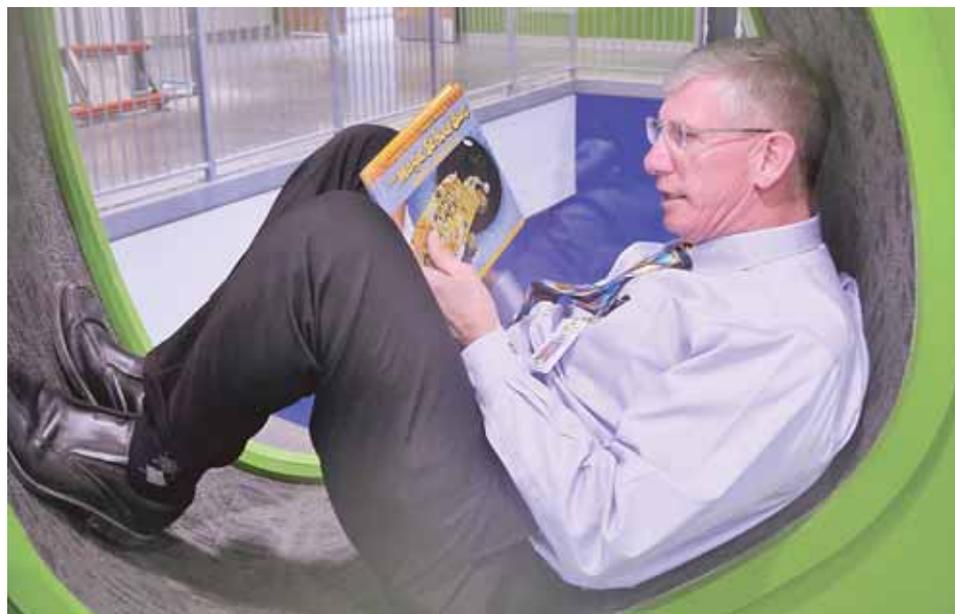
Back to School in a New Space

Alice West Fleet Elementary School opens next week.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
THE CONNECTION

Alice West Fleet Elementary School is ready — well almost ready — to open for the 2019-20 school year next week after five years of design, budgeting, community meetings, and closely monitoring each step of the building process. Construction workers balance on tall ladders as they finalize the finishing touches on the walls by the entrance. “Wet Paint” signs dot the interior walls, and a pungent smell drifts down the first floor hallway as workers finish off the gymnasium floor.

Jeff Chambers, director of Design and Construction for Arlington Public Schools, says the biggest challenge for Alice West Fleet was the scarcity of available land in Arlington. As a result, this school was built



Jeff Chambers, director of Design and Construction for Arlington County Public Schools, demonstrates a reading nook in the second floor library.

on the former parking lot for Thomas Jefferson Middle School and Community Center. “It is vertical with a four-story elementary school on top of a two-story ga-

rage. We do things differently. We go up with four floors instead of spreading out like most elementary schools.”

Walk in the lobby and you quickly notice

a large floor-to-ceiling pole covered with LED lights. “This is a net zero energy building powered by geothermal and solar. When we are generating more power than we are using, the lights will be green, and when we are using more electricity than we are generating, the lights will be red.”

A climbing wall covers the wall to the left of the entrance.

“Over there will be a mural of Alice West Fleet, the namesake of this school.” Fleet was an Arlington County educator for 31 years and the first black teacher in the county to teach at a previously all-white school. She was an advocate for equal rights in education.

Chambers explains the K-first grade classrooms are located on the first floor with the Dining Commons and gymnasium.

Emma Urban is in her first grade classroom setting up for next week. She looks around. “It’s kind of a mess right now.” She says this is her first year of teaching and she has a classroom of 19 students. “I feel so lucky to be here.”

Chambers continues, “The school capac-

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Final touches being put on the playground.



Outdoor “patio “space on the second floor.



Solar panels on the roof of Fleet.

Preventing Suicide *Being there to take the call.*

BY WENDY GRADISON
CEO, PRS

More people are calling, texting and chatting and that's good news. With greater emphasis on mental health, we are seeing an increase in the number of people reaching out for help to our local suicide prevention hotline. This is a trend that's also occurring nationwide.

While it's great that more people are seeking help, the issue is that the infrastructure and funding to support it are having a hard time keeping up with the growing demand. In fact, PRS recently received grants to serve as a

COMMENTARY national back-up center and core chat center to expand services in support of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network (Lifeline) to help address longer wait times nationwide as queues pile up for the hotline and chatline. Some of these calls and chats now get rerouted to PRS.

Prior to the recent expansion, PRS received a monthly average of 4,500 crisis calls through the Lifeline and local crisis number primarily from Northern Virginia. With the addition of the national hotline back-up center and chatline services, our call volume has more than doubled, and we expect the chatline to generate over 20,000 chats this year.

This is the reality as we approach September's Suicide Prevention Month. For the 5th year, we are hosting the #CallTextLive Campaign, <https://prsinc.org/calltextlive/>, in partnership with Connection Newspapers. The campaign engages the community by providing activities to create awareness about preventing suicide and calling the PRS CrisisLink Hotline at (800) 273-TALK [8255] and the textline by texting "CONNECT" to 85511 to receive support.

#CallTextLive uses social media, activities and events to drive conversation and reduce stigma. By visiting PRS' website at www.prsinc.org/calltextlive, people can discover how to participate in the #CallTextLive Campaign, which includes Resource Mondays, a Facebook Live educational session, Selfie Day, and Fact Fridays.

Social media is used to engage people in sharing stories and photos on PRS Facebook, Twitter and Instagram using the #CallTextLive hashtag in hopes of making it easier for people to talk about suicide.

The campaign is critically important since suicide claims the lives of more than 47,000 people annually and is the 10th leading cause



Wall graphics at PRS CrisisLink headquarters.



Volunteers answering hotline calls.

of death nationwide and second leading cause for people aged 10-34. In fact, more than twice as many people die by suicide than homicide.

As we work to increase the number of individuals seeking help, we recognize that increasing our capacity to take these calls, texts and chats is essential.

We handle the national calls through federal grants, but the work we do to serve our Northern Virginia community is supported through local funding sources and the generosity of individuals like you. That's why the

campaign encourages people to crowdsource to support the PRS CrisisLink center.

Volunteering to cover a weekly shift on the hotline or chatline, donating to support the overall operating expenses of this life-saving work or sharing our information across social media saves lives in our communities.

Crisis intervention and suicide prevention services work. For every death, 278 people manage to move past thoughts of suicide and survive. Join PRS this September as we encourage our community to make the call, send the text and live through their thoughts of suicide.

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and storm water tie-in work for the new facility. Contact Michael Manos at 703-228-4437.

SATURDAY/AUG. 31

Nomination Deadline. Each year, AGLA presents two Equality Awards, one to an individual or family and one to an organization or business which has demonstrated a record of improving the LGBTQ equality, especially in Arlington and/or

SUNDAY/SEPT. 1

Application Deadline. The Arlington County Police Department is now accepting applications for the 23rd Citizen's Police Academy (CPA). The CPA is an educational program

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Elected Leaders Discuss Region's Economics

The Arlington Chamber of Commerce, premier partner Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce, and co-hosts Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, Loudoun Chamber of Commerce, Prince William Chamber of Commerce, and Northern Virginia Regional Commission hosted the Fourth Annual Northern Virginia Regional Elected Leaders Summit on Aug. 26.

Business, government, and community leaders from across the region gathered at George Mason University's Van Metre Hall for a moderated discussion among Arlington County Board Chair Christian Dorsey, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Penny Gross, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Chair Phyllis Randall, Prince William County At-Large Chairman Corey Stewart, and Alexandria Mayor Justin Wilson. NBC4's Northern Virginia Bureau Chief Julie Carey moderated the program.

The elected leaders discussed the economic climate in the region, new and ongoing initiatives aimed at bolstering economic growth, and how each jurisdiction in Northern Virginia can work together for the betterment of the regional economy.

The panel discussion opened with specific questions about the regional impact of Amazon's new headquarters in Northern Virginia. "The region has really displayed



NBC4's Northern Virginia Bureau Chief, Julie Carey, led a moderated discussion with elected officials including Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Chair Phyllis Randall, Alexandria Mayor Justin Wilson, Arlington County Board Chair Christian Dorsey, Prince William County At-Large Chairman Corey Stewart, and Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Penny Gross.

its attractiveness to any kind of significant economic development," said Arlington County Board Chair Christian Dorsey. "The level of regional cooperation that we displayed in putting forth what we have to offer that ultimately resulted in Amazon coming to Arlington will be a model moving forward."

The conversation then moved into how colleges and universities contribute to talent and workforce development in the region. "21st Century employers are going to follow talent," said Alexandria Mayor, Justin Wilson. "Communities that invest in not only the traditional infrastructure of economic development — transit, building, and

roads — but also the people infrastructure are going to be the ones that are successful."

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Penny Gross noted that economic and workforce development must be broad-based. "We need nurses, and doctors, and

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The Rock Spring immigrant children pajama display has weathered the morning raindrops the day after installation.

Pajamas, Such a Simple Thing

Rock Spring UCC highlights plight of immigrant children.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
THE CONNECTION

A handful of Rock Spring UCC members gather on the church grounds on Thursday, Aug. 22 to set up an exhibit of pajamas and photos of the eight children who have died under U.S. Customs and Border Patrol custody.

Rev. Kathy Dwyer says, “Our church did this to spotlight the inhumane treatment of children and to bring a situation that is farther away closer to us.”

Why pajamas? “Every child should be able to sleep in a bed and be tucked in but they sleep in cages,” Dwyer says.” This exhibit was inspired by a pajama display on the National Mall led by Indivisible Montgomery County who passed along 100 pajamas to Rock Spring for their exhibit. Rock Spring chose to add photos of the children.

As Rev. Dwyer pounds the metal stands into the ground and inserts the posters of the children, the conversation turns to predictions of thunderstorms. Denise Sisson, in charge of the installation project, points out that the photos are plastic and should withstand the raindrops. But no one is sure.

In the meantime Lucy Spencer, a decades long member of the church, stands back and imagines the display from the street.

They decide to rearrange the clotheslines for maximum impact which means replacing the poles and reattaching the clothesline.

Spencer says, “We’re just playing with the idea. You don’t get it right the first time.”

They discuss it again. Should people be able to walk inside the pajama display to experience the feeling? Finally they decide



Rev. Kathy Dwyer installs the photo poster of Jakelin Amezcua Rosmery from Guatemala who died Dec. 8 where she was detained at Antelope Wells, New Mexico. With her are Denise Sisson, coordinator of the project (right), and Jeff Hogarth (left).

that the men who had to keep uprooting the poles would be in charge of the decision about whether to reposition the poles once again.

The next issue was where to put the leaflets explaining the display as well as the large poster “All God’s Children” with the quote from Matthew 25:40. “Whatever you do to the least of these, my brothers and sisters, you do it to me.” The final decision was to wire the poster to a large tree on the church grounds. “No nails in this tree.”

Finally holding clothespins in hands and teeth, they began attaching the 100 paja-

mas to the close line. Plaid flannel pants, pink Teddy bear, blue dinosaur pants, cartoon T-shirts hanging side by side, each representing a child without the common amenities of childhood.

One of the members of the congregation comments, “Remember what happened to our ‘Black Lives Matter’ banner? It’s only a matter of time. It’s inevitable. Someone will desecrate a child’s photo or tear something down.”

Rock Spring has been actively involved in immigration issues for several years since the congregation voted to have their work



Denise Sisson finds the right spot to attach the “All God’s Children” poster highlighting the plight of immigrant children.

with immigrants and refugees be a primary focus of their mission work. According to Dwyer they now work with Catholic Charities Immigration Services as well as Christ Church Alexandria who work with refugees. In addition, they are a member of the Congregation Action Network where they accompany immigrants to court appointments, attend protests, work on advocacy and come as a witness/advocate for an ICE raid.

The display will be up for at least a week at Rock Spring UCC located at 5010 Little Falls Road.

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Superintendent's Closing Message

Dear APS colleagues, students, families and community members: For the past decade, I have had the honor and privilege of being at the helm of one of the top school divisions in the country. As I reflect on our time together, I am immensely proud and grateful for all that I have learned from you, and for all that we have accomplished together.

The people of Arlington care deeply about public education and believe that a strong school system is the driving force in our community and nation. I thank you for supporting our schools throughout my tenure, and for being thoughtful, generous, engaged and, most of all, passionate about quality public education. We are all focused on the same destination for our students – we want them to dream big, believe in themselves and find their paths to success.

The most gratifying part of my time at APS has been the opportunity to watch as our students progress on their academic journeys from elementary school to middle and high school, up to graduation day as they walk the stage to accept their diplomas. As an educator, there is no greater joy than to see our students achieve their goals.

It is no secret why businesses, young professionals and families are flocking to Arlington. Our schools are the crown jewel of Arlington — consistently helping our kids achieve and delivering quality education and excellence reflected in every school. This success is because of our outstanding teachers, principals, administrators and staff. They are the best of the best.

These are the reasons why APS has been ranked the number one school division in the Commonwealth of Virginia by Niche for the past two years in a row, and why APS consistently tops numerous other challenge indexes and quality rankings.

WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED a great deal together since 2009. Our PreK-12 student enrollment has grown by nearly 8,000 stu-



Patrick K. Murphy

dents, and we have grown, evolved and strengthened our schools, services, options and instructional programs to advance student success and meet their needs every step of the way. Because of Arlington County's commitment and our residents' overwhelming support for bond initiatives, we have completed many renovation and construction projects and are ready to open five new schools and programs this school year, as we continue to expand our school division to serve generations to come.

As we have grown, we have maintained our focus on excellence and our commitment to providing a high-quality education and multiple pathways to success for every student.

Through hard work and teamwork, APS has earned the distinction of being the only school division in the Commonwealth to earn full accreditation for all our schools from the Virginia Department of Education for the past five consecutive years. Our most recent results demonstrate that APS students continue to meet or outpace their peers in Virginia and across the nation in SOL pass rates, average SAT and ACT scores, as well as IB pass rates.

In the past 10 years, the number of APS students enrolled in dual enrollment courses to earn college credits while in high school has risen by nearly 10 percent, and on-time high school graduation rates for

high school seniors in APS have increased by 10 percent. APS achieved a 95 percent graduation rate for the Class of 2018 at the comprehensive high schools.

IN THAT SAME TIME, on-time graduation rates for Hispanic students have risen by 12.6 percentage points, and for Black students by more than 13 percentage points to 93.6 percent in 2018. This is progress, and we continue to focus on strategies for addressing the opportunity gap among student groups.

Together, we deepened our community outreach and expanded our network of volunteers and community partners to offer our students valuable work-based learning experiences. We harnessed "lightning in a bottle" with the growth of Northern Virginia's technology sector to launch Arlington Tech and spurred the expansion of innovative career and technical education options for Arlington students.

Success starts with keeping kids in school, and we made this a priority by providing supportive services that give our students an extra helping hand when they need it. Through targeted interventions and the help of a highly-dedicated team, APS has kept 99 percent of students in school and maintained the lowest suspension rate in Northern Virginia.

One constant that I have seen over the last 10 years has been change. From new principals and administrators to boundaries, budget challenges, enrollment growth and new schools, APS has changed quite a bit. But through it all, there has been strength and stability in the classroom. APS is strong because we have the people, the instructional programs and the long-term plan to ensure our students succeed. I want to say thank you:

To our administrators, teachers and counselors. You are the best at what you do and you are making a difference in students' lives every day.

To our support staff, bus drivers, food

services workers, custodians, and maintenance and technology teams. Thank you for working hard behind the scenes and in our schools across the division to ensure students are healthy, safe and supported.

To our County partners, most notably, the Arlington County Board and County Manager Mark Schwartz, for your continued partnership in making sure we have the resources to help our students thrive and succeed. With their help and our Board's commitment, we overcame a \$43 million shortfall and fully fund our schools for the coming year. This was no small feat.

To the members of the APS Executive Leadership Team and school principals, who have been on the front lines of so many positive changes. Your knowledge, will, enthusiasm and caring nature have been the fuel to make good things happen for the students in all our schools.

To our dedicated School Board for their service and commitment. The 13 school board members and eight school board chairs I have worked with in Arlington have given their time and energy serving our community to ensure success for all students.

To our families, for staying engaged and supporting our schools, and to our students for allowing me to share in your academic journey.

There are many bright spots over the last decade, but the ones I will cherish the most involve the successes of our students. I leave the school division in excellent hands with Cintia Johnson as your interim superintendent.

I wish you continued success with the important work of the APS Strategic Plan and in supporting student growth. In the years ahead, I will continue to reflect fondly on my time in Arlington and will keep track of the division's continued progress which is certain to make me smile.

Continued success!

— PATRICK K. MURPHY, ED.D.

About the Connection

As your local, weekly newspaper, the Connection's mission is to deliver the local news you need, to help make sense of what is happening in your community, to advocate for community good, to provide a forum for dialogue on local concerns, and to record achievements, milestones and events in the community and people's lives.

Here in our Newcomers and Community Guide, we include details of how to vote in the upcoming elections, information on local and regional fairs and festivals, plus tips and tidbits from the community.

We invite newcomers and long-time residents alike to let us know how we're doing and let us know what is going on in your part of the community. If you have questions or ideas, send us an email. We invite

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photo.

We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees and anniversaries are welcome. It is especially important to us to let people know about events ahead of time in our calendar of events. We appreciate getting notice at least two weeks ahead of the event, and we encourage photos.

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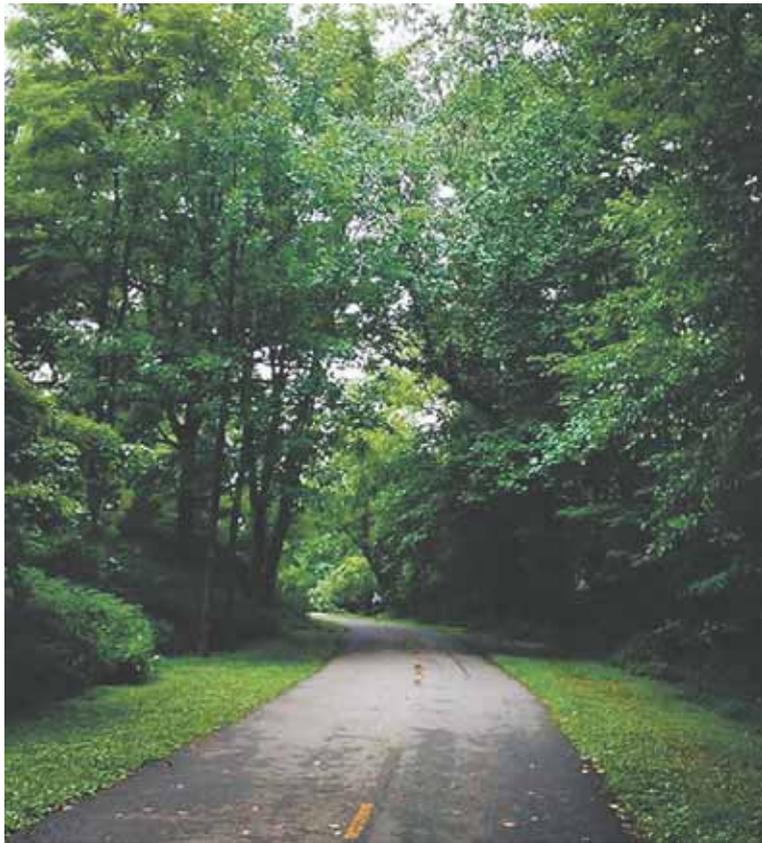


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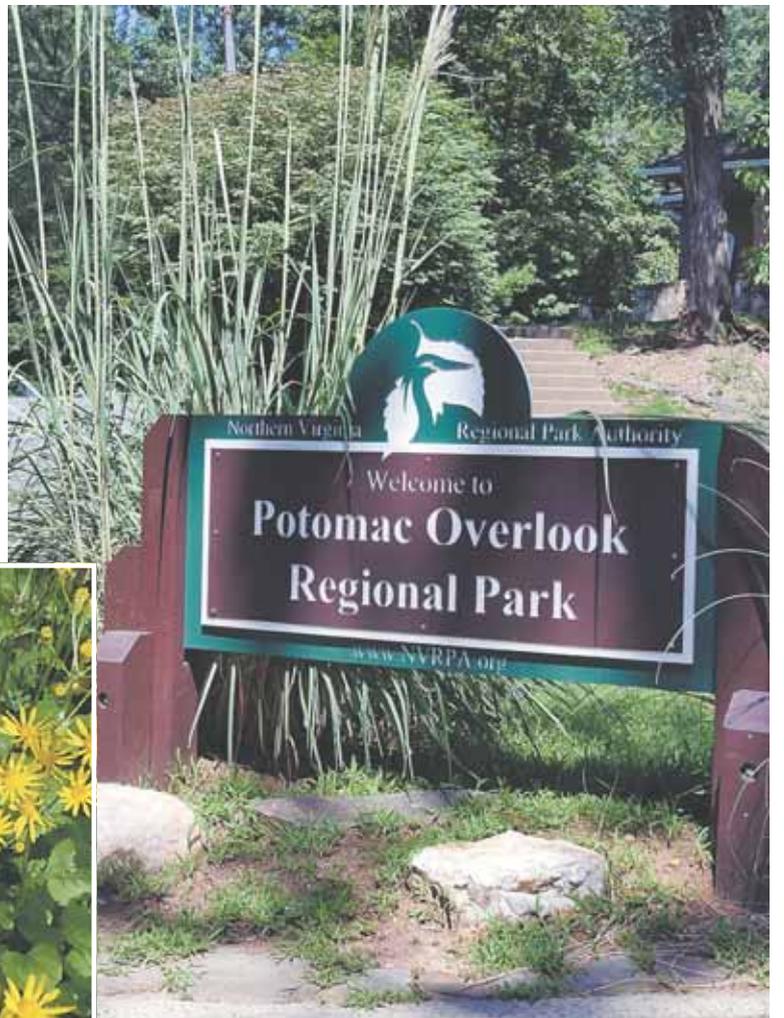
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— SHIRLEY RUHE



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FAIRS & FESTIVALS

September 2019

SATURDAY/SEPT. 7

2019 Rosslyn Jazz Fest. 1-7 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. A variety of jazz bands, presented by the Rosslyn Business Improvement District (BID) and Arlington Arts. Free. Visit www.rosslynva.org/jazzfest for more.

October 2019

SATURDAY/OCT. 19

Pumpkin Carving Party. 12-2 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Road. Tickets are \$12. Ages 4 and up. Visit <https://www.novaparks.com/parks/potomac-overlook-regional-park/events/pumpkin-carving-0> for more

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 18-20

US FreedomWalk Festival. 12-6 p.m. on Friday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. at 1900 N. Fort Myer Drive. The FreedomWalk Festival is a three-day long social walking challenge meant to bring together people of different backgrounds. Different trails are offered each day at a variety of distances from 3-27 miles starting at the Holiday Inn. Costs vary. Visit www.usfreedomwalk.org for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 20

Fall Heritage Festival. 1-5 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center & Park, 3608 N. Military Road. Step back into history and try a hand at some old-time games and crafts, make a corn husk doll, try on a coon-skin cap, or work the cider press. Write with a quill pen or churn butter and enjoy old-time music. Tickets are \$5. Visit parks.arlingtonva.us/fall-heritage-festival/# for more.

THURSDAY-MONDAY/OCT. 24-28

Washington West Film Festival. Screening events in Reston, Arlington and other local areas. For tickets and schedule visit wwfilmfest.com.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 25-27

Marine Corps Marathon Weekend. Events like the Health & Fitness Expo, First Timers Pep Rally, Runners bRUNch, and more, lead up to the main event – The Annual Marine Corps Marathon – on Sunday at 7:55 a.m. and the MCM Finish Festival. Visit www.marinemarathon.com/events/marathon/mcm-info/mcm-schedule/ for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 26

VolunteerFest. A region-wide day of community service helps nonprofits accomplish tasks they would not have time or resources to do on their own. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 26

Annual Halloween Party. 6:30-9 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Road. Snacks, games, arts and crafts, storytelling, guided hikes through the woods, and the Haunted Nature Center makes up the yearly party. Cost is \$15 per participant for the party, \$5 per participant includes the Haunted Nature Center experience. Children 3 and under are free. Visit www.novaparks.com/parks/potomac-overlook-regional-park/events/halloween-party-and-haunted-nature-center-1 for more.

November 2019

SATURDAY/NOV. 16

SCAN's Toast to Hope. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Army Navy Country Club, 1700 Army Navy Drive. Toast to Hope is SCAN's signature fall giving event and offers wine and beer tastings, food samplings, plus a Silent/Live Auction. Tickets prices vary. Visit www.scanva.org/support-scan/news-events/toast/ for more.

December 2019

SATURDAY/DEC. 7

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DC resident Jeffrey Stein, 32, celebrates after winning the 2018 Marine Corps Marathon Oct. 28 in Arlington. Stein finished the 26.2-mile course in 2:22:49.

Marine Corps Marathon 2019

Marine Corps Marathon Weekend, Friday-Sunday, Oct. 25-27, includes events like the Health & Fitness Expo, First Timers Pep Rally, Runners bRUNch, and more, lead up to the main event – The Annual Marine Corps Marathon – on Sunday at 7:55 a.m. and the MCM Finish Festival. Visit www.marinemarathon.com/events/marathon/mcm-info/mcm-schedule/ for more.



A monarch perches on a sponge soaked in sugar water on a stick at the this year's Arlington County Fair.

Jingle Bell Run/Walk. At Pentagon Row, 1101 S. Joyce St. This run/walk features a "Jingle in Your Jammies" and a "Children's Fun Run" as well as races for adults. Registration is \$15-\$40. Race begins at 9 a.m. Visit <https://events.arthritis.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=846> for More.

SUNDAY/DEC. 1

Last Chance Holiday Bazaar. At Lyon Village Community House, 1920 N Highland St. Shop for holiday gifts in a historic building. Visit www.evensi.us/chance-holiday-bazaar-lyon-village-community-house/325146525 for more info.

February 2020

SATURDAY/FEB. 29

Annual Move Me Festival. 2-5 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road. Each year, Bowen McCauley Dance hosts a family-friendly celebration of arts and culture featuring live performances and interactive demonstrations. Activities in arts and crafts, theatre games, singing, storytelling, world dance, yoga, Pilates, and more are perfect for the whole family. Free. Visit www.bmdc.org/event/11th-annual-move-me-festival for more.

April 2020

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 25-26

Arlington Festival of the Arts. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 3003 Washington Blvd. Artists from all over the country will showcase paintings, jewelry, pottery, glass, and more. Free. Visit www.artfestival.com/festivals/arlington-festival-arts for more.

APRIL 18-25

Historic Garden Week. This eight-day statewide event provides visitors with a unique opportunity to see elaborate gardens with more than 2,000 flower arrangements created by the Garden Club of Virginia Members. Visit www.va.gardenweek.org for more.

May 2020

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 18-19

Quarterfest 2020. In downtown Ballston. This annual event turns the Ballston area into a street festival featuring Arlington's restaurants and live music. Ticket prices vary. Visit www.quarterfestballston.org/ for more

June 2020

Pops for Pets. 6 p.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheatre, 200 N. Columbus St. The Arlington Philharmonic collaborates with the Animal Welfare League of Arlington (AWLA) to present the annual Pops for Pets, an informal outdoor benefit concert. Free. Visit www.awla.org for more.

August 2020

WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 12-16

Arlington County Fair. Times vary at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 Second St. South. Summer family event complete with carnival rides, musical entertainment, food and more. Admission is free. Visit www.arlingtoncountyfair.us for more.

Arlington County Fair 2020

A summer favorite, family-friendly event complete with carnival rides, musical entertainment, food and more. Times vary at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 Second St. South. Admission is free. Visit www.arlingtoncountyfair.us for more.

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NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

Every Year Is Election Year in Arlington

Contact

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Email: voters@arlingtonva.us

When you register to vote in Virginia, you do not register to vote by party. Virginia is an Open Primary state which means that any registered voter in Virginia can vote in either a Democratic or Republican primary. When both parties are holding a primary election, you will be asked which primary you want to vote in when you check in to vote with your photo ID. Note, you may only vote in one primary.

Voter ID Requirements:

Per Virginia law effective July 1, 2014, all residents must provide valid photo identification when they vote in-person. Please consult the VA Department of Elections for the most up to date information regarding acceptable forms of voter photo ID.

Many types of photo ID are acceptable for voting in Virginia. You only need to show ONE acceptable photo ID to vote. Photo IDs can be used to vote up to one year after the ID has expired. Acceptable forms of valid identification: Virginia driver's license, Virginia DMV-issued photo ID, United States passport, Employer-issued photo ID, Student photo ID issued by a school, college, or university located in Virginia, Other U.S. or Virginia government-issued photo ID, Tribal enrollment or other tribal photo ID, Virginia Voter Photo ID card

If you get to your polling place without acceptable photo ID, you can vote a provisional ballot. You will be given instructions on what to do so your vote can count.



- ❖ Nov. 5: Deadline to return absentee ballot to the Office of Elections, 7 p.m.
- ❖ Nov. 5: Election Day, Polling Places open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

On the Ballot in Arlington

Virginia Senate

- ❖ District 30
Adam P. Ebbin (D), incumbent, unopposed
- ❖ District 31
Barbara A. Favola (D), incumbent, unopposed
- ❖ District 32
Janet D. Howell (D), incumbent
Arthur G. Purves (R)

Virginia House of Delegates

- ❖ District 45
Mark H. Levine (D), incumbent, unopposed
- ❖ District 47
Patrick A. Hope (D), incumbent, unopposed
- ❖ District 48
Richard C. "Rip" Sullivan (D), incumbent, unopposed
- ❖ District 49
Alfonso H. Lopez (D), incumbent
Terry W. Modglin (I)

Commonwealth's Attorney

- Parisa Dehghani-Tafti (D), unopposed
- Sheriff**
Elizabeth F. "Beth" Arthur (D), incumbent, unopposed

Commissioner of Revenue

- Ingrid H. Morroy (D), incumbent, unopposed

Treasurer

- Carla F. de la Pava (D), incumbent, unopposed

County Board (two seats)

- Kate A. "Katie" Cristol (D), incumbent
- Christian E. Dorsey (D), incumbent
- Audrey R. Clement (I)
- Arron O'Dell (I)

School Board

- Reid S. Goldstein (I), incumbent, unopposed

2019 Elections

The next General Election is Nov. 5, 2019. On the ballot will be all Virginia General Assembly offices (Virginia Senate and House of Delegates), Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff, Commissioner of Revenue, Treasurer, County Board (two seats), and School Board.

Candidates are listed in the order they appear on the ballot. Please note that political party does not appear on the ballot for local offices but is included below. Incumbent status is also included for information.

Voting: Important Dates

- ❖ Oct. 15: Voter Registration Deadline. In-person: 5 p.m., online: 11:59 p.m.
- ❖ In-person absentee voting begins Friday, Sep. 20 and continues until 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2. Bozman Government Center (Courthouse Plaza), 2100 Clarendon Blvd. Suite 320
- ❖ Oct. 29: Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail, 5 p.m.
- ❖ Nov. 2 Final day to vote absentee in-person, 5 p.m.

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New Grab & Go at Libraries

Arlington Public Library has launched a new book collection, "Grab & Go," which grants library patrons quick access to the most popular books and eBooks without having to wait. The express collection contains both bestselling adult fiction and nonfiction titles such as:

- "The Nickel Boys" by Colson Whitehead
- "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens
- "Fleishman is in Trouble" by Taffy Brodesser-Akner
- "The Pioneers" by David McCullough

"We want our patrons to have access to the books they want, when they want them," said Library Director Diane Kresh. "Visit any branch and get them while they are hot."

Visitors to all library branches will discover popular Grab & Go titles, ready to be checked out immediately, and digital readers will receive instant access to favorite eAudiobooks and eBook titles from Overdrive.

The Grab & Go collection will not display in the library catalog, which makes this an exclusive treat to Arlington residents and library patrons. Titles can be checked out for two weeks and no holds can be placed.

This initiative was made possible through an increase in the FY2020 collections budget. Visit any branch or go online at library.arlingtonva.us/g&g and read.

"FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs for Sept. 8-13.

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

Senior travel: A Day at Rehoboth Beach, Del., Tuesday, Sept. 10, \$35; Dulles Day Festival and Plane Pull, Saturday, Sept. 14, \$6. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

NEW PROGRAMS

Classical music appreciation, Monday, Sept. 9, 1 p.m., Langston-Brown. Details, 703-228-6300.

Consuming more calcium for stronger bones, Monday, Sept. 9, 11 a.m., Walter Reed. Register, 703-228-0955.

Morning tennis reserved for seniors, Bluemont Courts, 8 a.m. – noon, Monday-Friday. Details, 703-228-4771.

History roundtable to discuss "What If's," Tuesday, Sept. 10, 11:15 a.m., Lee. Details, 703-

228-0555.

Writers session, Tuesday, Sept. 10, 11 a.m., Lee. Details, 703-228-0555.

Eating right on a budget, Tuesday, Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m., Walter Reed. Register, 703-228-0955.

Warning signs of Alzheimer's, Wednesday, Sept. 11, 11 a.m., Langston-Brown. Register, 703, 228-6300.

Peace making efforts in 50 countries, Wednesday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m., Arlington Mill, Register, 703-228-7369.

Travel experiences in Ghana, Wednesday, Sept. 11, 1 p.m., Aurora Hills. Details, 703-228-5722.

Arlington Walking Club for seniors will along the Mount Vernon Trail, Alexandria, Wednesday, Sept. 10, 9:30 a.m., \$4. Register, 703-228-4771.

Butterfly gardening, features Monarch butterfly, Thursday, Sept. 12, 11 a.m., Langston-Brown. Details, 703-228-6300.

Arlington Mill Trekkers walk along the W&OD and Four Mile Run Trails, Thursdays, 9 a.m., Details, 703-228-7369.

California travels, Friday, Sept. 13, 1 p.m., Walter Reed. Details, 703-228-0955.

Artventures project, oil pastel ink transfers, Friday, Sept. 13, 1 p.m., Aurora Hills. Details, 703-228-5722.

Reading great plays, Friday, Sept. 13, 1:30 p.m., Aurora Hills. Details, 703-228-5722.

Contra dance, Friday, Sept. 13, 1 p.m., Lee. Details, 703-228-0555.

Lee Walkers, will walk along Donaldson Run, Arl., Friday, Sept. 13, 10 a.m., \$4. Register, 703-228-0555.

Northern Virginia Senior Olympics, opening ceremonies, Saturday, Sept. 14, 9 a.m., Thomas Jefferson Community Center. The public is invited. Track events to follow.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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ONGOING

Rosslyn Putt-Putt + Candy BAR. Through Aug. 31, Fridays, 5-9 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at 1401 Wilson Blvd. Arlington's newest pop-up, Rosslyn Putt-Putt + Candy BAR, will feature mini golf and a retro snack stand. Play nine holes of mini golf (\$3) featuring constructions of favorite neighborhood landmarks. The adjoining Candy BAR will be serving up beer, wine, candy and popsicles. There will also be carnival games and old-school video games indoors. Visit www.rosslynva.org/putt for more.

The British Are Coming. Through Aug. 31 at Signature Theatre, Village at Shirlington, 4200 Campbell Ave. The hits of The Beatles, Tom Jones, Shirley Bassey and more. Stroll back down Penny Lane with Signature's cast of the British Invasion cabaret. Get plenty of Satisfaction as they sing favorite British hits of the 60s and 70s, including "I Want to Hold Your Hand," "You Really Got Me," and "Downtown." \$38. Visit www.sigtheatre.org/ or call 703-820-9771.

Art Exhibit: "La Citta Italiana." Through Sept. 6, gallery hours at Gallery Clarendon, 2800 Clarendon Blvd. Suite R-800. Visit the Overlook Gallery and travel with artist Matthew Miller along the canals of Venice, through the gardens of Florence, and so many cities and villages in between. After a moment in Amalfi, stroll through the main gallery, where there will be new work hanging by Gallery Clarendon member artists. Free and open to the public. Visit www.galleryclarendon.org.

Art Installation: Linny Giffin. Through mid-September at Central Place Plaza, 1800 N. Lynn St. Linny Giffin has been working on Central Place Plaza on her latest masterpiece: an installation of 800 silk leaves that will hang from the glass pergola. Giffin made eight different types of leaves in orange, yellow and blue to be used for this project. She spent two weeks painting them, and then affixed wire to each one to facilitate hanging. Visit www.rosslynva.org/feature/one-place-at-a-time for more.

Registration Open: NVSO. 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. Online registrations must be completed by Aug. 31 at www.nvso.us.

Operation FirePaws. Through Aug. 31, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at Arlington County Fire Stations. The fourth year of Operation FirePaws, the Arlington County Fire Department's (ACFD) month-long charity drive for the adoptable pets at the Animal Welfare League of Arlington (AWLA), kicks off next week. Community members can drop off needed pet supplies to designated donation bins at Arlington fire stations. Check AWLA's list of needed donations (arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/35/2019/07/AWLA-In-Kind-Donation-Wish-List.pdf). The AWLA will not accept milk bones, boxed hard/homemade treats, or used beds.

Summer Exhibitions. Through Sept. 7 at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org or call 703-248-6800.

❖ **Transitional Objects.** Working in sculpture, installation, and video,



Miss Oliver's Class, Acrylic, 2019, by Barry Keith.

Solo Painting Exhibition

Draftsman 2019 is the solo painting exhibition for the month of September of Arlington Artists Alliance member and T.C. Williams graduate Barry Barnett Keith. The exhibit runs Sept. 6-30, gallery hours at Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal Drive, Suite 2120-A. An opening reception is planned for Friday, Sept. 6, 5-8 p.m. Free. Visit galleryunderground.org or call 571-483-0652.

these artists experiment with unconventional materials, take inspiration from or produce functional objects, and create sculptures that elucidate both the allure and the difficulty of material forms. Transitional Objects artists: Kyle Bauer, Calder Brannock, Dexter Ciprian, Emily Culver, Liz Ensz, Kyle Hittmeier, Trish Tillman, and Holly Trout.

❖ **Jen Noone: Sort of, Kind of, Almost.** Noone repeatedly coats the surfaces of acrylic boxes, picture frames, and shelving units, before scraping away layers of the dried latex. Each new layer of paint represents an attempt to improve upon the previous layers. While the pursuit of perfection may inevitably result in failure, Noone's work suggests that the quest for the ideal form, even if it repeatedly misses the mark, has a beauty and charm all its own.

❖ **Jason Horowitz: Ashton Heights Re/Seen.** Photographer Jason Horowitz uses the Photo Sphere/Street View app and his smartphone's camera to create immersive abstract views. For Ashton Heights Re/Seen, Horowitz presents a selection of images from the Re/Seen series all made a short distance from Arlington Arts Center.

Outdoor Zumba. Wednesdays, through Sept. 25, 12:30 p.m. in the Courtyard at 2121 Crystal Drive. The Crystal City BID, Sport and Health fitness club and JBG SMITH invite you to join them for free midday Zumba in the courtyard of 2121 Crystal Drive on Wednesdays. Zumba fuses Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves to create a one-of-a-kind fitness program for all to enjoy. Free. Call 703-412-9430 or visit www.crystalcity.org/do/outdoor-zumba-2018 for more.

Fridays at the Fountain. Fridays, through Oct. 25, 5-9 p.m. at The Stand at the Crystal City Water Park, 1601 Crystal Drive. Fridays at the Fountain is a seasonal pop-up beer garden set within the Crystal City Water Park, featuring food, drink and a rotating lineup of live music from local bands and musicians. Free to attend; selection of food available for

purchase. Call 703-412-9430 or visit www.crystalcity.org/do/fridays-at-the-fountain for more.

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

THURSDAY/AUG. 29

Conversation with a Cop. 6-7 p.m. at Whitlow's on Wilson, 2854 Wilson Blvd. and 7-8 p.m. at Buena Vida Social Club, 2900 Wilson Blvd. Arlington County Police Department's Restaurant Liaison Unit invites members of the public to join them for Conversation with a Cop, an opportunity for the public to get to know the officers and staff, the Department's overall efforts to promote alcohol and nightlife safety throughout the County and share ideas on how to make Arlington a safe place to enjoy nightlife and entertainment. Visit police.arlingtonva.us/arlington-restaurant-initiative/ for more.

FRIDAY/AUG. 30

Summer Yoga. 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Ballston Exchange, 4121 and 4201 Wilson Blvd. Celebrate summer at Ballston Exchange with free yoga provided by CorePower Yoga on select summer Fridays. After yoga, grab a free pastry and \$5 off anything at the clean eating restaurant DIRT. Visit www.ballstonexchange.com for more.

Darting Dragonflies Campfire. 7-8 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Families. Register children and adults; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. The whole family is invited to meet at the Gulf Branch fire ring for

lots of old-fashioned fun. This engaging program will be filled with entertaining activities that may include stories, special animal guests, games, songs and of course, S'mores. \$5. Call 703-228-3403. Register online at registration.arlingtonva.us, use code #642859-G.

SATURDAY/AUG. 31

Fort Ethan Allen Park Walking Tour. 11-1:45 a.m. and 1-1:45 p.m. at Fort Ethan Allen Park parking lot, 3829 N. Stafford St. Families ages 7 and up. Register children and adults; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Fort Ethan Allen was built by the Union Army in September 1861 to command the approach to Chain Bridge and has the most extensive remaining features of any Civil War fort in Arlington. Explore the earthworks and discuss how and why the fort was built. Dress for the weather. Terrain will be uneven and possibly muddy. Free. Call 703-228-4775 or register online at registration.arlingtonva.us, use code #642759-D (11 a.m.) or #642759-E (1 p.m.).

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

Summer Farewell Campfire. 7-8 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Families. Register adults and children; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. The whole family is invited to join us at the Long Branch amphitheater for lots of old-fashioned fun: entertaining activities which may include stories, special animal guests, games, songs and of course, S'mores. \$5. Call 703-228-6535 or register online at registration.arlingtonva.us, use code #642959-G.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 1

Rock The Loop. 5-9 p.m. at Market Common Clarendon, 2800 Clarendon Blvd. Join us on The Loop for an End of Summer Celebration Concert. Beer and wine sold by Heritage Brewing Co. and TTT Mexican Diner. Proceeds benefit Homeward Trails Animal Rescue. Free admission. Call 703-442-4341 or visit www.facebook.com/events/390030291716019/ for more.

MONDAY/SEPT. 2

Netherlands Carillon Recital Series. 2-4 p.m. at Arlington Ridge Park, George Washington Memorial Parkway. Enjoy sweeping views of Washington, D.C., while guest artists play patriotic music, jazz, and pop on the carillon's 50 bells. Meet on the lawn at the foot of the carillon. Free and open to everyone. Visit www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/netherlandscarillon.htm for more.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 3

Encore Chorale of Langston Brown. Weekly rehearsals, Tuesdays, 1:45-3:15 p.m. at Langston Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpepper St. Encore's mission is to provide an excellent and accessible artistic environment for older adults, 55 and over, regardless of experience or ability, who seek arts education and performance opportunities under a professional artist. No auditions are required to sing. Singers learn vocal technique, proper breathing and posture, and music literacy. All concerts are free and open to the public. Fee is \$175 for weekly rehearsals, sheet music, practice CD, and performances. The Encore Chorale repertoire includes traditional and secular holiday music. Visit www.encorecreativity.org or call 301-261-5747.

Meet & Greet: Artist Mark Reigelman. 6-8 p.m. at New District Brewery, 2709 S. Oakland St. Jennie Dean Park will soon undergo renovations based on the Four Mile Run Valley (4MRV) Park Master Plan and Design Guidelines. Mark Reigelman was selected to develop a site-specific public art work that will be integrated into the park renovations. Join Reigelman for a presentation of his past work at 6:30 and 7:15 p.m. Share stories, histories and experiences of Jennie Dean Park. Visit publicart.arlingtonva.us for more.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 4

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FRIDAY/SEPT. 6

First Friday Wine Tasting. 6:30 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 North Westmoreland St. Join One More Page for their monthly First Friday Wine Tasting, a free event where visitors can sample new arrivals. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com for more.

SEPT. 6-30

Solo Painting Exhibition:

ENTERTAINMENT

Draftsman 2019. Gallery hours at Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal Drive, Suite 2120-A. Draftsman 2019 is the solo painting exhibition for the month of September of Arlington Artists Alliance member and T.C. Williams graduate Barry Barnett Keith. An opening reception is planned for Friday, Sept. 6, 5-8 p.m. Free. Visit galleryunderground.org or call 571-483-0652.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 7

Fall Course Preview. 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), 4301 Wilson Blvd. Encore Learning's instructors give brief presentations about their academic courses. Learn more about the fall semester. Open to current and prospective members. Bring friends, relatives and neighbors. Free. Visit 703-228-2144 or visit www.encorelearning.net for more.

Fall Lawn Care and Turf Alternatives.

10 a.m.-noon at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. Fall is the ideal time to restore cool-season grass, the most common turf grass grown on lawns in our area. This program describes how to improve a lawn and the underlying soil, and outlines steps for preventing and controlling weeds to ensure a beautiful lawn, with an emphasis on sustainable practices that minimize the impact on native pollinators and wildlife. Free. Questions? Call 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com. To reserve a spot, visit mgnv.org/public-education-events/vce-horticulture-programs-registration/.

Good Gardens All Start With Good Soil.

11 a.m.-noon at Glencarlyn Library Community Garden, 300 South Kensington St. Healthy soil is the foundation for a healthy garden and essential to the planet's food web. Come tour the Glencarlyn Library Community Garden with an Extension Master Gardener to learn about the elements of good soil and practical ways to care for garden soil. Free. Questions? Call 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com. To reserve a spot, visit mgnv.org/public-education-events/vce-horticulture-programs-registration/.

Rosslyn Jazz Festival. 1-7 p.m. in Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway, Rosslyn. The 29th annual Rosslyn Jazz Festival that features: The Suffers; Grammy-nominated New Orleans brass band Cha Wa; singer/cellist Leyla McCalla (formerly of the Grammy award-winning Carolina Chocolate Drops); and D.C.'s go-go/jazz ensemble JoGo Project. Also featuring local food trucks, a pop-up beer and wine garden, and the latest interactive installation aboard the Arlington Art Truck. Free admission. Visit www.rosslynva.org/jazzfest for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 8

Author Event: Marcie Flinchum Atkins.

2 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 North Westmoreland St. Join One More Page in celebrating the release of author and librarian Marcie Flinchum Atkins' debut picture book, *Wait, Rest, Pause: Dormancy in Nature*. Captivating photos of animals accompany simple, engaging text to explain dormancy in nature and teaches young readers about different animal behaviors. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com for more.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 11

Book Release: When She Reigns. 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 North Westmoreland St. Celebrate the release of *When She Reigns*, the final book in the *Fallen Isles* trilogy, with bestselling Young Adult author

Jodi Meadows. She will discuss dragons, magic, capes, knitting, and of course, books. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com for more.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 12

Local History Preserved: NOVA Parks.

7-9 p.m. at Reinsch Library Auditorium, Marymount University, 2807 N Glebe Road. The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NOVA Parks) system owns some of the most important historic sites in the region. NOVA Parks Chairman Mike Nardolilli will discuss the creation of NOVA Parks 60 years ago and the history that can be found in the three parks in Arlington. Free. Visit arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org/events/the-local-history-nova-parks-preserve/ or call 703-942-9247.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 13

Great Big Romance Read. 6:30 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 North Westmoreland St. Across the country, romance enthusiasts will be reading *The Lady's Guide To Celestial Mechanics* by Olivia Waite. Join the One More Page Romance Team for a wine tasting and book discussion. Purchase the book to read in advance and join in. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 14

Organic Vegetable Garden Pepper Fest.

1-4 p.m. at Organic Vegetable Garden at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Road. Sample the many kinds of peppers grown and tour the garden. Extension Master Gardeners will answer questions about growing peppers and other beloved summer crops. They will also cover topics such as composting, soil preparation, seed selection, protecting crops from insects and animals, and ideas for the Fall garden. Free. Questions? Telephone 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com. To reserve a spot, visit mgnv.org/public-education-events/vce-horticulture-programs-registration/.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 15

Glencarlyn Library Community Garden AutumnFest.

10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Glencarlyn Library Community Garden, 300 South Kensington St. Educational presentations include 11 a.m. with "Grow Your Own Herbal Teas," 11 a.m.; "Succulents for Small Spaces," noon; and "Container Gardening Made Simple," 1 p.m. AutumnFest also offers native and other plants perfect for fall planting; autumnal décor; the opportunity to consult with Extension Master Gardeners, Tree Stewards and Audubon at Home Ambassadors; a chance to visit the Colonial Ball-Sellers House; vendors selling hand-made pots, hand-crafted jewelry, reusable recycled bags and herbal treats with recipes to try at home. Free. Questions? Contact Extension Master Gardeners at telephone 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com.

Author Event: Eggerz, Stephens and Rollins.

3 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 North Westmoreland St. Join local writers Solveig Eggerz, Alice Stephens, and Leslie M. Rollins as they discuss their books, their writing, and their strong, fascinating, complex female characters. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com for more.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 19

YA Author Panel. 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 North



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Rosslyn Jazz Festival

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Westmoreland St. One More Page will host a Young Adult author panel featuring Laura E. Weymouth, Lauren Spieller, and Anna Bright. *The Beholder*, a debut novel by One More Page's own Bright, is a Summer 2019 Kids Indie Next List pick. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 28

Fall Native Plant Sale. 1-4 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Selection of plants for purchase are accustomed to local climate and wildlife. Gorgeous natives for sun to shade, and even deer-resistant plants. See the order form for more information. Pre-order favorite plants today. Preorders accepted through 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 18. On the Day of the sale, there will be a wider selection at Long Branch Nature Center. Call 703-228-6535 or visit longbranch@arlingtonva.us.

MORE ONGOING

Arlington Historical Museum.

Wednesdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 1-4 p.m. Arlington Historical Museum, owned and operated by the Arlington Historical Society, is located at 1805 S. Arlington Ridge Road. The two-story brick structure was built in 1891 as the Hume School, named for Frank Hume who gave some of the property for the school. It is the oldest school building in Arlington County. Now a museum, it houses permanent and temporary local history exhibits ranging from pre-1607 to Sept. 11, 2001. Visit arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org.

Civil War Artifact Display.

Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Fort C.F. Smith Park Visitor Center, 2411 24th St. N. The New Fort C.F. Smith Park Visitor Center features displays about Union soldiers and the Defenses of Washington between 1861 and 1865. Artifacts from archaeological studies from Forts Ethan Allen and C.F. Smith are on display. Kids can try on replica Civil War uniforms and learn about camp life. Visit parks.arlingtonva.us/locations/fort-cf-smith-park/.

Arlington Farmer's Market. Every Saturday, 8 a.m.-noon at the corner

of N. 14th Street and N. Courthouse Road. A weekly celebration of local food including fresh produce, meats, dairy, cheese, baked goods, free range eggs, specialty items, cut flowers, plants and herbs. Email csingiser@cfwdc.org or call 917-733-6402.

FRESHFARM Market. 3-7 p.m. on Tuesdays at 1900 Crystal Drive. Shop from local farmers and producers with seasonal fruits and vegetables, fresh-cut flowers, container plants and herbs, farm-raised eggs, all-natural meats, artisan baked goods, and specialty foods. Visit www.crystalcity.org for more.

Mobile Bike Repair. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on Thursdays at 1900 Crystal Drive. Drop off your bike on Thursday morning and have it tuned up and ready to ride before heading home. Email DC@velofix.com, or phone 855-VELO-FIX for more.

Food Truck Thursdays. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1900 Crystal Drive and 201 12th St. Actual truck schedules are subject to change so be sure to follow your favorites. Visit www.crystalcity.org for more.

Healthy Lifestyle Runs. Saturdays, 9 a.m. at Roosevelt Island, George Washington Memorial Parkway. American Cancer Society partners with parkrun USA to promote fitness in the fight against cancer. Free. Visit www.parkrun.us/rooseveltislanddc/ for more.

Friday Night Live. 8 p.m. Fridays at the Church at Clarendon, 1210 N. Highland St., Suite A. Local musicians perform. Free. Visit 1bc.org for more.

Arlington's Historical Museum

Open on First Wednesdays. The Arlington Historical Museum is open to the public on the first Wednesday of every month from 12:30-3:30 p.m. The museum consists of exhibits chronicling Arlington County's history from Native American settlements up to the present day. The museum will continue to be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. Admission is free. The museum is located in the former 1891 Hume School building at 1805 S. Arlington Ridge Road. Visit arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org.

Open Mic Comedy. Wednesdays 8-10 p.m. at Ri Ra Irish Pub, 2915 Wilson Blvd. Doors open at 7 p.m. Age 21 and up only. Free show, \$25 cash

prize for best joke. Call 703-248-9888 or Visit www.RiRa.com/ Arlington for more.

Invasive Plants Removal. Work parties are held every month to keep the parks free of destructive invasive plants. Teens, adults and families welcome. Every second Sunday of the month 2-4:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road; call 703-228-3403. Every third Sunday of the month 2-5 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road; call 703-228-6535 or visit registration.arlingtonva.us. Free, no registration required.

Karaoke. 8 p.m. on the first Sunday every month at Galaxy Hut, 2711 Wilson Blvd. Visit www.galaxyhut.com or call 703-525-8646.

Pub Quiz. 8 p.m. every Sunday at Whitlow's on Wilson, 2854 Wilson Blvd. Prizes for first place. Free. Visit www.whitlows.com or call 703-276-9693.

Storytime. Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30-11 a.m. at Kinder Haus Toys, 1220 N. Fillmore St. Storytime with Ms. Laura. Call 703-527-5929.

Lego Club. Monthly on the first Wednesday. 4-5 p.m. Glencarlyn Branch Library, 300 S. Kensington St. The library provides tubs of legos and a special challenge and after the program the creations are displayed for everyone to see. No registration required. Call 703-228-6548 for more.

Crystal City Sparket. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Wednesdays at 1900 Crystal Drive. Sparket — A Creative Market is an extension of DC's Eastern Market with arts, crafts, and handmade goods. Free to attend. Visit www.crystalcity.org.

Art for Life. Third Thursday of each month. The Hyatt Regency Crystal City's "Art for Life" Partnership with National Kidney Foundation brings a new artist each month to The Hyatt for a reception. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Brunch at Freddie's. Third Saturday of every month, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Freddie's Beach Bar, 555 23rd St. The Arlington Gay and Lesbian Alliance gathers for an all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet (\$9.99). All are welcome. No reservation is required. Visit www.facebook.com/events/700174390103305.

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designed to create better understanding and communication between police and the citizens they serve. The CPA is a 12-week program beginning on Thursday, Sept. 19, 2019. Classes will be held on Thursdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at police headquarters located at 1425 North Courthouse Road. Two sessions will meet on a Saturday at an off-site location. Visit police.arlingtonva.us/cpa-application/ to apply.

SEPT. 1-OCT. 1

AC Works. The month-long employment and financial literacy series will focus on how experienced workers can adapt to transitions in both work and life. Includes free workshops, author talks and a job fair. Visit library.arlingtonva.us/ac-works for more.

MONDAY/SEPT. 2

Open Door Mondays. 7-9 p.m. at Langston-Brown Community Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St. Drop in to chat informally, one-on-one, with an Arlington County Board Member on any topic. No reservation is needed. Visit countyboard.arlingtonva.us/open-door-mondays.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 3

Candidate Forum. 7 p.m. in the Hazel Auditorium at Virginia Hospital Center, 1701 N. George Mason Drive. The Arlington County Civic Federation (ACCF) will kick off its 104th year by hosting a candidates forum. At 6:30 p.m., ACCF will host a "meet and greet" candidates reception in the Hazel Auditorium meeting room and lobby. Both events are free and open to the public. Attendees are asked to park in the Gold parking lot. Email Sandy@civfed.org for more.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 6

Monthly Memory Café. 1-3 p.m. at 7910 Andrus Road, Suite 6, Alexandria. The Memory Café, a social gathering for individuals living with memory loss and their families, will be held on the first Friday of every month. Registration is free and registrations are recommended for first-come, first-served spots; call 571-210-5551 or email bdesai@seniorhelpers.com. Visit www.dementiacareconnections.com/memory-cafe or www.seniorhelpers.com/arlington-alexandria-va for more.

THROUGH SEPT. 8

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

MONDAY/SEPT. 9

Open Door Mondays. 7-9 p.m. at Arlington Mill Community Center, 909 S. Dinwiddie St. Drop in to chat informally, one-on-one, with an Arlington County Board Member on any topic. No reservation is needed. Visit countyboard.arlingtonva.us/open-door-mondays.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 13

Job Search in the Digital Age. 2 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, in the Barbara M. Donnellan Auditorium, 1015 North Quincy St.

Finding a job in the digital age can be complicated. Whether making a career change by choice or necessity, this job search and resume workshop for adults 55 and older sponsored by Arlington Public Library and AARP can help. Free. Register at arlingtonva.libcal.com/event/5519262.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 14

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

SUNDAY/SEPT. 15

Application Deadline for Volunteers. Energy Masters, a program that promotes a more energy efficient and sustainable community, is accepting community and student (age 16 or older) volunteer applications for the next training program, which begins in October. After training, volunteers deliver community education and outreach programs in affordable housing communities in Northern Virginia. There is a program fee. Visit www.ecoactionarlington.org/community-programs/energy-masters.

MONDAY/SEPT. 16

Narcan Training Sessions. 6-7 p.m. at Phoenix House, 46 S. Glebe Road, 3rd Floor, Arlington. Naloxone (Narcan) can save the life of someone who is overdosing, if given in time. Anyone who assists a person in need is protected from liability by the Good Samaritan Law. Naloxone (Narcan) is available without a prescription for a fee at all pharmacies. Obtain it for free by attending a REVIVE! training. Contact Emily Siqveland at 703-228-0913 or esiqveland@arlingtonva.us or visit health.arlingtonva.us/opioid-awareness for available training sessions. Registration is not required but it is recommended. Visit www.chrisatwoodfoundation.org/naloxone to register.

Open Door Mondays. 7-9 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Drop in to chat informally, one-on-one, with an Arlington County Board Member on any topic. No reservation is needed. Visit countyboard.arlingtonva.us/open-door-mondays.

MONDAY/SEPT. 17

Placement Exams for ESL Classes. 9 a.m. or 6 p.m. at Syphax Education Center, 2110 Washington Blvd. #106, Arlington. English as a Second Language for Adults, Arlington Public Schools' REEP Program is giving placement exams for the Oct. 1-Dec. 21 session. Classes to be held at Syphax Education Center. Afternoon and evening classes available. Tuition is \$285 or \$200 for people who live or work in Arlington; \$470 or \$350 for people who do not. Exams are

free. call 703-228-4200 or visit www.apsva.us/leep.

MONDAY/SEPT. 23

Open Door Mondays. 7-9 p.m. at Aurora Hills Branch Library, 735 South 18th St. Drop in to chat informally, one-on-one, with an Arlington County Board Member on any topic. No reservation is needed. Visit countyboard.arlingtonva.us/open-door-mondays.

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DONATIONS

The **Arlington Food Assistance Center** seeks local gardeners and farmers willing to grow and donate fresh produce to the AFAC food pantry for local families in need as part of the Plot Against Hunger program. Each week, approximately 2,400 client families visit AFAC to pick up supplemental groceries and fresh fruits and vegetables are in high demand. AFAC will provide free vegetable seeds to those who pledge to donate produce from community or personal gardens. Visit afac.org/plot-against-hunger or contact puwen.lee@afac.org or 703-845-8486. Seeds are available now at AFAC, 2708 S. Nelson St., during regular business hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Saturdays 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Produce can also be donated at AFAC at the hours listed above or at:

- ❖ Arlington Courthouse Farmer's Market, Saturdays 8 a.m.-noon (look for the AFAC cooler near the Master Gardener information table).
- ❖ Rock Springs UCC Church, 5010 Little Falls Road, Sundays 9 a.m.-noon only. (Look for the donation bin on the Rock Spring Drive side of the church).

Pet Food Bank. AWLA is establishing a Pet Food Bank to serve qualifying residents of Arlington County and the City of Falls Church. In consideration of the effect financial obstacles have on a pet owner's ability to afford pet care, the AWLA Pet Food Bank program's goal is to keep family pets out of shelters. If you are an Arlington County or City of Falls Church resident and are in need of assistance in feeding your pet, follow

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NEWS



LED light indicator in lobby of Alice West Fleet Elementary gauges energy use.



Alternative to stairs between floors three and two.

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Inside Alice West Fleet ES

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ity is 725 seats so the cafeteria will have three lunch periods." This year they expect 625 students. The second floor will have the second and third grade classrooms with the library and the art rooms. "See over here on the wall are reading nooks where kids can sit and read. They are located all over the school." Chambers grabs a book and curls up in one.

Walking through the library leads to an outdoor space protected by a safety wall. "It's like a patio, only one floor up." He explains it is a space where there can be a good indoor-outdoor connection.

He says, "Let's pop out in the second art room." Chambers points out the use of natural light. "We use as little electricity as possible."

The fourth grade classrooms are located on the third floor with the fifth grade on the top floor along with a display of solar panels. In between there are many breakout spaces where students can do independent work. Anyone in need of an elevator can use one but "we encourage kids to take the stairs — healthy living." And if you don't like the stairs, there is another option between floors three and two where a bright red slide "allows kids with a lot of extra energy to wear it off. Discovery Elementary has one of these slides, and it has proven very popular."

The building space was designed by VMDO

architects in Charlottesville to combine the needs of Fleet with Thomas Jefferson Middle School next door. Differing starting schedules for each school allow buses to share space for discharge of students. TJ extended day students use the Fleet cafeteria before their school starts at 7:50 a.m. Then approximately 250 Fleet students rotate into the same cafeteria space where specially built cubbies line one of the walls. Fleet starts at 9 a.m. Both TJ and Fleet share the two-story parking lot under Fleet.

All classrooms are pretty similar with interactive screens and natural light. The occupancy permit was received Aug. 19 so teachers have been filtering in putting their own touch on their spaces. Workers are busy in the halls applying glue to large posters that will be on the walls reinforcing the biosphere theme in the school. Each classroom has an animal motif outside the door and a color keeping with the overall environmental focus.

Outside the school, the playground is coming together. A "snake" shaped mound curls around the edge of the playground. "It was designed so a wheelchair could travel along the top."

Chambers points out the building was designed with mixed materials so it doesn't look so much like a school. "We wanted it to look friendly." He points to the neighbors in back of the school. "It's their yard, too."



Final touches to outside of Fleet in preparation for the school year.

Economy

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dry cleaners, and all the things that make our community in addition to those big jobs," said Gross. "Not all those jobs need a college degree. They may need certification and job experience."

The panel also discussed regional solutions to housing. "We have a hyper focus on talking about and meeting unmet housing need," said Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Chair Phyllis Randall. "We look at the philanthropic community, we look at the business community, it is an all-in approach right now for housing."

The elected leaders reflected on the strength of Northern Virginia's economy. "I think economic fundamentals of the region are very strong," said Prince William County At-Large Chairman Corey Stewart. "However, as we have seen in the past, this region has become so strong because of its economic diversity."

This was the fourth in a series of summits started in 2016, as a collaboration of chambers of commerce from across Northern Virginia.

Drunk Drivers

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ONGOING

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

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

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Side-Splitting But Not Very Funny



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

The most recent near-having-to-think-about-death experience I wrote about last week ("Barbosoul") was quite a shock to my system.

In spite of all the ups and downs and all-arounds I've experienced over the past 10 and a half not-filled cancer years, I had never gone emotionally to the place I went to last week. Certainly I've thought about death and dying before: heck, I'm a cancer patient having been given a "terminal" diagnosis.

Nevertheless, I had never really put two and two together to equal four. It had always equalled three and a half, if you know what I mean? (Maybe you don't. Sometimes I'm not sure what I mean.) But last week's column was different. I went there.

It's not as if I haven't experienced pain before. I have. Most notably in the area of my lungs (the mediastinum) where my non-small-cell-lung-cancer-stage-IV tumors take up primary residence. Sometimes, the pain I felt was that of the tumors growing. Other times, the pain was that of scar tissue which had grown over tumors.

Any of which I would never know until my oncologist discussed with Team Lourie the radiologist's report from the preceding CT scan. Moreover, these assessments were never given with any kind of arithmetical-type certainty. Still, if it could have been worse, I was happy and if it could have been better, I was hopeful. Never too high and never too low.

As you regular readers know, I roll with the punches, wherever they land.

For the past week, those punches (pain) were in the identical (so far as I knew) place where my non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV symptoms first manifested in late December 2008. As such, I was rolling like I had never rolled before - and without any kind of mat to soften the fall.

Aside from experiencing headaches/pain in my head (which I haven't), which might indicate progression (in 30 percent of lung cancer patients the cancer moves to the brain), a recurrence in the same area as 10 and a half years ago likewise scares out the daylight living inside of me.

And, just like when a little knowledge in the wrong hands can be a dangerous thing, so too does zero knowledge in the right hands (mine) become a dangerous thing. Why else would I be experiencing pain in my left side by my rib cage if it wasn't the cancer, only worse? But that wasn't the case.

As those of you who read to the end of last week's column know, I have survived to fight another day, or I should say, fight another two months because that's when my next CT scan is scheduled. At present, that's my cycle: bi-weekly immunotherapy followed by bi-monthly scans of my neck down to my lower abdomen, followed by an office visit with my oncologist to discuss the findings and plan for the immediate future.

Might that be palliative care? Apparently, if the inference/suggestion made by my oncologist in our last face-to-face meeting had any basis in fact? I suppose that's the problem with inferences/suggestions made in the medical "whirlwind."

I'm sure there are facts and figures and years of research supporting recommendations upon which one's treatments/protocols are based. Moreover, they're unlikely "made up of whole cloth," to quote the late Washington Redskins' owner Jack Kent Cooke commenting on some football rumor I can't remember.

Nevertheless, it's not exactly a straight line from the oncologist's mouth to the patient's estate planner. It's more like a roller coaster - without the safety bar (I wish it were more like the merry-go-round, but it's not). Often times, it's more like whack-a-mole.

Now that the pain and discomfort has subsided, I feel like I've dodged a bullet. It reminds me of my elementary school gym classes when we played a game called "Bombardment" where dodge balls were thrown across the gym from one half of the class at the other. As random as it was, it was only a matter of time until you couldn't dodge any more, and then you were out.

I realize that was only a game and this is life, but cancer has a way of intertwining fact and fiction with the past, present and future whether you like it or not.

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