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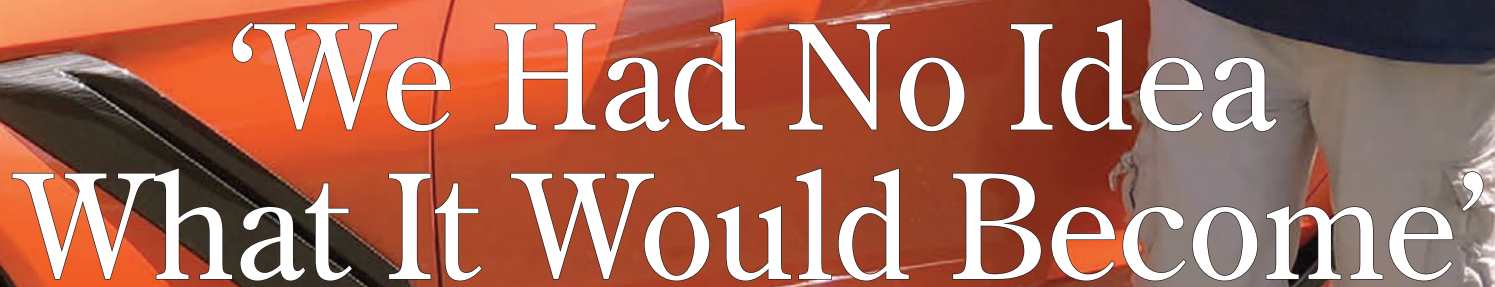
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'We Had No Idea What It Would Become'

Fairfax readies for 20th annual Labor Day car show.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Cool cars on a hot day – that's Labor Day in Fairfax City, when the City and the Clifton Lions Club present the 20th Annual Labor Day Car Show. And this year, it's on Monday, Sept. 2, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., along University Drive and in the SunTrust Bank parking lot at 4020 University Drive.

"I can't say enough about the City of Fairfax for the way they stepped up and helped out," said event organizer Jim Chesley. "Co-organizer [and former City Councilman] Jeff Greenfield, and Mitzi Taylor with the Parks and Rec Department, have both done a wonderful job."

The vehicles on University Drive will be between Armstrong Street and Sager Avenue. And motorcycles will be displayed in a parking lot close to Armstrong.

From 6 a.m.-4 p.m., University Drive in that area will be closed to traffic.

THE SHOW features a wide range of vehicles, including antique cars from the 1920s and '30s, classic and custom cars, hot rods from the 1940s and '50s, muscle cars like Corvettes and Mustangs, foreign cars



BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION

Visitors peruse the vehicles on display during the 2018 Labor Day car show.

such as Bentleys, as well as trucks and motorcycles. There are new and exotic cars, too, and Chesley said there'll be vehicles

appealing to all ages.

"We expect at least 350 cars and between 5,000 and 6,000 spectators, depending on

the weather," said Chesley. "But the show goes on, rain or shine."

The festivities include food, deejay music, vendor booths and raffles. Most of all, though, the car show raises money for two worthy causes. Entry and parking are free, but tax-deductible donations are accepted – with proceeds mainly benefiting the Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program (www.NVTRP.org) and Inova Hospital System's Life with Cancer (www.lifewithcancer.org).

"We give a minimum of \$10,000 to each of these charities," said Chesley. In addition, proceeds also benefit several local charities – the Fairfax County Police Family Trust Fund for survivors of officers killed in the line of duty, plus American Legion Post 177 of Fairfax, The Lamb Center, Fairfax Fire Station 3, Masonic Acacia Lodge of Clifton, and City of Fairfax Police.

"We typically give each of these groups \$500," said Chesley. "To date, we've raised over \$450,000 for charity since the show's inception in 2000. Everything we raise goes back to the community."

He said 100 percent of the event's earnings go directly to the charities because there are no administrative costs – everyone is a volunteer. And, he added, "Everything Life with Cancer and Therapeutic

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Shopping Spree for Children in Homeless Shelters

Pride and positive interaction with law enforcement as students get needed gear.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

The first day of school is a critical time in the lives of children. An opportunity to shop and choose new back-to-school clothes and shoes excited Yuri Duncan, 7, and Malachi Nealy, 10. On Wednesday, Aug. 21, the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office took Yuri, Malachi and thirty-eight other children shopping for back-to-school items, but not before a complimentary pizza lunch by Paisano's Pizza.

These children live right now at the Katherine K. Hanley and Patrick Henry family shelters operated by Shelter House, and the Next Steps family shelter run by Facets.

Now in its 28th year, the 2019 Shop with the Sheriff Program allowed local shelter children the opportunity to select and purchase clothing they liked, suited to their individual personalities, while interacting in a positive experience with law enforcement. "Together, we truly are changing lives," said Joe Myer Executive Director and CEO of Shelter House.

"I'd like some Jojo shoes because I wear dresses," said Yuri Duncan as she and Sheriff's Deputy J. M. Smith, Field Training Officer, ate their pizza and got to know each other.

FOR MALACHI NEALY, it was all about being cool. "I'm looking for stylish, cool clothes in teal and light blue." Shiah Allen, 8, who sat with Sheriff's Deputy L. R. Favetti said he wanted a hoodie with a 100 on it, and Noah Mathews, 10, knew exactly what clothing and shoes he wanted to get to dominate the game on the school courts. "I'd like themed t-shirts, shorts, and new Nike James LeBron shoes."

"I love the interaction between our kids and our Sheriff's deputies," said Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey A. Kincaid. "These children are living in family shelters. Helping them prepare for the start of the school year with new clothes is something we can see and appreciate. Less obvious, but just as important, is the relationship building. We are law enforcement officers ... we are regular people who can tell jokes and stories. We want the children to engage with us today and in the future."

According to Sheriff Kincaid, since the program was not county-funded, the Office relied on contributions from individuals and corporate donations such as Target, Paisano's Pizza and new partner this year, Oracle in Reston.

"Each child is paired up with a Deputy Sheriff or civilian staff member and given \$250 gift cards so they can purchase items such as clothing, accessories, things that they need...on the first day and beyond, so they are able to walk in with a sense of pride and can focus on their studies."



Reservist, K. R. Gulich and Margo Reimers-Ray, Management Analyst II of Fairfax County Sheriff's Office assist a youth during the 2019 Shop with the Sheriff Program at Target in Burke.



Shiah Allen, 8, gets to know his shopping partner, Fairfax County Sheriff's Deputy L. R. Favetti before they head out to Target in Burke for the 2019 Shop with the Sheriff Program.

For many of the deputies, the event was a repeat performance. "I love helping out ... This is my third or fourth time," said Deputy Sheriff J.M. Smith as she sat coloring with Yuri Duncan and eating pizza. For Deputy L. R. Favetti, it was his first time volunteering, which momentarily concerned his shopping partner, Shiah Allen, 8. That is until Favetti added: "I have lots of nieces and nephews, so I know how to shop."

Sharon Bulova, Chairman Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Supervisor John W. Cook (R-Braddock District) waited at Target for the children, Kincaid and the deputies to arrive. Before the children came,

Bulova said, "This is one of my favorite events of the year. It's heartwarming to see the interaction between the Sheriff's deputies and these children. It changes the children's opinion of law enforcement."

When the children arrived, Cook spoke to the group. "You just show our deputies what you need, and they will be happy to get it for you. ... School is really important. ... We want you ready to learn and have fun with your fellow classmates."

IN A FILMED INTERVIEW, Kincaid explained while Shop with the Sheriff pro-

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Checkout time is show and tell for Yuri Duncan, 7. She holds up one of her back-to-school-purchases that Sheriff's Deputy J. M. Smith helped her choose during the 2019 Shop with the Sheriff Program.



Two cool dudes, Sergeant C. M. Loftis, Public Information Officer for Fairfax County Sheriff's Office and Christian Gatling don their shades as they go back to school shopping together at Target in Burke during the 2019 Shop with the Sheriff Program.

vided the tangible benefit of new clothes and shoes, it also provided intangible benefits. The experience gave the children a sense of control as they selected and excitedly tried on the clothing they picked out. The new clothes also gave the children a sense of pride, which would allow them to focus on their education. It also allowed positive interaction between deputies and the children.

"This is a great program, and I wish we could have it every single day. We love to interact and be the role models for the children," said Kincaid.

OPINION

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 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 provid-



Volunteers answering hotline calls.

ing 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 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.

Learning from 1619

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

Local and national news media have given broad coverage of the events last week commemorating the first African enslaved people being brought to the Virginia colony in 1619. Certainly the historic research that has been done in recent years has given a truer picture of the struggling colony at Jamestown that had been founded in 1607 and that saw significant changes 400 years ago this month with the meeting of the first elected representative assembly and with the arrival of the first women and enslaved Africans. As a history buff I read every version of the 1619 story I could find and found the speeches at the commemorative event at Old Point Comfort at Hampton last week to be enthralling.

The real story did not take place in 1619 however but in the 400 years since when slavery lasted for nearly 250 more years and racism, inequality, and injustice continue to today. Slavery was a horrid institution that reminds us just how cruel some can be to others. Following onto slavery was Reconstruction,



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Jim Crow, segregation, and white supremacy that continued the cruelty in other forms.

I am pleased that speakers at the Commemoration were honest and forthright in pointing out the evils of slavery and its aftermath. I could not

have been more proud of our two Senators Kaine and Warner, two Congresspersons Bobby Scott and Elaine Luria, and Congressional Black Caucus Chair Karen Bass for their honesty and directness about our past and for our need to make amends and stand against any form of evils in the future.

Our Gov. Ralph Northam was no less critical of our past. He said about the enslaved Africans, "government did not represent them during the 246 years of slavery. It did not represent them through nearly 100 years of Reconstruction and Jim Crow and discrimination. And in many ways, it struggles to represent them today."

The Governor said, "if we are going to begin to truly right the wrongs of our four centuries of history, if we are going to turn the light of

Pointing out the evils of slavery and its aftermath.

truth upon them, we have to start with ourselves." And the Governor is showing that with his personal experiences he is willing to provide the leadership to move forward.

As the Governor explained, "Virginia is a place of contradictions and complexity. ... We are a state that for too long has told a false story of ourselves. ... The story we tell is insufficient and inadequate, especially when it comes to black history that is American history."

By Executive Order the Governor established a Commission on African American History Education in the Commonwealth with the purpose of ensuring that the history we teach is true and complete. Earlier he had established a Commission to examine the racial inequities in Virginia laws, and there are many that the General Assembly needs to amend out of the Code.

He has directed his staff to ensure that programs and services in the state do not discriminate against anyone because of race or the color of their skin among other areas where discrimination has occurred.

The events of 1619 can remind us that there is much work to be done, and we have a Governor who is willing to provide the leadership to accomplish it.

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ONGOING

Shir HaLev, the Community Jewish Chorale of Northern Virginia. Rehearsals are held select Tuesdays, 7:30-9 p.m. at Congregation Olam Tikvah, 3800 Glenbrook Road, Fairfax. The Chorale is a friendly, welcoming, adult volunteer choir. Membership in the group is open to all, members of Congregation Olam Tikvah and other Northern Virginians. Their repertoire consists mainly of Jewish liturgical music and also some contemporary Jewish music and some secular showtunes, too. Visit carolboydleon.com/shir_halev

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.

Fall Art Classes. Sessions begin Saturday, Sept. 14 or Tuesday, Sept. 17 at the Woods Community Centre at 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Art lessons for 5-8 years, 8 years & up and teens/adults. Call the instructor Carol Zeitlin at 703-250-6930 or visit www.czartlessons.com.

Art Exhibitions. Through Sept. 15, Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Artists @ Mosaic, 105 District Ave., Fairfax. For the first time, the Torpedo Factory Artists' Association is sharing its gallery space with a group of student artists. The Torpedo Factory Artists @ Mosaic is a satellite gallery sponsored by the Torpedo Factory Artists' Association. Visit www.torpedofactoryartists.com/mosaic/ for more.

❖ "Make Your Mark" is part of the Torpedo Factory Artists' Associations' effort to provide exhibit opportunities for gifted artists in the community. In this show, each of the 13 students taking classes from TFAA artist and arts educator Marsha Staiger present one painting that represents their body of work.

❖ "Animal Kingdom" is the theme of the Torpedo Factory artists' exhibit and will showcase the best of what nature has to offer, including the wild and the tame.

(Im)Permanence Continued. Through Oct. 6 in the McGuireWoods Gallery, 2nd Floor, Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. A solo exhibition featuring work by Cynthia Myron. Visit www.WorkhouseArts.org for more.

VMFA: Futures. Through Oct. 6 in the McGuireWoods Gallery, 2nd Floor, Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. VMFA: Futures showcases artists joining the 2019-2020 Fellowship Program at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond.

Juried Exhibition: Clay International. Through Oct. 6 in the Vulcan Gallery, 1st Floor, Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Ceramic Artist and Educator Peter Beasecker juried over 300 images to select 52 pieces of art which incorporate a contemporary spirit as well as a technical mastery of the material for 2019 Workhouse Clay International. www.WorkhouseArts.org for more.

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. Email dmueller@fairfax-station.org for an application. Visit www.fairfax-station.org



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LEGO model train displays by Monty Smith.

HO and LEGO Model Trains Show

The Potomac Module Crew will have a special HO Model Train Show as well as a custom LEGO Model Train show by Monty Smith over the Labor Day weekend. Sunday-Monday, Sept. 1-2, 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org or call 703-425-9225.



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Community Fair

Lorton Station Community Fair features dance performance, DJ music, fitness demos, facepainting, balloon characters and touch-a-truck. Meet and shop with local business owners. Sunday, Sept. 15, 2-5 p.m. at Lorton Station Town Center, 9000 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Free admission. Food and drink available for purchase. Call 757-897-5724 or visit www.eventbrite.com/e/lorton-station-community-fair-tickets-66831626193.

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.

Wakefield Farmers Market. Wednesdays, 2-6 p.m. through Oct. 30, at Wakefield Park, 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale. All products are grown or produced by the vendors and come from within 125 miles. Call 703-642-0128 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/wakefield.

Lorton Farmers Market. Sundays, 9 a.m.-noon, through Nov. 17, in the VRE Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Call 703-642-0128 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/lorton.

Springfield Farmers Market. Saturdays, through Nov. 23, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Springfield Town Center, 6699 Spring Mall Drive, Springfield. Visit www.community-foodworks.org or call 202-697-7768.

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

FRIDAY/AUG. 30

B-I-N-G-O. 7 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy

with regular admission. Call 703-550-9220 or visit www.gunstonhall.org/visit/guide/upcoming-events.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 1

Films in the Park: Hook (1991). 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/.

SUNDAY-MONDAY/SEPT. 1-2

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TUESDAY/SEPT. 3

Fairfax Encore Chorale. Weekly rehearsals, Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at St. George's United Methodist Church, 4910 Ox Road, or 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. 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. Visit www.encorecreativity.org or call 301-261-5747

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 4

New Volunteer Orientation. 7:30-9 p.m. at Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax. Dogs, cats or bunnies and their people 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 or call 703-324-5424.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 5

Hometown Thursdays: Dirty Gold Brass Band. 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 for more.

Volunteering With Aerospace. 7-8:30 p.m. at Irving Middle School, 8100 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Civil Air Patrol Burke Composite Squadron Open House. Learn about Cadet Programs, Aerospace Education and Emergency Services. Visit gocivilairpatrol.com or

burke.vawg.cap.gov for more.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 6

Encore Rocks Fairfax. Weekly rehearsals, Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-noon at Unitarian Universalist Cong. of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. For adults 55 and over, regardless of experience or ability, who seek arts education and performance opportunities under a professional artist. No auditions are required. 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. Visit www.encorecreativity.org or call 301-261-5747.

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

SATURDAY/SEPT. 7

Ultimate Tailgate Class. 2-3:30 p.m. at Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Chef Kraft will show you how to host the ultimate tailgate this football season. Free. Call 703-978-5600 (option 4) or visit librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/5452937.

Annual Crab Feast Dinner. 3:30-6 p.m. at Historic Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. The Pohick Church Annual Crab Feast Fundraiser, sponsored by the Brotherhood of St Andrew, will be held in the Parish Hall. The menu will include crabs, fried fish, steamed shrimp, potato salad, cole slaw, pork and chicken barbecue sandwiches, and hot dogs for the kids. All are welcome. \$30 per adult (ages 18 and older), \$15 for children ages 12-17, and children under 12 are free. Call 703-339-6572 for tickets.

Art Auction Fundraiser. 7:15-10 p.m. at Temple B'nai Shalom, 7612 Old Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Art with Heart is an evening of art, food, wine and music featuring art, sports memorabilia, and Judaica. Food donations to benefit LCAC. \$18 donation and a can of food. Visit www.tbs-online.org or call 703-628-6676.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 8

Early Railroad Tools Exhibit. 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum will have a special exhibit of early railroad tools. Come learn how these tools were used to build and maintain railroads in the 19th century. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org or call 703-425-9225.

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Bob Williams proudly displays his ZR1 Corvette at last year's car show.

Labor Day Car Show Helps Area Charities

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Riding receive goes to their clients – who receive their services for free. And since they're both local, people can visit each place to see where the money goes."

Even the proceeds from the Clifton Lions Club food sales that day go to the many charities the club supports. Volunteers will also collect donations at Sager Avenue and University Drive and at University Drive and Armstrong Street.

People may register vehicles for the show at www.labordaycarshow.org or outside Fire Station 3 at 4081 University Drive, the day of the event, from 6 a.m.-noon. Information about the two main charities will also be available at the registration desk.

In that area, as well, will be food and beverages for sale. Starting at 6 a.m., the Acacia Lodge will offer breakfast burritos and hot coffee, shifting to iced coffee in the afternoon. Besides that, Lions Club members will be grilling and selling hot dogs, hamburgers and Italian sausage. Rita's Italian Ice will be there, too, and The Inside Scoop ice cream truck will be nearby. And, of course, restaurants in Old Town Fairfax will also be open.

A special, noontime ceremony at the fire station will feature the American Legion Post 177 Color Guard and Fairfax Mayor David Meyer. Opera singer Angela Knight – who sings at The Kennedy Center and at Washington Nationals baseball games – will sing the National Anthem.

New this year – at the event entrance at South Street and University Drive – will be the nonprofit group, Veterans Fishing Adventure, displaying its boat. "Its wheelchair accessible, and they take veterans out to fish on the Potomac and Occoquan rivers at no cost to the vets," explained Chesley. "They had this boat specially built, and they'll be talking to people about what they do." For more information, go to www.veteransfishingadventure.org.

As for the cars and trucks on display, a total of 26

trophies will be awarded, with judging done in front of the fire station. The participants will vote on the top 20 cars, plus Best of Show. There'll also be Mayor's and Lions' Choice trophies, one each for Best Motorcycle and Best Truck and a Buddy Morrisette Memorial Trophy chosen by his family. "Buddy died in December 2016, but he helped me with this show for years," said Chesley.

THE VEHICLE OWNERS come from West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia to show their cars to an appreciative crowd. And the first 250 vehicles will receive dash plaques. In addition, attendees may purchase small replicas of the special, NASCAR, Life with Cancer car that raced in the Soldier 400 in Dover, Del. Made by Lionel, a limited number will be available for \$10 at the registration table.

Chesley has been a car aficionado since he was a boy and always liked rebuilding them and going to shows – and he knows many other people do, too. And the growth and success of this Labor Day car show is a testament to its popularity.

"It's hard to believe it's been 20 years," he said. "And how far it's come since the first year – when we had just 25 friends and 25 cars in Clifton get together for an end-of-summer meet-and-greet – to what it is today. We had no idea what it would become or how long it would last. And now, just look at all the good we've been able to do for charity."

Chesley hopes to raise at least \$25,000 from this show so he can continue to donate at least \$10,000 to the two major charities. "The more we make, the more we can give," he said. "It's really become a family event. Parents remember cars they used to dream about having as kids and are sharing them with their children. And it's just neat to see all these cars and realize that they're still around."

For show and vendor information, contact Jim Chesley at 703-830-2129 or jchesley@aol.com or visit www.labordaycarshow.org.

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Fairfax County 2019 Candidate Forum: Mt. Vernon District. 7 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. These candidate forums are nonpartisan. The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area does not support or oppose any party or candidate. They invite all certified candidates competing for office in their respective districts. After a moderated discussion, there will be time to meet the candidates. Volunteers, including students, are welcome. Visit www.lwv-fairfax.org/candidateforum for more.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 5

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.

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SATURDAY/SEPT. 7

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

THROUGH SEPT. 8

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TUESDAYS/SEPT. 10-OCT. 15

Diabetes Self-Management Program. 1:30-3:30 p.m. at City of Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls St., Falls Church. This program is for individuals concerned or frustrated by living with pre-diabetes or diabetes. Free. To register, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/OlderAdults and click on Chronic Disease Self-Mgmt. Call 703-324-7721, TTY 711.

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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-fun-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 equaled 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 “whirled.”

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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BY JOHN C. COOK
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As you will soon discover, this County is filled with activities, resources, and opportunities for all to enjoy. I would like to highlight a few in Braddock.

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Fairfax Corner
Fairfax Govt Center – Celebrate Fairfax

THE BRADDOCK DISTRICT has a strong tradition of providing music and cultural events to the community. Each year, my office hosts a free summer concert series called Braddock Nights, which features professional artists at Lake Accotink Park and Royal Lake Park. At George Mason University's EagleBank Arena, concert-goers can see the hottest musical acts and entertainers year round in the 10,000 seat stadium. Also on campus is George Mason's Center for the Arts. Students, faculty, and renowned international artists present the best of classical music, opera, jazz, world music, dance, theater, global music and dance, and more.

There is no shortage of restaurants to choose from in the Braddock District. University Mall, located just across from George Mason University, has plenty of eateries, shops, a newly renovated Giant grocery store, and the University Mall Theatres.

Fairfax Corner is another exceptional shopping center with popular restaurants. After a meal you can watch a movie at the Cinemark Fairfax Corner 14 Theater, take the kids to the "splash pad," or go shopping at the numerous boutiques throughout the main street-style center. We welcomed several new restaurants to the community recently, including Chick-Fil-A, CAVA, and Waranku. The amount of restaurant choices here is pleasantly overwhelming.

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NEWCOMERS



PHOTOS BY MIKE SALMON/THE CONNECTION

Paddleboats are popular on Lake Accotink

Braddock for Newcomers

FROM PAGE 3

Historians will enjoy the many different landmarks and destinations in the Braddock District. The Oak Hill Mansion in Annandale is a Georgian-style manor built in 1790. It is the last standing of three properties owned by the Fitzhugh family, who played significant roles in the Revolutionary War and Civil War. The mansion was also the site of a pivotal Civil War ambush called the “Oak Hill Kitchen Skirmish.” Another popular historic landmark is Wakefield Chapel. Built in 1899, this place of worship was named after a Union soldier-turned-pastor named E.W. Wakefield. Visiting these sites helps you understand the significance Braddock played in the course of American history.

FOR FUN family events, don’t miss *Celebrate Fairfax!* at the Government Center in June, an exciting County-wide carnival and musical event fit for the whole family. Good Charlotte, Sugar Ray, and Gin Blossoms headlined this year’s shows. The Burke Centre Festival in September, featuring music, an arts and crafts show, and community displays and demonstrations, is a wonderful and very popular local celebration.

I hope you take advantage of everything Braddock has to offer. If you have any questions on local government matters or the area please call my office at 703-425-9300. As always, I am honored and pleased to serve you as your Braddock District Supervisor.

At Lake Accotink, Barred Owls like this one on display hunt the stream valley.



VIEWPOINTS

What do you like best about the Burke-Springfield area?

—MIKE SALMON

“Having friends to hang out with.”
– **An Tran, works at Wash Fair.**



“Close to my work, no shortage of employment.”
– **Jacob Wheeler, manager at Wash Fair, graduated from Lee High School.**



“We do have parks in the area that make you feel like you’re in the forest. To see nature, the forest, the animals.”
– **Dylan Van Balen, Lake Accotink Park Naturalist, graduate of Longwood University.**



“There’s so many things to do.”
– **Aly D’Anna, right, and Ramsha Baig, boat attendees at Lake Accotink.**



“Lee District Park and the splash park, the different activities we find for the little ones.”
– **Emily and William Nehring, 1, Springfield**

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❖ On or About Sept. 20: Absentee Voting begins at the Office of Elections, 12000 Government Center Pkwy., Conference Rooms 2/3, Fairfax

❖ Oct. 15: Voter Registration Deadline. In-person: 5 p.m., online: 11:59 p.m.

❖ 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.

❖ Nov. 5: Deadline to return your ballot to the Office of Elections, 7 p.m.

❖ Nov. 5: Election Day, Polling Places open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Fairfax County Office of Elections,
Hours: Monday-Wednesday, Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

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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.

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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.

OFFICES ON THE BALLOT, Fairfax County

❖ Member Virginia Senate, vote for one in your district

❖ Member House of Delegates, vote for one in your district

❖ Commonwealth's Attorney, vote for one

❖ Sheriff, vote for one

❖ Chairman Board of Supervisors, vote for one

❖ Member School Board at Large

❖ Member Board of Supervisors. vote for one in your district



Nov. 2 Final day to vote absentee in-person, 5 p.m.

❖ Member School Board. vote for one in your district

❖ Soil and Water Conservation Director Northern Virginia District

❖ School Bonds Referenda

Voter Registration and Voter Photo ID Opportunities

The Office of Elections is open during normal business hours to provide residents the opportunity to register to vote or obtain a free voter photo ID if needed. The Office of Elections also provides residents opportunities to attend offsite events throughout the year.

Upcoming Voter Photo ID Events

❖ Sept. 7 and Oct. 5, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306

❖ Aug. 27, 3 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., Burke Lake Gardens, Thursday, 9608 Old Keene Mill Rd., Burke, VA 22015

❖ Sept. 10, 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., Leewood Healthcare Center, Tuesday, 7120 Braddock Rd., Annandale, VA 22003

❖ Sept. 11, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., Arleigh Burke Pavilion, Wednesday, 1739 Kirby Rd., McLean, VA 22101

❖ Sept. 16, 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m., Chesterbrook Residences, Monday, 2030 Westmoreland St., Falls Church, VA 22043

❖ Sept. 20, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., The Virginian, Friday, 9229 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA 22031

❖ Sept. 23, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads, Monday, 3440 South Jefferson St., Falls Church, VA 22041

❖ Sept. 24, 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., Sunrise at Reston Town Center, Tuesday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., 1778 Fountain Dr., Reston, VA 20190

❖ Sept. 24, 2:30 p.m. until 5 p.m., Hunters Woods at Trails Edge, Tuesday, 2222 Colt Necks Rd., Reston, VA 20191

❖ Sept. 25, 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., Tall Oaks Assisted Living, Wednesday, 12052 North Shore Dr., Reston, VA 20192

❖ Sept. 26, 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., The Crossings at Chantilly, Thursday, 2980 Centreville Rd., Herndon, VA 20171

❖ Sept. 28, Noon until 4 p.m., Reston Multicultural Festival - Lake Anne Plaza, Saturday, 2310 Colt Necks Rd., Reston, VA 20191

❖ Oct. 1, 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., The Woodlands Retirement Community, Tuesday, 4320 Forest Hill Dr., Fairfax, VA 22030

❖ Oct. 5, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., 2019 First Baptist Church of Merrifield Harvest Festival, Saturday, 8122 Ransell Rd., Falls Church, VA 22042

❖ Oct. 5, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306

❖ Oct. 7, 10:30 a.m. until Noon, Heatherwood/Burke Health Care, Monday, 9642 Burke Lake Rd., Burke, VA 22015

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Candidates, Fairfax County

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Joseph F. Galdo (R)

Commonwealth's Attorney

Steve T. Descano (D)

Jonathan L. Fahey (I)

Sheriff

Stacey Ann Kincaid (D)

Christopher F. De Carlo (I)

Board of Supervisors, District Representatives

Braddock District

James R. Walkinshaw (D)

S. Jason Remer (R)

Carey Chet Campbell (I)

Dranesville District

John W. Foust (D) incumbent

Ed. R. Martin (R)

Hunter Mill District

Walter L. Acorn (D) unopposed

Lee District

Rodney L. Lusk (D) unopposed

Mason District

Penelope A. "Penny" Gross (D) incumbent

Gary N. Aiken (R)

Mount Vernon District

Daniel G. "Dan" Storck (D) incumbent, unopposed

Providence District

Dalia A. Palchik (D)

Springfield District

Linda D. Sperling (D)

Patrick S. "Pat" Herrity (R) incumbent

Sully District

Kathy L. Smith (D), incumbent

Srilekha R. Palle (R)

School Board

School Board At-Large (vote for three)

Abrar E. Omeish

Cheryl A. Buford

Priscilla M. DeStefano

Rachna Sizemore Heizer

Vinson Palathingal

Ilryong Moon, incumbent

Karen A. Keys-Gamarra, incumbent

Braddock District, School Board

Zia Tompkins

Megan O. McLaughlin, incumbent

Dranesville District, School Board

Anastasia S. Karloutsos

Ardavan Mobasheri

Elaine V. Tholen

Hunter Mill District, School Board

Laura Ramirez Drain

Melanie K. Meren

Lee District, School Board

Tamara J. Derenak Kaufax, incumbent

Mason District, School Board

Ricardy J. Anderson

Tom L. Pafford

Mount Vernon District, School Board

Pamela C. Ononiwu

Steven D. Mosley

Karen L. Corbett Sanders, incumbent

Providence District, School Board

Andrea L. "Andi" Bayer

Jung Byun

Karl V. Frisch

Springfield District, School Board

Laura Jane H. Cohen

R. Kyle McDaniel

Elizabeth L. Schultz, incumbent

Sully District, School Board

Stella G. Pekarsky

Tom A. Wilson, incumbent

Soil and Water Conservation Director Northern Virginia District

Vote for Three

C. Jane Dudik

Chris E. Koerner

Christopher A. Bowen

Edward F. McGovern

Jonah E. "Jet" Thomas

Monica A. Billger

Gerald Owen "Jerry" Peters Jr., incumbent

School Bond Ballot Question

This is the text of the public school bond question that will be on the Nov. 5, 2019, general election ballot:

Shall Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money, and issue capital improvement bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$360,000,000 for the purposes of providing funds, in addition to funds from school bonds previously authorized, to finance, including reimbursement to the County for temporary financing for, the costs of school improvements, including acquiring, building, expanding and renovating properties, including new sites, new buildings or additions, renovations and improvements to existing buildings, and furnishing and equipment, for the Fairfax County public school system?

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Candidates, General Assembly, Nov. 5, 2019

To check what is on your ballot and the status of your voter registration, visit elections.virginia.gov/registration/view-your-info

House of Delegates

- District 34
Kathleen J. Murphy (D), incumbent,
Gary G. Pan (R)
- District 35
Mark L. Keam (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 36
Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum, incumbent, unopposed
- District 37
David L. Bulova (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 38
L. Kaye Kory (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 39
Nick O. Bell (R)
Vivian E. Watts (D), incumbent
- District 40
Dan I. Helmer (D)
Timothy D. "Tim" Hugo (R), incumbent
- District 41
Eileen Filler-Corn (D), incumbent
John M. Wolfe (I)
Rachel D. Mace (L)
- District 42
Kathy K. L. Tran (D), incumbent
Steve P. Adragna (R)
- District 43
Mark D. Sickles (D), incumbent
Richard T. Hayden (R)
- District 44
Paul E. Krizek (D), incumbent,
Richard T. Hayden (R)
- District 45
Mark H. Levine (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 46
Charniele L. Herring (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)
- District 53
Marcus B. Simon (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 67
Karrie K. Delaney (D), incumbent, unopposed



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Nov. 5: Election Day, Polling Places open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- District 86
Ibraheem S. Samirah (D), incumbent, unopposed

Virginia State 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)
- District 33
Jennifer B. Boysko (D), incumbent
Suzanne D. Fox (R)
- District 34
J. C. "Chap" Petersen (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 35
Richard L. "Dick" Saslaw (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 36
Scott A. Surovell (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 37
Dave W. Marsden (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 39
George L. Barker (D), incumbent
S. W. "Dutch" Hillenburg (R)

My Last Welcome Letter For Connection Newcomers

BY SHARON BULOVA,
CHAIRMAN
FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS



When I was first elected to the Board of Supervisors in 1987 the Braddock District was called Annandale. Fairfax County's population (now 1.15 million) was approximately 746,600. There was no VRE (Virginia Railway Express Commuter Rail System) nor was there a Springfield Franconia Metro Station or a Fairfax County Parkway. When I took office as a freshman Supervisor in January 1988, Fairfax County was, for the most part, a rapidly growing suburban bedroom community. Tysons was still just a shopping mall.

I will be retiring at the end of December, after serving 31 years on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors — 11 years as Chairman and 20 years before that as the Braddock District Supervisor. What I have come to understand over these many years is that the one thing you can be certain of is that things will change. Indeed, a lot has changed over that span of time.

During the past decade while I have had the honor to serve you as Chairman, Fairfax County has:

- ❖ Navigated the financial crises caused by the Great Recession with the County's coveted triple A bond rating by all three rating agencies still intact;
- ❖ Welcomed Metro's Silver Line to Tysons and Reston, with a station at Dulles Airport to open next year;
- ❖ Ushered in new land use plans for Tysons and other aging commercial and industrial areas of the County in need of revitalization;
- ❖ Reengineered our police policies to include more transparency and de-escalation tactics with a focus on the sanctity of life;
- ❖ Created Diversion First, a program for people with mental illness or developmental disabilities, experiencing an encounter with law enforcement to receive

treatment instead of incarceration;

- ❖ Updated the County's Environmental Vision to include a new focus on Energy Efficiency and Climate;
- ❖ Strengthened collaboration between the Board of Supervisors and the School Board in the areas of budget development, land use planning and joint environmental initiatives;
- ❖ Reduced homelessness by nearly 50% employing a Housing First strategy to put a roof over homeless individuals' heads and connecting them to resources needed to help them get back on their feet;
- ❖ Lastly, and most importantly, our Board, in partnership with the School Board, established One Fairfax, a social and racial equity compact, to ensure that ALL residents of Fairfax County have access to equitable opportunities for success.

I have been deeply honored to serve the residents of Fairfax County for these many years. I will really miss this job! Jurisdictions throughout the country look to Fairfax County as a leader and innovator, and I am proud, working with my colleagues on the Board and our excellent County staff, to have led our county to where it is today. Fairfax County is an awesome place, with a culture of engagement, acceptance of different cultures and backgrounds and a willingness to work together to resolve conflicts.

Fairfax County is poised for many exciting opportunities ahead. I am confident the next Board of Supervisors, in partnership with members of the community, will continue the positive momentum we are known for.

NEWCOMERS



BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION

Some 400 apartments are being built as part of Scout on the Circle.



Artist's rendition of the residential and retail planned for Scout on the Circle.

What's on the Horizon for Fairfax City

Multifamily homes, retail and redevelopment.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

With an eye toward the future, several development projects are either proposed or in the works in the City of Fairfax. Below are details about some of them.

Scout on the Circle

This mixed-use development will replace an obsolete strip mall with 400 Class-A apartment units, 29,000 square feet of retail divided between two buildings, plus a Giant Food store – which will be a 54,000-square-foot, full-service, grocery store with pharmacy. Two parking garages are also part of the project.

Dubbed a “transit-oriented development,” it’s located at Fairfax Circle and flanked by Fairfax Boulevard (Route 50), Lee Highway (Route 29) and Pickett Road, so it will have easy access to and from major highways. And once the lease agreement was signed with Giant, the project’s construction schedule was accelerated, and the apartments are now being built along Fairfax Boulevard.

CBG, Clark Builders Group, is constructing the all-rental apartments, and 6 percent of them will be affordable housing. Two buildings will have retail uses on the first level and five stories of residential above. There’ll be some 3-bedroom apartments, but most will be 1- and 2-bedroom units. Parking-garage entrances will be from Route 50 and from a back street.

Fairfax Gateway

Work has now begun on an 8.33-acre site to turn part of the Kamp Washington tri-

angle between Fairfax Boulevard and Lee Highway into a modern, community-serving, mixed-use project. It’s the Fairfax Gateway project and will contain 403 multifamily apartments, 24 of which will be affordable dwelling units. The apartment mix will be 43 studios, 179 one-bedroom, 169 two-bedroom and 12 three-bedroom.

Also planned are 21,249 square feet of commercial space, including 4,000 square feet dedicated to the nonprofit CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates). The remaining 17,249 square feet of commercial use is proposed as a restaurant, plus ground-floor retail and office space. There’ll be a six-story parking garage, plus on-street parking, as well as a pool and a dog park.

The project also contains a through street with a connection at the Bevan Drive signal at Fairfax Boulevard, plus a new, unsignalized entrance on Lee Highway. The community’s road network will then correspond to the future redevelopment of the rest of the Kamp Washington triangle, while treating the section connecting Lee Highway to Fairfax Boulevard with several, traffic-calming elements to reduce cut-



BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION

The Scout on the Circle project is rising rapidly along Fairfax Boulevard.

through traffic.

Also planned are trails connecting to adjacent properties, plus open space including a 5,600-square-foot contemplative space next to the Jermantown Cemetery. Fairfax Gateway will maintain this space and the cemetery for 30 years. And the utilities will be underground. The new neighborhood is estimated to yield 53 students, but developer FF Realty IV LLC has proffered \$200,000 to the City schools in mitigation.

Fairfax Shopping Center/Point 50

Fairfax Shopping Center is being revitalized and will be renamed Point 50. This development will include a Whole Foods 365 grocery store, plus a restaurant and two other retail uses in three separate buildings. And Fairfax officials hope this project will be a catalyst for future residential and mixed uses in the City’s Northfax area.

The site is 6.27 acres along Fairfax Boulevard and Eaton Place. Regency Centers LLC will replace the existing, outdated, 68,500-square-foot shopping center with 48,200 square feet of commercial uses – a 30,000-square-foot grocery store and retail buildings of 5,000, 7,000 and 6,200 square feet.

Three access driveways will be along Fairfax Boulevard, with another at a traffic light at University Drive. An access will also be added for the Whole Foods. There’ll be no access to Eaton Place, but the University Drive Extension will provide it.

Paul VI Site Redevelopment

In 2020, Paul VI High School will move from its 18.5-acre home in the City of Fairfax to a much larger site in Loudoun County. And developer IDI Group Cos. will then redevelop this land along Fairfax Boulevard after the school leaves. The property also includes two, adjacent, single-family lots on Cedar Avenue.

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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 you to send letters to the editor or to send an email with feedback about our coverage.

We want to know if someone in your family or your community published a book, started a business, became an Eagle Scout, raised money for a good cause, accomplished some feat like running a marathon, supporting a cause or having art included in an art show. We publish photos and notes about personal milestones and community events, including births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries.

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of the event, and we encourage photos.

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— MARY KIMM

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Workmen are busy doing site-prep for the Fairfax Gateway project.



Site plan for the Fairfax Gateway mixed-use development at Kamp Washington.

What's on the Horizon for Fairfax City

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IDI will build 266 residential units – 115 townhouses, 144 condos in a four-story building, and seven single-family homes. The plan also contains 20,000 square feet of retail in two buildings, plus 24,000 square feet of commercial and/or community uses in the retained, original portion of the school building. Fifteen of the townhouses along Fairfax Boulevard will be live/work units with retail on the bottom.

Some 40 percent of the condos will be one-bedroom, with the remainder mostly two-bedroom, plus some three-bedroom. The townhouses will be three- and four-bedroom and average 2,400-2,500 square feet. The single-family houses will be between 2,700 and 3,500 square feet. IDI will build the condos and commercial portions, and a development partner will construct the townhomes.

IDI will also add a shared-use path along McLean and Cedar avenues and a 10-foot-wide walkway along the Fairfax Boulevard frontage. The site will also contain pocket parks and a village green.



Site plan for the revitalized Fairfax Shopping Center, which will be renamed Point 50.

Drivers will access it all via an existing entrance from Oak Street and four points along Fairfax Boulevard. No vehicular connections are proposed between the site and McLean, Cedar or Keith avenues. A service road will run the length of the Fairfax Bou-

levard frontage, and Fairfax Boulevard will have slow-lane parking.

In addition, IDI will contribute \$133,000 to mitigate impacts to City schools, provide 60 parking spaces for Pat Rodio Park and underground McLean Avenue utility poles. The site-plan process is expected to take 8-10 months and work can't begin until the school is vacated next summer. Construction is anticipated to take about three years.

Capstone Collegiate Communities

Aimed at providing housing for GMU students, Capstone Collegiate Communities will be constructed on 6 acres bounded by Democracy Lane and University and Layton Hall drives. Entrances will be from Democracy and Layton.

It will replace an existing office park with two, connected, four- and five-story multi-family buildings containing 275 housing units. Ranging from studios to one, two, three and four bedrooms, some may be double-occupancy, provided the number of building residents does not exceed 825.

Each rental unit will come fully furnished and will have a common living area, kitchen, washer and dryer, plus one bathroom per bedroom. And no more than four unrelated people may occupy a single unit. In addition, a swimming pool is proposed for an internal courtyard.

Some 737 parking spaces will be provided – 680 in a parking garage, plus 57 on-street and surface spaces. Parallel parking will be along Democracy and on a future, private street, and all streets will have sidewalks. And Capstone Collegiate Communities LLC will contribute \$30,000 for two bus shelters.



BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION

The Paul VI High School site will eventually contain 266 residential units, plus commercial uses.



BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION

Artist's rendition of the Capstone Collegiate apartments along University Drive and Democracy Lane.

NEWCOMERS

Where To Give Locally

FROM PAGE 2

❖ **Homestretch** is the largest provider of transitional housing in Fairfax County and offers a services to help the homeless better their lives through education. Email: jhenderson@homestretchva.org; 703-237-2035 x125; homestretchva.org/volunteer/

❖ **Pathway Homes** focuses on providing housing and support services to individuals with serious mental illnesses, with the mission to help these individuals reach their full potential and lead stable lives. They offer both in-home programs, semi-independent houses and assisted living facilities. 10201 Fairfax Boulevard, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA 22030. 703-876-0390 info@pathwayhomes.org www.pathwayhomes.org www.pathwayhomes.org/support-pathway/

❖ **Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services**, 8305-17B Richmond Highway, PO Box 15096, Alexandria, VA, 22039. 703-768-9419, www.goodhousing.org/ The mission of Good Shepherd Housing (GSH) is to reduce homelessness, increase community support, and promote self-sufficiency. GSH housing manages more than 70 housing units.

❖ **Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington Fairfax Area** operates clubs in two of the neediest areas of the county, Culmore and Mount Vernon/ Route 1 corridor, focusing on character and academic success. www.bgcgw.org/fairfax

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FAIRS & FESTIVALS

September 2019

MONDAY/SEPT. 2

Herndon Labor Day Festival. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Great music, a craft show, food, 12 wineries and micro-brews and culinary demonstrations. Visit herndon-va.gov/recreation/special-events/labor-day-festival for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 7-8

Burke Centre Festival. 9:30 am-5 pm at Burke Centre Conservancy
6060 Burke Centre Parkway Burke. Festival includes an Arts & Craft Fair, festival food vendors, amusement rides, pony rides, musical entertainment provided by local and nationally recognized performers, nature shows, after-hours Wine Garden. Visit www.burkecentreweb.com/sub_category_list.asp?category=19&title=Burke+Centre+Festival for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 14

Dulles Day Plane Pull. At Dulles International Airport, Dulles. The 2019 Dulles Day Family Festival & Plane Pull is a full day of excitement with airplane and auto exhibits, the children's zone and bus pull, varied displays and activities, vendors, food and entertainment. Visit www.planepull.com for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 28

Reston Multicultural Festival. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Lake Anne Plaza, Reston. The Reston Multicultural Festival celebrates all the entertainment, dress, food, and cultural treasures from all over the world that are all here in Reston. Rain or shine. Free. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com/attend-shows-events-exhibits/reston-multicultural-festival for more.

October 2019

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 10-12

Fairfax's Fall for the Book Festival. 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy literature and hear authors give readings at the Fall for the Book Festival. Visit www.fallforthebook.org for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 5

Taste of Annandale. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tom Davis Drive in central Annandale, between Columbia Pike and John Marr Drive. The fifth annual Taste of Annandale will showcase local restaurants during a daylong family-friendly celebration aimed at building community spirit, engaging young people, and promoting local businesses. Other activities include a 5K; multicultural music, dance, and other live entertainment; a chili cook-off; and much more. Visit tasteofannandale.com 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.

November 2019

FRIDAY/NOV. 29

Reston Holiday Parade at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St. Reston. Holiday parade with tree lighting, sing along, and more. Visit www.fxva.com/event/reston-holiday-parade-tree-lighting-sing-along-%26-more/22348/ for more.

December 2019

SUNDAY/DEC. 1

Great Falls Celebration of Lights at Village Field. 3:45-6:30 p.m. Celebrate the beginning of the season with a Christmas Tree Lighting. Enjoy hot chocolate and seasonal music. Visit celebrategreatfalls.org/event/celebration-of-lights/ for more info.



The whirl and twirl of rides by Cole Shows Amusement Company attracted crowds during the Fairfax County 71st 4-H Fair and Carnival held at Frying Pan Park in Herndon.

Fairfax County 4-H Fair and Carnival

Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with carnival games, rides and tempting foods. Friday features the free Big Truck Night event from 5-7:30 p.m. “No Horn” hour is from 5-6 p.m. Tractor Pull at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Stop by the 4-H Fair throughout the weekend as exhibitors display their winning entries and get their farm animals ready to show. Try a turn at farm chores, watch stage entertainment and enjoy horse and livestock shows. In August at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Admission to the 4-H Fair and Carnival is free; \$10 per car parking fee on Saturday and Sunday. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/4-h-fair for details.

SATURDAY/DEC. 7

Living Saviour's Holiday Bazaar at 5500 Ox Road Fairfax Station. Event is 9: a.m-3 p.m. This is a family event with free admission. Shop a variety of vendors including small business and homemade arts and crafts. There will also be a Silent Auction with proceeds benefiting local hypothermia shelters this winter. Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/living-saviors-third-annual-holiday-bazaar-tickets-64259195985?aff=ebdssbdestsearch for more.

April 2020

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

Great Falls Artfest on the Green. On the Great Falls Village Green. Great Falls Studios Spring Art Show and Sale under the big tent and a few little tents, too. This annual event is a show and sale highlighting Great Falls Studios members both at Great Falls Grange & Schoolhouse and in the working studios in Great Falls Village Centre. Visit www.greatfallsart.org/artfest/

Great Falls Annual Charity Golf Tournament. Hidden Creek Country Club. 1711 Club House Road, Reston. Join for a morning or afternoon round of golf and support three Great Falls elementary schools. Opportunities for sponsorships and volunteering are available. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 28-31

Herndon Festival 2020. Thursday, 6-10 p.m.; Friday, 5-11 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-11 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Northwest Federal Credit Union, 200 Spring St., Herndon. Four day outdoor festival with three entertainment stages, two fireworks displays, Kid's Alley with children's art area, arts and craft show and more. All ages. Visit www.herndonfestival.net for more.

THURSDAYS/MAY-AUGUST

Take a Break Concert Series. 7-9 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 11404 Washington Plaza W, Reston. On Thursdays, take a break with this outdoor concert series. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com/take-a-break for a weekly lineup.

FRIDAYS/MAY-AUGUST

Herndon Friday Night Live! 6:30 p.m. 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Listen to great music on Friday nights during the summer. Visit herndonrocks.com/schedule.php for more.

June 2020

Springfield Days. South Run Park, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. Springfield Days is a community-wide celebration that includes a 5K run, “Pet Fest” and car show. Visit www.springfielddays.com for more.

Cardboard Regatta. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Featured during Springfield Days, witness the cardboard boat creations race along Lake Accotink's shoreline at 2 p.m. \$4 vehicle fee. Call 703-569-0285 or email julie.tahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Visit www.springfielddays.com for more.

Vintage Virginia Wine and Food Festival. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. A fun-filled day with food, musical entertainment and more. Visit www.vintagevirginia.com for more.

Lake Anne Chalk on the Water Festival. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Chalk on the Water is a two-day street-painting festival where participants will create street art. Festival goers can purchase a “plot” of brick space on the plaza and paint to their hearts delight whatever flows from their imagination. Visit www.chalkonthewater.com.

Taste of Reston. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Carnival games and rides with a family fun zone. Visit www.restontaste.com for more.

Love Your Body Yoga Festival. Yoga studios and wellness centers of Northern Virginia will be offering classes, services, and information on ways to care for your body, along with live entertainment and activities for children. Donations to participate in classes benefit

Cornerstones. Presented by Beloved Yoga. www.belovedyoga.com.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 5-7

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival. Friday, 6 p.m.-midnight; Saturday, 10 a.m.-midnight; and Sunday, 11 a.m.-7p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Musical performances, rides, games and food. Call 703-324-3247 or visit www.celebratefairfax.com/.

JUNE-AUGUST

Reston Concerts on the Town. Fridays, 7:30-10 p.m. Reston Town Center Pavilion. Bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets and enjoy live music in the Pavilion Saturday nights. Free. Rain or shine. Presented by Reston Town Center, Boston Properties, and Reston Town Center Association. Alcohol permitted at restaurants only. 11900 Market Street, Reston. Visit www.restontowncenter.com/concerts.

Great Falls Concerts on the Green. Sundays, 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre Green. Come out with your picnic baskets and chairs for an entertaining evening of free, live music! 776 Walker Road, Great Falls. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-green/.

Arts in the Parks. Wednesdays & Saturdays, 10 a.m. Performance venues include Burke Lake Park Amphitheater, E.C. Lawrence Park Amphitheater, Mason District Park Amphitheater, and Frying Pan Farm Park Visitor Center. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid-friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/arts-in-the-parks for more.

July 2020

Herndon 4th of July Celebration. Bready Park at the Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. A family-fun event featuring games, arts and craft activities, bingo, food face painting, balloon artists, and fireworks. Visit www.herndon-va.gov/recreation/special-events/4th-of-july for more.

Great Falls 4th of July Celebration & Parade. 5K Walk Run, Blood Drive, Little Patriot Parade, and floats, horses, antique cars and pets making a loop in the Main Parade. Fireworks start after dusk. www.celebrategreatfalls.org/4th-of-july-celebration-parade/

Vienna 4th of July Festival and Fireworks Show. Live musical entertainment, arts and crafts for kids, antique and classic car show and fireworks. Visit www.viennava.gov for more.

Fairfax's Independence Day Celebration. In the Downtown Fairfax Historic District. Independence day parade, historical tours, games, entertainment and fireworks. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration

Obon Festival. Highlighting Japanese culture at Ekoji Buddhist Temple, 6500 Lakehaven Lane, Fairfax Station. Visit www.ekoji.org for more.

JULY-AUGUST

Braddock Nights Concert Series. Fridays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield or Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Listen to musical performances in the great outdoors. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/braddock-nights for location and schedule.

August 2020

Fairfax County 4-H Fair and Carnival. At Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with carnival games, rides and tempting foods. Friday features the free Big Truck Night event from 5-7:30 p.m. “No Horn” hour is from 5-6 p.m. Tractor Pull at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Stop by the 4-H Fair throughout the weekend as exhibitors display their winning entries and get their farm animals ready to show. Try a turn at farm chores, watch stage entertainment and enjoy horse and livestock shows. Thursday and Friday – free parking and discount tickets for unlimited rides. Admission to the 4-H Fair and Carnival is free; \$10 per car parking fee on Saturday and Sunday. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/4-h-fair for details.