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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.



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.



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.



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.

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-

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)



COMMENTARY

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,

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

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.

Art Exhibit: Vienna Arts Society Reception. Through Aug. 31, 3-5 p.m. at Vienna Art Center, Windover Building, 243 Church St. NW, Vienna. The Vienna Arts Society invites the public to a reception celebrating two exhibitions. The "Healing Wall" is created by troops on the mend at Fort Belvoir Hospital. "The Open Door" features a judged photography exhibition. Free and open to the public. Visit www.ViennaArtsSociety.org or call 703-319-3971.

Oak Marr Farmers' Market. 8 a.m.-noon at Oak Marr RECenter, 3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton. Every Wednesday through Nov. 13, rain or shine. Vendors include produce, meats, eggs, cheeses, pies, cured and smoked meats, popsicles, sorbet, bread, croissants, falafel sandwiches, humus, and pesto. Call 703-281-6501 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/oak-marr for more.

McLean Farmers Market. Fridays, through Nov. 15, 8 a.m.-noon at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Sixteen local farmers and producers will sell fresh produce and fruits; meats; breads and pastries; jams; dairy products and eggs; herbs; flowers, coffee, and more. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mclean.

Great Falls Farmers Market. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. Music, vendors, fresh produce, fresh prepared food, delightful bakery, spices from around the world, wild-caught fish, grass-fed, free-range meats, organic-fed poultry and eggs. Email kathleen@greatfallsfarmersmarket.org for more.

Oakton Farmers Market. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Year-round weekly farmers market in Oakton. Local produce, meats/eggs, dairy, baked goods, and more. Admission is free. Visit community-foodworks.org.

SATURDAY/AUG. 31

Woodstock 50th Party. 7-11 p.m. at Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Woodstock 50th and Rock 'n Roll heaven with The Rockits, Randoll (Elvis) Rivers and guests. Sixty songs from the '60s. Dine, drink, and dance. \$10 advance. Call 703-281-4679 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

SATURDAY/AUG. 31-SUNDAY/SEPT. 1

Middle Eastern Food Festival. Saturday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sunday, noon-6 p.m. at Holy Transfiguration Church, 8501 Lewinsville Road, McLean. The Festival features authentic Middle Eastern food (including many choices for vegetarians), pastries, music and dancing, as well as vendors, church tours, and activities for both children and adults. Highlights include a roast lamb dinner at 6 p.m. Saturday evening and all day on Sunday; a 12-foot sweets table; and even a petting zoo. Free admission. Call 703-734-9566 or visit www.MiddleEasternFoodFestival.com.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 1

Get Fired Up. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. The mill's blacksmith will be firing up his forge – watch as he works with hammer and tongs to make iron tools and utensils. Free, no reservations are required. No reservations are required. Call 703-759-2771 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvin-run-mill.

Escape the Daily Grind. Noon-3 p.m. at Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. See and hear 19th century technology at work at the historic mill. Grinding demonstrations will be taking place, if conditions permit. Call the site to confirm. \$8 for adults; \$7 for students age 16 and older with ID; and \$6 for children and seniors. No reservations are required. Call 703-759-2771 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvin-run-mill.



Parishioners from Holy Transfiguration Church dance the "Debke," a traditional Middle Eastern dance. Festival goers will be invited to participate in the dancing.

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The Bentwood Rockers (from left: Dave Goldman, Alan Cohen, Ken Tackett, Pat Markham, and Stafford Markham).

Live Music: Bentwood Rockers

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna (SCOV) hosts a benefit performance with the Bentwood Rockers. Enjoy some fabulous foot-stomping Bluegrass music. Friday, Sept. 6, 6:30 p.m. (doors open 5:30) at Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$20-\$25 at www.jamminjava.com. To volunteer, donate or learn more, visit www.scov.org.

Gardening With Kids Fall Harvest. 1-4 p.m. at the Freeman Store, 131 Church St. NE, Vienna. Join the Ayr Hill Garden Club for the fall harvest featuring a picnic of harvested vegetables plus a craft project using natural dyes from the garden. Free. RSVP to monica.anschel@hotmail.com to ensure enough supplies.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 3

Great Falls Historical Society Program. 7 p.m. in the Conference Room in the Great Falls Library. Karen Washburn will talk on the history of the Old Dominion Trolley and Great Falls Park. The trolley opened for business in 1906 and ran until 1934. It provided transportation for city workers, school children, farmers going to market, and more. The trolley company built and opened Great Falls Park. All are welcome. Refreshments will be provided. Free. Visit www.gfhs.org or call 540-656-0648.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 5

Caregivers Treat Event. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna. The 2019 Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna's Caregivers Treat event is free and is open to caregivers of adult family

members with dementia. The event offers a half day of relaxation, socialization, and a sharing of experiences. Activities include massages, exchange of ideas, breakfast and lunch, speakers. Guests are invited to sign in from. Register at 703-281-0538 or office@scov.org by Thursday, Aug. 29.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 6

Live Music: Bentwood Rockers. 6:30 p.m. (doors open 5:30) at Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna (SCOV) hosts a benefit performance with the Bentwood Rockers. Enjoy some fabulous foot-stomping Bluegrass music. \$20-\$25 at www.jamminjava.com. To volunteer, donate or learn more, visit www.scov.org.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 6-8

Library Book Sale. Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, 1-4 p.m. at Tysons Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Large selection of books and media for all ages and interests. Sunday is half price and \$10 per bag sales. Free admission. Email tysonslibraryfriends@gmail.com or call 703-790-4031 or 703-338-3307.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 7

Dog Daze. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Water Mine at Lake Fairfax Park, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. The Water Mine is going to close out the swimming season. The water park is open for canine-only swimming. Stop by the Canine Resource Fair and visit with a host of dog-centric vendors. Take advantage of the low-cost rabies clinic from noon-2 p.m. Suggested donation is \$10 per dog. Proceeds benefit the Fairfax County Animal Shelter and the Fairfax County Park Foundation. Dog food donations will be collected. Call 703-471-5415 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-fairfax/.

Virginia Native American Festival. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Learn about the culture of Virginia's first residents when the Virginia Native American Festival returns to Riverbend Park. The festival includes eight American Indian tribes from Virginia including the Rappahannock dancers and drummers. Enjoy hands on activities and live demonstrations including American Indian storytelling, shooting bow and arrows, throwing spears and making stone tools. Also, assist in building a dugout canoe and visit our marketplace of American Indian crafts, pottery and jewelry. \$8 in advance; \$10 at the gate. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend/native-american-festival/090719.

SEPT. 7-OCT. 12

Countles Shades of Black. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at The Frame Factory Gallery, 212 Dominion Road N.E., Vienna. Countless Shades of Black features local artist Alfredo Milian and Discovery Graphics. An artist reception is planned for Saturday, Sept. 7, 5-8 p.m. Free. Visit www.theframefactory1.com for a slide show.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 8

Get Fired Up. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. The mill's blacksmith will be firing up his forge – watch as he works with hammer and tongs to make iron tools and utensils. Free, no reservations are required. No reservations are required. Call 703-759-2771 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvin-run-mill.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 10

McLean Historical Society Program. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The speaker will be Merrily Pierce who will present the "History of the McLean Citizen's Association." Everyone is welcome. Free. Contact Carole Herrick at 703-356-8223.

SEPT. 10-JAN. 15

Mah Jongg Cards. Order cards Sept. 10, 2019-Jan. 15, 2020 from Temple Rodef Shalom, 2100 Westmoreland St. 2020 Mah Jongg cards are \$8 for small cards and \$9 for large cards. Official cards and will be sent directly from the National Mah Jongg League in late March/early April 2020. Go to bit.ly/mahjonggcards2020 or email iva.gresko@gmail.com to order.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 11

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony. 7-8 p.m. at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The annual Sept. 11 Remembrance Ceremony at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial (behind the library) will honor the six residents lost to the attacks and all who sacrificed on that day and in its aftermath with a color guard, patriotic songs, candle lighting, and remarks by former CNN Washington bureau chief Frank Sesno. The ceremony is open to all. Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs. Free. Visit www.gffreedom.org for more.

SEPT. 13-NOV. 3

Pop-Up Selfie Museum. Select dates and times at Tysons Corner Center, Lower Level near Lord & Taylor. The American Scream Selfie Museum will feature interactive exhibits that will make visitors laugh and scream and the star of eye-popping selfies. The museum will feature an array of custom-built Halloween themed sets individuals can interact with: sit on the Iron Throne and rule the Seven Kingdoms, stand in an ancient Egyptian tomb and face the Mummy; visit a gruesome morgue; and more. \$15-\$18. Visit www.american-scream.com for timed tickets and schedule.

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COMMENTARY

Helping Start the School Year Safely

By JOHN C. COOK
BRADDOCK DISTRICT SUPERVISOR



Parents are smiling and children are sighing as the summer days come to an end. It's as apt a time as ever for us to review the safety precautions and changes that come with Back to School Season. It is everyone's responsibility to make sure the school year starts off safely for our children.

Fairfax County Public Schools started on Aug. 26. More than 1,700 buses will be on the road, making it particularly important that you know the schedules. Elementary schools start and end times vary. They start from 8:10 to 9:20 a.m. and end from 2:55 to 4:05 p.m. Middle schools begin 7:30 a.m. and end 2:15 p.m. Three secondary schools (Hayfield, Lake Braddock and Robinson) begin 8 a.m. and end 2:45 p.m. High schools begin 8:10 a.m. and end 2:55 p.m. I would advise you to check the Fairfax County Public Schools website to check when your closest elementary school starts and ends. All commuters should prepare to leave a few minutes early to avoid back to school commuting.

When a school bus is stopped with red flashing lights, all cars must stop unless they are in another lane divided by a median. If you are traveling in a two-lane roadway with no median, all cars in both directions must stop when the bus is loading or unloading. Drivers in all directions must also stop when driving in a two-lane roadway with a center turn lane

or in a four-lane roadway without a median separation. The only time you can continue driving when a bus is stopped is if you are driving on the other side of a physical median.

It is important to remember that many children will be walking to school and to neighborhood bus stops. Please yield to children crossing the streets, look out for

crossing guards and follow their instructions. Keep your car off the crosswalk when stopped. Be prepared to stop for children who may make unexpected movements into roadways and follow the school zone speed limits when the signs are flashing. Most school zones have a 25-mph speed limit, but they may vary.

Parents, please remind your children about street, pedestrian, and bus safety. Try to get to the bus stop early to prevent injuries caused by rushing to the bus.

If you are crossing a roadway, make sure that cars are stopped in both directions before crossing. Teach them to use designated crosswalks if they are available and only approach the bus once it has come to a full stop. If you have young drivers in the family, take time to review the rules about school zones and school buses. If you drive your kids to school, use the kiss and ride process. Do not drop off children on the street—you create a safety hazard for other vehicles when you do.

Whether you have children in school or not, it is everyone's responsibility to follow traffic laws and help start the school year safely.

Ayr Hill Garden Club: Beautifying Vienna

With the generous gift of time, Parks and Recreation staff assisted with clearing the jungle of tangled vines and alien plants along the W&OD Bike Trail at the intersection of Church Street. Ayr Hill Garden Club, since 1929, has always relished cultivating Town of Vienna areas begging for attention. To honor the Club's 90 years of dedication to enhancing the Town's green areas, the Anniversary Beautification Project launched this past spring. National Capital Area Garden Clubs Landscape Design Council awarded the Club a \$1000 grant to defray costs for this sizable project.

New plantings will include low maintenance, labeled native plants that will prevent erosion

along the Piney Branch Tributary.

Ayr Hill members anticipate educating the public about native plantings and their attraction to native insects, butterflies, and birds. Children's workshops will be organized and announced as well.

Ayr Hill Garden Club is most grateful for the support received from HVI Board members, members, and staff and look forward to the day Freeman Store visitors can exit the side door, cross the bridge, and admire the joys of nature.

Mr. Abram Lydecker will smile!

Other Ayr Hill Garden Club beds include the herb, Native American, and vegetable gardens on the Freeman Store grounds.

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

www.collectforkids.org/get-involved or call 703-204-3941.

THURSDAY/AUG. 29

Beyond #MeToo: Strategies for Preventing & Responding to Harassment. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Fairfax County EDA, 8300 Boone Boulevard, Ste. 450 Tysons. Presented by the Multicultural Chambers Alliance (Asian-american CC, NVBCC, The Virginia Hispanic Chamber). Free. Visit www.vahcc.com or call 703-790-0303 to register.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 1

22 Proven Processes. 1-3 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. This hands-on experiential class will explore proven processes that have been found to enhance individual spiritual growth and help individuals who struggle with debt, relationships, and other life challenges. Based on the Law of

Attraction principles found in "Ask and It Is Given—Learning to Manifest Your Desires," written by Esther and Hicks. Donation. Call 703-281-1767 or visit 22-proven-processes.eventbrite.com.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 6

Application Deadline: Youth Leadership Scholarship. The Great Falls Rotary is offering grants to high school juniors or seniors for a leadership camp taking place Oct. 4-6 in Prince William Forest Park, Virginia. Free to scholarship winners. Call 703-759-3858 or visit www.rotarygreatfallsva.org/Ryla for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 7

Open House. 10 a.m.-noon at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. The Vienna branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will hold

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an informational Open House. AAUW is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Membership dues discount for those who join at this event. Refreshments. Free. Visit vienna-va.aauw.net/ for more.

Mindful 365 Meditation. 10 a.m.-noon at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Most people find that meditating in community strengthens their practice. If the idea of being part of a meditation sangha is appealing, whether currently practicing or not, consider joining the 365 Mindful meditation sitting group. \$10. Email becky.bruner@gmail.com or visit sittinggroup-2019.eventbrite.com/ for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 8

Welcoming Sunday. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Join in the Welcoming Sunday festivities. Meet the new rector and clergy and see what the St. John's community is all about. The celebration begins immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service and includes a picnic lunch, petting zoo, and the opportunity for fellowship after a busy summer. Free, and parking available. Visit www.stjohnsmclean.org

Living Quantum Consciousness. 1-3 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. A look at the intersection of science and spirituality. Join Jackie Woodside to learn techniques to break free from emotional loops and spirals, and get out of chaos. \$20. Email kdickman@gmu.edu for more.

MONDAY/SEPT. 9

GFCA Environment and Parks (EP) Committee Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at Great Falls Library, large meeting room. Erica Carter, Fairfax County's Recycling Coordinator, will speak regarding all the local confusion about trash pickup and the reality and changing recycling policies and markets. Visit gfca.org for complete agenda.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 10

Entrepreneurship 101. 8-10:30 a.m. in the First Floor Conference Center at 8300 Boone Boulevard, Tysons. Starting a Business in Fairfax County - the workshop provides an overview of start-up basics (licenses and permits), workforce services and training programs, and SBA resources including financing and certification programs. Free. Registration required at www.vahcc.com/events.

Environment Volunteer Night. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn from Food & Water Watch about new pipelines proposed for Virginia. Break into action groups to brainstorm actions for stopping them. Free. Email sbonney001@aol.com or call 703-402-9292 for more.

Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group. 7-8 p.m. Fairfax County's Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group meets by phone. This month's topic is an open discussion on advance care planning and end of life decisions. Call 703-324-5484, TTY 711 to register.

McLean Citizens Association Meeting. 7 p.m. at the McLean Community Center. Charles Cuvelier, the new U.S. Park Service Superintendent of George Washington (G.W.) Memorial Parkway, will be available to speak and answer questions about community issues such as the future of Claude Moore Park and multiple issues impacting G.W. Memorial Parkway. Visit mca-va.clubexpress.com for more.

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.

FRIDAYS/SEPT. 13-OCT. 11

"Caring for You, Caring for Me." 10 a.m.-noon at Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. SE, Vienna. Fairfax County and Inova Health System present free "Caring for You, Caring for Me" programs. This workshop series provides a blend of support and education for caregivers of older adults. Respite services available if requested three weeks in advance. Call 703-324-7210, 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-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 "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.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.



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Looking east, construction vehicles at the site; plans include a four-story mixed-use building with 8,200-square-feet of retail space on the ground floor, six townhouse condominiums above, and 38 standalone townhouse condominiums.

Site Being Cleared for Vienna Market

Bulldozers clear the land at Maple Avenue and Pleasant Street for housing and retail.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE CONNECTION

Developers are working with the Town of Vienna officials on a new mixed-use project they are calling “Vienna Market,” to fill the void where the Marco Polo Restaurant was at Maple Avenue and Pleasant Street.

The plans include a four-story mixed-use building with 8,200 square feet retail space on the ground floor and six townhouse condominiums above, and 38 standalone townhouse condominiums. This was approved by Town Council on May 7, 2018, when the Town Council approved the rezoning from C1-A to Maple Avenue Commercial, “MAC,” town information stated. The Board of Architectural Review reviewed the plans at their regular meeting on Thursday, Aug. 15 and asked for lighting specifications, brick frontage design options and different landscaping at the base of the retail area. Other minor cosmetic options are



The new market will feature a plaza and internal street.

on the table as well, but the project is moving forward.

Northfield Investment and Development is behind this project which will transform this whole section of prime town commercial space with housing, stores, eateries and

landscaping. There will be a 2,700 square-foot plaza as well, and a portion of the plaza can be outfitted with outdoor table seating for the accompanying retail spaces. Northfield is a development company located in Washington, D.C. and are behind

a similar project in Annandale called Heritage Plaza, “transforming the existing plaza into a thriving mixed-use community,” their information stated.

A new interior street called Market Street will serve the townhouse condominiums. Market Street will be a U-shaped access drive around the two center rows connecting back to Church Street at each end. A 30-foot landscaped area with a four-foot wide walkway is going in between the two center rows of units.

Chelsea Buoye is the office administrator at EdwardJones investing on Church Street, and has watched the site go from an old restaurant that was the victim of a fire, she said, to a construction site in a matter of a few months. She heard about the Vienna Market plan briefly. “Good for the town probably, we’ll see,” she said, but was concerned about the height of the residential buildings.

The Town of Vienna was reluctant to talk about a completion date, and referred all schedule questions to the builder, who has not returned calls or emails.

Anti-drunk Driving Campaign Launched in Fairfax

On Tuesday morning, Aug. 20, Fairfax County Police Chief Colonel Edwin C. Roessler Jr., Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Director of Highway Safety John Saunders and Virginia-based Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) President Kurt Erickson launched the annual statewide anti-drunk driving Checkpoint Strikeforce Campaign.

The DUI law enforcement and public education campaign continues through Labor Day weekend and will resume during Halloween and the holidays.

Fairfax County Statistics: To date in

2019, there have been 209 alcohol-involved crashes resulting in eight fatalities and 106 injuries. Of the eight alcohol-involved fatalities, three involved impaired pedestrians and five were caused by intoxicated drivers.

In 2018, there were 362 alcohol-involved crashes resulting in 12 fatalities and 181 injuries. Of the 12 alcohol-involved fatalities, four were the result of impaired pedestrians and eight were caused by intoxicated drivers. There were also three fatalities resulting from drivers impaired by drugs.

Working on a Solution to Save Lives: Since it began in 2017, the DWI Enforcement Squad has played a significant role in reduc-

ing alcohol-involved crashes in our county. In 2016, the year before the squad was deployed, we responded to and investigated 501 alcohol-involved crashes. In 2017, that number dropped 19.5 percent to 403 alcohol crashes, and in 2018, it dropped another 10.1 percent to 362 alcohol-involved crashes. Overall from 2016 to 2018, there was a 27.7 percent decrease in alcohol-involved crashes investigated by FCPD officers.

What You Can Do:

❖ Don’t drink and drive.

❖ Plan ahead. If you are planning to drink, arrange for a designated driver, use a ride sharing company, or take a taxi.

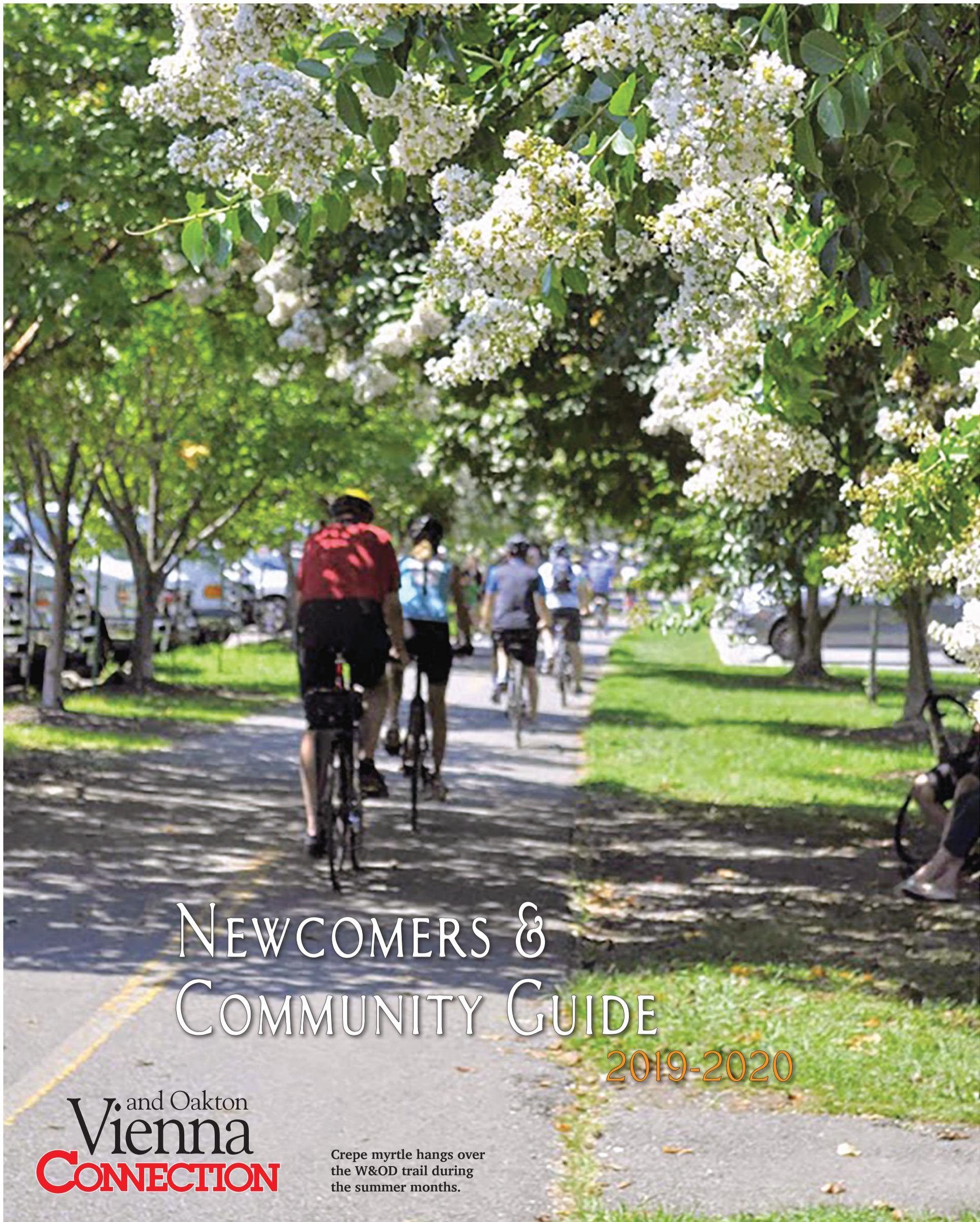
❖ If you are with someone who has been drinking, do not let them drive and try to arrange a sober ride for them.

❖ If you are hosting a party where alcohol will be served, ensure that your guests leave with a sober driver.

❖ While on the road, report any suspected impaired drivers by calling 9-1-1 or non-emergency dispatch at 703-691-2131.

❖ Communication is important. Parents should talk to their children about the dangers of impaired driving.

SOURCE: FCPD



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Crepe myrtle hangs over
the W&OD trail during
the summer months.

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- ❖ **SHARE** of McLean operates a food pantry; provides assistance to families to avoid eviction, keep utilities on and meet other needs in a crisis. Share of McLean will provide holiday assistance to more than 250 needy families this year. Help us help our neighbors in need donating Walmart, Target, Giant, or Safeway gift cards. Contact ShareWishes@gmail.com for more information. Visit www.shareofmclean.org for more info about Share.
- ❖ **Herndon-Reston FISH** (Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help), 336 Victory Drive, Herndon, 703-391-0105 herndonrestonfish.org. Herndon-Reston FISH has assisted local residents in short term crises by since 1969. FISH provides Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help by responding to emergency requests for rent, transportation, utilities, medical prescriptions and other needs. FISH operates The Bargain Loft, a thrift store, which needs donations of good quality saleable items, accepting and selling art, furniture, jewelry, household linens, dishes, pots and pans, books, women's designer clothing (clean and on hangers), puzzles, games, collectibles, small electronics and much more. If you have store questions, call 703-437-0600. Herndon-Reston FISH also provides Holiday Food & Gift Baskets during the November and December season.
- ❖ **LINK**, serving Herndon, Chantilly, Loudoun and more. Every year the goal is to provide each family with a week's worth of non-perishable food in November and again in December. When funds allow, grocery gift cards are also included. In November, clients also receive a voucher for coats and warm clothing. In December, children 16 and under receive gifts. holiday@linkagainsthunger.org. 703-437-1776 www.linkagainsthunger.org.
- ❖ **Committee for Helping Others** (CHO), Vienna, organized in 1969 by a group of churches and individuals in the Dunn Loring, Merrifield, Oakton, Vienna community to provide simple, loving charity to those in need. Last year 450 children had a special Christmas through the annual Christmas Store. 703-281-7614, www.cho-va.com
- ❖ **Northern Virginia Family Service**. Just \$50 provides a complete holiday meal to a family of four. Donate at give.nvfs.org/holidaydonation or via check payable to "NVFS" with "Operation Turkey" on the memo line, or send grocery store gift cards. Northern Virginia Family Service, attn: Holiday

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Mayor Welcomes You to the Town

Mayor Laurie DiRocco on what's the best about living in Vienna.

BY LAURIE DIROCCO
MAYOR OF VIENNA

I would like to welcome you to our lovely Town of Vienna. I think you will agree that Vienna is a special and memorable place. Before I share my favorite things about Vienna, let me provide some general information and a few facts and figures about our Town.

The Town of Vienna is 4.4 square miles with about 16,500 residents and 14 parks, including the W&OD trail and Town Green. Vienna has inviting residential neighborhoods, a vibrant business district with many unique and local shops, and some of the best-ranked schools in the country. The Town is known for its numerous community events, including the Fourth of July fireworks, Oktoberfest, and the Halloween Parade as well as its strong sense of hometown pride.

These facts and figures help explain why Vienna is a great place to live and work, but they don't reveal the true heart of Vienna. To me, Vienna is its numerous volunteers, many of whom are honored every year at my Mayor's Volunteer Recognition Ceremony. Some residents help an elderly neighbor with groceries and yard work while others help bring public art to the community.

To me, Vienna is the volunteer firefighters who drive Santa around in their 1946 antique truck to greet residents young and old. To me, Vienna is the place where Town police shut down Maple Avenue for the James Madison High School homecoming parade.

I CHERISH the Town's strong sense of history. Listed on the National Historic Registry, the Freeman Store and Museum on Church Street is a small, local gift store filled with historical displays and memorabilia. I always buy the newest Christmas ornament there.

I also appreciate the Town's original Little Library, which smells of wood and old books. Every year students at Louise Archer Elementary School, built in 1939, host a special day to celebrate the school's history and first educator.

I strive to honor the Town's rich history while planning for thoughtful growth. We recently completed renovation of the Town's community center, which was originally constructed in 1966. I am so excited for big windows that allow sunlight to shine through the walkways and the new full-size gymnasium.

The community center will be the Town's first green building and will be LEED silver certified. A few years ago, the Town adopted the Maple Avenue Corridor (MAC) Plan,



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Mayor Laurie DiRocco, right, with Bicycle Advisory Committee members Charlie Strunk and Beth Eachus. Vienna was designated a Bicycle Friendly Community last year by the League of American Bicyclists.



PHOTO BY ANDREA WÖRKER/THE CONNECTION

A summer Friday night, Aug. 18, 2017 at "Chillin' on Church St."

Mayor Laurie DiRocco's Top 10 Places/Events

1. Vienna Halloween Parade – the Town has hosted this parade on Maple Avenue for 70 years!
2. Northside Park – 26 acres of conservation land.
3. Town Green – hosts Town events and musical acts.
4. ViVa Vienna – Vienna Rotary hosts this Memorial Day weekend event and all proceeds go back to the community!
5. Oktoberfest – hosted by the Vienna Business Association.
6. Meadow Lane Park – lots of tree coverage makes this a great park for little ones in the summer.
7. Walk on the Hill – people stroll through the lovely Windover Heights neighborhood and view gardens while learning about environmental sustainability.
8. Church Street Stroll – shop at local businesses on Church Street while seeing Santa and roasting marshmallows.
9. Chillin' on Church – enjoyable summer events with cold drinks, music, and tasty food trucks.
10. Renovated Vienna Community Center – the central hub of the community!

which supports redevelopment along Vienna's main thoroughfare. The plan includes green buildings, mixed uses, outdoor seating, public art, and improved pedestrian walkways.

My husband and I love to walk around Town, especially to local restaurants. On any given day, you will see lots of people walking and biking in Town, and we strive to support these activities. The Town has a Transportation Safety Commission and a Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Commission that work on adding more sidewalks; implementing traffic-calming measures where needed; researching creative solutions to challenging intersections; and supporting Safe Routes to School. On Fridays at 9:30 a.m., I lead a walking group from Town Hall. Everyone is invited (please come join me!) and we usually walk about 3 miles. It is a great opportunity to see various parts of Town and to chat with residents. Last spring, we walked to see the oldest trees around Town.

The Town has a strong relationship with its schools. Currently, I am working with James Madison pyramid principals on a partnership in which students work on Town projects and help solve problems in the community. The new project-based learning program will help educate students about local government, teach them how to be active and engaged citizens, and possibly lead them to discover career directions.

OK JUST A FEW MORE, less well-known things that I truly love about Vienna.

Many people don't realize that Vienna has an eclectic music scene with Jammin' Java, School of Rock, and Vienna Jammers, to name a few. Right outside of Town is Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts. Additionally the Town Green hosts a variety of local bands. I can't forget to mention Vienna Idol, the Town's annual musical talent contest that raises money for the Kristin Kylo Memorial Fund.

You may not realize that the train depot on Dominion Road is home to the Northern Virginia Model Railroaders, who host monthly open houses so the public can view their model train displays.

Many people when they think of Church Street, think of Vienna Presbyterian Church, whose historical chapel sits on the corner of Church and Mill Street. But the First Baptist Church has been in existence longer than the Town itself, with its original location on Lawyers Road near Church Street. This year the First Baptist Church is celebrating 150 years in the Town of Vienna!

I believe Vienna's strong sense of community is created by its citizens and their desire for a caring and welcoming place to call home. I am so grateful to be mayor of this special Town. If you ever want to know more about the Town or have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at ldirocco@viennava.gov or 703-255-6310. For more information, visit the Town's website at www.viennava.gov.

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Grateful for Discovering Vienna

“Our family moved to Vienna five years ago from Louisville, Kentucky with our seven-year old daughter and a new baby girl on the way,” said Jeffrey Carpenter. “Both my wife and I had previously lived in Alexandria and in Washington, D.C. prior to starting a family, but in looking to move back to the D.C. area from Louisville with a growing family, our priorities had changed. We wanted to live in a city that was still close to D.C. and all of the economic vitality and cultural experiences it offers while also enjoying a safe, child-friendly neighborhood, excellent schools, and a home with a yard for the kid’s first dog. We found all of that and more in Vienna. Vienna is great because it has a small town feel with accessibility to large city life, kids can still play outside, ride a bike, and walk to a friend’s house in the neighborhood, neighbors come over for barbeques and host Halloween parties at their homes. The schools are committed to academic excellence while promoting citizenship and kindness. Our family is so grateful to have discovered Vienna and to have made it our home.”



The Carpenter Children: Gabrielle, 12, and Cate Carpenter, 5, enjoy life in Vienna, especially around Halloween time.

A Family Night in Town

Brian and Joy Harrington are Vienna’s Parks and Rec dream duo. “We love living in Vienna,” said Joy Harrington. “The schools and sports programs, as well as the wealth of Community Center classes and events and beautiful parks for children, help to make Vienna a favorite spot for families. Everything we need is close and convenient to access. Brian and I have lived in Vienna our whole lives, 34 years, and are so grateful we could buy a home in Vienna and raise our children here. Both sets of our parents live in Vienna and my Grandmother decided to retire here too, to be near all of us. Vienna is our family tradition! Just last night we had a family night. We went swimming at Hunter Mill Pool and Tennis Club and then returned to see the Disney movie ‘Moana’ on the Town Green. It was so much fun seeing our friends and other families enjoying a great time right here in our hometown. Brian and I both work for Vienna Parks and Recreation, so we are near home and the children’s schools during the day. Living and working in Vienna makes it simple to participate in special events at school and the children are comfortable knowing we are usually nearby.”



Harrington family photo: Joy, Brian, Isabella, 6, and David Harrington, 4. Joy and Brian say they are enjoying raising their children in Vienna.

—LISA FAY

Year-round Festival

The Head family are long time residents of Vienna. After raising four kids in the area, JJ Head has a good handle on the town. “We have lived in Vienna for 22 years. It is a wonderful place to raise a family. We love the small town feel, the tight knit community, the wonderful schools, youth sports, and the events that bring everyone together. Among our favorites are the Halloween parade, Viva Vienna, Holiday Stroll and most recently Chillin’ on Church Street. A great family activity is biking along the W&OD trail heading to Great Harvest Bread, Freeman House or the Farmers Market. Fairfax County has some of the best schools in the country. As a former elementary school teacher, I am very impressed with the schools in Vienna and Oakton. It was very



The Heads: Dan, JJ, Abigail, 24, Emily, 22, Paxton, 21, and Brian Head, 27, love the events and amenities that Vienna has to offer.

special when all my children were at Oakton Elementary at the same time,” said JJ Head.

Abigail Head, 24, said it was a great place to grow up. “It was really nice living in a big cul de sac near the woods right around our house where we could play games like cops and robbers, kick the can, kickball, basketball, explore in nature and build things like ice castles in the winter or little huts out of sticks with other kids our age in the neighborhood.”

The Magic of Vienna

The Stunz family are somewhat icons in the Vienna community. “My grandad picked out Vienna as a great place to live after he graduated from college in Wisconsin in 1900 — he loved the easy commute to his job in D.C., he loved the people who lived here, and he loved the small town atmosphere; it really was a small town in the early 1900s,” said Anne Stunz. “I especially appreciate Vienna’s Department of Parks and Recreation. They create so many wonderful events and facilities for the community, and they really support history by working hard to keep the 1959 Freeman Store and 1897 Little Library in good repair and by helping Historic Vienna Inc with our programs. They are wonderful people. I love that Vienna keeps its unique identity through fun events all year that celebrate its sense of community — such as Viva Vienna, the Chillin’s on Church, Oktoberfest, Church Street Stroll, and all the events at the Town Green and elsewhere around town. I always think of the Freeman Store and Museum as the heart of Vienna. The town was brilliant to save this piece of its history back in the 1960s so that



Brad Swanson and Anne Stunz, President of Vienna’s own Historic Vienna Inc., are engaged in town events and activities involving the Freeman Store.

Vienna would never forget its small town roots.” Anne Stunz’s parents wrote a book titled “This Was Vienna” detailing Vienna from its birth. The book can be bought at the Freeman Store and Museum.

Brad Swanson, Stunz’s husband, added that, “When you fly over northern Virginia you see an undifferentiated mass of housing, roads and commerce. But somehow a part of that agglomeration, marked off by invisible lines, is a real community with an identity, a history and a continuing tradition that pulls people together whether they are longtime residents or new to the town. That, to me, is the magic of Vienna.”

NEWCOMERS



Allie Jensen has lived most of her life in close proximity to both Oakton and Vienna.

Vienna, Oakton: A Small Town Next to City Life

Allie Jensen had the privilege of growing up between two great towns. “I think Oakton and Vienna is great because it’s a small town with its own unique traditions and spaces but it’s also in close proximity to such a big city (D.C.), so you can really get a combination of the small town and big city life. My family has lived in Oakton since 2001, so 18 years.”

Where to Give Locally

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- Initiatives, 10455 White Granite, Drive, Suite 100, Oakton, VA 22124.
- ❖ **Second Story** — Abused and Homeless Children’s Refuge, 2100 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA 22182, 703-506-9191. Second Story (formerly Alternative House) provides shelter and services for homeless, runaway or abused teenagers, unaccompanied youth, and young mothers and their children. Requests for food and clothing are up more than 50 percent. second-story.org.
- ❖ **Shepherd’s Center of Oakton Vienna** providing services, personal enrichment, volunteer opportunities for adults 50 and over. Currently

- 703-281-0538, www.scov.org
- ❖ **Touching Heart** in Herndon is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to educate children to have giving hearts. www.touchingheart.com, 703-901-7355.
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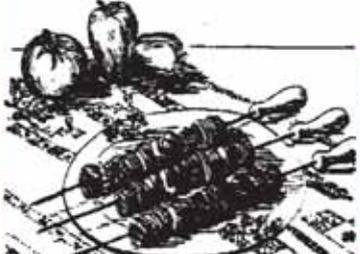
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The red caboose is a bright marker for the center of town.



Cocoa Vienna gets festive by putting out Santa's sleigh on their porch.



Santa and his elves enjoy a cup of coffee at Caffè Amouri.



The Freeman Store and Museum decorated for the Christmas holiday.

Postcards from Vienna

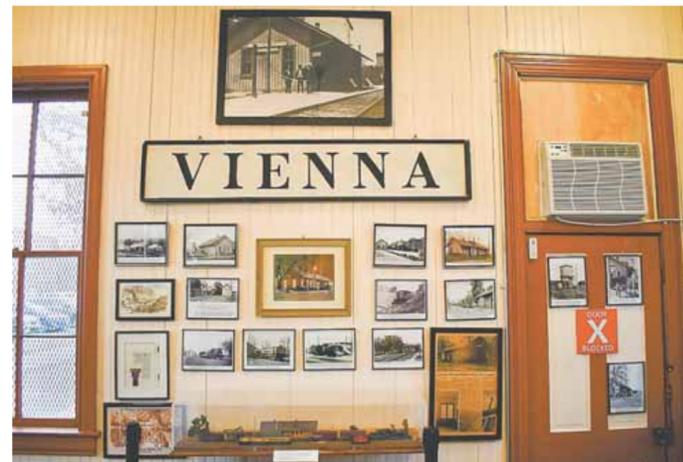
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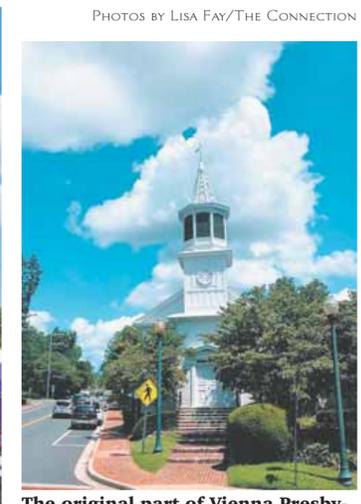
The inside of the Vienna Train Depot features old pictures of the depot.



Viva! Vienna! festival is celebrated every Memorial Day weekend in the town.



Church Street during Viva! Vienna! Vendors decorate the street.



The original part of Vienna Presbyterian Church.

PHOTOS BY LISA FAY/THE CONNECTION



Vienna's Little Library is open the first Sunday of each month, excluding January and February, from 1-4 p.m.



The Town Green has a small theater for local performers and events.



Diamond Spa sits on Church Street and offers a variety of services.



The Vienna Train Depot in the snow.

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Dates and Deadlines for Election Day

- ❖ 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,
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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.

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.

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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Jeffrey C. McKay (D)
Joseph F. Galdo (R)

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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" Herryty (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

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Mason District, School Board

Ricardy J. Anderson
Tom L. Pafford

Mount Vernon District, School Board

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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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- 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
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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.

We are also interested in events at your church, mosque, synagogue, community center, pool, school, club, etc. Email us a note about the event, being sure to include when and where the photo was taken and the names of all the people who are in a 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

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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.

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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.



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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/performance/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/performance/braddock-nights for location and schedule.

August 2020

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