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## NEWS

# Ceremony to Honor Richard Bland Lee

The Daughters of American Colonists (DAC) will erect a marker to Richard Bland Lee at the Sully Historic Site in Chantilly. The ceremony is set for Wednesday, Oct. 30, at 11 a.m., under a tent at the visitors' center at 3650 Historic Sully Way.

Lee, who was born in 1761 and died in 1827, owned the former Sully Plantation on that land and built the house that's there. He was also Northern Virginia's first rep-

resentative to Congress.

DAC member Jan Welch, of Little Rocky Run, said the DAC is a genealogical society that helps people understand what happened at historic sites. "This group focuses on people who lived in the 13 colonies, and almost all my ancestors were here during that time," she said. "My chapter is called the Richard Bland Lee Chapter of the National Society, Daughters of American Colonists."

During the ceremony, said Welch, "We'll put up a big, multi-colored plaque on a stand to tell who Richard Bland Lee was and what happened on that site." The sign, which will be an interpretive one, was developed in partnership with the Fairfax County Park Authority. Following the sign dedication, refreshments will be served. And those who wish to tour the historic house may do so.

— BONNIE HOBBS

## AREA ROUNDUPS

### Learn How to Be an Immigration Forum Volunteer

The Centreville Immigration Forum (CIF) is holding a volunteer information session on Wednesday, Oct. 30, from 4-5 p.m., at 5944 Centreville Crest Lane in the Centreville Square Shopping Center.

People may use their skills

and interests by teaching ESOL classes, providing administrative support or doing jobs such as data entry, marketing, fundraising, event planning, etc.

For more information, go to [volunteer@thecifva.org](mailto:volunteer@thecifva.org).



### Fairfax County Parkway Widening Fairfax County

#### Public Information Meeting

Wednesday, November 6, 2019  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Presentation starts at 7 p.m.

James W. Robinson, Jr. Secondary School  
5035 Sideburn Road  
Fairfax, VA 22032

**Find out** about plans to widen Fairfax County Parkway (Route 286) from four to six lanes between Route 29 (Lee Highway) and Route 123 (Ox Road). The proposed project design also includes an interchange at Popes Head Road and the future Shirley Gate Road extension, improvements to the existing trail in the Fairfax County Parkway right of way and construction of a new shared-use path to make the trail continuous within the project limits.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23 CFR Part 771, an Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared. VDOT is currently conducting environmental analyses and coordinating with regulatory agencies to obtain information about environmental resources in the vicinity of the project. When approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the EA will be available for review and comment at a future public hearing.

**Stop by** between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to view displays and learn more about the project and its preliminary design. VDOT will hold a presentation beginning at 7 p.m. Project staff will be available to answer your questions.

**Review** project information at the VDOT project website ([www.virginiadot.org/projects](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects)), at the information meeting, or during business hours at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive in Fairfax. Please call ahead at 703-691-6710 or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

**Give your written comments** at the meeting, or submit them by **November 18, 2019** to Mr. Sitaram Kodali, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or email [meetingcomments@VDOT.virginia.gov](mailto:meetingcomments@VDOT.virginia.gov). Please reference "Fairfax County Parkway Widening" in the subject line.

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**FRIDAY OCT 25, 7PM**  
Military Night | Puissance High Jump

**SATURDAY OCT 26, 6:30PM**  
World Cup Night | President's Cup



# NEWS



Sully District Police Bike Patrol Team members (from left) PFC Taylor DeMarre, PFC Ben Charnrissuragul, PFC Kory Pfeiffer and PFC Devin White.



Cub Scout Pack 2525

PHOTOS BY BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW

## The Community Celebrates Centreville Day

Centreville Day was Saturday, Oct. 19.



Adam Shin, 5, and mom Adel saw a tree branch together.



Cub Scout Pack 2011



Centreville Dance Theatre marching in the parade.



Kameron Singh, 6, dips string into hot wax to make a candle.

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Vendors Cheryl and Kenneth Keys sell scented soy candles and hand-made soaps.



Vendor Karen Hummer of Bella's Pearls.

Knox Bailey, 5, enjoys the seat-belt convincer operated by police PFC Michelle Alexander.

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### ONGOING

**Chantilly Farmers Market.** Thursdays, 3:30-7 p.m., through Nov. 11 in the parking lot at St. Veronica Catholic Church, 3460 Centreville Road, Chantilly. The farmers market is a family-friendly weekly event where everyone can access local foods around, and build connections with local farmers, small business owners, and their neighbors. Farmers and vendors bring locally raised fruits, vegetables, breads and baked goods, meats and eggs, local honey, wine, soaps, prepared foods, and more each week. Free admission. Visit [www.community-foodworks.org/chantilly](http://www.community-foodworks.org/chantilly) for more.

### OCT. 25-27

**Used Book Sale.** At Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Gently used books, DVDs, CDs and audio books for children and adults. Sponsored by Friends of the Chantilly Regional Library to benefit programs and renovation projects at the library. Free entrance. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, October 25; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, October 26; 1-4 p.m. Sunday, October 27. Visit the website [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events).

### SATURDAY/OCT. 26

**Open House.** 10 a.m. to noon. At The Goddard School, 2400 Dulles Town Blvd., Herndon. Trick-or-treating; fun games; crafts. Enjoy fun activities for children six weeks to age 5. Receive a special tour of The Goddard School's FLEX (Fun. Learning. Experience). Now enrolling. Limited space available. Call 703-653-0337.

**Air & Scare.** Noon to 5:30 p.m. At Air and Space Museum, Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly. Participants will enjoy creepy crafts, spooky science experiments and treat giveaways. The Tot Zone will feature space-themed activities and a dress-up corner. Storytimes and puppet shows will be available throughout the day and the Airbus IMAX Theater will offer showings for all ages. Everyone's favorite Star Wars-costumed characters will be on-hand for photo opportunities. Visitors will have a chance to participate in a range of fun educational activities including making their own mini lightsaber, learning about the secret Area 51, Halloween principles of flight lesson and many more. Attendees are encouraged to come in their favorite space or flight-themed costume, or costumes of any kind for safe trick-or-treating. For safety purposes, full-face masks are prohibited on visitors over 16 years of age. The museum will provide bags for trick-or-treating. Admission is free, but parking is \$15 until 4 p.m. Public transportation is also available via Metro's Silver Line and the Fairfax Connector bus. Visit [airandspace.si.edu/events/air-scare-2019](http://airandspace.si.edu/events/air-scare-2019).

**Chantilly High Haunted House.** 1-5 p.m. (less scary) and 6-10 p.m. (for braver goblins). At Chantilly High School, Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. The fun includes chills and thrills, games/crafts, a hypnotist, hot food and a bake sale. Fundraiser for girls' soccer and field hockey teams. Tickets are \$10 in advance from any CHS girls' soccer or field hockey player or via [www.chshauntedhouse.com](http://www.chshauntedhouse.com). A limited amount of tickets will be sold at the door for \$12.

### Amazing Reptiles, S'mores, a Night Wagon Ride.

5-8 p.m. At Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Play games, test your courage with a touch table and see some of the park's amazing reptiles up close. Calm your nerves by roasting s'mores at a campfire while listening to stories and then join us for a refreshing wagon ride through the autumn woods. This program is appropriate for participants age four to adults. The cost is \$10 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-631-0013 or visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence/>

**Family Costume Party.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. At the Children's Science Center Lab in Fair Oaks Mall. Join in a frightfully good time. Enjoy the Haunted Lab after hours and wear your favorite costume. Prizes will be awarded for creative and original ideas. Your family will engage in multiple not-so-spooky science activities including Boo Bubbles and Cob Web Slime. Eat, drink and be scary! Light refreshments will be served.

### SUNDAY/OCT. 27

**Colebrook Road at Bluegrass Barn.** 7 p.m. At Bluegrass Barn, Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Doors open at 6 p.m., show time is 7 p.m. The Bluegrass Barn series at the park's Visitor Center is sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Friends of Frying

Pan Park. Food and drinks available for purchase. Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door.

### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 30

**Centreville Immigration Forum Volunteer Info Session.** 4 p.m. At Centreville Immigration Forum, 5944 Centreville Crest Lane, Centreville. Centreville Immigration Forum is hosting a Volunteer Information Session to share information about its work and opportunities for community members to get involved. Learn more about Centreville Immigration Forum and how you can get involved. Volunteers are needed for: teaching ESOL, data entry and administrative support, marketing and fundraising, event planning, and more. Contact [volunteer@thecifva.org](mailto:volunteer@thecifva.org).

### SATURDAY/NOV. 2

**Health & Wellness: Mind, Body & Spirit.** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. At Chantilly Baptist Church, 14312 Chantilly Baptist Lane, Chantilly. REVIVE is the Opioid Overdose and Naloxone Education (OONE) program for the Commonwealth of Virginia. REVIVE! provides training to everyone on how recognize and respond to an opioid overdose emergency by administering naloxone, a medication that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. Learn what are opioids; how does the opioid crisis affect the community; how opioid overdoses happen; risk factors for opioid overdose and myths about overdose reversal; and more. Contact Veronica Cosby at [veronica.cosby@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:veronica.cosby@vdh.virginia.gov) or 804-864-7361. Registration is available on the website at [www.chantillybaptist.org](http://www.chantillybaptist.org).

**Festival of the Nutcracker.** 3-6 p.m. At Creative Dance Center, 43130 Amberwood Plaza, #10, Chantilly. Introduce your children to the magic of the Nutcracker. Kids will make a holiday craft, enjoy treats of the season, join a dance party, and meet the stars of the Nutcracker in a Shell: Clara's Wish performance. Cost is \$5/child; free/adults. Visit the website: [www.ipayouth.com/nutcracker](http://www.ipayouth.com/nutcracker)

### SUNDAY/NOV. 3

**Wine Tasting.** At Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. The Assistance League of Northern Virginia is hosting a wine tasting. Tickets, available at the door or in advance, include two glasses of wine and light hors d'oeuvres. All proceeds will benefit Assistance League's community-based programs that feed, clothe and educate local children. Cost is \$25. For more info, email Carrie: [info@aln.org](mailto:info@aln.org)

**Cold War Refugees.** 2-5 p.m. At Old Bust Head Brewery, 1734 Farm Station Road, Vint Hill. Dr. Martin Nekola, an expert Czech historian, will discuss how it felt to be a Cold War refugee from Communist E. Europe. Cost is \$35. Visit the website: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-communist-coup-and-fleeing-czechoslovakia-for-exile-in-the-west-tickets-72438995987>

### SATURDAY/NOV. 9

**Stargaze or Search for Animals.** 4-5:30 p.m. At Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Join a naturalist for a night hike to learn about the different owls that can be found in the park. Listen for calls and learn how owls navigate the night. Then, enjoy s'mores at a campfire. The program is designed for participants age 8 to adult, and the cost is \$8 per person. Call 703-631-0013 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence).

**"Ties that Bound: Founding First Ladies and Slaves."** 4-6 p.m. At Sully Historic Site, Chantilly. Maria Schwartz will be discussing her book, "Ties that Bound," which is an exploration of the relationships between the first ladies and the enslaved people who served them. Schwartz is the Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Rhode Island and the author of multiple books on the history of enslaved individuals in America. Her most recent book goes beyond the image of first ladies as glamorous hostesses to shed light on the often-overlooked relationship they had with slaveholding culture in early America. Limited seating is available and advance registration is required to reserve a seat. The cost of each program is \$35 per person, which includes wine. Call 703-437-1794 to make a reservation, or book online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully). Call 703-324-8662 or at [parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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# OPINION

## Speaking Truth About Redistricting

School boundary changes can be in the taxpayer, school management, and students' best interest.

BY ADAM SIEGEL

Rumors, confusion, and fears about school redistricting are rampant in this year's School Board election campaign. For whatever reasons, some seem intent on misrepresenting the situation. Writ large, people resist change they don't understand and are passionate in defending their children. These misrepresentations seem intent on stoking parents' emotions through promoting fears of harms to their children's lives and futures. And, sadly, conversations I've had with neighbors and acquaintances indicate these disinformation efforts are having an impact and suggest that stepping back to look at basic realities of redistricting consideration is warranted.

As a small background, for seven years I served on the Fairfax County School Board's Facilities Planning Advisory Council (FPAC). The School Board formed FPAC a decade ago after the very contentious decision to close Clifton Elementary School. From its start, FPAC has struggled to provide thoughtful advice and perspectives to the FCPS staff and School board about boundary issues.

The truth is that FCPS boundaries are complex, often involve legacy issues from decades ago, and are far from optimum in fiscal, building use, traffic congestion, and student health and performance terms.

For years, a standing FPAC joke was that we

lock one of our members (a senior State Department facilities planner) in a room for 24 hours with a red pen and he'd come out with a solution to all these problems. That "let the expert be expert" approach, however, simply wouldn't be practical due to reality that these decisions can involve the lives and passions of thousands of people who will speak up, forcefully, to their elected representatives.

The FPAC sought to help FCPS toward a reasonable approach to redistricting. We had, in shorthand, some basic principles that guided our thinking:

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- ❖ Seek to reduce bus transportation: All things being equal, spending more time on buses hurts student health and educational achievement. Can redistricting lead to more walking (going to local schools) and shorter bus rides?

- ❖ Foster continuity: All things being equal, student mental health and educational achievement is stronger when students move through school with people they know.

- ❖ Optimize building use: All things being equal, students perform better with schools "at" (rather below or over) capacity.

As an example, let's look at the existing McLean High School/Longfellow Middle School and Langley High School/Cooper Middle School. Right now, McLean and Longfellow are overcapacity (with more crowded hallways and students in trailers) while Langley and Cooper at under capacity (with fewer students and resources than what

the schools are designed to handle). A major contributor to this situation is one of FCPS's largest "islands" that sends about 20 percent of Spring Hill Elementary students to McLean/Longfellow rather than to Langley/Cooper, where the vast majority of Spring Hill students go. Addressing that "islanding" answers affirmatively all three of the core principles: better building use; continuity of cohorts; and reduced time on buses. If acted on, the community would have lower costs, reduced traffic on congested streets, and improved outcomes at all four schools. And, students would (writ large) be healthier and have higher educational achievement. While this doesn't mean that "island" should be washed away, these real benefit streams should be part of the discussion.

Amid the school board race, some are trying to stoke fears that children might be ripped from their schools and bused to the other end of Fairfax. Honestly, I have yet to find any serious player in school planning discussions who advocates anything like this. In fact, I have uniformly encountered thoughtful and informed examination of complicated issues with people striving to come up with paths forward that will serve everyone's — especially students' — interests.

We like continuity, fear change, and fiercely want to protect our children. School redistricting discussions hit like a bombshell on these accounts.

Misinformed (if not malicious) rumors are throwing gasoline into the situation and inhibiting moves to solve real challenges.

Redistricting can be in the taxpayer, school management, and students' best interest. Let's have an honest engagement to foster better use of our tax dollars with happier and more successful students.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Endorsing Fahey for Commonwealth's Attorney

To the Editor:

We are the three Deputy Commonwealth's Attorneys for Fairfax County. Collectively, we have over 40 years of experience prosecuting criminal cases in Fairfax. We have prosecuted cases against some of the County's most dangerous predators, while being responsible for training and supervising dozens of Assistant Commonwealth's Attorneys. We write today, to endorse Jonathan Fahey, Independent candidate for Commonwealth's Attorney. Jonathan is a not an

ideologically driven politician. He is a pragmatist, and a widely experienced prosecutor who will build on our many successes in reducing crime and helping crime victims while working to fix the shortcomings in our system.

Earlier this year, Ray Morrogh, the veteran and well-regarded incumbent Fairfax Commonwealth's Attorney, was narrowly defeated in the Democratic primary by a can-

didate funded mainly by hundreds of thousands of dollars of out-of-state PAC money. That candidate has no experience with Virginia law or Virginia's courts, in which he has never practiced. He was a tax prosecutor for the federal government who now works in the field of behavioral health. He ran on a "reform" platform that has taken over in cities such as Philadelphia and Chicago — jurisdictions that continue to be plagued by a level of crime we want to keep at a considerable distance.

On his first day, the Commonwealth's Attorney must be ready and able to make decisions on complex criminal matters including murder, sexual assault, robbery and, occasionally, police misconduct cases. He must mentor new assistants, and must be steeped in the traditions and mores of the Fairfax County courts — traditions that have brought us both safety and respect. Jonathan is such a person; his opponent is

not.

That is why, as current members of the Fairfax Commonwealth's Attorney's Office with over 40 years of prosecutorial experience among us, we give Jonathan our strongest endorsement. Jonathan has almost 20 years' experience as a prosecutor trying cases at the Virginia state and federal level. He will be ready the first day. Jonathan worked in this Office and then at the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia in Alexandria. He is endorsed by Democrats and Republicans alike, and is thus the only candidate in the race with bipartisan backing. He is also endorsed by law-enforcement groups in the County. He is running as an Independent because he believes the position of chief law enforcement officer for the County should be, and under his leadership it will be, set apart from political influence or ideological extremes.

As longtime members of this Of-

fice, serving under proud Democrats Bob Horan, Jr. and Ray Morrogh, we know sensible, hardworking, dedicated prosecutors when we see them. Jonathan Fahey is that candidate in this race. Without Mr. Fahey, the Office is certain to lose some if not most of its valuable, experienced prosecutors — prosecutors who've fought hard for crime victims while striving to ensure defendants are treated fairly and respectfully. On Tuesday, Nov. 5, please vote to continue the first-rate Commonwealth's Attorney's Office that our County has enjoyed for more than half a century and cast your vote for Jonathan Fahey.

**Casey Lingan,**  
Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney for Fairfax County  
**Kathy Stott,**  
Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney for Fairfax County  
**Robert McClain,**  
Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney for Fairfax County

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## SPORTS

Tahj Summey #11, Caleb Wheatland #8 celebrate ET Bushra's touchdown.



## Bulldogs Beat Cougars 51-7, Improve to 7-0

The Westfield Bulldogs improved to a record of 7-0 (2-0) after defeating the Oakton Cougars (2-6; 0-2), 51-7. Westfield will play the Centreville Wildcats (4-3; 1-0) next. Oakton will take on the Chantilly Chargers (6-1; 0-1).

In the first quarter Westfield took a 7-0 lead when Mikal Legall rushed for a 4-yard touchdown with 9:33. Then Jalen Vines would scoop up an Oakton fumble and burst to the end zone, just 18 seconds later. Westfield would sack Oakton in the end zone and the score was now 16-0. On the ensuing kickoff from Oakton, Westfield's E.T. Bushra would take the kickoff 70 yards in for a Westfield score the lead growing to 23-0, with still 8:06 to play in the opening quarter. Nearly 4 minutes later Westfield was in the end zone again when Avery Howard took pass from Noah Kim for a 15-yard TD reception. Max Ahiakpo would block a punt by Oakton and teammate Caleb Wheatland scooped it up in the end zone for another Westfield score, the lead now 37-0 with 45 second to play in the opening quarter.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Westfield's Mikal Legall would run in for a score from 31 yard out, the lead now 45-0.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Eli Soto's 27-yard touchdown reception would cap the Bulldogs scoring for the game, scoring 51 points.

The Cougars however would not be shutout. They would score later in the quarter when Marvin Coon Jr, scored the only points of the game on the board for Oakton with a touchdown reception.



Caleb Wheatland #8 pressures the Oakton punter.



Mikal Legall #28 4-yard rushing TD/



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Nov. 19, 2019 9:30 a.m. - Full Board of Supervisors Meeting  
Nov. 26 Committee Meetings  
❖ 9:30 a.m. - Economic Advisory Commission  
❖ 11 a.m. - Personnel Committee  
❖ 1:30 p.m. - Legislative Committee  
❖ 3 p.m. - Budget Committee  
❖ 5 p.m. - Audit Committee  
Dec. 3, , 2019 9:30 a.m. - Full Board of Supervisors Meeting  
Dec. 10 Committee Meetings  
❖ 9:30 a.m. - Health, Housing and Human Services Committee  
❖ 11 a.m. - Development Process Committee  
❖ 1:30 p.m. - Transportation Committee  
❖ 3 p.m. - General Assembly Annual Reception and Work Session

**WEDNESDAY/OCT. 23**

**Sully District Council Meeting.** 7 p.m. At Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Will be sponsoring the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area for a Sully Legislative Candidates Night. Candidates for five Senate and five House of Delegate Districts within Sully have been invited to speak and answer questions. To propose questions, go to the League of Women Voters website, <https://www.lwv-fairfax.org/>, and ask your questions.

**THURSDAY/OCT. 24**

**2019 North/West Fairfax County Distinguished Citizen Dinner.** Powhatan District BSA recognizes a distinguished business and civic leader, Frederick P. Baerenz, President & CEO of AOG Wealth Management. Join Us for a Great Evening — Celebrate the impact of BSA Scouting in our area. Benefit BSA programs for boys and girls in North/West Fairfax County.

6 p.m. Reception, Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar  
7 p.m. Dinner & Program.

Location: River Bend Country Club, 375 Walker Road, Great Falls, Va. 22066

For more information, contact:  
Raymond.Posluszny@Scouting.org. Phone: 202-669-3548. For online registrations: <http://bit.ly/2lYfhGt>

**TUESDAY/OCT. 29**

**Car Seat Safety Check.** 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Sully district police station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. Fairfax County Police Department offers free safety check and install events throughout the year to ensure children travel safely. In preparation for inspection, install the seat using the instructions that came with the car seat. Trained officers will review the car seat instructions and car owner's manual to be certain that they are being followed as they should.

## AREA ROUNDUP

# Trunk or Treat Event on Oct. 31

The Sully District Police Station is holding its second annual Trunk or Treat event, Thursday, Oct. 31, from 5:30-9 p.m., in the parking lot between the Chantilly Walmart and the Dulles Expo Center at 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center. It's a free, safe and fun way for children to trick-or-treat in a family-oriented atmosphere. There'll be music, decorated vehicle trunks and candy galore. Register at <http://bit.ly/sullytot2019>.

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## ***“Maturation”***



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

When I heard this word used recently, twice, I thought it was one of my father's made-up words like "surgerize" and "conflaction" risen from his memory to finally enter the world of Merriam-Webster. And so they have, sort of. Apparently, "maturation" is a word some doctors use to answer any and all questions asked by patients inquiring as to why something or other health wise is happening to them. In short, "maturation" means wear and tear. If Mick Mulvaney were the doctor, he might have said: "It happens all the time. Get over it!" Fortunately, he wasn't. Rather, he is the acting White House Chief of Staff, a man who likewise may be asking his doctor a few questions. The answers to which will likely not be "maturation." "What were you thinking?" might be first and foremost.

For a cancer patient (yours truly) who has survived above and beyond the call of his oncologist's original prognosis, "maturation," to quote Boston Red Sox television announcer - and Hall of Famer, Dennis Eckersley, "Is a beautiful thing." Diagnosed at age 54 and a half when all bodily functions were "performing within normal parameters," to quote Commander Data from "Star Trek: Next Generation," thinking I'd outlive my original prognosis from late February, 2009, and have senior-type moments 10-plus years later, was unrealistic, if I were to interpret my oncologist's rather grim demeanor.

Yet here I am, Medicare card in wallet and still writing cancer columns as if cancer was only an astrological sign rather than the dreaded - and feared disease, that it is. However, having cancer doesn't mean that I don't experience similar aches and pains as the rest of you. It simply means "Other than that, Mrs. Lincoln, how was the play?" A sarcastic reference to the fact that other things are still occurring, despite the obvious. Cancer doesn't preclude other older age medical realities from rearing their predictable ugly head: gray hair, bone loss, muscle weakness, memory loss, to name a few; it just complicates them and in so doing, confuses you.

It complicates them by ignoring them for fear that they are cancer-related and thus life-threatening and visiting a doctor would merely confirm your worst fear: dying/death, an upside down version of what you don't know not hurting you. And by neglecting to see a doctor, the symptoms (for me, it was a pain in my upper left arm/shoulder which turned out to be a rotator cuff problem) becomes worse and more severe than it otherwise would have become if you simply went to the doctor in the first place, and you end up suffering needlessly because it's actually not cancer, it's "maturation." So you're confused like "Bob's Big Boy" used to be: You don't know whether to stay or go.

When you're diagnosed with a "terminal" disease," you want to live, but it's extremely difficult not to think about dying. It dominates your brain and preoccupies your mind. Old age and living a full retirement become signposts in the distance that you can never quite read. And since you can never quite read them, you're not really prepared for what they say. Some of what they say - or infer, is that you're going to be visiting doctors more regularly than you ever have, and it's not necessarily all bad. It's merely a sign of your times which are now changing and you're living beyond a certain age, unexpected as it may have initially been suggested. As such, maintenance will be required to keep the older body and brain functioning. Ignoring symptoms, as my doctors have made clear to me, is NOT GOOD. Neither is assuming that such and such or so and so is good, bad or indifferent. It is what it is and It may be something or it may be nothing. Presuming facts and feelings which are not yet in evidence is a bit like putting the cart in front of the horse.

I know I'm afraid of dying. What these more recent pains and subsequent visits to the doctors have also shown me is that I can't be afraid of living.

*Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for  
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**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF  
AN APPLICATION BY VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL  
AND CERTIFICATION OF ELECTRIC FACILITIES: LOUDOUN-OX  
230 KV TRANSMISSION LINE PARTIAL REBUILD  
CASE NO. PUR-2019-00128**

On August 13, 2019, Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Virginia ("Dominion" or "Company") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for approval and for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate electric transmission facilities in Loudoun, Prince William, and Fairfax Counties, Virginia ("Application"). Dominion filed the Application pursuant to §56-46.1 of the Code of Virginia ("Code") and the Utility Facilities Act, Code §56-265.1 *et seq.*

Dominion proposes to rebuild, entirely within an existing right-of-way or on Company-owned property, five separate segments of its existing 230 kilovolt ("kV") transmission Lines #2173, #295, #265, #200, #2051, #2063, #266, and #2008, which are collocated at various points within the existing transmission line corridor between the Company's existing Loudoun and Ox substations ("Rebuild Project"). The Company proposes to:

(i) remove approximately 4.4 miles of existing 230 kV transmission Line #2008 between Structure #2008/1A and Structure #2008/24, retire approximately 8.4 miles of existing 115 kV transmission Line #156 between Loudoun Substation and Bull Run Substation, cut and loop in existing Line #265 into Bull Run Substation as the line passes directly overhead, and perform related substation work at the Loudoun, Bull Run, Mosby, Sully, and Clifton Substations (collectively, the "Loudoun-Bull Run Segment");

(ii) remove approximately 3.9 miles of existing 230 kV transmission Line #2173 on double circuit structures between Structure #2173/1A and Structure #2173/21, remove idle 230 kV transmission Line #1265, and rebuild approximately 3.9 miles of Line #2008 and Line #2173 on new, shared double circuit structures along the Line #2008 centerline between #2008/1A and Structure #2008/21 (collectively, the "Loudoun-Elklick Segment");

(iii) rebuild approximately 4.4 miles of existing 230 kV transmission Line #295 on new double circuit structures from existing Structure #295/21, remove idle 230 kV transmission Line #1265, rebuild 0.4 mile of Line #2008 between Elklick Junction and Dulles Junction on structures shared with Line #295, and rebuild approximately 4.0 miles of existing 230 kV transmission Line #265 between Dulles Junction and Bull Run Substation on structures shared with Line #295 (collectively, the "Elklick-Bull Run Segment");

(iv) rebuild approximately 3.2 miles of existing 230 kV transmission Line #265 on new double circuit structures between Bull Run Substation and Structure #265/4, rebuild approximately 0.6 mile of existing 230 kV transmission Line #200 on structures shared with Line #265 between Bull Run Substation and Pender Junction, and rebuild approximately 2.3 miles of existing 230 kV transmission Line #2051 on structures shared with Line #265 between Pender Junction and Structure #265/4 (collectively, "Bull Run-Clifton Segment"); and

(v) rebuild a combined total of approximately 6.4 miles of existing 230 kV transmission Line #2035 on new double circuit structures and rebuild a total of approximately 6.4 miles of existing 230 kV transmission Line #266 on structures shared with Line #2063 along the Clifton Substation DP section and the Moore DP-Ox Substation section (collectively, the "Clifton-Ox Segment").

Dominion states that the Rebuild Project is necessary to maintain the structural integrity and reliability of its transmission system in compliance with mandatory North American Electric Reliability Corporation Reliability Standards. Further, the Company states that the Rebuild Project will replace aging infrastructure that is at the end of its service life.

The Company states that the expected in-service date for the Rebuild Project is December 31, 2024. The estimated cost of the Rebuild Project is approximately \$67.5 million, which includes an estimated \$59.0 million cost for transmission-related work and approximately \$8.5 million for substation-related work. The estimated cost for each segment of the Rebuild Project is approximately (i) \$8.11 million for the Loudoun-Bull Run Segment, (ii) \$9.65 million for the Loudoun-Elklick Segment, (iii) \$13.14 million for the Elklick-Bull Run Segment, (iv) \$9.72 million for the Bull Run-Clifton Segment, and (v) \$18.35 million for the Clifton-Ox Segment.

The proposed Rebuild Project is located entirely within Dominion's service territory and existing right-of-way in Loudoun, Prince William, and Fairfax Counties.

The Loudoun-Elklick Segment includes replacement of 19 structures, currently ranging in height from 106 feet to 136 feet, with an average height of 124 feet. As proposed, the new structures for the Loudoun-Elklick Segment would range in height from 50 feet to 150 feet, with a proposed average height of 131 feet.

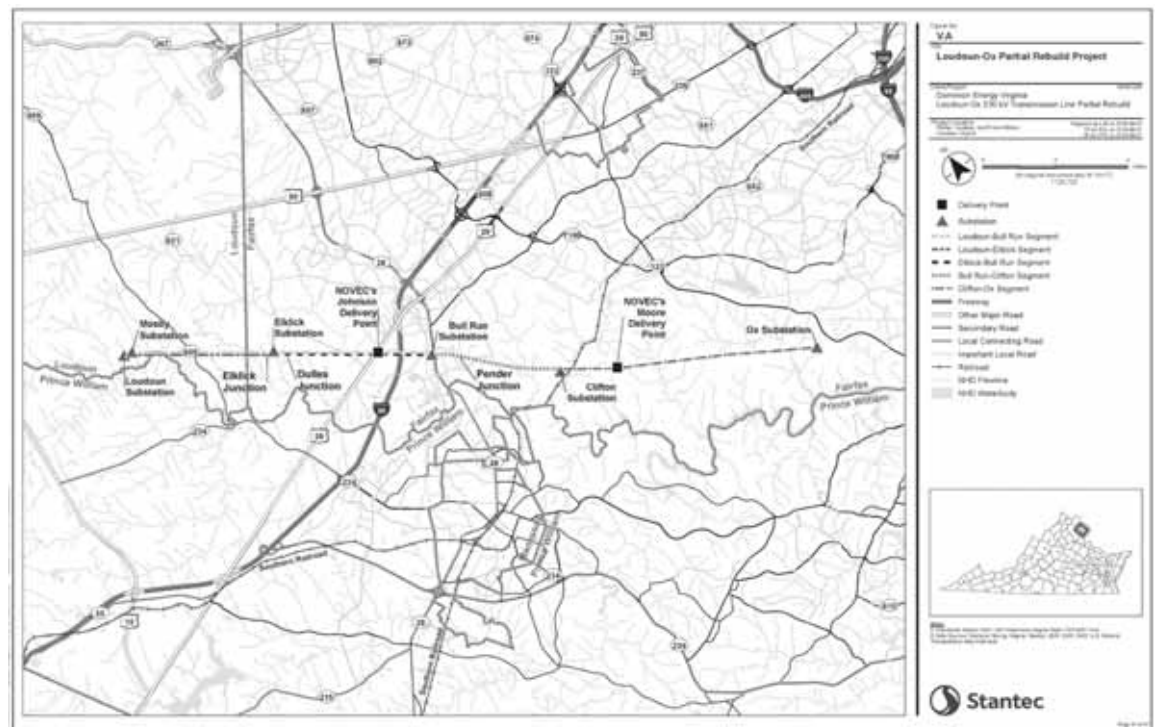
The Elklick-Bull Run Segment includes 2 sections: the Elklick Junction-Dulles Junction section and the Dulles Junction-Bull Run Substation section. The Elklick Junction-Dulles Junction section includes replacement of 4 structures, currently ranging in height from 35 feet to 115 feet, with an average height of 93 feet. As proposed, the new structures would range in height from 50 feet to 125 feet, with a proposed average height of 101 feet. The Dulles Junction-Bull Run Substation section includes the replacement of 24 structures, currently ranging in height from 95 feet to 140 feet, with an average of 117 feet. As proposed, the new structures would range in height from 85 feet to 147 feet, with an average height of 125 feet.

The Bull Run-Clifton Segment includes 2 sections: the Bull Run Substation-Pender Junction section and the Pender Junction-Clifton Substation section. The Bull Run Substation-Pender Junction section includes replacement of 4 structures, currently ranging in height from 109 feet to 151 feet, with an average height of 129 feet. As proposed, the new structures would range in height from 110 feet to 152 feet, with a proposed average height of 132 feet. The Pender Junction-Clifton Substation section includes replacement of 13 structures, currently ranging in height from 101 feet to 134 feet, with an average height of 119 feet. As proposed, the new structures would range in height from 110 feet to 147 feet, with an average height of 129 feet.

The Clifton-Ox Segment includes replacement of 39 structures, currently ranging in height from 101 feet to 158 feet, with an average height of 119 feet. As proposed, the new structures would range in height from 110 feet to 162 feet, with an average height of 130 feet.

All distances, heights, and directions are approximate. A sketch map of the proposal accompanies this notice. A more detailed map may be viewed on the Commission's website: <https://www.scc.virginia.gov/pur/elec/transline.aspx>.

The Commission may consider a route not significantly different from the routes described in this notice without



additional notice to the public.

A more complete description of the Rebuild Project may be found in the Company's Application.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing and a Correcting Order in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings in Fairfax County and Richmond, Virginia. A local public hearing will be convened on January 29, 2020, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, Virginia 20151, for the sole purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. The public hearing will resume on April 22, 2020, at 10 a.m., in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, to receive testimony from members of the public and evidence related to the Application from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission's Staff. Any person desiring to testify as a public witness at this hearing should appear fifteen (15) minutes prior to the starting time of the hearing and contact the Commission's Bailiff.

Copies of the Application and documents filed in this case are available for interested persons to review in the Commission's Document Control Center, located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

Copies of the Application and other supporting materials also may be inspected during regular business hours at the following location:

Dominion Energy Virginia  
10900 Nuckols Road, 4th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23060  
Attn: Lane Carr, Siting and Permitting Specialist

Interested persons also may obtain a copy of the Application by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, David J. DePippo, Esquire, Dominion Energy Services, Inc., 120 Tredegar Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219. If acceptable to the requesting party, the Company may provide the documents by electronic means.

Any person or entity may participate as a respondent in this proceeding by filing, on or before December 20, 2019, a notice of participation. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the notice of participation shall be submitted to Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. A copy of the notice of participation as a respondent also must be sent to counsel for the Company at the address set forth above. Pursuant to Rule 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"), any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2019-00128. For additional information about participation as a respondent, any person or entity should obtain a copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing and the Correcting Order.

On or before April 15, 2020, any interested person wishing to comment on the Application shall file written comments on the Application with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Any interested person desiring to file comments electronically may do so on or before April 15, 2020, by following the instructions on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. Compact discs or any other form of electronic storage medium may not be filed with the comments. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2019-00128.

All documents filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

The Commission's Rules of Practice may be viewed at <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. A printed copy of the Commission's Rules of Practice and an official copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing and the Correcting Order in this proceeding may be obtained from the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above.

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