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Generation Gap Millennials and Gen X now outnumber older voters, but Baby Boomers continue to dominate.

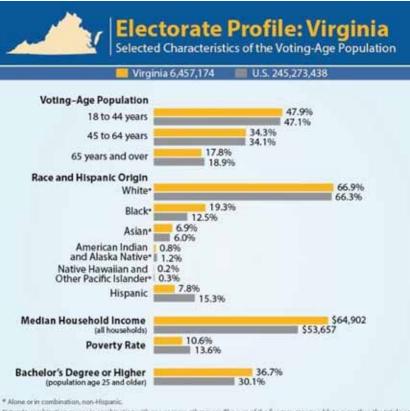
By Michael Lee Pope The Gazette

illennials and Gen Xers now out number Baby Boomers and older voters in Virginia, according to data from the Census Bureau. But that doesn't mean they have as much influence. Census numbers also show another trend: People over the age of 45 vote at much higher rates. That means Baby Boomers are expected to once again exert outsized influence in next week's election despite the fact that they are now outnumbered by ranks of younger voters.

"We talk about the Baby Boomers so much because they were a phenomenon unto themselves in some ways," says Quentin Kidd, director of the Wason Center for Public Policy at Christopher Newport University. "As they aged, they participated at high levels, and those participation levels stayed pretty high."

Voters across Virginia will be heading to the polls next week in a high-stakes election that will determine which party controls the House of Delegates and state Senate. All 140 seats in the House and Senate will be on the ballot this year. Election officials expect turnout to be about 30 percent, much lower than the 60 percent of registered voters that show up to presidential elections. That means voters who show up to the polls will be older, whiter and much more likely to be Republican.

"Virginia has a lot of immigrants. Immigrants tend to be younger and tend to have more kids, and those voters with that profile tend to lean Democratic," says Jeremy Mayer, associate professor in the Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University. "So why are the Baby Boomers still dominating? Because that demographic votes, and tends to vote with ex-



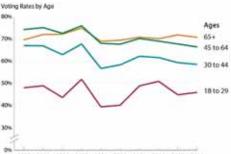
Note:: In combination means in combination with one or more other races. The sum of the five race groups adds to more than the total population because individuals may report more than one race. This graphic shows the voting-age population. An estimate of the number of the state's eligible votes: (i.e., citizens aged 18 and older) is available via 2014 American Community Survey Table 855003.

traordinary reliability."

Mayer says he sees a similarity between the victory of Donald Trump in 2016 with a victory of Brexit that same year, two elections where the interest of older voters overwhelmed the interest of younger voters, a phenomenon he calls a "revolution of the elderly." This election is also expected to be dominated by Baby Boom voters, although eventually millennials and Gen X voters will catch up and become the dominant force in Virginia politics.

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ment are indeed the 18 to 29 year olds," says Bob Denton, chairman of the Department of Communications at Virginia Tech. "There is going to be a political sea change, not so much on demographics per se but on political beliefs, attitudes and values of the Millennials and Generation Z."

Four years ago, when Virginia had no statewide races and every member of the General Assembly was up for election, about 30 percent of registered voters showed up to the polls and cast a ballot. Turnout statistics were pretty much the same for the election four years before that as well as the election four years before that. Democrats are expected to do well if they can push the

turnout numbers above 30 percent, even if it's only a little bit.

"The early voting numbers suggest a significantly higher trajectory," says Stephen Farnsworth, director of the Center for Leadership and Media Studies at the University of Mary Washington. "Based on the number of candidates running in the Virginia mid-term this year as well as polls, including the Mary Washington statewide survey that shows a high level of voter interest in 2019, all indications are that this Virginia midterm will have much higher turnout than four years ago."

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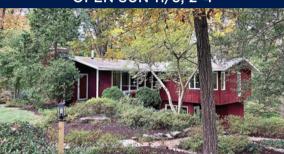
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Supervisor Storck's Expo Highlights Global Warming

Second annual event features a variety of workshops.

By Mike Salmon The Connection

upervisor Dan Storck invites residents to join the 2nd Annual Mount Vernon District Environment Expo focusing on "How YOU Can Act on Climate Change," on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019, from 8 a.m. - noon at Walt Whitman Middle School.

This event will educate and inform local residents on environmental challenges that are faced on a daily basis, including ones that are particular to the Mount Vernon area, given the proximity to water and the many industrial facilities nearby.

Attendees will leave the Expo knowing how to engage in simple actions to make an impact on climate change.

The morning workshop sessions will highlight things to LEARN, ENGAGE and ACT to help the environment.

Topics include: "Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming," presented by Beck Modini, Pachamama Alliance, who will look at efforts to reverse global warming and stop climate change, and what can be done to help.

That will be followed by "Small Choices, Big Impact," presented by Zach Huntington of Clean Fairfax.

Next up will be Elenor Hodges, EcoAction Arlington, talking about "Reducing Your



Saving the environment comes in many shapes.

Carbon Footprint Through Energy Efficiency.'

The workshops will include representatives from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Fairfax County Solid Waste Management, Fairfax County Urban Forestry, Plant NOVA Natives, and finally Try Transit, presented by Fairfax County Department of Transportation.

Photos by Mike Salmon/The Connection



Water runoff is demonstrated in previous years.

Mount Vernon Environment Expo,

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019, from 8 a.m. - noon at Walt Whitman Middle School., 2500 Parkers Ln, Alexandria. Expo Schedule

- 8 11:15 a.m. Exhibit Hall Open
- 8 noon Electric & Hybrid Car Showcase 9 9:30 a.m. Opening Remarks
- 9:30 noon Film Screening 9:30 10:15 a.m. Concurrent Workshops
- 11 11:45 a.m. Concurrent Workshops 11:45 noon Closing Remarks

Fund for Fire Damaged Belle View Businesses Established

Pitch in to help businesses damaged and devastated by fire, water.

> By Holly Dougherty Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce

he six-alarm fire that swept through portions of the Belle View shopping center in the early hours of Monday October 21st will have a profound effect on the community, businesses and employees.

As with most disasters, there will be financial impacts not covered by insurance. Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce, working with the Belle View Merchants Association and community members, has initiated a Fundly site to assist businesses and employees. Those interested in donating to the fire relief effort may visit https:// fundly.com/belle-view-shopping-centerfire-relief to make a contribution.

More than \$5,000 had been raised as of Monday morning. This is a generous response and we appreciate the support to help these businesses reopen and again pro-

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vide their quality services and products to the community.

The Belle View Shopping Center has served as the "town square" of the community since its founding 70 years ago. Residents from all over the Mount Vernon area frequent its shops and restaurants. Small businesses are the heart of our community. Some businesses are already getting back on their feet.

Those most affected include Alexandria Music Company, Belleview Cleaners and Launderers, Bread & Water, Dishes of India, GolfTec, Roy Rogers Restaurant, Spokes Etc., Taekwondo Masters, Wine and Design, and Yido Ramen.

For more information about the emergency relief effort contact Holly Dougherty, Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce, 703-360-6925, hollydougherty@mtvernon-leechamber.org; Kevin Greene, The Virginia Florist, Belle View Merchants Association President, 703-765-3355, kwcgreen@aol.com; Steve Larsen, 703-856-8113, steve@larsendesignbuild.com



The following morning, the firefighters from Penn Daw were still on the scene.

2018 Report: Nearly 7,000 Absentee Ballots Mailed Too Late

Virginia voters have already returned more absentee ballots in 2019 than the last time all 140 seats in the General Assembly were on the ballot.

By Aliviah Jones

irginia voters have already returned more absentee ballots in 2019 than in the No-

vember 2015 election — the last CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE time all 140 seats in the General Assembly were up for reelection. In the last few elections there has been an uptick in absentee ballots, but not all returned ballots are counted

A Virginia Department of Elections 2018 post-election report found that 6,771 absentee votes did not count in the 2018 election because they were returned to the registrar's office after Election Day. Eleven were returned late in per-

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son and 6,760 were mailed late. The Department of Elections lists 2018 official absentee ballot counts as 287,763.

The VDE said in the same report that they would "work with general registrars in an attempt to determine if there are patterns that exist preventing the timely return of ballots."

Ballots must be returned by 7 p.m. on Election Day, or Nov. 5, in order to count. The only exception, according to Andrea Gaines, VDE director of community relations and compliance support, is if voters are overseas or in the military.

The return date is listed on the absentee ballot application, but not the ballot itself, according to Gaines.

"There is no return date on the ballot itself," she said. "When a voter receives an absentee ballot. they also receive instructions on how to properly cast that ballot in a manner in which it will be counted."

When asked how the Department of Elections worked with registrars to determine patterns preventing the timely return of ballots, per the 2018 report, Gaines said: "Our mission is to provide voters with the information and resources necessary to successfully cast their votes."

Zareen Farhad, a 19-year-old student at Virginia Commonwealth University, said she is voting absentee this upcoming election because she can't make it back to Northern Virginia. Farhad said she has voted absentee three times and that the instructions on the ballot are sufficient, but that the Department of Elections website could clarify when the ballot is due.

"I think that the Virginia elections website could be a bit more clear about exactly how to vote absentee and when early in-person voting is," Farhad said. Grant Fox, press secretary for

the Democratic Party of Virginia, said the organization recently hired a full-time voter protection director to make sure every vote counts and voters are aware of their rights.

Republican and Democratic candidates have highlighted the option to vote absentee. John Findlay, executive director of the Republican Party of Virginia said "we're encouraged by the absentee numbers."

As of Monday, the unofficial return count for absentee ballots is 73,903, out of 123,459 absentee ballot applications, according to VDE.

"Using absentee voting is a good indicator of potential turnout, and if you look at previous elections and compare it to today there has been an increase in this election and overall," said Virginia Department of Elections commissioner Christopher Piper, in a previous CNS interview.

Stakes are high with all 140 legislative seats up for grabs for this first time since 2015, but also since Donald Trump was elected president. Several Senate districts held by Republicans have leaned blue in recent elections since then, and voters pushed Democrats into the House en masse in 2017. Republicans currently hold a slim majority in both chambers of the legislature.

According to an analysis posted by the Virginia Public Access Project, 54 House districts have already surpassed the number of absentee ballots returned in 2015. Of those, 22 are also key House races determined by a CNS analysis of competitive races, redistricting changes and recent voting trends on Virginia Public Access Project.

Twenty-one Senate districts have also had a higher return in absentee ballots than in 2015.

The deadline to return absentee ballots to registration officers is Election Day at 7 p.m.

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The Connection welcomes views on any public issue. The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for length, libel, grammar, good taste, civility and factual errors. Send to:

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12000 Government Center Parkway Fairfax, VA 22035 Oct. 29, 2019 9:30 a.m. - Full Board

of Supervisors Meeting 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 Com-

mittee

✤ 3 p.m. - General Assembly Annual Reception and Work Session

THURSDAY/OCT. 24

Flu Shot Clinic. 4:30-6:30 p.m. At Safeway at Rose Hill Shopping Center, 6130 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. The first 30 registered customers at the store clinic will receive free flu shots. Educational information and refreshments will be given out. Flu season is officially underway and Safeway pharmacies are now offering customers broad protection with the flu vaccine. The flu vaccine offers protection against four of the most common strains of

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Halloween



Kids enjoy the ballfield filled with food, drinks and activities.

Lorton's History Comes Alive at Night

The trail takes place on what used to be the Lorton Reformatory.

> By Jennifer Albarracin Moya The Connection

ne at a time, packs of people creep into the trail that leads them through what used to be the 55acre D.C. Department of Corrections Lorton Reformatory 18 years ago. Along the trail, creepy clad teens pop out of the highly crafted haunted scenes created to frighten their victims. Painted clown faces and crazed inmates are just some characters that make an appearance throughout the night. Presented by the Workhouse Arts Center, 2019 Haunted Trail - Breakout! naturally has a new addition this year, guests will be able to go inside the prison cells as part of the 25-minute haunted trail and see where prisoners were sleeping and eating years ago. On a lighter note, besides the trail there is also a field full of attractions from an outdoor movie screen playing Halloweenthemed films along with sofas to sit and watch, a Ghost Bar, a cardboard made jail cell to take selfies of yourself, and a game of cornhole. Along with the entertainment, snacks are available to buy from cotton candy, popcorn, and hot cider. There's even a food truck by the Peruvians Brothers to fill those late-night hungers.

There are only three days left of Breakout Haunted Trail: Halloween day, Nov. 1 and 2, from 7- 10 p.m. Its popularity among teens, young adults, and families this past weekend has proven it is worth a scare.



This is a station where you can buy snacks like cotton candy and popcorn.

WEEK

Investigation Continues in Burke Shooting

Detectives from Major Crimes Bureau continue to investigate the Oct. 21 shooting in the 6100 block of Wicklow Drive in Burke. As of Thursday afternoon, Oct. 24, Crime Scene and Forensic detectives have completed their work at the residence and have cleared the scene. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner has completed autopsies of the two victims and suspect. Homicide detectives are awaiting receipt of the final autopsy report from the Medical Examiner. As police initially shared, an officer returned fire on the suspect. Second Lieutenant Edward Rediske, a 25-year veteran of the department and currently assigned to the West Springfield District Station, returned fire after being shot upon by the suspect while nearing the rear of the residence with a reaction team in an effort to rescue the lives of the victims in the home.

In addition to the active Major Crimes Bureau investigation, Chief Edwin C. Roessler Jr. has directed Internal Affairs Bureau to conduct an administrative investigation in accordance with policy, along with an independent review by the Independent Police Auditor. More information will be provided when available.

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the flu virus and promises to help consumers maximize their protection against the flu this season. Safeway provides vaccinations on a walk-in basis.

THURSDAY/NOV. 7

Skilled Workforce Career Fair. 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. At Edison High School Academy, 5801 Franconia Road, Alexandria. High school students and recent grads interested in construction-related trades, service industries, manufacturing, and information technology are invited to attend the Apprenticeships and Skilled Workforce Career Fair at Edison Academy. The fair encourages interest in the skilled career fields that are attainable through two-year degree programs, certifications, apprenticeships or on-the-job training. Fairfax County high school students, recent graduates, and their parents are invited to attend this free event to meet business, education, and industry leaders from Northern Virginia who offer skilled workforce employment, education, training, and apprenticeship programs

SATURDAY/NOV. 16

Watershed Clean-Up Days. 8-11 a.m. At At John Byers Park, 2213 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. Grab a bag and go on a trash scavenger hunt as the Park Authority hosts "Watershed Clean-Up Days" again this fall. lend a hand by helping to remove tires, bottles, cans and other debris from local waterways. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/

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OPINION

Stark differences between the Mount Vernon District School Board Candidates

for public office on the upcoming election and reading online campaign content, I found the contrast between, Karen L. Corbett Sanders supported by Democrats and Steven D. Mosley supported by Republicans significant.

Our democracy must remain the highest and best expression of our collective humanity and our nation's diversity is our promise, not our problem. ... Mount Vernon citizens know that society must foster basic decency: good parenting, respect for law, and tolerance for all. The contempt and animosity of virtue politics aimed at groups through campaign rhetoric focuses on school boundaries and underperforming schools as proxies for issues of class and race. Dividing citizens only undermines the social cohesion necessary for the universal social provision of our schools.

I believe candidate Sanders message is one of unity. Candidate Sanders is firmly universalist and oriented toward social conditions rather than individual attributes. She unites citizens as advocates for social equity by looking to expand the rights and opportunities of students, parents and educators and to overcome biases that harm our students, schools and communities. Equity in education is the cornerstone of her efforts on behalf of our youth and schools. Her opponent favors introducing charter schools to Fairfax County. Who is to say the charter schools will be better than the existing schools in the area? Charter schools [often] do not provide teachers with the

aving recently heard different candidates same benefits as public schools, ... and they lack the oversight public schools have.

> A study on Charter Schools by the National Education Association in 2017 issued a report card on such schools in all 50 states. The 63 Virginia based charter schools received a grade of D and a mediocre rating.

> Fairfax County is a top school system in Virginia. How does bringing a caliber of schools with only a D grade and mediocre rating improve an already highly ranked school system? ...

> For youth to succeed in today's scientifically sophisticated world, students need a sound education in science. Today's fast-growing and high-paying jobs require a familiarity with the core concepts, applications, and implications of science. To make informed decisions about public policies, people need to know how scientific evidence supports those policies and whether that evidence was gathered using well-established scientific practice and principles.

> Candidate Sanders promotes the ideals and goals of our public schools that support high quality science education. She recognizes that our youth are sharing a common experience, a common fate, and common values all of which will strengthen our schools and communities into the future.

> Social equity politics is behind the New Deal, the abolition and civil rights movements, and equal rights for women....

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Opinion

Guns Play a Major Role in Domestic Abuse

By Del. Paul Krizek

ast week, our community here in Fairfax County was once again / impacted by gun violence: this time, a domestic violence incident in Burke that left three dead and two law enforcement officers injured.

This tragic event showcases the necessity to overcome the Republican-controlled General Assembly's unwillingness to pass common-sense gun violence prevention measures that would help keep guns out of the hands of domestic abusers.

Domestic violence and intimate partner violence are inextricably linked to gun violence. While perhaps not as frequently cited in the news as mass shooting events (although 54 percent of mass shootings can be tied to a domestic dispute), domestic gun violence incidents are widespread and pervasive in our society, affecting families from all walks of life.



lives. These numbers are even more elevated for the LGBTQ+ community and communities of color (especially Native Americans, where 55 percent have reported being the victim of intimate partner violence).

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Although both men and women are murdered by intimate partners, women are more likely than men to be murdered using firearms. While two-thirds of all victims murdered by a spouse or exspouse are killed with guns, the proportion of women is higher: approximately 70 percent. Women are also more likely to be murdered by someone they know,

while men are more likely to be

victims of violence by a stranger. The effects of firearms in the home include more than injuries and death, as over 4.5 million women report being threatened by intimate partners using firearms at some point in their lives, without their abusers pulling the trigger. These instances include holding a gun during arguments, constantly reminding the victim of the gun's existence, and even forcing the victim to load the gun themselves.

Approximately 1,300 people die each year in murder-suicides in the United States, and 65 percent of murder-suicide incidents involve an intimate partner. The simple presence of a gun in the home increases the likelihood that a woman will be shot and killed. Women who were killed by a spouse, intimate partner or a close relative were 7 times more likely to have lived in homes with guns.

Additionally, studies have shown that when there is a gun in a home with a history of domestic violence, there is a 500 percent higher chance that a woman will be murdered. Unfortunately, American women are unique in the fact that they are 16 times more likely to be killed by violence using a gun than women in other high-income countries.

So many of these deaths are preventable if we act to pass new laws and strengthen current laws. At the state level, we must pass universal background checks to prevent dangerous abusers from being able to access firearms. Other legislation was introduced during the July Special Session to prevent individuals who have permanent protective orders against them from purchasing, possessing, or transporting firearms. And Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO) allow family members and law enforcement to petition a court for temporary removal of firearms from an individual who is a danger to themselves or others.

On the federal level, the updated

version of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), which passed the House of Representatives back in April, would close the "boyfriend" loophole. Current law only prohibits gun purchases by people who are "married to, lived with, or have a child with the victim" and who have been convicted of an abuse felony or have a restraining order against them. The new VAWA would extend the current law to include unmarried partners and misdemeanor convictions of domestic abuse and stalking behavior. Closing this gap will help to protect all victims of intimate partner violence.

If you or someone you know is experiencing any form of domestic violence, and you want to talk about options and resources available, call the 24-hour Domestic & Sexual Violence Hotline at 703-360-7273 or go to thehotline.org to chat online. To report a crime, call the Fairfax County Police Department at 703-691-2131 or, for emergencies, please call 911.

Republican Candidate for 44th District House

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By Richard Hayden

t has been my pleasure over the past ten months to campaign as the Republican candidate for the Office of Delegate in the 44th House District for the Virginia General Assembly.

I have had the distinct honor of meeting many residents from all walks of life and from all across the political spectrum.

My reception has been remarkably positive with a very few exceptions.

I will look forward to doing this again in 2021 regardless of the outcome of this election.

The people in our little corner of Fairfax County are nothing if not passionate about their beliefs and views

Most were happy just to see a candidate knocking on their door, showing he cares about them and is willing to listen. Many were more than willing to share their experience, strength and hope with me in a mostly civil and courteous manner. I appreciate everyone who took time out of their busy day to visit with me as we try to find out what will work best for all of us.

I am new to politics and not beholden to special interests. I believe in a free market economy and our Right to Work laws which have worked to make Virginia No. 1 in business in the entire country.

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and student achievement. Hayden As Delegate I will continue to support and value our teachers. I do not support changing school boundary lines, as proposed by the current School Board, to achieve "equity" by look-

ing through the One Fairfax lens. I am pro-life. I believe in the sanctity of life at

all stages, but I also understand people have different views on this sensitive topic.

Current Virginia law does not allow for abortions past the second trimester unless the mother's life is at risk.

This is a reasonable accommodation of differing viewpoints; not extreme like the proposed late term abortion bill brought forth in the last Assembly session. I also oppose the Equal Rights Amendment, which is really a vehicle for taxpayer funded abortion.

If you want someone who will be reasonable, work hard and act with care and common sense in the best interests of you, the voters, then choose me to be your new Delegate in Richmond this Nov. 5. Thank you and God bless.



Richard Hayden at Mount Vernon Government Center polling place with Valerie Wohlleben, Mount Vernon Magisterial District Chair for the Fairfax County Republican Committee.

Redistricting Forum Nov. 17

he League of Women Vot-ers of the Fairfax Area and OneVirginia2021 will hold a discussion on how to pass redistricting in Virginia in 2020. The event will take place on Nov. 17, 2019, 1-4 p.m., at the Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax.

Speakers include the following Virginia state legislators:

Sen. George Barker, Sen. Dave Marsden, Del. Karrie Delaney, Del. Mark Keam, Del. Kaye Kory, Del. Mark Sickles, Del. Mark Levine; Del. Ken Plum, Del. Ibraheem Samirah, Del. Marcus Simon and Del. Rip Sullivan, Jr.

Other participants include: Andre Parvenu, California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

Brian Cannon, OneVirginia 2021, Deb Wake, League of Women Voters of Virginia, and Wendy Fox-Grage, League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area

This event is free and open to the public. Register at: lwv2019.eventbrite.com

Questions can be directed to: PR@lwv-fairfax.org.

OPINION Go Vote! Election Day Is Nov. 5.

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- Vote both sides of your ballot. Bring notes on your preferred candidates. It's not simple. We have included party designations and, with reservations, the party endorsements for school board. Most candidates do not have party affiliation listed on the ballot.

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It matters more than ever; do your part, don't miss this chance.

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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Dancers from the O'Neill-James School of Irish Dancing perform on the dance stage.

Irish Folk Festival

he 24th Annual Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (CCÉ) Irish Folk Festival was held at the Sherwood Community Center in Fairfax on Oct. 5. The event was put on by the O'Neill-Malcolm Branch of the CCÉ with support from the City of Fairfax and the City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts. The festival featured four stages of live music and dance, Gaelic sports, workshops, vendors, and exhibits to celebrate Irish heritage and culture.



Eileen Gannon, one of the best Irish harp players in the world, plays the tent stage with Eimear Arkins.



Caitlin Hearn plays the Irish fiddle with her Charlotte-based trio Loch and Keys.



Alina Albeik from Falls Church performs with dancers from the O'Neill-James School of Irish Dancing.

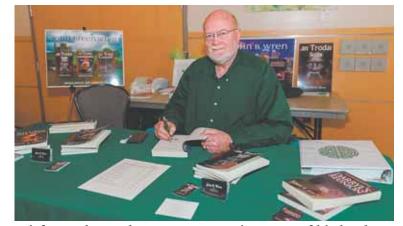


Jan McVey sells handmade Irish crafts at the Irish Folk Festival. She has been a festival vendor for the past 10 years.

The Seán Heely Celtic Trio is joined on the Galway Stage by a guest musician stage as they play melodies from Scotland and Ireland.







Fairfax author, John Breen Wren, signs one of his books. Wren is the author of thrillers, mysteries, and historical fiction. His seventh book, "Import Execute," is coming out soon.





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By Hope Nelson

ne night. A dozen restaurants. And unlimited food and drink. For the benefit of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Alexandria is getting ready to rock. And though the event is called Rock the Block, diners will feast along many, many blocks, from Carlyle down to the waterfront. The event takes place Nov. 7 from 6-9 p.m., and its reach extends across Old Town.

"It's a culinary tour where you eat and drink as much as you want from the restaurants that pretty much close to the public," says National Center for Missing and Exploited Children director of development Brian MacNair. "... A lot of times, these culinary tours or bar crawls You go and

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ONGOING

- Art Exhibit: Day of the Dead. Through Nov. 3, at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St. The Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery presents its juried show, Day of the Dead. Neighbors in Mexico and Central America celebrate Day of the Dead. It is a joyful time that helps people remember the deceased and celebrate their memory. The colors and vibrancy of this holiday inspire artists of the Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery. Themed work will be eligible for recognition by the jurors. Non-themed work will also be exhibited. Visit
- www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com for more. **"The Haunting of Hill House."** Through Nov. 9 at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe Street, Alexandria. Get spooked by "The Haunting of Hill House," based on Shirley Jackson's 1959 gothic horror novel. Considered one of the best ghost stories of our time, this tale is a chilling and mystifying study in mounting terror. Show times: Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 3 p.m. Admission: \$21-24. Visit thelittletheatre.com.
- **"Board | out of our minds!"** Through Nov. 10, gallery hours at the The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. "Board | out of our minds!" relates to the games we play. The included works exhibit the creative means in which people developed board games to reflect their thoughts and reflections on the role of chance in life. While some are actual games, some refer to the role of games in life. Visit www.nfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.
- Mount Vernon Farmers Market. Wednesdays (through Dec. 18), 8 a.m.-noon at Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. The McCutcheon/Mount Vernon Farmers Market opened May 1 with an array of farmfresh produce and local foods, plus some new features (fresh brewed coffee!). 17 local farmers and producers will sell fresh, locally grown vegetables and fruits; meats; Chesapeake Bay seafood; breads and pastries; honey, jams and jellies; milk, cheese and eggs; herbs and plants; and more. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ farmersmarkets.
- Band Members Needed. Join the Mount Vernon Community Band, a group of players who enjoy playing many styles of band music in a relaxed atmosphere. Rehearsals are Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Mount Vernon High School Band Room, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. No auditions. All instruments needed. Contact Eric Leighty directly 703-768-4172 or visit www.mvbands.com/join-us/.
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you buy tickets and you get samples based on your ticket purchase. This is drink and eat all you can — we either pay the restaurants to close down or partially close down — and then they choose their menu. ... It gives the restaurants an opportunity to highlight themselves while doing good for a charity."

And while the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children is certainly the chief beneficiary, ticketholders certainly reap rewards of their own. Beginning at 6 p.m., they'll start off at their assigned first stop, pick up a wristband, and launch into a food tour across Old Town. From the Carlyle offerings – Tequila and Taco, Whiskey and Oyster – over to the newly renovated Joe Theismann's restaurant and on down King Street to Vermilion, Augie's, Majestic, Mia's and more, the food options

THURSDAY/OCT. 31

- Trunk or Treat Block Party. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Nannie J. Lee Rec Center, 1108 Jefferson Street, Alexandria. For ages 12 & under and their families. Treat the whole family to a ghostly time with activities and treats while jamming with a live DJ. Free. Dress as your favorite character or creature and celebrate safely. Visit alexandriava.gov/Recreation.
- alexandriava.gov/Recreation. Lion Fest. 8:15-2:15 p.m. At Lyles-Crouch School, 530 S. St. Asaph Street, Alexandria. LCTA's Lion Fest is a fun, community harvest festival event where children will start off with a lap or two around the school, followed by visiting our sponsors stations for some health and wellness focused learning and activities. This year's Lion Fest fundraiser is highlighting health and wellness. Participants will receive drawstring bags to collect doo-dads at our sponsors stations. They are working with community businesses to join our festival and present some fun activities that the kids (and parents!) can participate in to promote health and wellness and its importance in our lives. Participants are welcome to dress up in their favorite costumes.
- **Trick or Treat.** 4-6 p.m. At Carlyle House Historic Park, Alexandria. Free. Join in this All Hallow's Eve for good old fashioned trickery and treats. Bring your little ghosts, goblins, princesses and action heroes to one of Alexandria's most haunted dwellings. We'll be handing out candy. In case of inclement weather please call museum for status of the event.
- Poe in Alexandria. 7:30 p.m. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Old Town Alexandria. Experience actor David Keltz as visionary author Edgar Allen Poe, recreating one of Poe's 19thcentury speaking engagements. This year's program will feature the stories "The Man of the Crowd" and "The Black Cat" as well as the poems "To _____ (I heed not that my earthly lot)," "Eldorado," and "The Raven." Light refreshments will be available with beer and wine for sale before the show. Cost is \$15. Call 703-746-4994. Reserve online at AlexandriaVA.gov/Shop.

FRIDAY/NOV. 1

\$100 & Under Exhibit. 7-9 p.m. reception. At Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Del Ray Artisans "\$100 & Under" exhibit showcases members' artwork all priced at \$100 and under. The art will be sold on an art-to-go basis (Nov. 1-Dec. 1, 2019). Sold artwork will be replaced each week with new work. The walls will be packed with great art at prices all art-lovers can afford. Gallery hours are: Thursdays 12-6 p.m., Fridays 12-9 p.m., Saturdays 12-9 p.m., and Sundays 12-6

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IF YOU GO Rock the Block

When: Nov. 7, 6-9 p.m. (VIP ticketholders can also access pre- and post-events) Tickets: \$125 for general admission; \$300 for VIP entry. How to purchase: Visit www.rocktheblocks.org.

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are abundant and ripe for nearly every taste. Along with the more traditional eateries, the Charles Schawb outpost at 1920

the Charles Schawb outpost at 1920 Ballenger Avenue is hosting its own popup, complete with food from Sweet Fire Donna's, drinks from Lost Boy Cider and live music to keep the festivities going.

And lest diners think it's all calorie intake and no output, MacNair begs to differ.

If guests walk the full map and hit each restaurant, "it's a total of 2,000 steps, so

they can get their steps in," he said.

But the food and drink is only a part of the point of the evening. Rock the Block supports the NCMEC's work in protecting children from exploitation and keeping them safe.

Along with working to locate missing children, MacNair says the Rock the Block evening helps fund the organization's programs centered on preventing child exploitation.

Millions of tips come in each year about Internet exploitation, for instance, and helping children safely navigate the Web is something the center is focused on.

Last year, Rock the Block hosted eight restaurants and about 500 participants; this year, MacNair is hoping for 700 to 800 participants to visit the dozen restaurants that dot the map.



GHOULS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN - Dressed in their wicked best costumes, Keiah Smith, Raclyn Peavy and Kamiya Smith (top to bottom) react after exiting the Democracy Federal Credit Union Haunted House trailer Oct. 29 on North Columbus Street. Trunk or Treat and a parade were part of the Halloween-themed events at Democracy FCU, which expanded into the city in May with the opening of the Old Town Executive Office. www.democracyfcu.org

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Flamingos for the season in Old Town.

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FROM PAGE 14 p.m.. The gallery is free, open to the public and accessible. Visit the website www.DelRayArtisans.org/ exhibits

All Saints' Day Choral Evensong. 7:30 p.m. At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 South Pitt Street, Old Town Alexandria. Grant Hellmers, Organist-Choirmaster of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, will direct the Adult Choir in an All Saints' Sunday Choral Evensong. Candles will be available to light in memory of loved ones. Music is by Sarah MacDonald, Richard Shephard, Charles Villiers Stanford, and Richard Ayleward. This service will be in memory of Jane Schleicher, former soprano in St. Paul's Choir, ringer in the Bell Choir, and extraordinary musician. A recording of her singing will also be played. All are invited. A freewill offering will be taken for the Lazarus Ministry to help the needy.

NOV. 1-2

Grief & Ghost Tours. 7:30-10 p.m. At Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco Street, Alexandria. A look at Victorian mourning traditions coupled with stories of tragic deaths and mysterious occurrences at the Lee-Fendall House. Cost is \$10. Tours will be offered Nov. 1-2 starting at 7:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m., and 9:30 p.m.. Visit the website: www.leefendallhouse.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 2

Operation Christmas Child. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. At 7010 Harrison's Lane, Alexandria. Shoebox packing party is sponsored locally by Woodlawn-Faith United Methodist Church. A small shoebox filled with gifts can have a huge impact on a child. Be a part of changing children's lives through the power of a simple gift. Samaritan's Purse collects gift-filled shoeboxes at more than 4,000 drop-off sites in all 50 states.It offers a year-round opportunity to pack personalized shoeboxes online. Go to samaritanspurse.org/occ to select

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toys and gift items, write a note of encouragement and "pack" them in a shoebox. These gifts will be distributed to children in some of the hardest-to-reach countries around the

- world. Visit samaritanspurse.org. Used Book Sale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Selection of over 20,000 gently used books, including children's books, fiction, history, biography, home and garden, cooking, crafts, sports, religion, travel, CDs, DVDs, and more. Unless specially priced, \$1 for hard backs, 50 cents for large paperbacks, and 25 cents for mass market paperbacks. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/friends-of-sherwoodregional.
- Storytime with Young Historians. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. At Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street, Alexandria. Bring your little learners to the Alexandria Black History Museum for cultural stories and creative craft activities that introduce history and folklore. The Museum Educator will be reading Rainbow Stew by Cathryn Falwell. Story time is every first Saturday of the month at 11 a.m. All ages are welcome, but most suitable for children 3 – 6 years old. Admission is \$3 per person. Tickets are available online at alexandriava.gov/shop.
- Visit alexandriava.gov/blackhistory. **Rhone Valley Wine Class.** 2 p.m. At the Bastille, 606 N. Fayette Street, Alexandria. Rhone Valley offers some of the best value wines available. Sample six wonderful wines, nibbles and a lively discussion on the joys of Rhone. Cost is \$35/person. Visit www.bastillerestaurant.com.
- Country-Western Dance. At Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss St, Alexandria.The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association will hold a dance. Lessons, 6-7 p.m. Open dancing, 7-9:30 p.m. A DJ provides music. Couples and singles of all ages welcome. Admission for NVCWDA members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Trial memberships available at door for member level

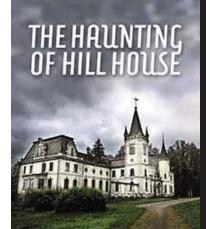
entry fee. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. Visit www.nvcwda.org

- 2019 Athenaeum Member
 Appreciation Party. 7-9 p.m. 201
 Prince Street, Alexandria. This is a celebration for the members who help keep The Athenaeum in good condition, open to the public free of charge, and filled with vibrant arts programs. Members at the Supporter Level (\$100) get one ticket to the party, higher membership levels receive more tickets. Members are able to purchase additional tickets at \$75 each. Visit www.nvfaa.org.
 Raven's Night. 7:30 p.m. At The
 - Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Now in its 8th year, Raven's Night creeps, slithers, and slinks its way back to The Birchmere. Keep your Halloween season going with a unique soirée featuring fusion belly dance, live music and a preshow carnival. This year's theme, Creature Feature brings the most iconic movie monsters to the stage. A sci-fi and fantasy fueled feast fit for all fandoms. Buy tickets at Ticketmaster.com or www.Birchmere.com.
- The Smoke & Mirrors Mystery **Soiree.** 7:30-11:30 p.m. At Woodlawn and Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. Cost is \$75-\$1,000. The year is a rowdy 1924, and you are cordially invited to the rather enchanting post-All-Hallow's Eve Soiree thrown by the mysterious Miss Elizabeth Montgomery Sharpe, heir to an eerily-substantial fortune, who has established herself as a hostess of great parties at her home estate, Woodlawn. The 1805 Mansion is rumored to be haunted, and despite Prohibition, spirits of all kinds will flow, along with savory and sweet treats. Visit eventbrite.com and search Smoke & Mirrors Mystery Soiree for tickets. Questions? Email woodlawnevents@savingplaces.org.

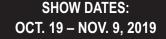
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Faure Requiem. 10:45-12:15 p.m. At

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Grief & Ghosts Tours

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FROM PAGE 15 Trinity United Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria. The combined choirs of Trinity United Methodist Church and Westminster Presbyterian Church present the Faure Requiem accompanied by chamber ensemble. Free. Visit the website: trinityalexandria.org.

trinityalexandria.org. **Concerts at St. Luke's.** 5 p.m. At St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Ft. Hunt Road, Alexandria. The First concert of the season. Classical Banjo performed by John Bullard. "He attracts international attention for his work in developing and transcribing classical repertoire for the five-string banjo. One of a kind show regularly knocks socks off left and right." A reception will follow. Cost is \$20 adult; \$15 senior; free to students and 18/under. Visit the website: www.saintlukeschurch.net/events **Free Piano Concert.** 5-6 p.m. At

Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Come join Franconia United Methodist Church for a free concert with world renowned pianist Julee An who will be performing Bach, Beethoven, Rachmaninoff and more. Ms. An has appeared performed around the world and was a featured soloist with the St. Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra. Free. Visit the website: http:// franconiaumc.org.

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TUESDAY/NOV. 5

ASO Night Shift. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Chadwick's Restaurant in Old Town Alexandria. Burgers, Beethoven and the Beatles. Grab a drink or bite to eat at Chadwicks while supporting your favorite orchestra. Enjoy a string quartet with musicians from the Alexandria Symphony playing popular tunes and light classics. A portion of the evening's receipts will be donated to the symphony. Visit www.alexsym.org.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 6

The French Perspective. 7-9 p.m. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria. Cost is \$10. Presented by The Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee. The French Perspective of the Hundred Years War. Shakespeare's Henry V depicts the Battle of Agincourt (1415) during the Hundred Years War (1337-1453) as a heroic English victory against improbable odds. However, the battle made little difference and the war should actually be read as the story of Joan of Arc's resistance, a settled civil war and how the French state emerged from the challenge of foreign invasion stronger and more unified than ever before. Tickets available at shop.alexandriava.gov

THURSDAY/NOV. 7 Rock the Block — A Culinary Tour of Old Town Restaurants. The

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children will host its 2nd Annual Rock the Block event throughout Old Town Alexandria. Several of Old Town's hottest restaurants will close their doors to the public for this event, serving up some delectable dishes and specialty cocktails. Individuals will receive a wristband and a map in which they can choose their own culinary tour by selecting their starting restaurant from the participating restaurants. This year, 12 restaurants will be participating in the event and will include Augie's Mussel House, Urbano116, The Majestic, Vermilion, Whiskey & Oyster, Columbia Firehouse, Joe Theismann's Restaurant and Bar, Mia's Italian Kitchen, Pizzeria Paradiso, Tequila & Taco and a culinary pop-up at the Charles Schwab headquarters with Sweet Fire Donna's Barbecue and Alexandria's own cidery Lost Boy Cider. New this year is special guest appearances by celebrity chefs and restaurant owners Spike Mendelson (Good Stuff Eatery, Vim & Victor, We The Pizza, PLNT Burger, The Morris, Santa Rosa Taqueria) and Victor Albisu (Taco Bamba and Poca Madre). To purchase tickets, visit www.RockTheBlocks.org.

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Alexandria Film Festival. Celebrating 13 years, the four-day

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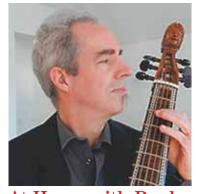
Alexandria Film Festival brings highquality short and feature length films, documentaries, filmmaker panels, and arts presentations to Alexandria. It highlights the talents of local, national, and international filmmakers. Free film screenings will be held at the Beatley Central Library on Nov. 8 from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Ticketed programming at the AMC Hoffman Theater 22 will feature special guests and Q&A panels. Purchase a \$50 All-Festival pass for admittance to all screenings and the Closing Awards' Reception on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 6 p.m. Tickets to individual showcases are \$12.50 online/\$15 at the door, space permitting. Visit www.filmfreewav.com.

FRIDAY/NOV. 8

Great Del Ray Poetry Reading. 7-9 p.m. At St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. The Great Del Ray Poetry Reading will feature award-winning poet and author William Heath to read poems from his new book, Night Moves in Ohio. Among praise: "In this remarkable collection, William Heath mourns and celebrates an almost vanished way of life: sometimes brutal, yet (in his sharply focused minutely particular, unsentimental, often humorous verses) intensely human." Event includes open-mic portion.Free. Visit the website: www.facebook.com/DelRayPlayers/

SATURDAY/NOV. 9

- Craft Fair. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. At First Christian Church of Alexandria, 2723 King Street, Alexandria. Leisurely explore the goods of the vendors, speak to them about their crafts, and snap up distinctive gifts that will be treasured by you and your loved ones. Free. Visit the website: https:// www.fccalexandria.com/
- Civil War Tours. 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. At Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Free in honor of Veteran's Day. The 90minute tours will be conducted by an interpreter who will portray a Union army veteran reminiscing about his military service at Fort Ward during the Civil War. Participants will learn about Civil War veterans' organizations, the history of Fort Ward, army life in the Civil War Defenses of Washington, and the design and construction of Civil War forts. Highlights include the reconstructed Officers' Hut and ceremonial entrance gate, and the fort's fully restored Northwest bastion. Call Fort Ward Museum at 703-746-4848.
- Succulents for Small Places. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. At Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen Street, Alexandria. Do you live in a small space? Succulents are a perfect



At Home with Bach

Saturday/Nov. 9, 7 p.m. at Virginia Theological Seminary, 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria. This program, featuring the Brandenburg Concerto No. 6 alongside other works by Bach, Telemann, and Stölzel, imagines one ephemeral evening of friends and family happily playing together. Cost is \$35 (General) / \$10 (18 & Under). Visit the website: www.bachconsort.org

choice if you live in an apartment or condo and want to incorporate plants into your small space. They'll explore what makes a plant a succulent, their geographic origins, and why they are great options for small spaces. You'll learn all about the light, water, and soil requirements for successfully growing succulents. This event is offered by Extension Master Gardeners. Free. Advance registration requested at mgnv.org. Call 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com.

Whiskey Festival. 6-9 p.m. At George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate, Mount Vernon. Take in beautiful views of the Mansion and enjoy distilled spirits. At this event, sample George Washington's Rye Whiskey and spirits from more than 11 Virginia distilleries before voting for

your favorite beverage. Curated food will accompany the spirits and complements the pour. Hear from Steve Bashore, Mount Vernon's director of historic trades, and other spirits industry titans as they discuss their distilled products. Enjoy music and entertainment throughout the evening. Tickets are \$125 per person.

Murder Trial of the Century. 7 p.m. At Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco Street Alexandria, The Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden will host an evening with author D.N. Wilson as he discusses his new book Cluverius v. The Commonwealth: Virginia's Murder Trial of the Century and the shocking crime that inspired it. Drawing on true historical events, Wilson brings to life the men and women who found themselves at the center of this murder trial that gripped Virginia in the late nineteenth century. Tickets are \$5, members of the Lee-Fendall House are free. Space is limited. A book signing and refreshments will follow. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org. House of Hamil. 7 p.m. At St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside

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Science Gets Spooky Mad Science Expo inspires STEAM learning.

By Jeanne Theismann Gazette Packet

undreds of future astronauts, scientists, mathematicians and engineers turned out Oct. 5 at The Watergate at Landmark for the third annual Spooky Mad Science Expo, an event to combine Halloween and science learning projects.

The Expo is the brainchild of Watergate resident Zohreh Khoshnamak, who founded the community's Science Club.

"I started the Science Club in our neighborhood with my son and his friend when I first moved here," Khoshnamak said. "A lot of kids wanted to join and now we meet twice a month and even have our own robotics team.'

The event was held with the participation of volunteers from the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, National Science Foundation, National Society of Black Engineers, American Chemical Society, RESET, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, American Statistical Association, IDA, Kathy Wilson Foundation, and Patrick Henry and William Ramsay Recreation Centers.

Vice mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker attended the event and is excited to see community-driven STEAM activities.

"This is a purely volunteer-based event, without any financial support and backing, that has been growing in stature and attendance each year," Bennett-Parker said.

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- www.bachconsort.org Fall Harvest Ball. 8 to 11 p.m. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Admission: \$45 per person. As the leaves changed and planting time came to a close, the social season in 18thcentury Alexandria commenced with a ball. Experience this 1770s-style ball with live music. English country dancing, cash bar and seasonal dessert collation. 1770s attire or cocktail attire welcome. Tickets are



Khal and Islam Shehadeh with daughters Siba and Sarrah at the Spooky Mad Science Expo Oct. 5 at The Watergate at Landmark.

"The Watergate at Landmark has around 4,000 residents, or about 2.5 percent of our population. Our community is lucky to have someone like Zohreh Khoshnamak working to instill a love of science in our kids."

Khoshnamak hopes to see the Science Expo continue to grow.

"The event is an opportunity to spark the interest in science and technology in kids," Khoshnamak said. "But we still need help in the way of volunteers and financial resources. We need to get the word out so that people know about what we are doing here."

To learn more about the club, contact Zohreh Khoshnamak at khoshnamak@gmail.com.

available online at shop.alexandriava.gov. Visit alexandriava.gov/gadsbystavern. Or call 703-746-4242

Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan Fete. At Belle Haven Country Club, Fort Hunt Road, in Alexandria. The George Washington Chapter of the Virginia Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) will host a formal gala event to present the SAR's highest national award for public service to General Gordon R. Sullivan. The SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal is awarded for outstanding and unusual patriotic achievement and service of national importance. Included among past recipients of the medal are former Presidents Truman, Ford, Carter, Reagan, and Bush.

SUNDAY/NOV. 10

Free Museum Tours. 1-4 p.m. At Gadsby's Tavern, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. In honor of Veteran's Day, the museum will offer free tours. In 1929, American Legion Post #24 purchased the buildings that now make up Gadsby's Tavern Museum and restored them with help from other community organizations as a memorial to honor the soldiers who lost their lives in World War I. After decades of meticulous



restoration and upkeep, they donated the buildings to the City of Alexandria in 1972 and continue to use the 1870s wing as a meeting space for their Post. Call 703-746-4242 or visit

At Union Street Public House, 121 S. Union Street, Old Town Alexandria. Distillery participants include: A Smith Bowman, Belmont Farms, Boar Creek Distillery, Catoctin Creek, Copper Fox Distillery, Iron Clad Distillery, KO Distilling, Murlarkey Distilling, Reservoir Distillery, Reverend Spirits, River Hill, Tarnished Truth. Appetizers and hors d'oeuvres will be served throughout to complement the tasting. Cost is \$59 per person. Ticket price includes whiskey tastings, appetizers, tax and gratuity. Call 703-548-1785 / https:/ /www.unionstreetpublichouse.com/

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Microgreens. 7-8:30 p.m. At Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen Street, Alexandria. Learn the benefits of microgreens and some simple ways to grow these delicious, nutritious and inexpensive baby plants and sprouts in your own home. Plus, they provide supplies for you to plant your

Spooky Mad Science Expo organizer Zohreh Khoshnamak, right, with Shadia Mohmmadi and brother Samyar, Nikpirouz Khoshnamak and Tara Jackson, in back, Oct. 5 at The Watergate at Landmark.

Face painting at the Spooky Mad Science Expo.

Dressed as a "mad scientist," **Shawn Brown** representing the William Ramsay **Recreation Cen**ter, shows attendees at the Spooky Mad Science Expo how to create dry ice Oct. 5 at The Watergate at Landmark.



own container. So come prepared to get a bit dirty while you make your own microgreen garden in class. This event is offered by Extension Master Gardeners. Free. Advance registration requested at mgnv.org. Call 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 13

Wildlife Conservation in a **Changing World.** 7:30 p.m. At Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Dr. Sally Valdes will explore how climate change is affecting wildlife and offer some steps for addressing this threat Climate change can adversely affect wildlife, for example, when the life cycles of interdependent species get out of sync and when rising coastal waters flood nesting sites. Too little or too much precipitation can stress whole ecosystems. The program is sponsored by the Friends of Dvke Marsh and cosponsored by the Friends of Little Hunting Creek, the Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions and the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park. Visit Friends of Dyke Marsh website: www.fodm.org

THURSDAY/NOV 14

George Washington's Tomb. 7:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal Street, Alexandria. Cost is \$12. Join Matthew Costello, Senior Historian of the White House Historical Association, as he shares from his new book The Property of the Nation: George Washington's Tomb, Mount Vernon, and the Memory of the First President. He will trace the shift of America's attention from the official days of commemoration around Washington's death to spontaneous visits by citizens through the story of his tomb. This history reflects the building of a memory of America's first president-of, by, and for the American people. Tickets can be purchased either online at alexandriava.gov/shop or by calling 703-746-4242. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 16

Christmas Marketplace. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. At Aldersgate Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. Luncheon featuring soup, BBQ sandwiches, delicious pies, silent auction, casseroles, jewelry & accessories, white elephant, bake sale, fresh pecans, collectibles, and popular craft vendors. All net profits benefit missions.

Puppet Show. 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. See Calendar, Page 19

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www.gadsbystavern.org Virginia Whiskey Tasting. 3-7 p.m.

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5 Foodie Dates To Circle in November

By Hope Nelson

h, November: Where the remnants of Halloween and Oktoberfest meet holiday beer, holiday baking and more. Whether you're ready to move on to Thanksgiving and Christmas or whether you want to hold onto fall for just a little while longer, there's something going on in November with your name on it. Here are some of the month's best bets.

Tidings Release Party at Port City Brewing, Nov. 1

Port City Brewing wastes no time getting into the holiday season with its release of the holiday-spiced Tidings Ale. The winter seasonal – a Belgian style ale brewed with Virginia wheat and local wildflower honey – is a perennial favorite each time it hits the shelves (and the kegs), and beer fans' wait is almost over. Beginning Friday, Tidings will be available on draft, in bottles, and to go from the brewery in crowlers and growlers. Pop by to lift a glass and celebrate the start of the holiday season. 3950 Wheeler Ave. 3-10 p.m.

Rustico Novemberfest 2019, Nov. 2

Rustico's annual post-Oktoberfest soiree keeps the beer festival going into November.

Forty of Virginia's breweries and cideries will be on hand to offer up an overwhelming 80 different brews for tasting. Breweries from the likes of Aslin to Crooked Run will be in attendance, and wine lovers won't be left out, either; Barboursville Vineyards will pour some of its best wines for the occasion. While you sip, munch on BBQ pork sandwiches, chili, sausages and more. 827 Slaters Lane. Noon-5 p.m. \$25 for advance tickets, which includes 20 tasting tickets; \$10 at the door with \$1 tasting tickets.

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 - At Oswald Durant Center, 1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria. Tickets are \$6. Silly Goose and Val perform All Things Fall. Val's award-winning and participatory performance features 40 minutes of music, puppets, ventriloquism, dancing, singing to delight audiences of all ages. With bold voice talents and contagious dances, little ones get up, move, and laugh together. Visit alexandriava.gov/WebTrac.
- Birds & Birdies 6K.10:30 a.m. At Pinecrest Golf Course, 6600 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria. Enjoy a crisp 6k run along the scenic path of Pinecrest Golf Course at the inaugural Birds & Birdies 6K walk/run. Pinecrest is home to a variety of native bird species as well as native plants and flowers, making this a one-of-a-kind, must do event. The race is professionally timed and includes a race T-shirt, goody bag and medals for all finishers. Call 703-941-1061 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov.
- Torpedo Factory Art Center Anniversary Ball. 7 to 10 p.m. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Enjoy light fare and drinks, a retrospective showcase, guest presenters and live music. The night will feature the opening of 45: An Anniversary Exhibition in Target Gallery, honoring the legacy of the founding artists of the Torpedo Factory Art Center. The event will also premiere a new documentary on the history of the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Admission: \$60 through October 31; \$75 beginning November 1. Visit

Pumpkin IllumiNIGHT at Nalls Produce, Nov. 2

Keep the Halloween spirit alive with another weekend of pumpkin-carving. Nalls Produce will provide the (child-friendly) tools and the pumpkins; kids provide the creativity and artistic muse. Then, once the sun goes down and darkness descends on the scene, watch as the pumpkins all come alive, lit up to brighten the night. 7310 Beulah St. Noon-4 p.m.

Holiday Crafting and Cookie Decorating Workshop at AR Workshop, Nov. 17

It's hard to believe, but holiday baking time is rounding the bend again. Not quite sure how to get started? AR Workshop has you covered. The tutorial will take wouldbe bakers through the steps to create three Thanksgiving-themed masterpieces, as well as teaching them how to properly ice and decorate the cookies for maximum beauty. 1212 King St. 2-5 p.m. \$79.

Alexandria Cider Festival, Nov. 23

Move over, craft beer – craft cider is now the name of the game.

The Alexandria Cider Festival celebrates the sweet and savory sides of cider with nearly a dozen cideries offering up their wares for tasting. Your entry fee grants you chances to try the ciders on offer, plus as souvenir glass, autumnal activities and live music. Mount Vernon's food truck, Executive Orders, will be on hand to make sure you don't leave hungry. Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St. 1-5 p.m. \$45 in advance; \$55 at the door.

Hope Nelson owns and operates the Kitchen Recessionista blog, located at www.kitchenrecessionista.com. Email her any time at hope@kitchenrecessionista.com.

the website www.torpedofactory.org. **ASO Presents Autumn Cello and Dvorak.** 8 p.m. At Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 4915 E. Campus Drive, Alexandria. Featuring James Ross, Music Director; Wolfgang Schmidt, cellist. They will perform Boulanger: Old Buddhist Prayer; Elgar: Cello Concerto; and Dvorak: Symphony No. 8. Cost is \$20-\$85 adults, \$5 youth, \$10 students. Visit www.alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885.

SUNDAY/NOV. 17

ASO Presents: Autumn Cello and Dvorak. 3 p.m. At George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Featuring James Ross, Music Director; Wolfgang Schmidt, cellist. They will perform Boulanger: Old Buddhist Prayer; Elgar: Cello Concerto; and Dvorak: Symphony No. 8. Cost is \$20-\$85 adults, \$5 youth, \$10 students. Visit www.alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885. Focus Alexandria. 7 p.m. At George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Featuring the Rev. Robert Jones plus Michael Kelly. Jones plays guitar, harmonica, mandolin, banjo and fiddle using folk, blues, spirituals and other American Roots music to champion the history, beauty and power of our shared culture. Kelly is a musician who draws on influences ranging from Lyle Lovett to Taj Mahal, Louis Armstrong to Doc Watson. Tickets are \$18 in advance at www.FocusMusic.org and \$20 at the door.



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William Gardner, 23, of Edinburgh, Scotland, crosses the finish line in 0:34:08 to win the men's division of the Marine Corps Marathon 10K Oct. 27 in Arlington.



Brittany Charboneau, 31, of Golden, Colo., pauses for a photo after winning the women's division of the 44th Marine Corps Marathon Oct. 27 in Arlington. Charboneau finished with a time of 2:44.47.



Arlington resident and ultra distance runner Michael Wardian, 45, cools down in the press tent after winning the inaugural Marine Corps Marathon 50K Oct. 27 in Arlington. Wardian completed the course in 3:11:52.

Going the Distance

Arlingtonian Michael Wardian wins inaugural MCM 50K.

> By Jeanne Theismann Gazette Packet

orrential rains may have slowed him down, but they didn't stop local runner Michael Wardian as he crossed the finish line to win the inaugural Marine Corps Marathon 50K

race Oct. 27 in Arlington. "To win your hometown event in such a

great year, I couldn't ask for anything else," said Wardian, 45, who completed the distance (31 miles) with a time of 3:11:52.

The Marine Corps Marathon race was just a tune up for Wardian, who will run as the New York City Marathon virtual ambassador next weekend in Hong Kong.

"It's been a pretty epic year," said Wardian, who ran the entire 89.9 miles of the Washington D.C. Beltway in 17:54:59 in late June. "I ran across Israel earlier this year and set a fastest known time for that. I did about 1,000 kilometers in 10 days."

Wardian also completed a world record for 10 marathons in 10 days.

"Seven of those were on seven different continents," added Wardian, who ran his first marathon at the Marine Corps Marathon in 1996. "And to win the inaugural 50K today is pretty exciting for me."

More than 1,700 runners joined Wardian along the ultra distance 50K route, including Alexandria's Dustin Whitlow, 33, who finished second with a time of 3:21:36. Patrick Early, 40, of Montclair, Va., placed third in 3:40:50.

In total, 26,502 runners competed in the 44th annual Marine Corps Marathon events, including the traditional 26.2-mile marathon and the MCM 10K.

The top Marine Corps Marathon finisher was Jordan Tropf, 27, from Silver Spring, MD. "I love this race because of the landmarks and the crowd support," Tropf said. "The [wear] blue mile really reminded me why I was running and gave me the push I needed to finish."

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Arlington's Michael Wardian celebrates winning the inaugural Marine Corps Marathon 50K race Oct. 27 in Arlington. A world-renowned ultra distance runner, Wardian, 45, completed the 31 mile course in 3:11:52.

The firing of Howitzer cannons signals the start of the 44th Marine Corps Marathon Oct. 27 in Arlington.





Alexandria's Chelsea Anderson raises her arms in celebration as she approaches the finish line of the Marine Corps Marathon 10K race Oct. 27 in Arlington. Anderson completed the course in 1:04:59.

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Tropf completed the marathon with a time of 2:27:43 while Brittany Charboneau, 31, crossed the finish line as the first place MCM female with a time of 2:44.47.

Among the local runners was HomeGrown Restaurant Group's Director of Marketing Chelsea Anderson, who ran her first MCM 10K, finishing in 1:04:59.

"I've never seen so many energetic and chatty people on a Metro train at 6 a.m.," said Anderson, who boarded at Braddock Metro for the trip to the 10K start line on the National Mall. "But it was a great experience and pretty cool to see all the Marines cheering everyone on. There's seriously no better push of adrenaline than a high five from a Marine."

Alexandria Mayor Justin Wilson ran his eighth Marine Corps Marathon, finishing with a time of 3:47:21. Realtor Liz Lucchesi ran the race in 5:12:22 and Brooke Sydnor Curran finished in 4:28:24.

Other notable 44th MCM finishers include Gen. David H. Berger, 38th Commandant of the Marine Corps (5:29:38); Gen. (ret) Joseph F. Dunford, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staffs (4:45:00); U.S. Sen. Shelley Capito of West Virginia (6:45:56); U.S. Rep. Debra Haaland from New Mexico (6:06:01); and Medal of Honor recipient Dakota Meyer (5:20:40).

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Australia's Dean Karnazes, bestselling author, philanthropist and ultra marathoner, finished the 50K in a time of 5:38:14.

Top results: Marathon Male: Jordan Tropf, 27, Silver Spring, 2:27:43; Adam Stokes, 34, Bristol, England, 2:28:59; Matt O'Neil, 24, Woodbridge, 2:31:30.

Marathon Female: Brittany Charboneau, 31, Golden, Colo., 2:44:47; Margarita Quintero, 29, Zapopan, Jalisco, Mexico, 2:48:22; Selvi Rajagopal, 32, Columbia, Md., 2:50:42.

Wheelchair/Handcycle: Tom Davis, 42, Fremont, Ind., 1:07:10; Krys Zybowski, 43, Avon, Conn.,1:22:27; Omar Duran, 40, Clearwater, Fla., 1:22:34.

50K Male: Michael Wardian, 45, Arlington, 3:11:52; Dustin Whitlow, 33, Alexandria, 3:21:36; 3. Patrick Early, 40, Montclair, 3:40:50.

50K Female: Liz Ozeki, 31, Rockville, 3:42:04; Judy Doldorf, 46, Manassas, 3:52:00; Lisa Reichmann, 45, Gaithersburg, 4:15:11

10K Male: William Gardner, 23, Edinburgh, Scotland, 0:34:08; Kieran White, 41, Aylesbury, England 0:35:06; Shlomo Fishman, 27, Silver Spring, 0:35:16.

10K Female: Hannah Krumreich, 27, Vienna, 0:37:44; 1st Lt. Sarah Bridges, 27, USMC, Quantico, 0:38:42; Maj. Christine Taranto, 34, USMC, Alexandria, 0:38:50.

from Silver off his 2011 time.



Vienna's Hannah Krumreich, 27, crosses the finish of the Marine Corps Marathon 10k to take first place in the women's division with a time of 0:37:44.

Despite torrential rains, tens of thousands of runners take to the start of the 44th Marine Corps Marathon Oct. 27 in Arlington.



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Spring, crosses the finish to win the men's division of the Marine **Corps Marathon** 10K Oct. 27 in Arlington. Tropf finished the course in 2:27:43, shaving 9 minutes and 32 seconds

"Underwhere" and What

By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Though I don't think I've broken any laws, other than the laws of consumerism. I may have gone over to the dark side. And by 'dark side,' I refer to two elements, one way more significant than the other, both of which I will get to in short order. In the interim, I refer to that most private of previously public purchases: underwear.

The last two times I bought underwear, I did not, as my father before me did so regularly for his two sons: buy from a local distributor. No. I didn't brick and mortar, I did not drive to and from. And neither did I engage with a living being (so far as I know, anyhow). Rather, I simply typed, mouse-clicked and purchased online from a national distributor. And since I wasn't able to touch and feel, my selection was a bit of a leap of faith. Would the fit, style and look satisfy in person much as is it had done so online? So far, after having introduced a dozen pairs to their new homes, their owner and his neighbors seem okay with the interlopers. I expect that with the passage of time, the familiarity of it all will wear down any anticipated objections. Still, I imagine there will be an adjustment period.

Those purchases being made, I do feel as if I've crossed a line of sorts. [And the editor is likely to agree and assert selective deletion.] At the very least, consumers and their underwear purchases - and processes, seemed sacrosank and immune to the lure of the internet. Granted, its presumptive privacy and seemingly endless choices/supply would presumably appeal to one's sense of curiosity. But not having the opportunity to physically pick and choose, and then grab and go to the cashier while glancing at the assorted inventory while you saunter through the department now seems like a lost art. An art that will never again be bid on, certainly not at Christie's anyway. I don't feel guilty exactly, about what I've done, but I do feel as if struck at the very foundation of the consumer's code of decency.

I mean, if one is going to buy underwear online then there really is no stopping the internet's intrusion into our daily lives. And if the artificial intelligence running the sites knows about our most personal preferences, then what's preventing a mass outing of mankind and womankind? To that possible end, I am now going to mention the second element of my recent purchase for which you likewise might have an opinion. This time I have literally gone over the dark side: colors; blue, black, green and gray. The tidy whities of my youth and nearly entire adulthood have had to give way to color. Another break with my underwear past which also seems unforgivable. My father always wore white underwear. How could I, as his son, break with such familial tradition? This is the weight I am now carrying. I'm not exactly leaving the faith but I do feel that I'm definitely disconnecting.

And since these online purchases of nonwhite underwear are not that recent (six months or so), recently, as in the last month, I have given consideration to yet another total break to how/where I've purchase these non-white "underwears," brand. I have heard multiple radio advertisements on my satellite radio concerning an upscale brand of underwear which has given me pause to rethink how I might further upgrade the neighborhood where my underwear has been residing.

It's been difficult enough changing how I buy my underwear, and then transitioning from whites to colors, but now possibly changing brands just for the sake of some creature omforts? I haven't heard any complaints from the neighbors so why bother? To be cool and comfortable? I thought I was. Apparently not. Dare I break yet another decades-old tradition? It may be too much.

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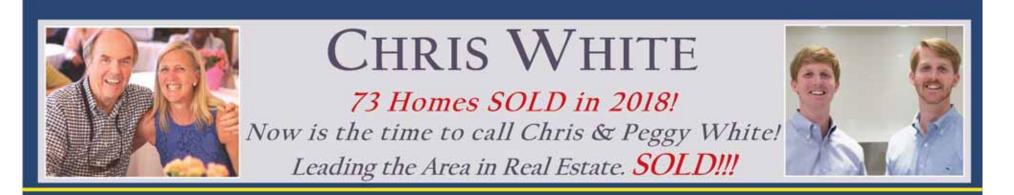
- Assistance League of Northern Virginia, a volunteer nonprofit, invites community members to join the organization to participate in its
- Reading Express program. Volunteers provide one-on-one tutoring to first grade students during the school year. To learn more contact VP Membership Mary Gronlund at gronbiz@aol.com or Program Coordinator Lynn
- Barron at lynnieb517@verizon.net. United Community (formerly UCM), with main office located at 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria, seeks volunteers for Food Pantry assistance, Early Learning Center teacher aides, basic needs counselors, youth tutors and mentors, office administration/data entry, and community outreach. Flexible hours and schedules. Opportunities for all ages to serve, including community service hours. More info at ucmagency.org/volunteer-opportunities or
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- STEM VOLUNTEERS. The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) needs scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and physicians to assist K-12 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) teachers in the Northern Virginia Area, during the 2016-17 school year. In the 2015-16 school year, the numbers of STEM volunteers in Northern Virginia were: Fairfax County - 40, Arlington - 20, and Alexandria - one. Details of the collaboration are worked out between the teacher and the volunteer, and may involve giving demonstrations, assisting in lab experiments, lecturing on special topics, assisting with homework, etc. The hours are flexible, and volunteers attend a one-day training in September before being assigned to schools. To see how volunteers are assisting their teachers, view the video clips at www.seniorscientist.org. To volunteer, contact donaldrea@aol.com.
- Fairfax County's Community Services Board is seeking volunteer office assistants. Volunteers are needed to assist CSB staff with greeting guests, making reminder phone calls, data entry, filing, shredding, stocking shelves, and other duties as needed. Hours are flexible, but would be during normal business hours. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb/viva/volunteers.htm for more.
- Yoga Teachers are needed. Help improve a person's well-being by teaching yoga classes to adults who are staying in a residential facility. The day/time is flexible, but would be during the week. Prior yoga instruction is required. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb/viva/ volunteers.htm for more
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