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## ONGOING

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**Collect Coats for Children in Need.** Now thru Feb. 28. At CSB Office, 14150 Parkeast Circle, Suite 200, Chantilly. The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) Youth & Family Outpatient staff is holding a coat drive to benefit its clients and the community. Bring new or gently used coats, hats, scarves and gloves to CSB's office.

## THURSDAY/FEB. 20

**Engineers Week Girl Day.** 4:30-6 p.m. At Ox Hill Boys and Girls Club, 4101 Elmwood Street, Chantilly. Girls from the Northern Virginia area will join Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington at Ox Hill to participate in Engineers Week Girl Day national celebration, Feb. 20. In celebration of National Engineers Week Girl Day, Raytheon and the Boys & Girls Clubs have teamed up to empower young women with information about engineering. Girls from the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington's Ox Hill location will meet female role models in engineering, learn about the variety of engineering careers and the women who work in them, and then take on an engineering challenge of their own.

## SUNDAY/FEB. 23

**Betrayal in Berlin.** 2-4 p.m. At Old Bust Head Craft Brewery, 7134 Farm Station Road, Warrenton. Former Washington Post reporter Steve Vogel tells the true story of the Berlin Tunnel, the American-British Cold War operation to dig a tunnel into East Berlin to intercept Soviet secrets. Cost is \$35. Visit the website: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/betrayal-in-berlin-the-berlin-tunnel-and-the-mole-in-mi6-tickets-84203532031>

## SATURDAY/FEB. 29

**CVHS Choral Cabaret.** 6:30-10 p.m. At Centreville High School Cafe, 6001 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Come join the 16th annual Choral Cabaret, featuring a night of marvelous music, spectacular silent auctions, and delectable desserts. Cost is \$10.

**Pink Tie Breast Cancer Charity Ball.** 6 p.m. to midnight. At Hilton Washington Dulles Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon. The IIIB's Foundation will host its 9th Pink Tie Breast Cancer Charity Ball to raise funds for their Bosom Buddy Baskets which are presented to women when they wake up in hospitals following breast cancer surgery. These baskets provide comfort from the pain associated with breast cancer surgery and treatment and lets them know they are not alone in their journey. The event will feature a Candlelit Served Dinner, Open Bar and Dancing All Night, Silent Auction, Raffles, Surprise Guests and More. 100% of All Proceeds benefits The IIIB's Foundation. Ticket prices are \$199 per person.

## SUNDAY/MARCH 1

**Bobby Berk at Belfort Furniture.** 2 p.m. At Belfort Furniture, 22250 Shaw Road, Dulles. This award-winning interior designer and member of the Fab 5 from Netflix's "Queer Eye" will be on-site for a conversation on design and to launch his exclusive new furniture collection in partnership with A.R.T. Furniture. Door prizes, refreshments, much more. RSVP here: <https://www.belfortfurniture.com/events/default.aspx>

## SATURDAY/MARCH 14

**Travel the Forgotten Road.** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. At Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. These one-hour, outdoor walking tours cover the original outbuildings and slave quarter at Sully that were used during the late 18th century. Tours take place at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily, except on Tuesdays, during special events, or when there is severe weather. Call the site to confirm the tour status. The tour cost is \$8 for adults; \$7 for students age 16 and older with ID; \$6 for children age 5-15; and \$6 for seniors age 65 and older. Tours of the historic house will not be available through May because of ongoing structural repair and maintenance work. The rest of the historic site is open. Call 703-437-1794 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site).

**Following Mosby Thru Fauquier County.** 4-6 p.m. At the Sully District Government Center, Frank Room, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Join authors Don Hackenson and Chuck Mauro as they describe the exploits of Colonel John S. Mosby in Fauquier County during the Civil War and discover sites that still remain today. Mosby is among the



## Capital Remodel and Garden Show

**George Olphant will highlight the Capital Remodel and Garden Show at the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly.**

## FEB. 21-23

**Capital Remodel and Garden Show.** From 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Sunday. At Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. More than 300 companies will be on hand to showcase the latest products and services in home remodeling, renovation, home décor, landscape and garden design. An ongoing schedule of home remodeling and landscape experts conducting seminars will be carried out throughout the three-day event. George Olphant, "George to the Rescue," will be the headliner. Tickets are \$12 Box Office adult admission; \$9 Adult online admission; \$3 Children age 6-12, Children 5 and under free. Tickets may be purchased online at <https://capitalremodelandgarden.com/>

more complex historical figures of the Civil War. Known as the "Grey Ghost" the romantic lore surrounding him is consistent with the "Lost Cause" interpretations of the war. Yet Mosby himself denied this view of the war and suffered for it. Presented by the Historic Centreville Society. Light refreshments will be served. Free. Email [CentrevilleFHC@gmail.com](mailto:CentrevilleFHC@gmail.com)

## MARCH 20-22

**Super Pet Expo.** At Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Fri., Mar 20 – 3-8 p.m.; Sat. Mar. 21 - 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sun. March 22 - 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Admission: Adults \$13; Children age 4-12 \$8, age 3 and under – Free. The family-friendly event will feature more than 200 pet-related exhibits along with entertainment and educational activities. Dogs, cats, Champion Trainer, hermit crabs and reptiles will highlight this show. Tickets: [www.superpetexpo.com](http://www.superpetexpo.com)

## ONGOING

**Diabetes Sisters PODS Meetup.** Meets the first Monday from 7-9 p.m. At Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. An evening of sisterhood, encouragement, and peer support. Opportunities to share experiences, peer support, and lived expertise with others who have been there too. Meet with other women living with diabetes for encouragement, education, and empowerment. Women age 18+ living with any type of diabetes or prediabetes are welcome, regardless of whether they were diagnosed yesterday or 40-plus years ago. They strive to create an open, respectful environment for women with diabetes or prediabetes to truly focus on their health. Free. Visit the website: <https://diabetessisters.org/pods-meetups>

**Fitness for 50+.** Daytime hours, Monday-Friday at Sully Senior Center, 14426 Albemarle Point Place, Chantilly. Jazzercise Lite, Zumba Gold, Hot Hula Fitness (dancing Polynesian style), Strength Training, Qi Gong, Tai Chi and more. Membership is \$48 a year, and waivers are available. Email [lynne.lott@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:lynne.lott@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call 703-322-4475 for more.

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## MWAA: 'Warn New Residents about Airplane Noise'

New homes in Westfields are proposed for high-decibel areas.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**E**lm Street Communities, a development proposed for Westfields, would build 157 residential units directly under a Dulles International Airport flight path. Concerned about the loud airplane noise the homeowners would face, the Sully District Council and the West Fairfax County Citizens Assn. (WFCCA) voted in January to recommend the county Planning Commission disapprove the proposal.

And troubled that the county Board of Supervisors would eventually be deciding this case based on a map of the airport's noise contours from 1997 – when this map was updated in 2019 – the land-use committees invited representatives of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) to address their joint meeting, last Monday, Feb. 10.

That way, they could hear directly from the experts exactly what types of development should be prohibited in certain noise-decibel area, as well as the impact that airplane noise could have on anyone allowed to live there. Speaking first was Michael Cooper, MWAA's manager of state and local government relations.

Showing a large map of the updated noise contours around Dulles Airport, he said, "Contours are lines on a map. Dulles currently has four runways [three going north to south, and one going east to west], with a fifth runway, going east to west, planned for the future."

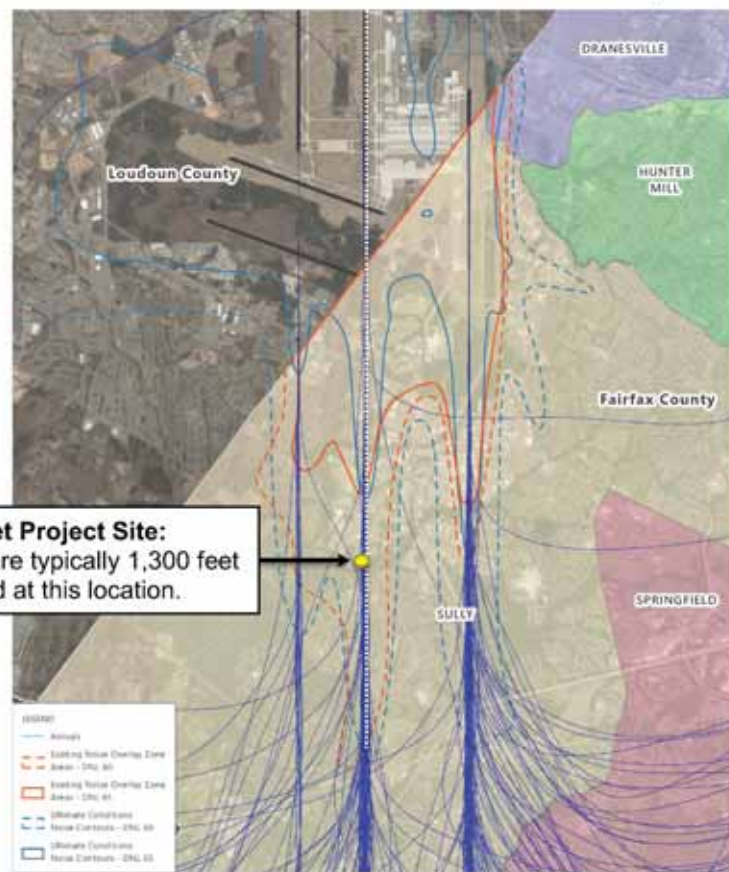
The area in white was designated 65 DNL, meaning it has a day/night average decibel noise level of 65 decibels and above. "The FAA terms it 'highly annoying,'" said Cooper. "So we don't want to put residents there."

The area in gray is designated 60 DNL – and it's where the Elm Street development would go, if approved. "There's a national discussion about whether the 65 should be dropped down to 60 or 55 because the FAA has received so many complaints from residents throughout the country about airport noise," said Cooper.

The dark-green perimeter showed the one-mile-wide buffer between the contour areas and the residents, so people can see how close they are to the airport.

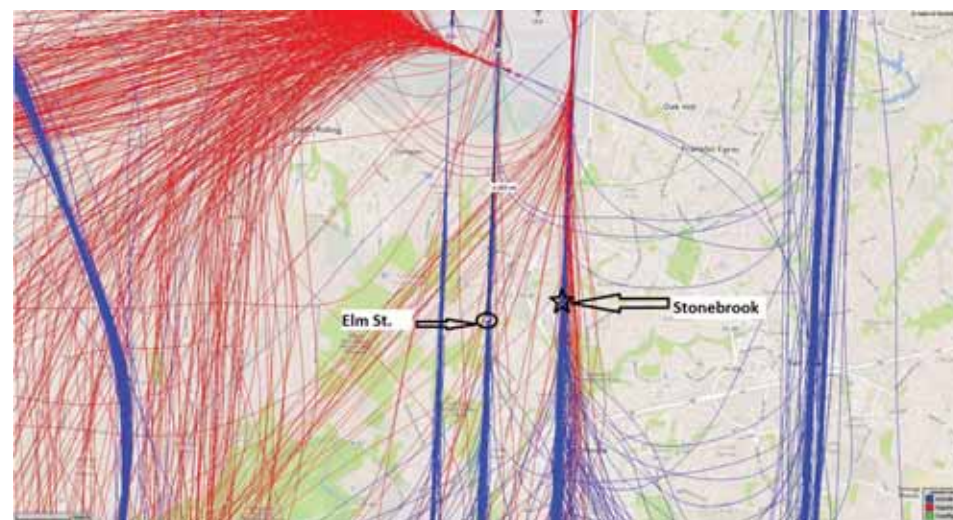
"Up until last year, Fairfax County protected [people] up to the 60, without a one-mile buffer," said Cooper. "Last year, when Land Unit J [in Westfields] was being discussed, the county said it would allow development in the 60, provided there was disclosure, insulation and [other protective measures for residents]. But every single application in that area would come back to the Planning Commission and Supervisors before being approved."

Washington Dulles International Airport  
60 & 65 DNL Contours with Arrival Paths  
in Relation to Elm Street Communities, Inc.



COURTESY OF MWAA

**Arriving flights at Dulles International Airport would fly just 1300 feet above the Elm Street homes (yellow dot on map).**





# OPINION

## Black History Month 2020

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



A tradition in the House of Delegates that has come about in recent years is to have a speech at the beginning of each daily session during February about a Black person. Some speeches are about well-known historic figures; most are about lesser-known Black persons who have made contributions to their communities and to the state. After all, the point of Black History Month is to have all of us gain a greater knowledge and appreciation of Black persons' contributions to our history. The Legislative Black Caucus organizes the event, and I am pleased to have been invited to speak each year at one of the daily sessions. This year I spoke about the late Gwen Ifill of PBS NewsHour and Washington Week in Review who was the first Black woman to become a national news commentator. I always appreciated receiving the daily news from her in her calm and professional manner. Not all speeches are about historic figures; one delegate spoke

this year about his experiences of growing up Black.

I predict that in future years a speech will be made on the floor of the House of Delegates about the 2020 Virginia General Assembly being a transformative event in Black history. Black experience accounts for a major portion of the story in a state that unfortunately has been known for centuries for its racist policies. The first enslaved Africans were brought to Virginia in 1619, and the slave codes that were enacted to keep them subjected as slaves were inhumane. When the tobacco fields were no longer productive, Virginia's chief source of income became the selling of slaves into the deep South. Even the freeing of the slaves with the Civil War did not bring equal rights to Virginia's Black population. Slave codes were replaced by Jim Crow laws. Voting by Blacks was restricted. Their separate schools and other accommodations were not equal.

Supreme Court decisions and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 brought about changes that started Black people on the way to greater freedom. A suc-

cessful lawsuit against gerrymandering in the state along with greater voter participation brought about a record number of Black candidates being elected to the General Assembly. Black legislators took on greater roles of responsibility in the 2020 session of the legislature. The first Black woman was elected Majority Leader of the House of Delegates, and the first Black woman was elected President of the State Senate. While there had been a few Black committee chairs over the years in the House of Delegates, half of the fourteen committee chairs are now Black. Vestiges of Jim Crow laws that remained in the Code even though they had been overturned by the courts are being stripped away. Localities are being given permission to deal with Confederate monuments that were the symbols of Jim Crowism. Laws that were unevenly applied to Black persons are being amended or repealed. Black cemeteries are being cared for as the Confederate cemeteries were for many years. A commission is going to look at the teaching of Black history in our schools to ensure that it tells the whole story. Major strides are being made in this month of Black history!

## Arriving at Crossover with Many Bills Moving

### Driver privilege, minimum wage, class action lawsuits, marijuana decriminalization ...

BY SEN. SCOTT SUROVELL  
(D-36)



The sixth week of the General Assembly brought us to "crossover" – the day each chamber is required to cease work on their own bills and work on bills from the other chamber.

The last two days brought furious action on many major bills. Forty-three of my own bills crossed over to the House of Delegates. Last week, the Senate passed my legislation creating driver privilege cards for undocumented immigrants for the first time and on a bipartisan basis. We still have work to do in order to reconcile the House and Senate bills, but it will change the lives of over 100,000 Virginia residents.

We also passed my legislation authorizing state-level class action lawsuits. Forty-eight other states and the District of Columbia already allow similar lawsuits. The lack of such remedies in Virginia means that corporations can steal money from Virginians in smaller amounts and never face justice.

The Senate also approved my bill allowing people to expunge evictions that have been dismissed. Companies have begun to collect and disseminate eviction records to landlords and the existence of multiple dismissed and unfounded eviction cases can present a barrier to property rental. My bill will allow people to clear unfounded lawsuits from their third party data files.

We also passed my bill to create the Virginia

Efficient and Resilient Buildings Board. It requires each state agency to designate an energy manager to monitor and reduce energy consumption over time. Energy efficiency is America's cheapest energy resource to access and I appreciate the collaboration with my constituent Elizabeth Beardsley and the United States

Green Buildings Council who brought this concept to my attention.

The Senate also approved my bill I am carrying with Del. Kathleen Murphy to create two hundred \$4,000 college scholarships for children in families who receive Temporary Need for Families (TANF). The bill has passed the Senate four times but always dies in the House. This year will be different.

Beyond my own bills, we took action on majority legislation. Sen. Adam Ebbin's marijuana decriminalization bill passed with a large bipartisan majority. The bill is not perfect, but an appropriate first step as we move towards legalization.

I helped to negotiate the Senate's proposed minimum wage increase. The bill increases the state minimum wage to \$9.50/hour starting January 1, 2021. The wage then increases \$1/hour per year starting July 1, 2022 until it reaches \$15/hour and then increases with the Consumer Price Index. Other parts of Virginia would be divided into Wage Regions and the wage increased on a basis relative to their Median Family Income compared with Northern Virginia. We also created an exemption for training employees and students employed

part-time while in college or high school. The House approach is much different and must be reconciled.

Both chambers passed legislation allowing collective bargaining by public employees, ending Virginia's ban on project labor agreements, and allowing localities to require prevailing wages to be paid in public contracts. We also passed legislation creating private actions for worker misclassification, employer retaliation for reporting illegal conduct, and wage theft.

On the energy front, we passed bills endorsing a renewable energy portfolio standard or mandate that utilities shift to renewable energy by certain deadlines. We created a framework to authorize a \$2 billion investment in offshore wind that will make Virginia and Hampton Roads a national leader in technology deployment.

We also passed legislation to officially join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) also known as "Reggie." Joining this compact will give the Commonwealth greater flexibility in reducing carbon emissions and net the Commonwealth \$100 million per year in revenue given the progress we have made this far relative to other compact states.

We also passed Senator Adam Ebbin's legislation authorizing a statewide tax on plastic bags of \$0.05 per bag. It only applies to bags in grocery, convenience, and drug stores, but not restaurants. The monies will go to the General Fund and retailers will be allowed to keep \$0.02 of the tax to defray the costs of collection.

Each chambers' proposed budgets will come out before this goes to print and we will also begin work on legislation from the opposite chamber and the state budget. Please send me any feedback at [scott@scottsurovell.org](mailto:scott@scottsurovell.org).

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# More Criminal Charges Filed against Figueiredo

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

A Fairfax man who worked at Wildflour bakery in Chantilly has been charged with additional crimes against a second developmentally disabled adult employee there.

That means that Alberto Figueiredo, 73, has now been accused of three offenses that allegedly occurred while he was the bakery's general manager.

Wildflour routinely hires individuals with developmental disabilities, and Figueiredo has been employed there for more than a decade. But on Jan. 30, Fairfax County police arrested him on a charge of object sexual penetration against a developmentally disabled adult under his supervision. Detectives began investigating in late January, after the victim disclosed the alleged assault to her parents.

Then last Friday, Feb. 14, police announced that additional felony charges of object sexual penetration and forcible sodomy have been lodged against Figueiredo. They say a second woman told her parents about the alleged offenses against her, earlier this month.



Figueiredo

Major Crimes Bureau detectives thoroughly investigated the new information and obtained the latest arrest warrants last Thursday, Feb. 13, after consulting with the Commonwealth Attorney's Office. Figueiredo was arrested without incident, that same night, at his home in Fairfax and taken to the Adult Detention Center where he was held without bond.

Victim specialists from the Police Department's Major Crimes Bureau's Victim Services Division have been assigned to ensure that the alleged victim is receiving appropriate resources and assistance. As for Figueiredo, he's slated for a March 11 court date on the first case and was scheduled to be arraigned this week on the charges contained in the second case.

Meanwhile, anyone with further information or who may have had inappropriate contact with Figueiredo is asked to call Major Crimes Bureau detectives at 703-246-7800, option 3.

Tips may also be submitted anonymously via Crime Solvers by phone, 1-866-411-TIPS (866-411-8477); by text, type "FCCS" plus tip to 847411; and online at <http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org/>. Or download the mobile tip411 App, "Fairfax Co Crime Solvers." Anonymous tipsters are eligible for cash rewards of \$100 to \$1,000 if their information leads to an arrest.

## ROUNDUPS

### I-66/Fairfax County Parkway Work

As part of the I-66 Outside the Beltway project, the following work is slated for this week:

- ❖ Demolition of I-66 spans over the Fairfax County Parkway is planned to occur through Friday night, Feb. 21.
- ❖ Work during overnight hours includes removal of the concrete bridge deck for each span, followed by removal of the bridge girders.
- ❖ Nighttime partial demolition of the I-66 bridges over Fairfax County Parkway is anticipated to be complete around mid-March.
- ❖ Nightly lane closures for demolition will occur on Fairfax County Parkway approaching I-66, with occasional 20-minute stoppages between midnight and 4 a.m. (6 a.m. on weekends).
- ❖ The exit from I-66 West to Fairfax County Parkway South will be closed Thursday night, Feb. 20, and Friday night, Feb. 21. Traffic will be directed to Route 286 North, exit to westbound, then stay to the left and follow signs to Route 286 South.
- ❖ Work is weather-dependent and will be rescheduled if inclement conditions occur.

### WFCM's Stuff the Bus Food Drive

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) will hold a Stuff the Bus food drive, Saturday, Feb. 29, from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Walmart at 4368 Chantilly Shopping Center in Chantilly. This event is in partnership with Fairfax County's Department of Neighborhood and Community Services and MV Transportation. Incoming customers will receive lists of the most-needed food items and may purchase and donate any of them while shopping at the store. All the food collected will go to local families in need.

## Residents, Be Alert for Potential Burglars

During last Wednesday's, Feb. 12, meeting of the Sully District Police Station's Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), residents were advised to be alert, lest they become victims of burglaries. Giving the station update was its assistant commander, Lt. Josh Laitinen.

"Between 4-10 p.m., there's been an increase in residential burglaries along Stringfellow Road," he said. "In addition, tools – such as leaf blowers, chainsaws, etc. – have been taken from people's sheds behind their homes. So if you see unfamiliar cars driving really slowly, or people acting suspiciously, let us know."

MPO Sabrina Ruck, the station's crime prevention officer, had some further advice for the residents. "Make sure your doors and windows on your homes and cars are locked," she said. "And don't leave valuables like your wallet, computer, phone, etc., in your car."

Ruck said home-surveillance systems are always helpful. But regardless, she told people to "just be alert. Know your

neighbors and, if you trust them, let them know if you'll be out of town, so they can keep an eye on your house and notice if anything is amiss."

She also said residents may contact her to come out and conduct a free security survey of their homes. Her email is [sabrina.ruck@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:sabrina.ruck@fairfaxcounty.gov). And for more information about crime in their community, they can go to [www.cityprotect.com](http://www.cityprotect.com) where Fairfax County police report their crime data. Just click on the icons to learn more about the incident type and click on "filter" to choose a date range.

For information on any registered sex offenders in their neighborhood, they may check that box on the filter. Then they can click the links to learn each offender's charges.

News and information updates are available on the police department's blog, <https://fcpdnews.wordpress.com/>. The police station's non-emergency number is 703-691-2131.

—BONNIE HOBBS

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# Transparency Demanded on Airplane Noise

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been aware of the new, updated contours since November 2019. "That previous fall, a citizens group was reviewing Land Unit J, and we wanted it to have the information about the new contours before the [proposed], new developments in Westfields were approved," explained Cooper. "And whether or not Fairfax County adopts them, they're in the public realm."

Mark Rutyna, with MWAA's Planning and Engineering Office, said the county hired an independent noise expert who "reviewed MWAA's study and agreed with it" and will report back to Fairfax County within two weeks.

Cooper said MWAA will work with the Supervisors; but he also told Hart he's correct that the county should be using the most current, noise-contour map. "There are six land-use cases coming forward now in this area, including Elm Street," said Cooper. "And a proposal [called Stonebrook] by [developer] Stanley Martin is in the 65 DNL."

WFCCA Land-Use Chairman John Litzenger – a former pilot, himself – also noted that the DNL decibel levels are averages and could actually be higher. "On takeoffs, when planes are at full power, that's noisy, as well," he said. "So the decibels on takeoffs will be significantly higher than on arrivals and could be as high as 70-80 decibels."

Cooper said Stonebrook – being proposed for con-

struction of 142 residential units, just east of Elm Street – will be even closer to the aircraft. "Planes will only be 950 feet above," he said. "And we'll suggest that the arrivals information be included in the marketing materials."

**FURTHERMORE**, MWAA wasn't even notified by the county about the Elm Street proposal until a week or two before it came before the land-use committees. So David Mould, MWAA vice president of Communications and Government Affairs, said, "We've now requested information [from Fairfax County's Department of Planning and Development] when anything is proposed within the existing or updated contours."

Rutyna said aircraft noise for Elm Street and Stonebrook residents could also be amplified because "Dulles has three north-south runways, and is able to have three, simultaneous arrivals in all weather." These runways lie directly between Elm Street and Stonebrook; and, said Rutyna, the two closest to Stonebrook "are used the most."

"We created a presentation for the Fairfax County Supervisors so they could see in 3-D what it looks and feels like when planes get to this level over Elm Street," said Cooper. "But they didn't want it presented in public because it contained information about a land-use case that would later come before

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## WEDNESDAY/FEB. 19

**Possible Zoning Changes Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. At Clifton Town Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton. The purpose of the meeting is to inform residents and obtain feedback on the County's proposed Agritourism Zoning Ordinance Amendment, the addition of a Rural Resort use, and changes to the requirements for ADUs. This is a meeting regarding possible zoning changes to the Fairfax County zoning rules which will impact the entire Clifton area. For details on the watershed: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/stormwater/watersheds>

## MONDAY/FEB. 24

**NARFE Dulles Chapter 1241 Luncheon.** 11:30 a.m. At Amphora Diner, 1151 Elden Street, Herndon. Featuring speaker Pete Kirby, Retired Fire Chief, Centreville Fire Department, who will speak on fire prevention and response. The cost of the luncheon is \$18.15 which includes tax and a small gratuity.

## WEDNESDAY/FEB. 26

**The Fairfax County Department of Transportation** will hold community meetings in every district of the county this spring with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to discuss proposed 2020 paving and restriping projects. The first meetings will be held in the Hunter Mill and Springfield Districts in February.

❖ The Springfield District meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 6:30 p.m., in the cafeteria of Liberty Middle School, 6801 Union Mill Road, Clifton.

The meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m., with a formal presentation beginning at 6:45 p.m., followed by time for questions, feedback and comments. For residents who cannot attend the meetings in person, the meeting presentation will be available on the District paving and restriping webpages, and feedback may be submitted online for two weeks following the meeting. Visit the Fairfax County 2020 Paving and Restriping Program: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/2020-paving-and-restriping>.

# Noise

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them.” However, he added, “These new neighbors at least need to know where the planes fly. That’s all we ask is disclosure.”

The land-use committees then voted jointly, and unanimously, that Elm Street not be approved as it is now, and that both the updated contour map and the map showing Elm Street’s proximity to the runways, plus the flight paths of arriving planes, be included in the developer’s latest proffer (number eight) so prospective homebuyers would have this information. The committees also voted in favor of MWAA’s notification request in cases where homes, schools, childcare or eldercare uses are proposed in contours of 60 decibels and above.

On Feb. 12, the Planning Commission approved Elm Street’s application. Now, said Cooper, “MWAA will make the 3-D model available to county staff.” The application goes to the Supervisors on March 24.

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## One Step Forward, Hopefully Not Two Steps Backward



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

And so, what happens next? There’s calm and then there’s an eventual storm. The storm to which I refer is what will happen after the March 2nd meeting with my endocrinologist when she will assess and determine the next step in my post-thyroidectomy treatment. Presumably, in conjunction with my oncologist, a coordinated plan will be implemented for treating my two cancers. I can’t imagine however, that being treated for two cancers, simultaneously, will be easier than being treated for one. And I doubt, although I don’t know, that one medicine will be recommended for the treatment of both my non-small cell lung cancer and my thyroid cancer. We’ll know soon enough.

In the interim, I intend to acknowledge and appreciate how easy these next few weeks will be. No appointments with doctors, no diagnostic scans, no procedures, no medicine - and no side effects, and no lab work other than as needed, to measure my calcium and magnesium levels and any other thyroid-related effects. Moreover, I am free to come and go as I please. And it does please me. Because I’ve earned it. I deserve it and I’m going to bask in it. You think being a cancer patient under constant treatment - for nearly 11 years is in any way amusing? Hardly. I make fun of it to make light of it. Otherwise, the weight of it would crush me. And even though my father always said I had broad shoulders, I’m always fearful that the next result will be the straw that finally breaks this camel’s back. After all, I’m only human.

But for now, February 9, as I sit and write, I am three weeks and one day to my next reckoning. And since it’s early days yet to know what life will be like after that March 2nd appointment (radiation and/or chemotherapy possibly), I will try to be blissfully ignorant and not think too much how easy and unencumbered my life is at the present. As a cancer patient, ceding control where you can and securing it where you thought you couldn’t are keys to managing expectations and minimizing aggravation. Unfortunately, there is no one key that unlocks all doors. And there are plenty of doors, and plenty of doctors too, and plenty of fear waiting for one of your doctors to walk through any of these doors to deliver the results from your most recent cancer-related whatever.

None of which concerns me right now, or rather it shouldn’t. And if there’s any port in this storm where I can offload some anxiety and get in a little R&R, literally, figuratively, hypothetically, magically, unexpectedly, I should jump at the chance. I am reminded of a conversation I had with my oncologist years ago when I experienced a similar interval between treatment. The medicine I was on had stopped working so we needed to start another, another with unknown benefits and side effects. My oncologist suggested that since I felt good, perhaps we should delay the beginning of the next infusion and that I should take that trip I had always dreamed of because I might never feel this good again. I didn’t then and I won’t now. When I jump however, I can barely get off the ground.

I haven’t exactly been presented this time, with this kind of do-before-you-die opportunity, but there is an erie familiarity to my circumstances. And though I’ve been down this road trying-to-find out before, I can’t be at all certain to what kind of twists and turns await. The last thing a cancer diagnosis provides is a guarantee. Actually, that’s wrong. A cancer diagnosis does provide a guarantee: that there are no guarantees. And so, as I prepare for the next phase of my life, the one that begins 11 years after being diagnosed with non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV and being given a 13 month to two-year prognosis to boot, I will quote the late, great Satchel Paige: “Don’t look back. Something might be gaining on you.”

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## SPORTS

**Brooke Reed #00 is defended by Brooke Rasdolsky #21.**



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# Westfield Girls Beat Centreville Wildcats

**T**he Westfield girls played the Centreville Wildcats on Feb. 14, the winner to take on the Madison Warhawks in the second round of the Concorde District Tournament.

The opening quarter, Gabby Reed scored 4 of her team high 14 points. Ryleigh Thurston scored 4 for Centreville. Westfield leading 6-5.

The second quarter Westfield would again outscore Centreville 14-12 to take a 20-17 halftime advantage. The Bulldogs led by Gabby Reed's 4 points while teammates Victoria D' Ercole and Bella Bruce each added 3. Centreville was led by Ryleigh Thurston's 6 points and Kaya Squirewell's 3.

In the third quarter the Wildcats would outscore the Bulldogs 15-12 to tie the game up at 37 heading into the fourth quarter.

The fourth quarter saw a balanced scoring for Westfield. Gabby Reed, Victoria D'Ercole and Brooke Reed each scored 4 points, while Bella Bruce added her third three of the game. Centreville had 5 players score 2 points while being led by Jada Squirewell with 3 points.

With the 47-43 win, Westfield will take on undefeated Madison in the second round. Westfield was led by Gabby Reed with 14 points, Victoria D'Ercoles 9, Bella



**Westfield's Bella Bruce #20 made three from long range to help lead Westfield to a 47-43 victory over Centreville**

Bruce 9, and Broooke Reed with 8. Centreville's season ends with the loss. Kayla Squirewell scored 19 points and Ryleigh Thurston 10.

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**Sam Johnson #33 gets by Chantilly defender. Johnson #33 scored 13 points in Westfield's win over Chantilly.**

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# Westfield Boys Knock Out Chantilly

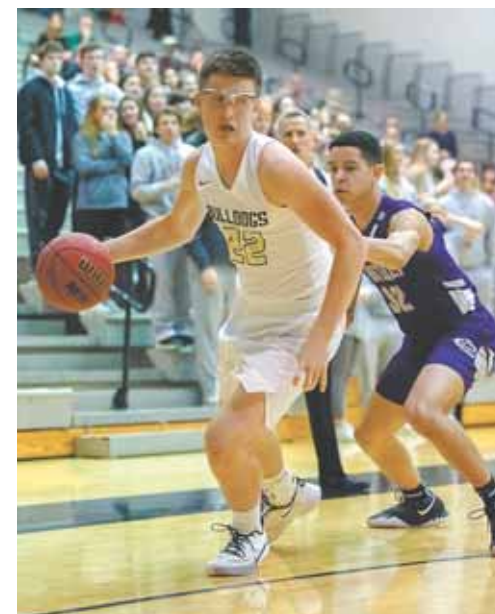
**K**yle Whippon and Sam Johnson combined for 36 of Westfield's 54 points and Westfield would advance to the second round of the Concorde District Finals on 2-14, knocking out Chantilly 54-43.

In the first quarter Westfield's Kyle Whippon would score 13 of his game high 23 points, including three 3-points baskets. Luke Titus and Chris Miers each had 5 points in the quarter for Chantilly. Westfield lead was 18-13.

In the second quarter Mitchell Clark would pace the Chargers with 5 points, and teammate Luke Titus added 4. Westfield was led by Sam Johnson and Kyle Whippon's 4 points. Chantilly would outscore the Bulldogs 13-8 to tie the game at 26 going into the half.

In the third quarter Sam Johnson would score 6 points. Teammate Jonny Farmelo added 4. Isaiah Rodriguez would pace the Chargers with 6 points, while Chris Miers added 5 points. Westfield would narrowly lead 39-37 going into the fourth quarter.

Kyle Whippon again would pace the Bulldogs in the fourth with 6 points, while his brother Chase would score all



**Chase Whippon #22 looks to the basket as he dribbles the ball.**

4 of his points in the quarter. Sam Johnson would add 3 points. Chantilly was led by Luke Titus who scored 6 points on the quarter and finished with a team high 14 points. Westfield would head into the second round game with Madison with a 54-43 win.

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