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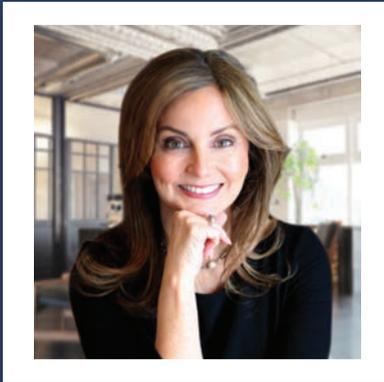
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NEWS

Historic Districts Divide Residents

National Register of Historic Places staff weigh in with facts.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

The fate of the federal Herndon Historic District, a 115-acre area listed in 1991 on the National Register of Historic Places, and the local Historic District Overlay (HDO) is generating public and councilmember comments leading up to the Herndon Town Council's Strategic Planning Meeting on Thursday, July 13.

"This is going to the strategic initiatives discussions," Councilmember Cesar del Aguila said on Thursday, July 6.

The National Register of Historic Places describes the Herndon Historic District as "the original commercial core of the town as well as the original older neighborhoods that radiate from it." One hundred seventy-five significant late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century buildings, one site, and one structure are in its 115-acre area. In 1991, the Register generally defined the district's boundaries as those of newer buildings.

The purpose and intent of the Historic District Overlay are "to promote and protect the unique character of the town through the identification, preservation, and enhancement of buildings, structures, settings,



PHOTO BY MERCIA HOBSON/THE CONNECTION

Buildings in the historic districts of the Town of Herndon's downtown.

neighborhoods, places, and features with historical architectural significance to the town."

Councilmember del Aguila outlined several flaws in the HDO, starting with boundary lines. He and his Fortnightly Square townhome neighbors must go through the town's Historic District Review Board. The district's boundary includes their street. "I think just about 100 percent of (my) neighbors want

out of the historic district; it makes no sense for us to be in there." The homes were constructed in 2005 before the district was formed.

Meanwhile, others are preparing to protect the town's charm and tourism, and owners of contributing historic properties are protecting their eligibility for Federal and State tax credits. Additionally, owners of registered properties have other benefits.

Federal and Local Districts

A flyer obtained by the Connection Newspapers was distributed in some historic district neighborhoods, asking homeowners of contributing structures questions such as: Do they support a district opt-in, opt-out option? Homeowners were requested to email comments to the town clerk at town.clerk@herndon-va.gov.

James Gabbert of the National Register of Historic Places clarified several points related to the federal and local districts on Thursday, July 6, 2023. The conversation is lightly edited for space and clarity.

Q: Does the National Register restrict private property owners?

A: No. The National Register has no purview over that and places zero restrictions on private property owners. The National Register aids federal planning. The local ordinance governs property owners in the overlay district.

Q: Which government agency changes boundaries?

A: The town decides if the Herndon Overlay District's boundaries can be changed. It's their district; it's their ordinance.

Q: What about the Herndon Historic District boundaries listed on the NRHP?

A: The National Register District can only be changed if it meets one of the conditions in federal regulation. The regulations governing the National Register of Historic Places Program,

which the Herndon Historic District is a part of, are known as 36-CFR, Code of Federal Regulation, Part 60.

Q: What are the reasons for NRHP changing a boundary?

A: There are professional errors in the initial nomination; historic integrity; recognition of additional significance; and additional research documenting that larger or smaller areas should be listed.

Q: Can properties within an NRHP district opt out of the federal district?

A: No. We don't do what we call donut holes. We might remove areas along the edges. Only Virginia's State Historic Preservation Office, the DHR, the Department of Historic Resources, and the nominating authority are the ones who do that. We act on what is presented to us.

Q: Consider local review boards.

A: Some review boards overinterpret their mandate. Look at the town's guidelines and powers. There are thousands of these local districts across the country, and they vary widely in their restrictions and requirements.

Q: Does non-historic siding impact a structure listed on the NRHP?

A: No. We have a number of individually listed properties that have non-historic siding on them, aluminum, vinyl, or Hardy. We have many, many historic districts where vinyl siding is common. We may not look

They may donate historic preservation easements to reduce real estate taxes, receive technical assistance from department staff for maintenance and rehabilitation projects, and purchase plaques that mark the property's significance.

Jennifer Boysko shared her thoughts with the Town Council in a letter to the Town Clerk as a private Herndon resident. "We have one of the historic downtown barns on our property ... I understand that the council may be considering a change in the Historic District guidelines and zoning. I would not be supportive of changes. Herndon's charm, emphasis on the preservation of contributing structures, and thoughtful consideration in new development make Herndon unique in our region."

James Cudlip, president of the Herndon Historical Society, wrote on behalf of the Board of Directors. According to Cudlip, thousands of people visit the Society's museum and caboose, take the guided downtown walking tour, and ask about the town's historic assets each year. "Our Historic District makes the Town of Herndon a destination," Cudlip said.

The town council's strategic meeting is on July 13 at 6 p.m. at the Herndon Police Department. The public can submit comments to the town clerk but not speak at the meeting. Kristi Dooley, True Purpose Leadership Executive Coach and Consultant, and Juliette Rouge, George Mason University Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution will moderate.

closely at each individual resource if the changes don't really affect the continuity and sense of feeling in that historic district, which comprises a single cohesive identity.

Q: What is cumulative effect?

A: Each individual loss of a structure within a property on the NRHP might add up to an adverse impact, and the cumulative effect of alterations and changes to the district may lead to a district being removed by a nominating authority.

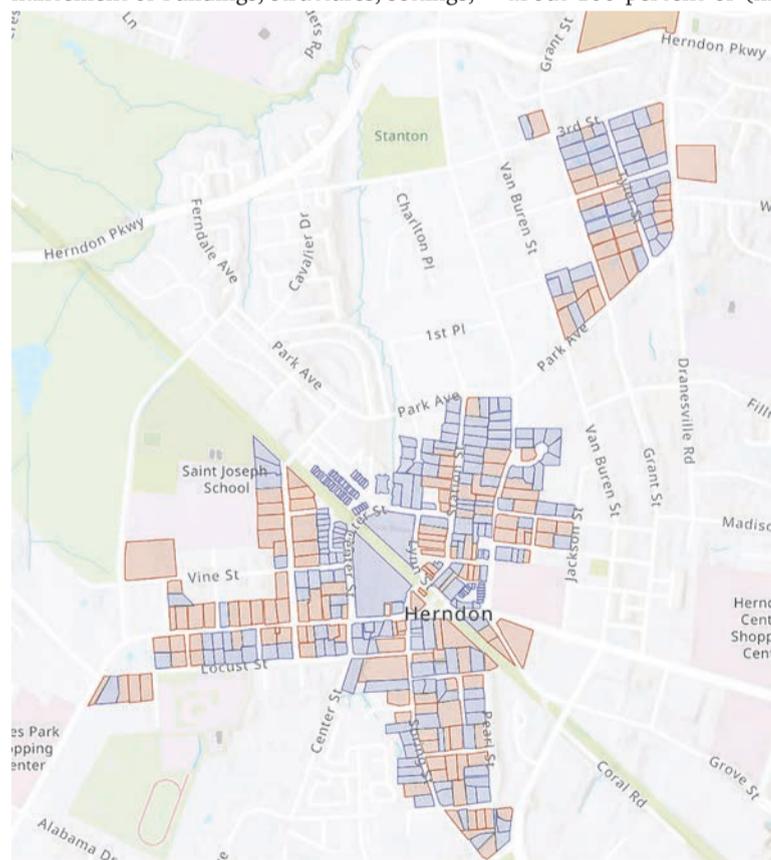
Q: What about moving a property?

A: What it depends on is the context in which it is moved. However, an Individually eligible property or a listed property that is moved without prior approval gets automatically removed from the National Register. It can be renominated.

Q: What types of federal funding could impact the Herndon Historic District and limit action, possibly the demolition of structures?

A: If the town or state were using federal funds, that might impact historic property. Funds include HUD, Housing and Urban Development, such as Community Development Block Grants. There is a review process between the Virginia Department of Historic Resources State Historic Preservation to determine the impact.

Note: The Town of Herndon is receiving a Community Development Block Grant.



SCREENSHOT VIA ARCGIS -HDO HISTORIC DISTRICT OVERLAY MAP

2023 HERNDON DISTRICT OVERLAY (HDO) Map depicts in pink nearly the same contributing properties as the Town of Herndon 1987 Historic Architectural Survey albeit removing some properties; and nearly the same noncontributing properties, shown in blue. However, the 2023 Overlay Map incorporates additional noncontributing properties, such as the 2005-built Fortnightly Square townhomes on the other side of the W&OD Trail, the thick diagonal green bar.

Chantilly Man Dead; Suspect Is In Custody

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

A Chantilly man is dead – and his suspected killer is in custody – after a shooting, last Thursday, July 6, in a parking garage in the McNair neighborhood of Oak Hill. The victim was Robert Fisher, 37, and the alleged shooter was identified as Major Feheem Stokes, 40, of Oak Hill.

Preliminarily, detectives determined both men were longtime friends/associates. Fairfax County police responded at 11:07 p.m. to a parking garage in the 13300 block of Launderers St., after receiving a report of a man who'd been shot. There, they discovered Fisher with gunshot wounds to his upper body. Fire and Rescue personnel declared him deceased at the scene.

As officers searched the area for the suspect, Major Feheem Stokes, 40, of Herndon, allegedly contacted police and identified himself as the shooter. Officers found Stokes in the 13300 block of Coppermine Road and arrested him without incident.

Police say the two men got into an argument in the garage, where “Stokes [reportedly] shot Fisher, then fled to a nearby townhome where he was arrested.” Detectives continue to investigate to determine the circumstances that led to the shooting.

Stokes was charged with second-degree murder and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. He has a criminal history in Fairfax County, with several prior arrests on charges including drug possession,



Stokes

resisting arrest and carrying a concealed weapon. He was arraigned last Friday, July 7, on the two newest charges and is being held without bond in the Adult Detention Center, pending his Sept. 18 court date.

During a July 7 press conference, Fairfax County Police Chief Kevin Davis gave further details of the incident. “Fisher’s daughter, a juvenile, was nearby, heard the shots and was the first to call 911,” he said. “And shortly thereafter, our [alleged] shooter, Stokes, called 911, himself, and [reportedly] made admissions to the 911

call taker that he was involved in the shooting of his associate.”

When police responded to the scene, said Davis, they recognized Stokes as “someone they knew, went to a location they suspected he went to, and safely took him into custody.” The Chief said the circumstances leading up to the fatal shooting “are still being sorted out” and police have not yet recovered the murder weapon.

“So we’re looking for places in the community where that handgun may have been discarded, thrown, ditched,” continued Davis. “Anyone with any information of its whereabouts, we’re encouraging them to call and speak to our detectives.”

In addition, anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Major Crimes Bureau at 703-246-7800, option 2. Tips may also be submitted anonymously via Crime Solvers by phoning 1-866-411-TIPS (866-411-8477).

Attacks: ‘Bold, Brazen, in Broad Daylight’

Police arrest man believed culpable in Chantilly sexual battery.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Following some intense investigation, plus collaboration with local residents, Fairfax County police have arrested the man they believe sexually assaulted a Chantilly woman last Monday, July 3. He is Hien The Dinh, 20, of Stafford, and he was apprehended last Thursday, July 6.

Police charged him with sexual battery and abduction with intent to defile – and Police Chief Kevin Davis says Dinh allegedly confessed to committing both crimes. Dinh is currently being held without bond in the Adult Detention Center, and detectives are looking

into possible links between him and the suspect in a May 18 sexual assault in the same neighborhood.

The July 3 incident occurred in the 14500 block of Northeast Place in the Meadows of Chantilly mobile home park off Route 50. The one on May 18 happened in the 14500 block of Iberia Circle, also in that community. Last Friday, July 7, Davis held a press conference detailing the suspect’s alleged offenses.

“Three women in Northern Virginia – two in Fairfax County and one in Loudoun County – over the last couple of months, were traumatized as victims in sexual batteries,” said Davis. Referring to the crimes, he said, “They were



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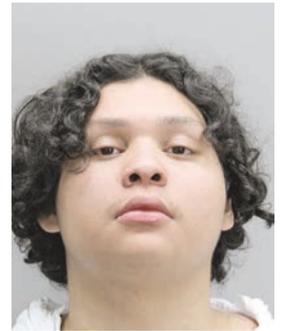
bold, they were brazen, they were in broad daylight. They were disturbing cases by someone who was absolutely not going to stop until we caught him.”

Davis noted that he used the pronoun, “we,” because authorities wouldn’t have been able to apprehend Dinh so quickly without the community’s assistance. “They stepped forward with their Ring doorbells, phone calls and interaction with the Fairfax County

Vienna Teen Intends to Plead Guilty

Cruz Colindres accused in Fairfax man’s death.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION



Cruz Colindres

When Fairfax County General District Court Judge Vanessa Jordan came to court last Thursday morning, July 6, she expected to preside over a two-hour preliminary hearing for Darren Cruz Colindres. Instead, the Vienna teen charged with killing a 20-year-old Fairfax man waived his right to that hearing.

Usually, that would mean his case would be certified to a grand jury for possible indictment. But because the defendant has indicated he intends to enter a plea in connection with this fatality, the case will go directly to Circuit Court.

The tragedy occurred Saturday, March 25, in the Fairfax Village Apartments. That day, at 7:47 a.m., police were called to an apartment in the 10400 block of Viera Lane in Fairfax for a report of a man who’d been shot. Officers found Javier Gomez in the living room suffering from an apparent gunshot wound to his upper body. They rendered aid until fire and rescue personnel arrived. But after being taken to an area hospital, Gomez succumbed to his injuries.

Detectives learned that Gomez and Cruz Colindres, 18, knew each other and both had reportedly been in that apartment, Friday night, March 24, into the next morning. According to police, “A family member

was asleep in a bedroom when they heard a gunshot. They came out to the living room, found Gomez lying on the floor and [allegedly] saw Cruz Colindres run from the apartment.”

Within hours after the shooting, officers and detectives from the Fugitive Track and Apprehension Unit tracked Cruz Colindres to a home in McLean and took him into custody. They charged him with second-degree murder and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. Since then, he’s been held without bond in the Adult Detention Center.

He was in court last Thursday with Public Defender Dawn Butorac. And after Judge Jordan made sure Cruz Colindres had made the decision of his own free will to waive his right to a preliminary hearing, Chief Deputy Commonwealth’s Attorney Eric Clingan dropped the firearm charge against him.

The prosecutor also amended the charge of second-degree murder to the lesser offense of involuntary manslaughter – which is still a felony. If convicted, Cruz Colindres could receive a sentence of as much as 10 years in prison. He’s currently scheduled to appear Aug. 14 in Circuit Court where, at that time, said Clingan, “He will enter a guilty plea.”

Police Department,” said Davis. “It was an all-hands-on-deck effort to identify this predator – and that’s exactly what he is – and stop him before he harmed someone else.”

Police believe there are more than three victims; but, said Davis, “These three, by no means, should have been subjected to this type of sexual assault and attempted abductions.” The first incident was May 10, at Northern Virginia Community College in Loudoun County, followed by the May 18 offenses in Chantilly.

“That second victim worked with our sketch artists and detectives from Major Crimes, and we put together a sketch [of her as-

sailant] which ultimately proved extremely beneficial to this investigation,” said Davis.

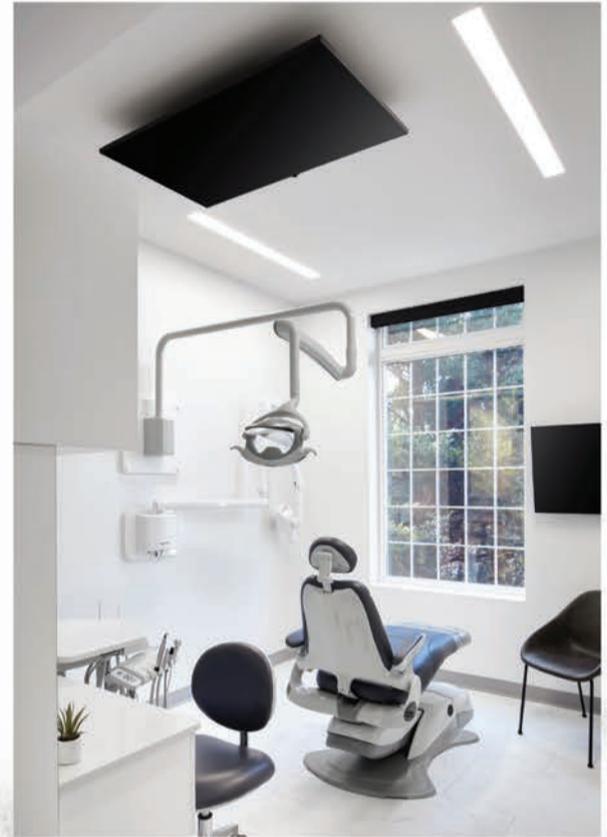
The third attack happened last Monday, July 3, in the same Chantilly neighborhood. “[It was] broad daylight; a woman walking down the street in a residential community is grabbed from behind,” said Davis. “Our defendant, Hien Dinh, [allegedly] sexually assaulted her and then attempted to abduct her. Thankfully, our victim screamed, her mother was nearby, heard the screams and was able to intervene and prevent that abduction from going through.”

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OPINION

Rights Bring Obligations

BY DEL. KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM

Virginia Code Section 22.1-201 states "To increase knowledge of citizens' rights and responsibilities thereunder and to enhance the understanding of Virginia's unique role in the history of the United States, the Declaration of American Independence, the general principles of the Constitution of the United States, including the Bill of Rights, the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom, the charters of the Virginia Company of April 10, 1606, May 23, 1609, and March 12, 1612, and the Virginia Declaration of Rights shall be thoroughly explained and taught by teachers to pupils in public elementary, middle, and high schools." For many years the provision of civic education and history was to study the documents of history. Despite the fact that this requirement has been in the Code of Virginia for decades, it is a safe guess that few students graduating from public schools in Virginia can explain the history or purpose of



these documents or how they came into being. Much criticism has been levied at the teaching of civics in our schools, and some of that comes from the emphasis on memorizing facts without any further in-depth meaning of what has been studied.

The section of Code goes on to provide that "emphasis shall be given to the relationship between these documents and Virginia history and to citizenship responsibilities inherent in the rights included in these documents." I am particularly familiar with the language "citizenship responsibilities inherent in the rights included in these documents" as I had the language added to the Code in my early years as a member of the House of Delegates. I had taught school for less than three years teaching history and government. My observation was that many students who could recite their rights had little understanding of any obligations of citizenship that came with a study of these documents.

Recently I became aware of a just-released book by bestselling author, Richard Haass,

who as a foreign policy expert asserts in his book, "The Bill of Obligations" (Penguin Press, 2023), that "the most urgent and significant threat to American security and stability stems not from abroad but from within, from political divisions that for only the second time in U.S. history have raised questions about the future of American democracy and even the United States itself."

I have expressed my own concerns about the future of democracy. In future columns I will explore what I termed "responsibilities" in my amendment to the Code and what Haass calls "obligations." His bill of obligations includes: be informed, get involved, stay open to compromise, remain civil, reject violence, value norms, promote the common good, respect government service, support the teaching of civics, and put country first. I recommend the book for personal reading and reflection and for discussion with family, especially young people, faith communities, and small groups.

It may not be necessary to add all these words to the Code, but it is critical that we add them to future public discourse.

Fireworks in Vienna

PHOTOS BY KATHY STEWART



Fireworks, like these in Vienna, delight crowds in many displays across the local area over the long weekend.



Fireworks in patriotic colors light the sky over Vienna



Keith Sallerson, of Arlington, joining other sky watchers for the fireworks display in Vienna

Vienna Multicultural Festival

The Town of Vienna is preparing for the last event of Liberty Amendments Month, the Multicultural Festival, on Saturday, July 15, from 3-8:30 p.m. on the Vienna Town Green. Celebrate the region's diversity with live performances, food, and activities from many different cultures spanning the globe. Attendees can enjoy an array of entertainment including a Caribbean Steel Drum Orchestra, African drumming and dance, and live music from Latin America. Nearly endless food options will also be available, including cuisines of Africa, Asia, Latin America and more. Additionally, everyone is invited to participate in activities such as the "What's Your

Story" workshop or browse the numerous craft vendors, kids activity booths, and artisans on site while taking advantage of voting resources and information.

All month long, Liberty Amendments Month has offered residents a chance to learn about local history and how it relates to the four Amendments that granted equal liberties to people who were previously excluded from the U.S. Constitution through various events and activities.

For festival details including an entertainment schedule and a list of vendors, visit www.viennava.gov/multifest.

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Fair Oaks Home Fire Causes \$1M Damage

A fire on the Fourth of July caused more than \$1 million damage to a Fair Oaks home. Last Tuesday, at 11:30 p.m., units from the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, along with its mutual-aid partners – City of Fairfax Fire Department and Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue – were dispatched to a house fire in the 12300 block of Firestone Court.

First-arriving units discovered a two-story, single-family home with heavy fire showing from the garage and extending into the attic. Crews worked quickly to bring the blaze under control and ultimately extinguish it.

But before that could happen, a second alarm was struck to bring more firefighting resources to the scene. No firefighters were hurt, but two civilians were transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Two residents were home when the fire broke out, but they were able to successfully evacuate and call 911. It's not known whether the home's smoke alarms were activated.

According to Fairfax County fire officials, the fire originated in the garage. Its cause, however, remains under investigation. The incident displaced the two occupants, who declined Red Cross assistance. Damage was estimated at approximately \$1,068,000.

Single Travel Lanes on Monument Drive

Monument Drive over I-66 in Fair Oaks has been reduced to a single travel lane in each direction for bridge joint replacement and median construction. This traffic pattern will remain in place for about one week, through approximately next Monday, July 17, at 6 a.m.

The left-turn lane from Monument Drive North to the 66 Express Lanes West, and the left-turn lane from Monument Drive South to the 66 Express Lanes East, will also be closed to complete this project. Right-turn movements to access the express lanes will remain open.

All work is weather dependent and will be rescheduled if inclement conditions occur. This work is part of the Transform 66 Outside the Beltway Project.

'Hidden in Plain Sight' for Parents of Teens

Fairfax County police are offering a free, hands-on, learning adventure for parents and guardians of teenagers. Called "Hidden in Plain Sight," it'll be held Wednesday, July 19, from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly.

Attendees will be guided through a presentation opening their eyes to what's right in front of them. This program begins with a setup of a teenager's bedroom which includes close to 100 "red flags" indicating risky behavior. Parents are encouraged to touch everything and identify these red flags.

Afterward is a PowerPoint presentation detailing the red-flag props the room contained and how they indicate or are used in risky behavior. Police include up-to-date statistics and local trends, and law-enforcement officers will share experiences they've had in the community identifying risky behavior and helping put teens on the right path to a healthy life.

Register at <https://bit.ly/sullyhips071923>. Or register for other, upcoming presentations dates at <https://bit.ly/fcpdhips>. Registration is required, and seats are limited. For further information or to arrange a presentation for an organization, club or group, email PFC Meg Hawkins at FCPDHIPS@fairfaxcounty.gov.

New Chief Operating Officer for RA

Peter Lusk will begin as the new Reston Association New Chief Operating Officer on Monday, July 10.

Peter brings over 14 years

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ENTERTAINMENT

JULY AND AUGUST

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JULY 10-31

Summer Arts Exhibit. 9-5 p.m. At Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Pathway Homes' 11th Annual Summer of the Arts Exhibit showcases the art, poetry and crafts of Pathway clients who have mental health challenges. Art will be available for sale by Pathway clients. Visit the website: www.pathwayhomes.org

JULY 13-23

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Schedule:

Not My First Pandemic: Thursday, July 13 at 7:30pm, Friday, July 14 at 7:30pm, Saturday, July 15 at 2:00pm, Sunday, July 16 at 6:00pm, Saturday, July 22 at 2:00pm, and Sunday, July 23 at 2:00pm

Mr. Yunioshi: Saturday, July 15 at 7:30pm, Sunday, July 16 at 2:00pm, Thursday, July 20 at 7:30pm, Friday, July 21 at 7:30pm, Saturday, July 22 at 7:30pm, Sunday, July 23 at 6:00pm

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General admission tickets are \$20 per show and \$10 per show for Students with valid ID. Individual tickets and Festival Passes can be purchased online at www.1stStage.org or by calling the 1st Stage box office at 703-854-1856.

THURSDAY/JULY 13

Hot Lanes Jazz Orchestra. 7 p.m. At Cherry Hill Park (City of Falls Church Summer Concert Series), Falls Church. (Free, Outdoors). The Hot Lanes makes its debut appearance at Cherry Hill Park as part of the City of Falls Church's Concerts in the Park series. Originals, original arrangements and standards for all! Bring a lawn chair and blanket to enjoy free jazz!

SATURDAY/JULY 15

Artist Talk Workshop. 2-4 p.m. At Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Join the Workhouse for an Artist Talk featuring Alonzo Davis and Chee Keong Kung discussing the artistic process as a form of exploration and discovery as well as the importance of travel to the development of their work. Admission is free; donations are welcome. Visit the website: <https://www.workhousearts.org/open-latitudes>

SATURDAY/JULY 15

Vienna Multicultural Festival. 3-8:30 p.m. At Vienna Town Green, Vienna. Join in a packed day of celebrating the diverse cultures and communities represented across Northern Virginia and the D.C.

Metro Area and close out the third annual Liberty Amendments Month. The festival will feature:

- 'What is your story?' Workshop
- Kids Performer: Anansegro of Ghana (African Drumming and Dance)
- 7 Mouthwatering Food Trucks
- Craft Vendors and Artisans
- Kids Activities and Games
- 'I Belong!' Essay Contest Winners
- Voter Registration and Resources

Entertainment Schedule

- 3:30 p.m. - Pan Masters Caribbean Steel Drum Orchestra
- 5 p.m. - "What's Your Story?" Workshop
- 6 p.m. - Anansegro of Ghana (African Drumming and Dance)
- 7 p.m. - Quimboa Latin Band

SUNDAY/JULY 16

NTRAK Model Train Show.

1-4 p.m. At 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Northern Virginia NTRAK members will hold a N gauge Train Display at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. Admission: museum members, free; adults 13 and over, \$5; children 5-12, \$3; under 4, free. Seniors (65+ and military (active & retired), \$4. For more information on the museum and show events phone 703.425.9225. www.fairfax-station.org www.facebook.com/FFXSRR

MONDAY/JULY 17

The Appraisal Road Show – Lunch N Life Event. At Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna. Hosted by Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia. The price is \$20 per ticket and this includes admission and lunch. Call 703-281-0538 or visit www.scnova.org > Events > Special Events to register today. Attendees are encouraged to bring one personal item such as jewelry, coins, timepieces, porcelain, and other heirlooms. Appraisal expert Steve Gouterman will educate the audience with interesting facts and information about what the item is, what it's worth, and what you can do with the treasure.

JULY 10-31

Summer of the Arts Exhibit. 9-5 p.m. weekdays. At Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy., Fairfax. Reception: July 12, 2023, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Meet the artists at the kick-off reception for Pathway Homes, Inc. 11th Annual Summer of the Arts Exhibit, where Pathway Homes' residents who have mental health challenges showcase and sell their own art, poetry, and crafts. For more than 43 years, Pathway Homes has enabled tens of thousands of people in Northern Virginia with serious mental illnesses and other co-occurring disabilities to get housing and supportive services to help them recover their lives. The event supports the unique talents of Pathway Homes' residents and enables them to express their journeys to recovery through their unique and personal artwork.



The Vienna Multicultural Festival will take place on Saturday, July 15, 2023 in Vienna.

RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER 2023 SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT LINEUP

Saturdays, June 17 – August 5

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. At Reston Town Square Park, Reston. Bring the kids for magic, comedy, puppets, music and lots of laughs. Shows include Rocknoceros, Lohr Family Antics, The Uncle Devin Show and Turley the Magician. See the full schedule here: Family Fun Entertainment Series. Family Fun Entertainment is presented by RCC and Reston Town Center Association in cooperation with MSE Productions, Inc. Reston Town Center garages offer free parking on Saturdays.

Sunday Art in the Park with the Shenandoah Conservatory Sundays, thru August 27 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Reston Town Square Park Wind down your weekend with classical, jazz and cabaret-style music provided by faculty and students from Shenandoah University's acclaimed music conservatory. This series will run through August 27. Visit Sunday Art in the Park for the complete schedule. Reston Town Center garage parking is free on Sundays. Sunday Art in the Park is presented by RCC and Reston Town Center Association in cooperation with Shenandoah University.

JULY 15 & AUGUST 19

Summer Concert Series: Genres. 7-9 p.m. At Tysons Corner Center, The Plaza, McLean. Join the Summer Concert Series featuring performance artists Keeton on July 15 for a Pop throwback and Delta Spur with Country & Classic Rock on August 19. Enjoy takeout and cocktails from our restaurants while dancing and singing along to your favorite tunes!

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS AT MCLEAN CENTRAL PARK

The Alden McLean presents its annual Summer Sunday Concerts in the Park at McLean Central Park. This free outdoor concert series runs now through Sunday, July 30. Performances start at 3 p.m., and the June concerts are designed to be family friendly. McLean Central Park is located at 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd.

Schedule

Sunday, July 16, 3 p.m. – Six Pack Rodeo

Sunday, July 23, 3 p.m. – Justin Trawick

Sunday, July 30, 3 p.m. – Philip Bowen

For more information, call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711 or visit The Alden website: aldentheatre.org.

LAKE ANNE'S PLAZA CONCERT SERIES

Lake Anne Live! brings Thursday evening concerts to the plaza from now through July 27. The free concerts will feature music and dance from local musicians and dance instructors. The plaza is located at 1609 Washington Plaza North. All concerts are free.

Schedule:

July 13 (7-9 p.m.): To be announced on Lake Anne Plaza's social media pages

July 20 (7-9 p.m.): Concert with the Reston Community Orchestra

July 27 (6-9 p.m.): Salsa and Bachata Instruction and Dance with David Norton

FREE CONCERT SERIES AT BURKE LAKE PARK

Every Wednesday night from June 28th through August 23rd at 7p.m., Supervisor Pat Herrity (Springfield District) along with the Fairfax County Park Authority will be hosting the fifth annual

Free Concerts in the Park series at Burke Lake Park. The series has expanded to nine shows with pop, rock and R&B music. Peterson's Ice Cream, 2 Silos beer and food trucks will be on site at all concerts. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and/or a lawn chair.

JULY

- 12 SoHo Down
- 19 Speidel, Goodrich, Goggin & Lille
- 26 The Skip Castro Band

AUGUST

- 2 The English Channel
- 9 The Road Ducks
- 16 The Colin Thompson Band
- 23 Riptide

SATURDAY CONCERTS AT WORKHOUSE ARTS CENTER

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JULY

- July 15 Project Loera (World Music)
- July 22 Bachelor Boys Band (High Energy Cover Music)
- July 29 Bobby Blackhat Band (Traditional/Contemporary Blues)

AUGUST

- 5 Workhouse Musical Event (Ticketed event. For details visit www.workhousearts.org)
- 12 Quin Tango (Classical Argentinian Tango Music)
- 19 Karl Stoll & The Danger Zone (Rock, Blues)
- 26 The United States Army Field Band Six-String Soldiers (Country)

CONCERTS AT

FRYING PAN FARM Thursday Evenings 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. At Park Lawn Near Farmyard

JULY

- 13 Natyabhoomi School of Dance (Indian Dance and Music)
- 20 Stacy Brooks Band (Blues)
- 27 Frank Solivan & Dirty Kitchen (Bluegrass)

AUGUST

- 3 Patsy Cline Tribute Band (Country)

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ENTERTAINMENT



Join the Artist Talk Workshop with Alonzo Davis and Chee Kung Kung on Saturday, July 15, 2023 at Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton.

- 10 City of Fairfax Band Alte Kameraden German Band (Music of Germany)
- 17 The United States Army Blues Band Swamp Romp (Jazz)

ARTS IN THE PARKS

Experience free, fun, family-oriented alternatives to cartoons and video games with performances in parks this summer. Part of the Park Authority's Summer Entertainment Series, Arts in the Parks entertains children, teaches the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduces them to live entertainment in an informal, kid-friendly atmosphere, and forges a connection between kids and parks.

Don't miss memorable shows starring The Great Zucchini, Marsha and the Positrons, Mr. Lilo Gonzalez, 123 Andres, Groovy Nate, Uncle Devin and Geoff Marsh! Free performances featuring comedy, children's songs, magic, puppets and juggling are hosted at the following locations:

- Burke Lake Park Amphitheater (7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station), Saturdays at 10 a.m.
 - Frying Pan Park Visitor Center Pavilion (2739 West Ox Road, Herndon), Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
 - E.C. Lawrence Park Amphitheater (5040 Walney Road, Chantilly), Saturdays at 10 a.m.
 - Mason District Park Amphitheater (6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale), Saturdays at 10 a.m.
 - Trinity Centre (5860 Trinity Parkway, Centreville), Saturdays in August at 7 p.m. (followed by outdoor movies)
 - Wakefield Park, in front of the Rec Center, (8100 Braddock Road, Annandale), Saturdays at 10 a.m.
- For a complete calendar of summer performances for Arts in the Parks, visit the Summer Entertainment Series Arts in the Parks webpage.

JULY 21-23

South Asian Music Festival. The DC South Asian Arts Council Inc, a non-profit arts organization, unveils the 1st ever DC South Asian Music Festival from July 21-23. From the soul-stirring classical vocal and instrumental masterpieces to the mesmerizing Sufi, Ghazal, and Evergreen Bollywood, it promises to be an unforgettable musical journey. Sarod Maestro Amjad Ali Khan and sons Amaan Ali Bangash and Ayaan Ali Bangash, open the festival with their enchanting classical traditions on Friday, July 21. Saturday, July 22 starts with a Singing Competition, a showcase of exceptional local South Asian talent, taking the stage. On Saturday July 22 and Sunday July 23, the exceptional performances continue. Wheaton High School, 12401 Dalewood Dr,

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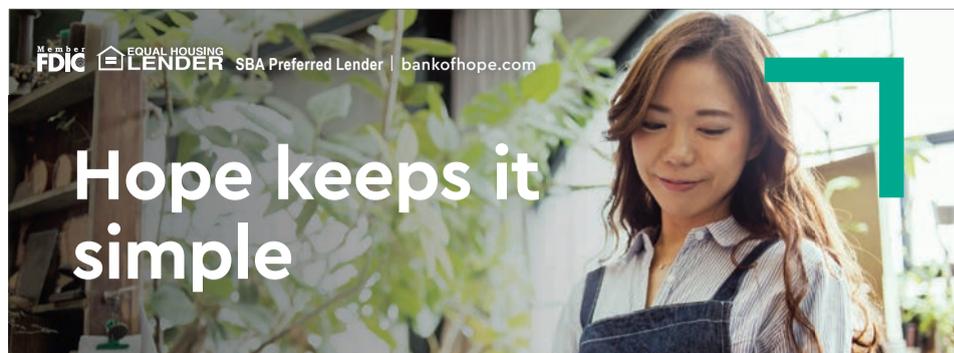
FAIRFAX GOLF TOURNAMENTS

Get ready for a lineup of golf tournaments hosted by Golf Fairfax at Fairfax County Park Authority golf courses throughout the month of July.

- Junior Club Championship at Oak Marr Golf Center on July 15. Junior golfers age 17 and under compete in a 9-hole stroke play tournament. Players will be divided into two age divisions, 12 and under, and 13-17. Cost \$35. Prizes for first, second and third place teams, as well as closest to the pin in each division. The golfer with the lowest overall score will be crowned the Junior Club Champion. Tee times will be assigned two days before the event. Rain date July 22. Oak Marr Golf Center, 3136 Jermantown Road in Oakton. For more <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/oak-marr> or call 703-255-5390.
 - On July 15, show your skills at the Modified Stableford Tournament at Jefferson Golf Course. Open to golfers age 18 and up, this event features a 9-hole stroke play competition using the Modified Stableford scoring system. Golfers earn points for achieving scores better than par, such as double eagles, eagles and birdies; and they will get deductions for scores worse than par, bogeys and double bogeys. The golfer with the most points at the end of the tournament wins. Cost \$35. Rain date July 22.
 - Jefferson Golf Course, 7900 Lee Highway in Falls Church. For more <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/jefferson> or call 703-573-0444.
- To register for upcoming golf events, visit Park Authority Golf's tournament webpage <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/tournaments>.

THRU AUG. 18

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Obituary



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Beloved brother, uncle, and cousin— James Sidney McGruder transitioned peacefully on June 30th. James enjoyed the Northern VA area (Sterling) riding his Harley motorcycle, teaching Spin classes at local gyms, and worked as a Systems Engineer for over 40 years. Arrangements have been entrusted to Range Funeral Home, 5727 NW 17th Avenue Miami, FL. Service Sat. 7/15, 2pm.

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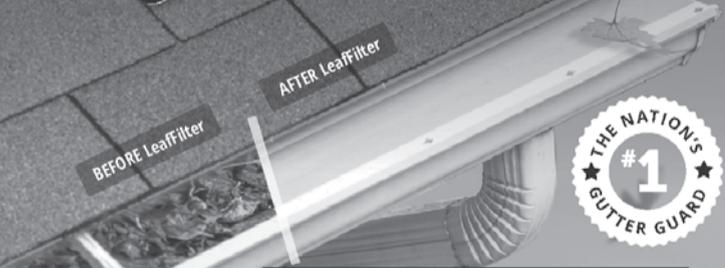
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During the press conference, Police Chief Kevin Davis shows the sketch of the suspect.

Chantilly Sexual Battery

FROM PAGE 4

Davis said: “We anticipate more criminal charges in the future; we’re still actively working our May 18 case.”

Then Lt. Erin Weeks, with the Major Crimes Bureau’s Violent Crimes Division, presented further information. “Our investigation first began May 18 when the suspect [reportedly] broke into the victim’s house,” she said.

Officers responded at 12:02 p.m. that day to the 14500 block of Iberia Circle where, said Weeks, the victim “bravely fought [her assailant] off and was able to free herself before he fled.” The woman was then taken to a local hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

“On Monday, July 3, the suspect [allegedly] struck again, around 11:30 a.m., in the 14500 block of Northeast Place in Chantilly,” continued Weeks. “He approached the victim, violently grabbed her intimate parts before placing her in a chokehold and fleeing when her mother came and screamed.”

Weeks said police focused intensively on this case and detectives were quickly able to obtain surveillance footage of the suspect entering and leaving the neighborhood, and it was disseminated to officers both locally and regionally, and to the community. “As we continued to review surveillance foot-

age from the area, detectives located a suspicious car that appeared to be following the victim in a nearby shopping center,” she said. “We believed the vehicle could be related and began to pursue that lead.”

“Detectives’ dedication and commitment paid off,” said Weeks, because, on July 6, they found that vehicle in an industrial park off the 3900 block of Stonecroft Boulevard in Chantilly. They then quickly called the Police Department’s Fugitive Track and Apprehension Team, which responded and waited patiently for the suspect to exit the building. As Dinh entered his car, he was taken into custody and charged.”

Weeks said police believe that, for the suspect, these were crimes of “opportunity,” and that the victim in Loudoun’s case was also followed by a car before being attacked. Added Davis, “What we have [the suspect] connected to now is awful and vicious – and we’re glad we caught him. He has confessed and is continuing to interact with our detectives.”

Meanwhile, anyone with information about any of these incidents – or if they’ve been victims, themselves, or know someone else who has – is asked to call the Major Crimes Bureau at 703-246-7800, option 3. Tips may also be submitted anonymously via Crime Solvers by phoning 1-866-411-TIPS (866-411-8477).

New Chief Operating Officer for RA

FROM PAGE 7

Much of Peter’s career was spent in Arlington County, where he led several community engagement efforts, and served as a staff liaison to multiple committees, commissions and working groups related to park facilities, renovations and user fees.

Peter holds a Masters Degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University, is a Project Management Professional



Peter Lusk

through the Project Management Institute and a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional through the National Recreation and Park Association, and is a Certified Public Manager through the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government.

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A Dieter's Delight (This Dieter, Anyway)



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Finally, after a lifetime of being overweight – and of occasionally committing to a weight-loss regimen, I have, at age 69 (Yikes. 69. I can write it. It's hard to say it though) found a not-so-much-a-diet-as-an-alternative to gaining weight. Let me try to explain. First, a little context.

As a mother in the 1950s, my mother was advertised/felt compelled to make sure her two boys (Richard and me) drank eight glasses of milk per day (“to build strong bones” was the tag line), thanks to its calcium content. My mother took this campaign very seriously. But she had a dilemma: how to get her two growing boys to drink a half-gallon of milk every day. Though ours was not a kosher home, we were not allowed to drink milk with our meals (separation of meat and dairy), dessert was another meal, however. And so, my mother’s solution: buy us something sweet for which we’d need the milk to wash it all down. In our house then, milk and cookies were a way of life. I mean their consumption (in addition to other related desserts/snack cakes/et cetera) was the order of the day, five times. And since we couldn’t (by way of our religious I’d-hardly-call-them-convictions) ever have a glass of milk with our meals, it meant we needed a non-main course incentive to give us the opportunity to drink all that milk. Ergo, dessert, and frequently. It began at breakfast; continued with our bagged lunches for school, then at home after school before dinner (an afternoon snack), then of course dessert after dinner and once more before bedtime. I guess we were short three glasses. Nonetheless, my mother felt she had done her dietary duty for her children.

To say my brother and I simply ate sweets and washed it all down with milk would be an understatement. We consumed sweets morning, ‘noon, late afternoon, early evening and finally just before we went to bed. And each time, we drank milk. We were professionals, not exactly connoisseurs or paid for our work, but we were diligent and consistent in our daily routine. Cakes, cookies, snack cakes, donuts, bakery, and pastry items, and as a daily topper: ice cream with jimmies – most often from Brigham’s. The dessert brands that were most popular: Hostess, Drakes, Nabisco (Oreos particularly), and Keebler (And if anyone is curious, Tastykakes were not available in Newton, Massachusetts at that time).

Now back in our time, Nabisco only made single stuff Oreos. Now we finally get to the substance of the column. If I do say-so myself, and I do, I was years ahead of my time. My Oreo-cookie-eating technique was neither to twist off one chocolate wafer and lick off the cream or dunk the entire cookie into my glass of milk. Amateurs. My preferred route was to twist or bite off off the Oreo cookie wafer from two Oreos leaving two wafers with all the cream. I would then sandwich the two cream-covered wafers together to make my own double stuff cookies – 60 odd years ago. It was heaven. It was as if I had discovered plutonium (as George Costanza once joked on an old Seinfeld episode).

Now, we get to my having-my-cookie-and-eating-it diet. For almost the entirety of my Oreo-eating life; progressing from the original (“single”) Oreos to “Double Stuff” and even to “Megastuff” available now, I have always twisted/bit off one wafer from two cookies and made my heavy-on-the-cream sandwich doubles, quadruples and octuples, if you will?. And previously, until very recently, I would eat the semi-abandoned cream-less chocolate wafers and then eat the Kenny-original cookie bursting with cream. The calm before the storm, you might say.

Now the diet that I’ve stumbled onto: I am no longer eating the cream-less semi-abandoned chocolate wafers. I am tossing them and just eating the stuffed-with-cream creation, continuing a long-sitting tradition, as explained. As a result, I am reducing my caloric intake by sacrificing/not eating these cream-less chocolate wafers. Multiply this reduction by hundreds, if not thousands of Oreo cookies, and perhaps you can do the math, too. Finally, a diet I can live with, but hopefully not one I will die from.

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