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# NEWS

## FCPS Passes on Additional Free School Air Purifiers

**Differing perspectives depending on what is considered.**

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

**T**ime ran out Monday, July 31, for schools in Virginia and across the United States to access free portable certified, High-Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) air purifiers through a state-run, federally-funded grant program.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention distributed \$62 million to Virginia, part of the \$42 billion nationwide. The program, which started as a strategy to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other

infections, was overseen by the Virginia Department of Health.

While COVID-19 emphasized the importance of improving school indoor air quality to help prevent disease and avoid disruptions to education, air filtration at optimized levels is a critical part of a multilayered strategy to enhance and protect educational opportunities through healthy environments. Doing so would afford equitable learning environments regardless of the school location in the county and the neighborhoods served. Fairfax County Public Schools operate under the joint racial and social equity policy of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and School Board One Fairfax.

“Two separate programs” for air purifiers were available to schools, said Maria Reppas of the Virginia Health Department, adding the Virginia Department of Health offered

the opportunity and the funds to Virginia schools to purchase air filters. Many schools chose to participate, while others did not. Local school districts made the decision on how many air filters to purchase. These funds are also available to be used on other items and programs. Fairfax County Public Schools received “2,200 units, which is the amount they requested,” Reppas said.

FCPS reports online that 198 schools and centers serve a diverse population of more than 181,000 students in grades prekindergarten through 12.

This number of air purifiers amounts to about 10 per school. The Erie County Department of Health purchased 10,600 air filtration units last year for every k-12 public and charter classroom in Erie County, where there are about 130,000 students in the system.

Keri Rodrigues Langan is co-founder and

president of the National Parents Union. She said on Friday, July 28, the Centers for Disease Control released updated guidelines around what air filtration is supposed to look like. Rodrigues Langan stressed that it is not just about COVID-19 anymore. The air quality is a concern, “terrible because of the wildfires.”

The values of the Air Quality Index (AQI) correlate with levels of health concern. According to the EPA, six colors represent them. They range in color from green, which indicates good air quality conditions, to yellow, orange, and red. Then as conditions worsen, purple, which is very unhealthy, and maroon for hazardous.

“At the end of June, I saw [parts of Fairfax County] were in the purple. This is something that is not going to go away; it is not

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## Town's Gentleman Patriarch Dies

**Arthur Stuart Nachman, a life well lived.**

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

**A**rthur Stuart Nachman, patriarch of the Town of Herndon, died on Tuesday, July 25, at the age of 69, after a thirty-year battle with cancer.

Arthur never lost sight of the three critical pillars of his life: family, Rotary, and community. And he passionately supported each.

Arthur cherished his wife, Sharon; their grown children, Grace Elizabeth McDaniel and Stuart Nachman; their spouses, Michael and Kristen; his four grandchildren, William and Graham McDaniel, Caroline and Jennifer Nachman; and his elder brother, Howard, with whom he worked for decades.

Fellow Rotarian Tony Fulkerson described Arthur as “a larger-than-life man.” He had a strong voice and never held back from sharing his opinions. “While we did not always agree, our mutual respect was never in doubt. In his personal and business dealings, Arthur lived by the Rotary 4-Way Test, adhering to the principles of truth, fairness, and goodwill,” Fulkerson said.

Former Town Councilmember Signe Friedrichs recalled Arthur being deeply involved in his community. Arthur, always courteous and impeccably dressed, frequently attended town public hearings. A smart man, Arthur would challenge the findings of staff, council members, and appointed board members.

“When I was on the town council, he was always very curious and extremely critical of my actions as well as everyone



Nachman's on Lynn Street in the Herndon Historic District

else's. When we were in Rotary together, he would grumble and complain and then do more than anybody else to ensure that the mission was accomplished.”

Arthur was a partner in Nachman's, Inc. He was also a commercial real estate broker with Long and Foster and a former member of the Fairfax County Board of Equalization. He was a past president of the Herndon Reston Rotary Club and was recognized as its Citizen of the Year in 2012.

Born in Washington, D.C., in 1954 to Philip “Melvin” and Pauline Nachman, Arthur was a descendant of Julius Nachman, a

young Russian immigrant who purchased an interest in a clothing and dry goods shop on Lynn Street in downtown Herndon in 1919. The building's first floor would house the family-run business, Nachman's Clothing, which operated for 75 years. Arthur worked there during his early years alongside his extended family members.

In 1919, Julius “signed a piece of paper that would shape the history of the Nachman family and the Town of Herndon.” That was what Howard Nachman said on Jan. 14, 2020 — the day declared “Nachman Day in the Town” by then-Mayor Lisa Merkel.



ADAMS GREEN FUNERAL HOME  
Arthur Stuart Nachman (1954-2023)

Howard Nachman addressed the council with Arthur by his side. Howard said that to be a part of a community, “truly, you must partner with the local government, other businesses, people, and its citizens.”

It was a commitment the brothers shouldered together that became their living legacy. Arthur and Howard eventually moved their real estate office to the top floor of the building owned by Julius and their grandmother, Anna. They turned the lower floor into a commercial space.

Arthur attended local schools and graduated from Herndon High School, where he flourished as a band member. Arthur remained a lifelong supporter of his alma mater's band program.

According to Kathleen Jacoby, director of bands at Herndon High School, Arthur was a proud Herndon High alumnus, with some of his favorite memories play-

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Residents listen intently to the presentation about the data center.



Artist's rendition of the proposed data center in Chantilly. See white car on left in comparison to the building's height.

# Development Brings 'Human Cost to Our Families'

## Residents grill county staff about data center impacts.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

According to an NBC news story, residents in Germantown, Tenn., couldn't use or drink their tap water recently, after diesel fuel from a backup generator contaminated an underground reservoir. And even after a week, when city officials declared it safe again, residents remained wary and untrusting – since many of them could still smell fuel coming from their taps.

The fuel had spilled from a backup generator that powered a water-treatment plant and was placed into service after heavy storms caused power outages. Since diesel fuel contains the carcinogen benzene, the local health department warned residents that drinking the tainted water could cause kidney or liver damage.

So it's no wonder, then, that – despite the best efforts of Penzance reps to convince people that something similar won't happen here – residents are worried. They're concerned that the diesel generators on a proposed mega data center in Chantilly could leak, too, and contaminate Fairfax County's water supply in the Occoquan Reservoir.

"The data center requires 135,000 gallons of flammable diesel fuel and 13,500 gallons of toxic, diesel-exhaust fluid onsite," said Cynthia Shang of Chantilly's Pleasant Valley community, 4/10 of a mile from the proposed location. "And spills, leaks, fires or other accidents can shut down the area and poison the adjacent Resource Protection Area (RPA) and Cub Run Stream, which flows to the Occoquan Reservoir."



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From left are Kathy Smith; county staffers Emma Estes and Billy O'Donnell; and Evan Pritchard, Jamie Cox and Les Adkins.

She was speaking last Thursday night, July 27, to a packed room of about 80 people in the Sully District Governmental Center during a meeting between Pleasant Valley and other residents, plus the developer, Supervisor Kathy Smith (D-Sully) and county staff. And the residents – who were also angry about the noise, truck traffic and other environmental impacts the data center could have – clearly weren't buying what the panel members were selling.

Off Route 50, Stonecroft Boulevard and Auto Park Circle, the land is partly zoned commercial and partly industrial, so Penzance wants it all rezoned industrial so it may build there. The facility would go on 12.1 acres of a 79-acre parcel, with the remaining 67 acres preserved as a Resource Protection Area. Penzance also seeks a special exception so the data center could soar

as high as 110 feet.

Penzance's sound engineer, Sam Williams, said the noise at full capacity would be 40-42 decibels in Pleasant Valley and 55 decibels during backup-generator maintenance. Traffic engineer Les Adkins said there'd be 400 vehicle trips/day, with right turns into and out of the site from Route 50 east. From Route 50 west, trucks would turn left on Pleasant Valley Road and take the loop road in the Lafayette Business Park to access the site.

Civil engineer Jamie Cox said Penzance flew a drone at 110 feet high and determined that Pleasant Valley residents won't be able to see the building from their neighborhood. He also said they have to follow federal, state and county regulations regarding fuel storage, collection and disposal. And, he added, "If there's a fuel spill or leak, it'll go to an area graded away from stormwater

areas and into a separator preventing it from entering onsite stormwater pipes."

Then the residents had their say. "Data center HVAC systems and generators create a constant, 24/7 hum that you can't ignore," said Shang. "It also drives out wildlife, leading to deforestation. And acres of land will be cleared for their electric substation.

"They can run the generators until 9 p.m., and if they violate the noise ordinance, it's a \$1,000 fine – which is a tax write-off for them. These 27 diesel generators will release particulates which are carcinogens to humans and also damage trees, vegetation, soil and water. And MWAA [Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority] said the data center's height 'comes very close to a critical, air-navigation surface. If it's penetrated, there will be adverse impacts to airport operations."

Furthermore, said Shang, "That truck route through Lafayette Business Park has a bike path on it. With so many trucks per day, there'd be one every three minutes, over 12 hours. And that brings loud, noisy trucks – and Route 50 – to our doorstep." She also stressed that the facility would be 3-1/2 times taller than the 40-foot-high buildings in the nearby auto park and wondered how the county could consider the data center "harmonious" with its surroundings. Basically, she added, "The only benefit is to the developer's and owner's pocketbooks."

Smith, though, said the state would give them a tax exemption, but the county would reap significant tax revenue. "The data center's estimated real-estate value is \$360 million, so the county would get close to \$4 million in real-estate taxes, plus \$2 million in BPOL [business] taxes," she said. "So on a yearly basis, the data center would bring in about \$6 million to the county."



# Clean Air in FCPS

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a one-time thing. What is going to end up happening is that air quality is going to deteriorate,” Rodrigues Langon asserted.

“When we were in COVID, people were trying to guess: should we close schools, should we open, what about [distancing], six feet, three feet, all of this stuff? School administrators are not doctors. They’re not epidemiologists. And frankly, they’re not indoor air quality experts,” she said.

FCPS responded in an email on Monday, July 31, that it had “maximized the benefits of the HEPA air purifier program and procured as many air purifiers as our system was able to afford or practically accommodate in terms of space availability.”

“While the individual air purifiers may be technically free of charge under this program, each unit carries with it operational costs (maintenance, running costs, space constraints) that can run into the millions, said Kathleen Miller, media outreach specialist at FCPS, in an email.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) states in its Reference Guide for Indoor Air Quality in Schools, 2023, that “understanding the importance of good indoor air quality in schools is the backbone of developing an effective IAQ program. Good IAQ contributes to a favorable environment for students, the performance of teachers and staff, and a sense of comfort, health, and well-being. These elements combine to assist a school in its core mission — educating children.”

According to the EPA’s report, failure to prevent or respond to school IAQ problems can increase long- and short-term health problems, including coughing, headaches, and allergic reactions.

“Nearly 1 in 13 school-age children have asthma, the leading cause of school absenteeism due to chronic illness. There is substantial evidence that indoor environmental exposure to allergens, such as dust mites, pests, and molds, plays a role in triggering asthma symptoms. These allergens are common in schools. There is also evidence that exposure to diesel exhaust from school buses and other vehicles exacerbates asthma and allergies.”

Some schools in Virginia may lag behind recommended ventilation or have low rates. While no federal, state, or local agency sets the rate for schools to target, Harvard University’s School of Health targets at “least five total air changes per hour (ACH).” Their stated bare minimum is three to four total air changes per hour.

Among Harvard’s strategies, if the classroom does not meet the target air changes is to “use MERV 13 filters (or greater) on recirculated air and add portable air cleaners with HEPA filters to the classroom.

The Connection contacted FCPS about their target airflow rates for maintaining healthy indoor air quality — the number of times the total air volume in a classroom or school space used by students or staff is replaced each hour and information about rates per school. We did not hear back by the production deadline.

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# OPINION

## Re-Engineering Fairfax Minimum Parking Requirements

BY TERRY MAYNARD  
RESTON 20/20 COMMITTEE

The residents of Fairfax County are about to experience a badly designed social engineering experiment carried out by the Board of Supervisors. It's called "Parking Reimagined." The essence of the concept is to change the zoning law to reduce dramatically minimum parking requirements for developers to save them construction costs and increase their profits. It does absolutely nothing for county residents except make it more difficult to find a place to park at home, work, or other places they may wish to visit.

The asserted goal of "Parking Reimagined" is to get people out of their cars and on to public transit, bicycles, and their feet. While this is noble, as presented, it does nothing to address its many consequences for county residents and others who live, work, or play here. Here is the county's short list of potential benefits:

❖ The county's November 2022 white paper says, "Lowering parking requirements creates opportunities for more walkable, transit-accessible communities benefiting those who do not drive." Yet, it does not demand the addition of a single penny for more public transportation, bicycle

lanes, or other infrastructure to better enable use of non-privately owned vehicle transportation nor investment in more livable communities.

❖ The white paper also says Parking Reimagined "can provide for opportunities for affordable housing." Yet it does not require that any share of resulting development be devoted to affordable housing.

❖ The white paper also states that Parking Reimagined "allows opportunities to provide more green infrastructure for individual sites including open and public spaces, more effective stormwater management, and preservation." Again, not a single required commitment to provide any of these much needed features. And we desperately need improvements in our ability to reduce and cope with the growing climate crisis.

Yet, the real bottom line is clearly stated in this white paper: "More productive uses of land area (i.e.—greater developer profits) once devoted to parking adds value to the County's tax base." The county doesn't really care about the other goals. They're just part of the sales pitch. They want more tax revenue and developers want more profits!

But, of course, that's not all: Parking Reimagined calls for all parking "adjustments" (i.e. reductions below the minimum base minimum

parking requirement) to be decided by the Director of Land Development Services up to a 60% threshold in a process requiring NO public input. The math says that means the parking requirement for future housing and other development could be about one-third of what it is today in the base case without so much as a public meeting, much less a hearing and Board of Supervisors approval. One-third. As proposed, a nameless county bureaucrat, after meeting with the developer, will cut parking on a proposed development without public input or even communication. What could go wrong?

And there is more. Developers don't need to add any parking if they decide to expand their existing development by up to ten percent. Expansions between 10%-30% would require additional parking at the reduced parking standard (minus any "adjustments") and, in many if not most cases, would be approved administratively — no public input. This is all especially worrisome for apartment and condo dwellers who now may have some decent green space surrounding their apartment buildings. The owner could add more housing, but may not add any or very little parking.

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## Retiring But Not Quitting

BY DEL. KENNETH R.  
"KEN" PLUM

The most common question I get these days is "how does it feel to be retired?"

The quick answer is of course to explain that I am not yet retired. My announcement last February that I would not be seeking re-election meant that when my current term ends on January 8, 2024, I will be officially retired. In the meantime, I am attending all interim meetings of committees and will attend a special session of the General Assembly if a meeting is called to resolve differences in the budget. My office continues to assist constituents whenever possible.

The election to fill the delegate seat for the 7th District will be held on Nov. 7, 2023, with early voting beginning on Sept. 22. I am supporting Karen Keys-Gamarra who won the recent Democratic Primary to succeed me.

The next most frequent question is whether I will get to keep my Number 1 House of Delegates car license plate. The answer is "yes" I can keep it as a memento, but not



on my car. I qualified to purchase it as a vanity plate having the most seniority in the House of Delegates. When my term ends the person having the most seniority at the time will qualify to purchase the new Number One plate for their car. My current plate will go on a plaque that my son has agreed to make for me to hang on the wall of the office in my home. I can attest that the plate as the most visible indication of your office encourages courteous driving as most everyone can recognize immediately who you are.

And people want to know "what are you going to do when you retire?" Working in my native plant garden for sure brings me lots of pleasure and is good for my physical and mental health. Travel certainly because there are a few countries in Europe we have not yet visited, and then there is the rest of the world! We intend to travel more in Virginia and this country as there are many state and national parks we need to visit or revisit.

There is one absolute in terms of what I am going to do when I

retire, and that is not quit! For the last half-century, I have been a candidate for elected office or an elected official. I do not intend to quit now. I am not retiring now because the job I started out many years ago has been completed — far from it! My body tells me it is time to retire from regular employment, but I fully intend to stay involved in writing about and speaking on public issues. I want to add thoughtful consideration and alternatives to the many public issues we face!

Actions on the part of the Youngkin administration over the past several months convince me of the necessity to stay involved. The heartless policy proposed for the schools on LGBTQ+ students must be turned back. Sending a hundred troops to the Southern border with a camera crew in tow shows the partisan intent of this gimmick. Showing an appalling lack of knowledge of history tells me that someone needs to be looking over his shoulder.

Retire, yes! Quit? No way!

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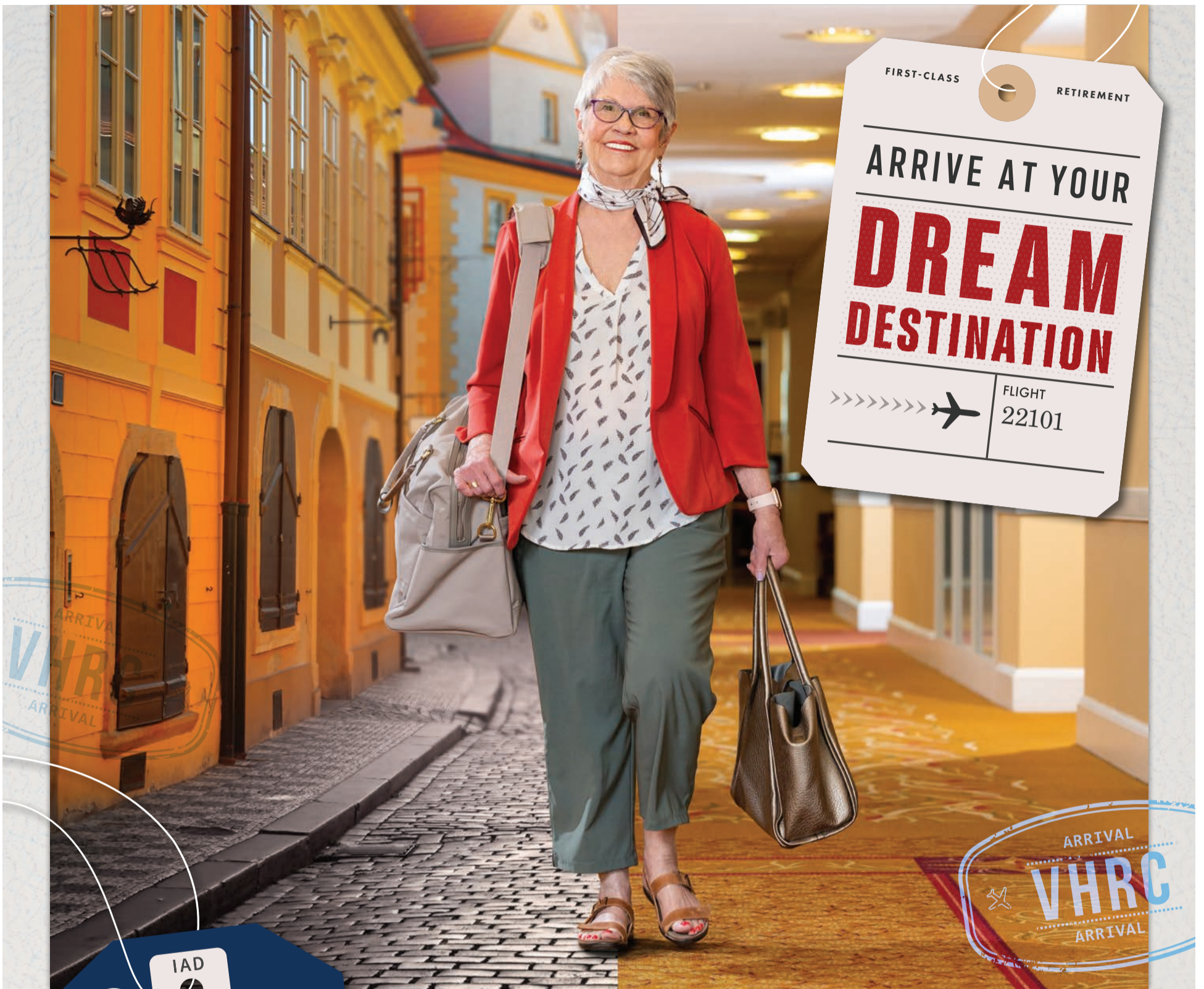
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# Affordable Housing Community for Senior Citizens

## Groundbreaking held for The Lodge at Autumn Willow.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

Speeches have been made, shovelfuls of dirt have been flung and construction is now underway for The Lodge at Autumn Willow in Chantilly. But it's not just any residential project – it'll provide high-quality apartments for senior citizens at prices they can afford.

There'll be 150 independent-living units, and 15 will be ADA-compliant. Eleven percent of the residents will be seniors at or below 30 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI); 14 percent, at or below 50 percent AMI; and 75 percent of them, at or below 60 percent AMI.

Nestled in a forest near the intersection of Stringfellow Road and Autumn Willow Drive, it's a partnership of entities including the Fairfax County Redevelopment Housing Authority (FCRHA), Michaels Development Co. and Virginia Housing. The groundbreaking was July 20, and construction should take some eight months.

"I'm passionate about ensuring that we have a community where older adults are able to thrive and age in place," said Supervisor Pat Herry (R-Springfield) during the groundbreaking ceremony. "Tackling affordability is a key part of achieving that end. The people who built our community and raised their families here deserve to stay in our community as they age."

Calling this project "a great step forward" in protecting older adults vulnerable to the ever-increasing cost of living in Fairfax County, he said it'll serve lower-income seniors who don't have other options. "Government can't solve every problem," said Herry. "But through partnerships with the community, and private partnerships like this one, we can make greater strides than we could on our own."

Michaels Development will manage the property, and the FCRHA will hold the lease for 99 years – guaranteeing the preservation of affordable housing at The Lodge at Autumn Willow for nearly the next century. FCRHA has also awarded eight project-based vouchers, helping ensure that the property will support households with a range of income levels.

Apartments will be available in a mix of one- and two-bedroom units, and the outdoor amenity spaces will include a serenity studio, firepit and recreation area. Onsite walkways on this wooded, 20.5-acre site will connect the residents to county trails and the Little Rocky Run stream bed. In addition, new widened sidewalks will run along Autumn Willow near the entrance. The property will have 135 parking spaces and is also located near two fire stations, a hospital and shopping areas.

A basement-level gathering spot is planned at the end of each residential wing,



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALLYSON PEARCE

Breaking ground for The Lodge at Autumn Willow. Supervisor Pat Herry is fifth from the right, and Chairman Jeff McKay is fourth from the right, both wearing dark jackets with ties.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MADY GODFREY

Supervisor Pat Herry speaking at the podium during the ceremony.

and an accessible ramp leading to the front entrance will be reached via a turn-around loop off Autumn Willow Drive. A canopy in front of the two-story, brick-and-siding building will provide a covered walkway for drop-offs and pickups in the arrival plaza.

The outdoor courtyard between the building's two wings will contain a reading cove and recreation zone for both active and passive recreation and relaxation. And an existing trail running west to east will be maintained in place, enabling residents to walk to nearby retail stores.

Subject to VDOT approval, a high-visibility crosswalk will link The Lodge's entrance and Stringfellow Park. And approximately five acres of undisturbed land will be placed in a conservation easement. This project's primary design objective was to preserve the trees and the wooded character of the site as

much as possible.

Before the groundbreaking, county Board of Supervisors Chairman Jeff McKay said, "We want the people who grew roots in Fairfax County to stay in their community of choice. This development is special because it provides an affordable place for older adults to keep writing our local history."

As chair of the Board's Older Adults Committee, Herry then shared some data from its SHAPE the Future of Aging – a strategic plan to make this county a better place for senior citizens to live safely, independently and with dignity. The letters stand for: Services for older adults and family caregivers, Housing and neighborhood supports, Access to mobility options, Personal wellbeing, and Economic stability and planning.

"Our survey found that, while 92 percent of respondents said Fairfax County is an

excellent or good place to live, only about half said it's an excellent or good place to retire," said Herry. "Only 16 percent of participants rated the cost of living here as good, ranking Fairfax County at 258th out of 279 comparable communities for older adults' cost of living."

"We ranked dead last out of 84 comparable communities when it came to likelihood of remaining in your community throughout retirement. And more than one-third of respondents indicated housing is a challenge – even while over 80 percent of respondents owned a home."

Herry said this information illustrates the difficulty of aging here and the need to continue looking at creative housing solutions, such as The Lodge at Autumn Willow. And, he added, "At my request, the Commission on Aging is in the process of considering how home-sharing models and potential home-steadying policies could improve affordability and serve additional needs for older adults."

Making The Lodge at Autumn Willow possible is \$8.7 million in local funding through Housing Blueprint loans. Financing also includes private equity raised via Low Income Housing Tax Credits allocated by Virginia Housing which provided permanent loans for the project.

Furthermore, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development is contributing Housing Innovations in Energy Efficiency funding, National Housing Trust Funds and Virginia Housing Trust Funds. Additional financing has been provided by Truist and Berkadia.

"We're committed to bringing together experts in the development, real estate, environmental engineering and finance industries to create affordable housing opportunities for our community," said FCRHA Chairman Melissa McKenna. "This is especially critical for older adults, who deserve to live and thrive in their desired community."

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# OPINION

## Parking Requirements

FROM PAGE 6

And all these kinds of residential minimum parking requirement reductions apply in varying degrees to every single type of development and renovation across the county from office buildings to retail.

All this may make more sense by looking at a real example: the redevelopment of Crescent Apartments in Reston. These affordable (ADU) apartments owned by the county are part of Lake Anne Village Center. The county is now studying how it should be redeveloped, starting with Crescent Apartments. Here are the calculations for the implications of Parking Reimagined for Crescent Apartments:

Current: 181 apartments with at least 235 parking spaces (1.3 spaces/dwelling unit); housing for 380 people using county housing calculations (2.1 people/unit). That's two-thirds of a parking spot for each resident.

Proposed: 935 apartments under the consolidated option with 972 parking spaces required (1.04 spaces/dwelling unit—a 20% reduction from the current minimum); housing for 1,964 people. That's about one spot for every two people expected to live there.

“Adjusted”: The Director of Land Development Services, at the request of the developer and without any hearings, reduces the number of parking spaces at Crescent Apartment by another 60% to 389 spaces or roughly one space for every five people expected to live there.

So, while the number of planned apartments quintuples, the number of parking spaces could be less than double. That is a future shortfall of 280 to 826 parking spaces at a redeveloped Crescent Apartments based on today's minimum parking requirement.

And for Crescent residents, the alternative transportation options are not good. Crescent Apartments is 2.0 miles from the nearest Metro stop — Reston Station. RIBS bus service to the station is at about 80 minute intervals, making it unreliable for regular users. People are not going to walk to Reston Station (38 minutes) although some may bike (12 min-

utes). Taxis/Uber are expensive alternatives for regular use, especially for those in affordable housing.

Because of the limited alternatives, Crescent Apartment residents largely rely on their automobiles to reach jobs, shopping, entertainment, etc. This is extremely unlikely to change unless there are expensive improvements in public transit, none of which are even contemplated in the county's public transit plan for Reston. To add public transit and other needed infrastructure would almost certainly require an added Transportation Service District tax for Lake Anne Village Center as now exists in Reston's transit station areas (\$0.021 per \$100 valuation).

If Parking Reimagined is approved at Crescent Apartments re-developed, what will happen is that more residents will park along already crowded North Shore Drive and, if they can get away with it, at Lake Anne's Washington Plaza or even more distant schools and churches — not a fun walk in rain, sleet, snow, and oppressive heat. As a result, their quality of life will be reduced unnecessarily so developers and the county may make more money.

In short, Parking Reimagined is a one-dimensional social engineering experiment to force people out of their cars that ignores the wide variety of consequences it would generate and fails to guarantee the societal gains it states as goals. Most importantly it fails to consider the complexities faced by people living, working, and playing in our county and the Reston community. If approved, the county will create a less desirable place to live and likely lead to the growing outmigration of residents.

If you share these concerns, please let Supervisor, Walter Alcorn (or your supervisor) know. You may also wish to share your concerns with the entire Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission, whose next hearing on the topic is scheduled for 7:30 PM, Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023, at the Fairfax County Government Center. Be there — and testify if you want — or tune in on Channel 16.

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### Car Seat Inspections, Aug. 10

Parents may get their children's car seats inspected on Thursday, Aug. 10, from 5-8:30 p.m., outside the Sully District Police Station. It's at 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Inspections are done on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants should install the child safety seat themselves, so the inspection can be performed. The seat will be properly re-installed, if necessary, and parents will be taught how to install the seat properly. Everyone is eligible. Another car-seat inspection is scheduled for Sept. 14, at the same place and time.



# Residents Grill County Staff About Data Center Impacts

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Still, said resident John Hemsworth, “This country is facing climate change, and you’re taking down all the trees and green space. With development comes a human cost to our families and our way of life. This is for the developer’s own self-interest.”

Tom Henry asked if the applicant included the noise from the substation and Route 50 in its decibel estimate but didn’t receive a direct answer. Instead, Penzance’s land-use attorney, Evan Pritchard, said they’d be shut down if they exceeded their proffered noise levels. And when Henry asked if there’d be more noise with 27, vs. 20, generators and Williams said no, the audience muttered its disbelief.

Henry then asked what the decibel impact on Pleasant Valley would be in an emergen-

cy situation. “It would be 56-63 decibels – which is 3 decibels higher than is allowed in our neighborhood,” replied Shang, and Williams confirmed.

Added Cox: “In an emergency, the noise limits don’t apply.”

And although Williams tried to convince residents that fluctuating noise, such as from an overhead airplane, could be louder than the constant sound produced by a data center, resident Trevor Brierly said, “That sound is disruptive and intrusive. It gets in your head and doesn’t go away.”

To county staff, Matt Maisal said, “The information you’ve gotten, so far, has been selective and advantageous to the developer’s cause. Have you gotten information from other points of view?”

“That’s why community feedback is important,” said Smith. “People who live in

a place can provide information we don’t have.”

In addition, Billy O’Donnell, with the Department of Planning and Development, said Penzance is “relying on state-certified engineers and technicians for their information, so their certifications are on the line.”

Scott Gorvett said Pleasant Valley homes would lose 10 percent of their value “because of the adverse effects of the data center’s noise, plus air, soil and water pollution. Home values near a data center in Gainesville have already decreased some 18-22 percent; people are bailing because they can’t sleep at night.”

He then asked Smith why she thinks his neighborhood won’t be affected by the proposed data center, and she said she couldn’t predict that would happen. Another resident

asked how close she lives to a data center, and Smith said she doesn’t live near one.

In a nod to the upcoming election for Sully supervisor, Pleasant Valley’s Dave Meeusen asked Smith, “Do you see how many people are here tonight against changing the zoning to industrial?” And the entire audience raised their hands. “And how many of you vote?” he asked, receiving the same result.

Virginia Run’s Jim Hart asked county staff, “Has Fairfax County ever approved a non-residential use with this many diesel generators, and this much diesel fuel, stored onsite in this proximity to an environmentally sensitive stream that drains into the Occoquan Reservoir?”

O’Donnell, who’s been with the county for more than two decades, replied, “I can’t recall a site I’ve reviewed that has as many sensitive uses next to an RPA.”



SCREENSHOT VIA “HERNDON VOICES, ARTHUR NACHMAN” HCTV

Arthur Nachman discusses his childhood, adolescence, and adulthood in the Town of Herndon in a video recording.



PHOTO BY MERCIA HOBSON/THE CONNECTION

Arthur Nachman’s mother, Pauline, was a frequent bus traveler.



PHOTO BY MERCIA HOBSON

Arthur Nachman exudes a sense of playfulness, as seen by his decision to have an image of himself, complete with spats, painted into the sprawling mural on the Nachman building, which depicts the town in the early twentieth century.



MERCIA HOBSON/THE CONNECTION

Nachman Way in the Town of Herndon



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Arthur Nachman and some of his fellow Rotarians.

## Arthur Stuart Nachman, A Life Well Lived

FROM PAGE 3

ing the bass drum at HHS and later at the University of Wisconsin.

“As a community pillar, Arthur facilitated hundreds of thousands of dollars in donations for music student scholarships, tuition, instruments, instructors, trips, and pyramid recruitment activities. Arthur spent many hours attending concerts and rehearsals and was a regular sight in the band rooms throughout Herndon,” Jacoby said. When Arthur at-

tended a rained-out Showcase one year, he organized the coalition to build the school one of the first turf fields in Fairfax.

“When Arthur funded a student activity, he always gave a singular message to students: Pay it forward, and they have. Arthur touched the lives of so many students in our program in so many different ways,” Jacoby added.

Lisa Merkel said she learned so much from Arthur over the years, not the least of which was taking constructive criticism and thinking on her feet. “I could tell so many

tales, but my very favorite Arthur story is from years ago when he quietly took care of something for me during a community event when I barely knew him at all. It was so long ago that I had to look his number up in the actual phone book to call and thank him. Sharon answered instead, and when I told her why I was calling, she didn’t skip a beat and said, “Well, you know, he is a VERY nice man. He just doesn’t want anyone to know.” And that is Arthur Nachman in a nutshell. I will miss him terribly.”

Two days after Arthur died, his family,

friends, colleagues, town employees, and political officials crowded into the local funeral home. They spilled onto the front porch and beyond to express what Arthur’s fellow Rotarian, Tony Fulkerson, said: “Rest in peace, dear friend.” The Town of Herndon will truly miss Arthur, the very nice man who did not want others to know all the good he did in his town.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rotary Club of Herndon-Reston, P.O. Box 321, Herndon, VA 20172.



## COMMUNITY



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Scouts of BSA Troop 572 and assistant scoutmaster Jason Matchett work on the fence. The troop is chartered by Our Lady of Hope in Potomac Falls, Va.



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Scouts from BSA Troop 572 (from left) Aaron M., Zander R. and Carter L. pose with Cory Laws (center in the black shirt) and Jason Matchett, assistant scoutmaster (far right) after completing the work as a service project.

# Programs Assist Seniors and Others with Home Repairs

Help is on the way,  
one way or another.

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

A house requires maintenance. Water floods the upstairs bathroom, causing damage to the ceiling below. Roof shingles are blown off. The front porch's wood stairs are rotting. But what solutions are available on the local and county levels for low- and moderate-income senior homeowners and those with disabilities who cannot afford the repairs? Must they watch their home deteriorate around them?

Jean Deavers' fence needed to be repaired. The homeowner's association had informed Deaver that she was in breach of the rules. The clock was ticking toward a fine, and unexpectedly, she found herself in and out of the hospital.

Cory Laws is the coordinator of the Town of Herndon's Neighborhood Improvement Program, designed to help certain homeowners maintain their homes' structure, appearance and value. Help is on the way for

homeowners, even if they have received a Notice of Violation from the town or their homeowners' association. Laws is in charge of validating residents' requirements and eligibility for the Improvement Program.

Laws had collaborated with Deaver's on another house repair project under the town's HUD-funded Neighborhood Improvement Program.

Fairfax County has a similar program, with some differences, for seniors and people with disabilities that include home repairs and accessibility upgrades. The county will supply a team for up to one week of labor and up to \$1,000 in materials to accomplish essential maintenance and upkeep. Materials are paid for through county and HUD federal money. All supplies and labor are offered at no cost to qualified homeowners.

According to Laws, Deavers was eligible for assistance. "She had a HOA violation with a deadline of July 24. "So we had a deadline of fixing by July 23, but I didn't have anybody who could react that quickly." Laws said that, although he had contractors, it did not look like they could do it this time owing to time restrictions and expense.

There are significant distinctions between repairs and upgrades. Upgrades boost the value of a home. No matter how simple,

repairs may make a difference in a home's safety and usefulness and in preserving and safeguarding the homeowners' and their neighbors' investments.

Laws said his client recommended enlisting the help of boy scouts, which he approved. Laws posted the request on Facebook, and one of his friends, Jason Matchett, a mason and an assistant scoutmaster, answered, "I think we can help you."

One thing led to another. A mom created an online sign-up sheet, and nearly overnight, Laws had three willing and able scouts from BSA Troop 572 and Matchett to assist. The troop is chartered by Our Lady of Hope in Potomac Falls, VA.

"Our Scouts are always looking for opportunities to serve our communities. Not only do they earn service hours toward advancement, but it teaches the value of service," Matchett said. The scouts that participated got to witness the impact their effort had on Miss Jean, and that is invaluable," he added.

Laws called his client "lovely" because despite being unable to walk 10 yards without stopping, she had two chairs outside for the guys to relax. "She had two tables; one had a big bowl of snacks and drinks, and another table had supplies for them to wash up," Laws said.

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awards grant funds through various programs that vary slightly depending on the jurisdiction, organization, or nonprofit seeking to undertake comprehensive programs assisting with repairs and safety-based functional home modifications such as safety bars and ramps.

It didn't take long for the scouts to complete the project promptly. "Oh, my gosh, it looks like a brand-new fence," Deavers said. "The quality of the work looks like it was done by professionals. I am humbled and blessed to be a recipient of this community service and to have met the lovely group of young people who offered it. Thank you, Troop 572. God bless you."

❖ Are you a Herndon homeowner in need of assistance? Contact Cory at [cory.laws@herndon-va.gov](mailto:cory.laws@herndon-va.gov) to find out how he can help #Herndonva #Herndon #neighborshelpingneighbors.

❖ Are you a Fairfax County homeowner and needing home repair assistance? Visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/housing/home-repair-elderly-program> to learn more.

### BULLETIN BOARD

Submit civic/community announcements at [ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar](http://ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar). Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before the event.

#### DEPRESSION AND BIPOLAR SUPPORT ALLIANCE OF VIRGINIA

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance of Virginia has been a continuous support for people living with mental health challenges. DBSAVA's mission is to provide hope, help, and support to improve the lives of people with mental

health challenges. Mental health challenges meaning illnesses or disorders like Depression, Bipolar, Anxiety, Post-traumatic Stress, Schizophrenia, Borderline Personality, etc. The support services are free to all and offered by Peer Specialists, which includes individuals, family members and friends affected by these challenges. Visit the website: [dbsava.org](http://dbsava.org).

#### MARRIOTT AC HOTEL & RESIDENCE INN COMING TO RESTON TOWN CENTER

The Donohoe Companies, Inc. has announced \$74.7 million in construction financing with Artemis Real Estate Partners to build a first-of-its-kind dual-branded Marriott AC Hotel and Residence Inn at Reston Town Center. Donohoe was

represented by Jamie Leachman and Chris Hew of JLL. This new 120-key extended-stay Residence Inn and 147-key upscale boutique AC Hotel will be the premier lodging in the Reston submarket. Located within Reston Town Center's latest expansion, the hotel site is walkable to 4.6M square feet of premier workplace and 450K square feet of retail and

restaurants and adjacent to 1.1M square feet of premier workplace developed by BXP that is 90% committed. The project will enjoy a direct pedestrian entrance to the new Reston Town Center Silver Line Metro, providing easy access to Dulles Airport and the greater DC area.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## JULY AND AUGUST

**Pups in the Pavilion.** Wednesdays from 5-7:30 p.m. At Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. Reston Town Center Kicks Off "Pups in the Pavilion" this Summer; Pavilion transforms into a leash-free play area during the dog days of summer. Enjoy treats, toys, areas to cool off, pet-friendly giveaways, and more. Visit <https://www.restontowncenter.com/>

## 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 Rocknokers, 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 31 – AUGUST 28

**FUNDAY MONDAY in the heart of Fairfax City!** 10:30-11:15 a.m. Enjoy free family programming that's perfect for the preschool set, but is open to children of all ages! On any given Monday there will be music, movement, storytelling, crafts and more. All performances and programs are held inside Old Town Hall located at 3999 University Drive, in the heart of Fairfax City. Visit: <https://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/cultural-arts> for more information. Sponsored by the City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts.

August 7: Drew Blue Shoes Magic  
August 14: Storytime with the Fairfax Regional Library  
August 21: Miss Mollie's Bubble Party (held outside)  
August 28: My Gym

## JULY 29 – AUGUST 26

**KIDZ KORNER in Old Town Square in Fairfax City!** 10:30-11:15 a.m. Join us outside for a morning of Free Family Fun on Saturdays in Old Town Square (near the Splash Pad!) located at 10415 North Street in historic Fairfax City. Visit: <https://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/cultural-arts> for more information. Sponsored by the City of Fairfax Department of Parks and Recreation.

August 5: Mad Science! Things that Go Boom  
August 12: My Gym  
August 19: Superhero Training with Captain America!  
August 26: Miss Mollie's Musical Fun

## THURSDAYS THRU OCT. 19

**Weekly Farmers Markets.** Thursdays 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. At The PARC at Tysons, 8508 Leesburg Pike, Tysons. Celebrate Fairfax, a nonprofit organization dedicated to building community in Fairfax County, is excited to announce the launch of a weekly farmers market at The PARC at Tyson. The market is run by Potomac Farm Market, which has over 20 years of experience connecting communities to local farmers and artisanal food producers. Each week, residents can expect to find seasonal fruits and vegetables, fresh cut flowers, and other locally sourced specialties.



**Weekly Farmers Markets has opened on Thursdays at the PARC at Tysons.**

## AUG. 3-6

**2023 4-H Fair and Carnival.** At Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road in Herndon. Witness livestock displays and 4-H exhibits; indulge in mouth-watering fair food; enjoy live performances and carnival rides; and get up-close and personal with adorable farm animals.

**Carnival Hours**

Thursday, Aug. 3: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 4: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.

Big Truck Night: 5 to 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 5: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 6: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Carnival ride specials are available online. Save \$5 per person by purchasing before Aug. 3. Ride specials are \$20 per person for unlimited rides on Thursday, Aug. 3 and Friday, Aug. 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For a full schedule of activities and information on buying ride specials, visit the 4-H Fair and Carnival webpage. For more information, visit Frying Pan Farm Park or call 703-437-9101.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 5

**Family Fun Day Opening Celebration.** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. At Big Blue Swim School, 7202 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Arts & crafts, face painting, a dunk tank and balloon animal art. There will also be a BBQ food truck so guests can take a break to enjoy a meal before joining in on more opening celebration fun. The location will offer weekly swim lessons year-round for children ages 3 months to 12 years of age. Visit [www.bigblueswim-school.com](http://www.bigblueswim-school.com)

## AUG. 12-13

**Gel Plate Printing Basics.** 1-4 p.m. 2-Day Workshop with Jennifer Duncan. Learn to use the Gel plate to create beautiful collage paper and as an easy form of monotype printing. In this two-day, six-hour workshop they will create prints using botanicals and stencils on a variety of papers. Class limited to 8 participants. Supplies list will be sent to registered students. About the instructor: Jennifer Duncan has been teaching abstract painting and collage from her home studio and Great Falls School of Art since 2010. Her classes aim to be fun, innovative, and informative, and are designed to help students discover their own creative approach to making art. Visit <https://artsofgreatfalls.org/adults-summer-2023/>

## SATURDAY/AUG. 12

**"Civil War History Where It Happened."** 1 p.m. At Mercer Tavern Antiques, 39359 John Mosby Highway, Aldie. The Aldie Ruritan Club Presents "Civil War History Where it Happened." Hear historians and authors Don Hakenson and Carl Sell describe Mosby's Flour Mill raid, Captain George Custer's fall into the Little River and the Battle of Aldie right where it all happened. Books on sale benefit Aldie Ruritan Club and Clinton Hatcher Camp Sons of Confederate Veterans. Contact Carl Sell at [sellcarl@aol.com](mailto:sellcarl@aol.com) or 703-971-4716 or Don Hakenson at

**The 2023 4-H Fair and Carnival will take place Aug. 3-6, 2023 at Frying Pan Farm Park in Herndon.**

verizon.net or 703-971-4984.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 19

**Poetry Beneath the Stars.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. At Turner Farm Park, 925 Springvale Road, Great Falls. Calling all stargazers. Join up at Turner Farm Park to contemplate the cosmos through poetic form. Attendees will be provided with examples of star-gazing poetry and then given writing prompts to generate poems of their own while staring up at the marvelous Milky Way. This event will include a telescope viewing in the Roll Top Observatory, weather permitting. This workshop is limited to 25 participants. Visit [ArtsFairfax.org](http://ArtsFairfax.org) to register.

**AUDITIONS FOR "ON GOLDEN POND"**  
Presented by Vienna Theatre Company and Vienna Department of Parks and Recreation.

Dates: Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 14 and 15 from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Callbacks by Invitation on Thursday, Aug. 17 from 7:30-10 p.m.

Performances Oct. 20 to Nov. 5, 2023

Visit: [www.viennatheatrecompany.org/audition/](http://www.viennatheatrecompany.org/audition/)

## BACK TO SCHOOL FALL BOOK SALE

At Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Dr., Centreville.

Aug. 4, Friday, 1-5 p.m.; Aug. 5, Saturday, 10-5 p.m.; and Aug. 6, Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

Bag sale on Sunday; fill a grocery bag with books for just \$10. Sponsored by Friends of Centreville Regional Library.

## 'DRIVE-IN' TO THE STARLIGHT CINEMA

Enjoy an all-new season of family-friendly entertainment at the Starlight Cinema at Trinity Centre, in Centreville, every Saturday evening in August. Come to watch the movies "drive-in" style from your car or bring

chairs and blankets to watch from the lawn. As part of the Summer Entertainment Series, the Starlight Cinema brings the community together for wholesome family entertainment with live pre-show entertainment and feature film after dark. The schedule features:

Aug. 5: "Minions: The Rise of Gru" at 8 p.m. (pre-show by The Great Zucchini at 7 p.m.)  
Aug. 12: "Lightyear" at 8 p.m. (pre-show by Rocknokers at 7 p.m.)  
Aug. 19: "The Bad Guys" at 8 p.m. (pre-show by Geoff Marsh at 7 p.m.)  
Aug. 26: "DC League of Super-Pets" at 8 p.m. (pre-show by Marsha and the Positrons at 7 p.m.)

Grab your picnic and enjoy the free entertainment that your family will remember. Gates open at 6 p.m., so come early to get a good spot. The Starlight Cinema is hosted at Trinity Centre, 5860 Trinity Parkway, in Centreville. For details, visit the Summer Entertainment Series' Starlight Cinema webpage.

## AUG. 11-12

**"The Addams Family."** 7 p.m. At Church of the Good Shepherd, 9350 Braddock Road, Burke. Presented by the Metropolitan School of the Arts Music Theatre Company. The Addams Family theatre performance will feature 29 student-actors from the DC area, including Metropolitan School of the Arts and surrounding high schools. The performance is recommended for ages 10 and older, and will be supported by a 12-piece mentoring orchestra, consisting of professional musicians and the top youth orchestra players in the DC area. To get tickets to watch the comical antics of The Addams Family, go to [www.metropolitanarts.org](http://www.metropolitanarts.org). Cost is \$25 per adults and \$10 per student.



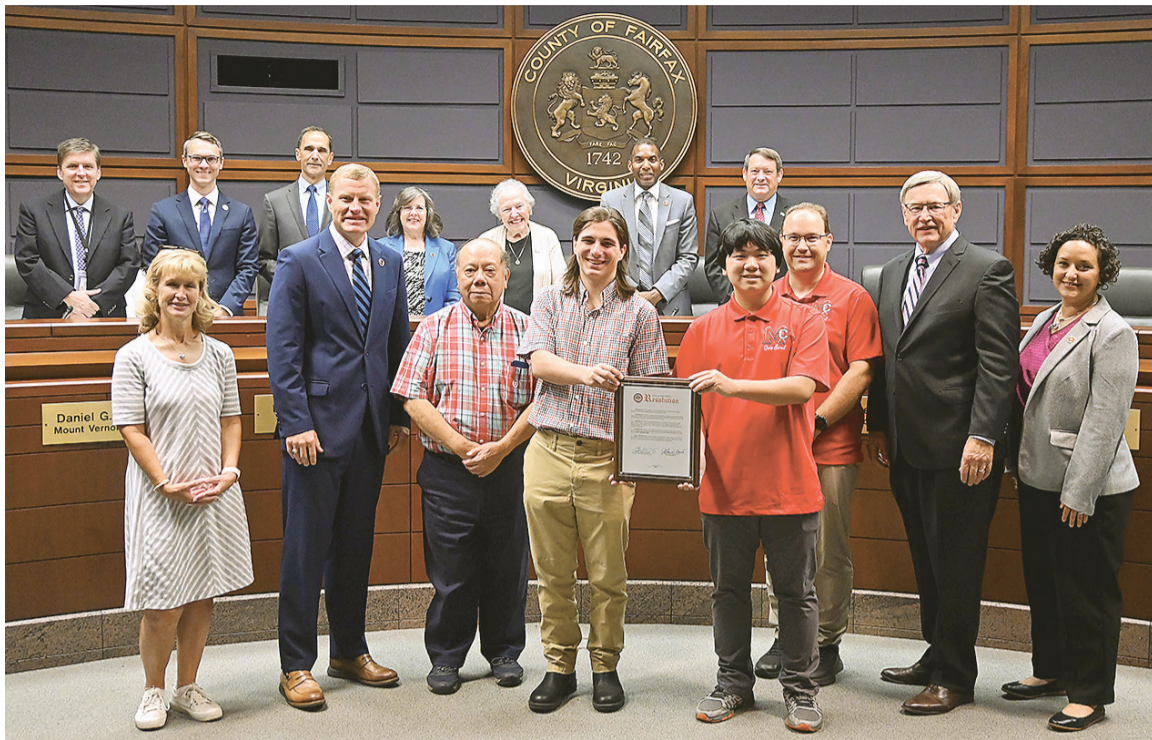


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The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors present McLean High School It's Academic Team with a Resolution recognizing their championship achievement, McLean High School team of Noah Chin, Ethan Zhou, Carter Pisocky, and alternate Andrew Evans.

# Supervisors Recognize McLean HS "It's Academic" Team

First ever FCPS to win two championships in a row.

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recognized the McLean High School Scholastic Bowl Team for their "It's Academic" championship with a resolution on Tuesday, July 25, requested by Supervisor John W. Foust (Dranesville), representing McLean. "It's Academic" is recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's longest-running TV quiz show.

The competition of 81 public and private schools in the D.C., Maryland and Virginia ended on April 23 in the final round of "It's Academic," when the McLean Team beat Sandy Spring Friends School and Montgomery Blair High School to emerge victorious in the academic finals for the second year in a row.

The McLean team of Noah Chin, Ethan Zhou, Carter Pisocky, and alternate Andrew Evans, who competed in the first two matches, is the first Fairfax County Public School to win back-to-back (2022 and 2023)



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Supervisor John Foust reads the resolution and smiles at the McLean High School team of Noah Chin, Ethan Zhou, Carter Pisocky, and alternate Andrew Evans.

"It's Academic" championships.

"You've done much to be proud of and I hope you enjoy this accomplishment and for many years to come," said Foust. "The hard work, dedication, and commitment of the team members and the support and guidance of coaches Jennifer Kathy and Lindsey Benedict led to this victory," Foust said.

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The project's 34,000 square feet of street-level retail and restaurant space will be the central gathering place for local offices and residents. The upscale rooftop bar and lounge will be a unique draw with spectacular views of Northern Virginia.

**LOOKING FOR SOFTBALL PLAYERS**  
The Golden Girls of Northern

Virginia, a senior women's softball league, is looking for players. Any woman over the age of 40 is encouraged to join. All skill levels are welcome. They play most Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings in Vienna from May-July and September-October. For more information, visit the web site [www.goldengirls.org](http://www.goldengirls.org).

**SUPPORT GROUPS**  
Parent Support Partners, a service of the Healthy Minds Fairfax

initiative, are all parents who have received training and are qualified to offer education, support and assistance at no cost to families or caregivers. They provide reliable information that families can use in decision-making and are familiar with services and resources that can help families in distress. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/healthymindsfairfax](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/healthymindsfairfax) or [www.nami-northernvirginia.org/parent-peer-support.html](http://www.nami-northernvirginia.org/parent-peer-support.html).

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**Obituary**

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**William "Bill" Edward Tucker "Tucker," age 90** passed away peacefully on June 24, 2023. He is survived by his daughters Desiree Tucker-Sorini and Gayle von Seggern, his son-in-laws Ron Sorini and John von Seggern, his siblings, Frank Tucker, Billie Schneider and Jo Ann Schomer, brother-in-laws Bob Schomer and Ron Riis, sister-in-laws Patricia Hall and Della Riis, and his six grandchildren, Christopher, Leah and Marissa Sorini and JT, Analea and Kaylea von Seggern. Tucker was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Nancy Tucker, his parents Owen and Dixie Tucker, two of his siblings, Louise Phillips and Chuck Tucker, his brother-in-laws Wayne Phillips, Roger Pries and John Hall and his sister-in-law, Suzanne Pries.

Tucker was born in Idabel, Oklahoma. He spent his formative years in Pierre, South Dakota, graduating from Pierre High School where he met his high school sweetheart, Nancy, who he would later marry in 1955. Tucker then went to the South Dakota School of Mines for his geological engineering degree and later to the University of Oklahoma for his law degree.

Tucker's passions include law, politics, and travel. He opened a successful law practice in Denver, CO and became an assistant Attorney General of regulatory issues, where he argued and won the Air Pollution Variance Board of Colorado v. Western Alfalfa Corporation before the U.S. Supreme Court in the spring of 1974.

He was a key campaign and convention strategy advisor as well as leading the delegate operation for numerous candidates, including Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, Howard Baker, George Bush and advised on campaigns for Vaclav Havel and Lech Walesa. He served as the Special Counsel to the White House for President Reagan, writing the first transition paper ever written for a First Lady (Nancy Reagan). He also was a key campaign advisor on delegate selection and convention strategy for John Warner's campaign for the U.S. Senate and traveled throughout Virginia with Elizabeth Taylor and John Warner. He loved traveling the world with his wife for his entrepreneurial ventures.

Tucker served on several boards, including the Fund for American Studies, Young Republicans, American Council of Young Political Leaders, and the United States Youth Council funded by the U.S. State Department. Tucker served on the board of the Washington Golf and Country Club, where he started a speaker series for club members and their guests.

Tucker's true gift was being a wonderful Poppy to his six grandchildren. His endless energy for playing with his grandchildren, cheering them on at sporting events (often exaggerating their talents, as any good grandfather should), and creating unique and special time to bond with each of them individually and together.

Tucker was one of a kind and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, August 12, with a reception to follow, at the Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1125 Savile Ln, McLean, VA.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Cure Alzheimer's Fund in honor of William E. Tucker who suffered from the disease.

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**Announcements**

**SYA Notice of Annual Board Meeting**

SYA will be holding its annual elections of Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) meeting on Thursday, 09/07/2023 at 7:30pm at the SYA Office located at 5950 Centreville Crest Ln, Centreville VA 20121. All SYA members in good standing may attend. If you wish to submit your name (applicants must be in good standing and be 21 years of age or older) for nomination, please send email (with resume and subject line "NOMINATIONS") to INFO@SYAPORTS.ORG. Please include name, address and phone.

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The Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia Caregivers' Support Group takes place the first and third Tuesdays of each month, 10-11:30 a.m. via Zoom. This group is for caregivers of family members with dementia. Meetings are gently facilitated. For more information and to get the Zoom link, contact Jack Tarr at jtarr5@verizon.net or 703-821-6838.

Haven of Northern Virginia Support Group. 703-941-7000, www.havenofnova.org or havenofnova@verizon.net.

Virginia Chronic Pain Support Group Meets from 1:30-3 p.m. the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Kaplan Center for Integrative Medicine, 6829 Elm St., Suite 300, McLean. Group leader, Jodi Brayton, LCSW. 703-532-4892.

<cal1>Volunteers Needed  
<cal2>Assistance League of Northern Virginia is an all-volunteer non-profit organization that feeds, clothes and provides reading assistance and books to children in need. Assistance League's programs touch the lives of hundreds of children in Fairfax and Prince William Counties and the City of Alexandria. There are many volunteer opportunities for community members to contribute to helping those in need. To learn more, email info@aln.org, or visit www.alnv.org.

Volunteer Adult Mentors Needed. Help assist the Department of Family Services' BeFriendA-Child mentoring program. The mentors provide opportunities for companionship, guidance and support to children who have been abused and neglected, or who are at risk of abuse and neglect. Contact Ibrahim Khalil at Ibrahim.khalil@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-4547.

Operation Paws for Homes, a Virginia based 501(c)(3) organization seeks volunteers, especially to foster dogs. See www.ophrescue.org for information and all volunteer opportunities.

RSVP, a volunteer network for seniors seeking service opportunities in and around Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria, offers a wide array of opportunities for volunteers 55 and older. RSVP volunteers enjoy flexible schedules, free accident and liability insurance while serving, optional mileage and meal reimbursement and are invited to volunteer group projects and social gatherings. To sign up for an upcoming orientation, email Carly Hubicki at chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org or call RSVP at 703-403-5360. To learn more about RSVP, visit www.rsvpnova.org.

Shepherd's Center of McLean-Arlington-Falls Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean continues to have an urgent need for new volunteers to help area senior citizens get to and from their medical and therapy appointments. To find out more about the Shepherd's Center and how you can volunteer to provide transportation and other services, call the Center at 703-506-2199 or e-mail the Center at info@scmafc.org. The Center's website is www.scmafc.org.

Master Gardener Training. The Fairfax County Master Gardener Association offers plant clinics, home turf training or speakers for homeowner's meetings. Fees vary. Visit fairfaxgardening.org or call MG Help Desk at 703-324-8556 for more.

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## SATURDAY/AUG. 12

**Hiroshima/Nagasaki Remembrance.** 4-6 pm. At Herndon Friends Meeting House, 2263 Cocquina Drive, Reston. Join in this remembrance of the victims and effects of the 1945 bombings. Outside 4-5 p.m. vigil; inside 4-6 p.m. learning and reflecting through art (painting and peace crane making). Light refreshments will be served. Parking is available at the meeting house via Locust Street and nearby public parking is located across the street from the Herndon Depot. Visit the website: <https://www.herndonfriendsmeeting.com>.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 19

**Lake Anne Cardboard Boat Regatta.** 12 p.m. At Lake Anne Plaza in Reston. Sail or splash -- it's all fun. Register or sponsor Reston Museum's 2023 Lake Anne Cardboard Boat Regatta at <https://www.restonmuseum.org/cardboard-preregister>. You must register to race; spectating is free and open to the public.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 19

**Summer Concert Series: Genres.** 7-9 p.m. At Tysons Corner Center, The Plaza, McLean. Join the Summer Concert Series featuring 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 CONCERT SERIES AT

### BURKE LAKE PARK

**Every Wednesday night from June 28th through August 23rd at 7p.m.,** Supervisor Pat Herry (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.

## 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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## AUGUST

5 Workhouse Musical Event (Ticketed event. For details visit [www.workhousearts.org](http://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

## AUGUST

3 Patsy Cline Tribute Band (Country)  
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.

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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.

## THRU AUG. 18

**Summer Art Camps.** Ages 8-18 years. At Great Falls Village Centre Art School, Great Falls. Looking for a summer art camp for your budding artist? The popular art summer camps include: Fun with Watercolor & Acrylic Paints; Paper Maché Sculpture; Classical Drawing; Color Study; Cartooning; 35mm Photography for Middle and High School Students; Animé Style Drawing

Morning (9:30-12:30 p.m.) and afternoon (1:30-4:30 p.m.) camp sessions are available. Camps are taught by professional artists with teaching experience in the Great Falls Village Centre art school. Visit <https://artsofgreatfalls.org/summer-camps-2023/>

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**Volunteers Needed.** PRS is looking for empathetic and caring volunteers to make phone calls to older adults who may be feeling socially isolated. The commitment is one 3-hour shift per week for one year. Located in Arlington. Ages 21 & up. Intensive training provided. Learn more and apply: [prsinc.org/caring-volunteering/](http://prsinc.org/caring-volunteering/). Questions? Email [lpadgett@prsinc.org](mailto:lpadgett@prsinc.org).

**The Northern Virginia Long Term Care Ombudsman Program** needs volunteer advocates for residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Contact Lisa Callahan at 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or email [Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov). Also visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olde-radulstservices/ltombudsman/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olde-radulstservices/ltombudsman/).

**Fairfax County** needs volunteers to drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olde-radulstservices/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olde-radulstservices/) and click on Volunteer Solutions.

**Respite Care** volunteers give family caregivers of a frail older adult a well-deserved break so they can go shopping, attend a doctor's appointment or just have coffee with a friend. Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Support and training are provided. Contact 703-324-7577, TTY 711, or [Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov).

**Potomac Paddlers Volunteer Corps.** The Potomac Paddlers Corps is a volunteer group with the National Park Service under shared management between Great Falls Park and the C&O Canal National Historical Park. The primary mission of the Corps is to have trained, uniformed park volunteers on the Potomac River to assist the park in identifying and reporting incidents, watch out for risky park visitor behavior, and to deliver safety messages to the public about the dangers of the Potomac River in the Potomac Gorge. Contact: Volunteer Coordinator 703-285-2965 ext. 225 or visit [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

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## "Triple Dog Dare"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As a long-surviving, hopefully evolving cancer patient, (14 years and counting; you bet I count), over whatever time it takes the patient to integrate his or her cancer and all its related tentacles into their life/routine/goals and objectives, eventually you reach an accommodation. In so doing, you no longer plan for it; rather, you plan around it. At some indeterminate length of time, you decide, almost consciously, that you are going to live what's left of your life and consider less and less the consequences and impairments/challenges of your disease.

Cancer, however, often has something to say about your best laid plans. One's schedule, particularly months ahead, especially if airline tickets, hotel accommodations and the like are required (to make the best of your bad situation), are subject to change and not by your own choosing. One blip in your lab work, physical examination/video appointment, an irregularity in one of your recurring scans (PET, CT, MRI and/or body/bone) or just feeling lousy, can play havoc with your commitments. Commitments which are not so easily – or inexpensively, changed. A re-test in any of your regular diagnostic requirements has a cascade effect down your scheduling line. What dates were once windows of opportunity can quickly become impossible/unrealistic doors slamming shut.

As such, during conversations with my oncologist about more than my papillary thyroid cancer, he often asks about any future plans. This is asked in the context of, and in relation to, a scheduled scan whose results might be disappointing, shall we say – and downright life-changing shall we never say, especially if known before one's departure – thereby ruining any positive vibe. Sensitive and considerate of the razor's edge on which I and many cancer patients live, my oncologist will typically ask if I want to schedule the scan after I return from wherever I'm going, just in case.

To that hopefully-not-premature end, I elected during this most recent cycle to keep my scheduled scan in place before I left town on vacation. Given that the usual and customary turnaround in which the results are emailed to me, it's very likely I'll know the details before I leave town. And though keeping this scan appointment was absolutely my decision ("it was my idea, but I don't think much of it," to invoke a Moe Howard quote from a long-ago Three Stooges episode when the boys grabbed off a doorstep what they thought was an abandoned baby), I do have some anxiety about it.

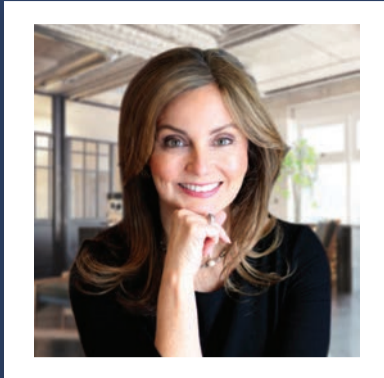
On the one hand, am I being arrogant and inconsiderate of my fellow vacationers – potentially concerning my last-minute news which might not be for the best? Or am I trying to control my cancer with a sort of false bravado-type confidence in my results thinking that if I remain positive about the possible negative, I will win the day (quarter, actually) and not "earthquake" our vacation plans? I sure hope it's the former and not the latter so I can go on pretending the latter won't soon be happening.

But that's exactly what a cancer diagnosis does to your life. Topsy-turvy, up and down, in and out, all-around; "here, there, and everywhere" (our wedding song, by the way) and who knows what, are your daily (not really minute by minute) emotions. It's sort of like having an upset stomach but your brain is what's upset. And unfortunately, rest or a bromo seltzer won't change how you feel or even offer any relief from you pre-existing condition. Cancer is the big dog, and it absolutely doesn't want to get off the porch. But if you don't make friends (sort of) with your cancer and don't learn to expect the unexpected and work that unpredictability into your life's equation, then your future will be one gigantic hassle. Finding a path forward where you can live with it, maybe even live because of it, is the key. However, it's nearly impossible to make light of such a heavy load. There are so many reminders, both internally and externally that trigger your "canceritis" that finding some kind of mechanism to get you through the day is paramount. Otherwise, you'll become a very dull boy. And whatever fight you have in you; finding something funny, something positive, something to be grateful for; are all methods to the madness that a cancer diagnosis creates.

I've found that planning a future – even one with all the inherent risks I've described, is an attempt at normalizing an abnormality (cancer, especially "terminal" cancer, certainly qualifies). It may sound simple but as one of my best friends, Lynne, said to me at the beginning of what has become a 14+ year journey: "Being diagnosed with cancer will be the toughest thing you've ever had to do." As a former cancer patient herself, I took her words to heart. When you're right, you're right; and Lynne was right.

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