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55+ Programs are in person at 55+ Centers, unless otherwise noted. A 55+ Pass is required to participate (starting at a \$20 annual fee). To join or register, go to registration. arlingtonva.us or call 703-228-4747.

Partner Dance Practice, grab a friend and practice your ballroom dance moves at Walter Reed 55+ Center. No instruction provided. Tues., Nov. 28, 2:15-3:15 p.m. Drop-in.

55+ Centers will be closed on Thurs., Nov. 23 and Fri., Nov. 24 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Acoustic Café, enjoy live performances by local musicians, Tues., Nov. 28, 7-8:30 p.m., Walter Reed 55+ Center. Open to all ages: no 55+ Pass is required. Register #911301-04.

Enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving buffet lunch at Dutch's Daughter restaurant with the 55+ Travel group. Thursday, Nov. 23, cost: \$71, Arlington resident, \$82, out-of-county resident. Register #902311-06.

55+ Crafters, bring your own supplies and work on your craft projects in a fun and social environment. Wed., Nov. 29, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Arlington Mill 55+ Center. Drop-in.

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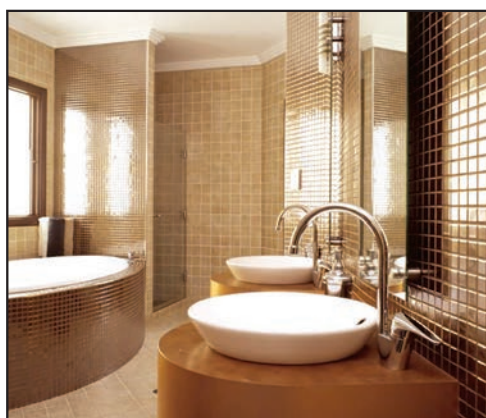
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# Holiday Goes On, But with Chickens

**Arlington Food Assistance Center provides Thanksgiving chicken instead of the usual holiday turkey.**

BY SHIRLEY RUHE  
ARLINGTON CONNECTION

This year families with limited financial resources are lining up on the sidewalk at the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) for their Thanksgiving chicken instead of the usual holiday turkey. Charlie Meng, CEO of AFAC, says that turkeys for the almost 3,700 families served weekly were going to cost \$125,000 compared to the cost of chickens at \$25,000. And that was a price negotiated last spring. “I can’t imagine what they would cost now.”

And last year AFAC was serving 2,500 families at this same time of the year. So not only is the cost of food escalating but the number of families served has skyrocketed. Meng says, “Today alone we served 308 families at our Nelson Street

location and we have 15 other distribution sites. We’re adding 50-100 new families every month.”

Meng continued that last year he spent \$1.3 million on food purchases and overran his food budget by \$600,000. “I’m looking at another one million overspending this year.” He explains it takes \$10 million to run the AFAC program, and the County only contributes \$606,000 which is about 7 percent.

Despite the absence of turkeys this year, AFAC recipients will be able to take home the usual produce, milk, eggs and bread for their holiday dinners.

“This is the thing. Prices are up, and the economy is bad.” Meng says the economy has led to an increase in food prices of twenty percent. “These families can’t recover. You and I can make it up but they can’t.”

**Not only is the cost of food escalating but the number of families served has skyrocketed.**



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Arlingtonians line up at AFAC for their holiday chickens on Nov. 17.

## BULLETIN BOARD

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

### ARLINGTON TRANSIT CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE

Arlington’s transit agency – ART – is rolling into a milestone 25th year of serving the community and providing reliable and sustainable bus service across the County.

The bus service, which first launched in 1998 with one route in Crystal City, was established to connect Arlington neighborhoods along with the growing regional transit network anchored by Metrorail and Metrobus. In its first year of service, the ART fleet served 118,156 passengers.

Today, a total of 78 ART buses serve 16 routes across Arlington, handling over 2 million passengers annually. In 2019,

ART had its highest ridership with 3.4 million trips and was on track to break that record before the COVID-19 pandemic. ART offers a safe, environmentally friendly way of getting around without generating the carbon footprint and congestion of multiple single occupancy personal vehicles.

In coming years, ART service hours will be increased 29% on weekdays, 66% on Saturdays, and 98% on Sundays, in response to feedback from passengers who said they would choose bus over driving if it ran earlier and later in the day and on weekends and more frequently throughout the day.

In 2022, ART demonstrated a pair of Battery Electric Buses (BEBs) on passenger routes to see how they handled Arlington’s roadways, including challenging hills. Based on the data, ART will be adding four BEBs to its fleet in 2025 after completion of the new ART Operations

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Ms. Rachna Fraccaro's second grade class at Jamestown Elementary School.

## You'll Never Guess—The Common Theme is Cranberries

BY SHIRLEY RUHE  
ARLINGTON CONNECTION

**M**s. Rachna Fraccaro's second grade class sits on a blue alphabet mat in their classroom at Jamestown Elementary November 16 waiting to share their thoughts about Thanksgiving. The walls are lined with reminders about mindset stances such as Resilience and Empathy.

The students discuss what they like best about Thanksgiving, what they do, where they go and their favorite food. Too many hands shoot in the air from students who want to participate. What to do? So since each child has a number assigned to them, Fraccaro decides on drawing five slips of paper from a bowl.

Henry Golding says he plans to jump in the big leaf pile his father is building up. "My brother and sister and me and my mom and dad and Labradoodle Willow will all jump in the pile." He says his favorite Thanksgiving food is cranberries. "I don't like turkey."

Henry says they will drive to his dad's best friend's house in D.C. His uncle Bret will be there and will bring his yummy mac and cheese. And Henry is grateful for his mom.

Charlotte McDonald will have probably three friends over for an overnight, "and we will play with our doggie. I have no idea what kind of dog Felix is. I think he is a mix of a lot of things."

Charlotte says she eats cranberries and a lot of things. "Yeah we have turkey and, oh yeah, my grandmother makes a really good pie—strawberry rhubarb I think."



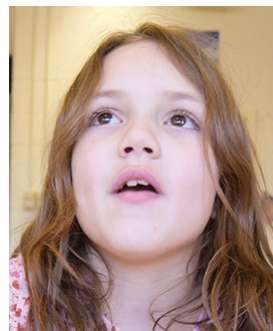
Henry Golding



Charlotte McDonald



Winnie Boyle



Juliette Dixon



Andrea Tila

Charlotte says she goes to her grandma's house which is close by and "me and my friends travel to a farmhouse for a vacation. There aren't animals there anymore but there is a barn." Charlotte says she is grateful for her family and her friends.

Winnie Boyle says she will probably have friends over "and this is the first year for the dog. We'll send the dog down to greet the people and Sadie will be like 'pet me right now.'"

Winnie first mentions they have cranberries, too, and turkey and she likes the pie and ice cream. "We have a bunch of friends over. We call it Friendsgiving. They usually bring the pies. Winnie is grateful for everything — "well, everything good in my life."

Juliette Dixon says she will spend time with her family. "We go to the beach house and my uncle from Maryland and grandparents from Maryland are there. We don't have a dog."

Juliette's favorite thing is pumpkin pie.

"Me, my grandpa, mom, brother and uncle all make it." But you guessed it, they have cranberries, turkey, and a lot of things.

Andrea Tila looks forward to spending time with her family. "Basically while the food is getting ready, I'm playing with my sister. She is 9 1/2. We'll probably play board games."

"Then we'll sit down at the dining room table. We have two tables; one is a kid's table where me and my sister sit. It is a circle with four seats, and I sit near the cabinet.

"We have turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberries, apples and that's it. My favorite Thanksgiving food is apple cider. " Andrea says she is grateful for her cat Kitty. "She is nice and sweet."

### BULLETIN BOARD

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and Maintenance Facility on Shirlington Road. These buses will test how evolving technology can help reduce the agency's carbon footprint while meeting service reliability goals.

### DONATIONS NEEDED

Pet Food Bank. AWLA has established a Pet Food Bank to serve qualifying residents of Arlington County and the City of Falls Church. In consideration of the effect financial obstacles have on a pet owner's ability to afford pet care, the AWLA Pet

Food Bank program's goal is to keep family pets out of shelters. If you are an Arlington County or City of Falls Church resident and are in need of assistance in feeding your pet, follow this link and fill out a pre-registration form. Visit [goo.gl/forms/s2FuFdaYWdZm4tPw2](http://goo.gl/forms/s2FuFdaYWdZm4tPw2).

Donations Needed. Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 2700 South 19th St., is seeking to replenish its food pantry. Particularly needed are rice (large bags appreciated, the pantry will rebag), dry beans, canned vegetables, soup, small jars of peanut butter, small jars of jelly, pasta and pasta sauce. Donations are collected during Mass each Sunday. Visit [www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org](http://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org) for more.



# SPORTS

PHOTOS BY WILL PALENSCAR



Yorktown QB Hudson Greene #7 delivers the ball towards the Westfield sidelines



Coby Casalengo #24 prepares to take handoff from Yorktown QB



Adam Yafi #3 ensures with ref that he is on the field



Finn Luca returns a kickoff for Yorktown



Hudson Greene looks to use Chris Monticeno #1 as a blocker



Chris Monticeno #1 avoids being tripped up by Westfield's Brendan Partridge #68

## Westfield Bulldogs Press on in Playoffs

### Yorktown's season ends in Chantilly.

BY WILL PALENSCAR  
THE CONNECTION

The Westfield Bulldogs hosted the Yorktown Patriots in Chantilly on Nov. 17 in the Class 6 D Regional semifinal.

Westfield opened scoring with only 42 seconds to play in the opening quarter when quarterback Matthew Jenks would score the first of his 3 touchdowns on a 1 yard touchdown run.

With 7:08 left in the 2nd quarter Westfield would add to their lead when Jenks would run in for his second touchdown. Westfield's lead was now 14-0. Yorktown would get on the board with 3:45 before halftime with Hudson Greene's pass to Chris Monticeno from 9 yards. The Westfield lead was now cut in half 14-7. However Jenks would score his 3rd touchdown just 32 seconds before halftime to give the Bulldogs a two touchdown lead, 21-7.

In the 3rd quarter Michael Merritt would be the benefactor of another Hudson Greene touchdown pass. Again, Yorktown was with in a touchdown, 21-14. But it was Westfield's defense that saved the game and a potential tying score in the closing minutes deep into Bulldogs territory.

With the win Westfield (9-3) advances to play James Madison in Vienna on 11-25 for the Class 6D Region Final.

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### Class 6 Regional Semifinals Results

Highland Springs (11-1)	28	Oscar Smith (8-4)	7
Manchester (11-1)	40	Thomas Dale (11-1)	21
<b>Region B</b>			
Freedom (11-0)	45	Colonial Forge (10-2)	16
Battlefield (!2-0)	21	Mountain View (11-1)	18
<b>Region C</b>			
Fairfax (9-3)	30	South County (10-3)	6
Lake Braddock (10-2)	38	West Springfield (9-3)	21
<b>Region D</b>			
James Madison (11-1)	37	Herndon (8-4)	7
Westfield (9-3)	21	Yorktown (7-5)	14



Finn Luca brings in this reception for Yorktown.



The Yorktown offensive line is set before QB Hudson Greene #7 calls for the snap



Chris Monticeno #1 is congratulated by a teammate after his touchdown



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The EA was prepared in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality Regulations, and Army-specific NEPA requirements. It analyzes the effects of the discretionary elements of the proposed action, including how to disassemble the Confederate Memorial.

The complete EA and draft FONSI are available to the public at <https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/About/Confederate-Memorial-Removal>

The public comment period will remain open for 15 days following publication. Comments can be submitted to ANMC through the comment form provided through the project comment website. <https://anmc-confederatememorialpubliccomments.com/>

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# ICE CREAM

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Jeni's ice cream shop on Campbell Street in Shirlington.

## It's Never Too Cold for Ice Cream

BY SHIRLEY RUHE  
ARLINGTON CONNECTION

Jeni's ice cream opened its new store on Campbell Street in Shirlington in February in the middle of winter. But Joseph Garcia, who has worked there since the store opened, says business is brisk. It is noon and business is just getting started but he says from 6-7 pm it will be the busiest time of the day.

The favorite flavor of customers so far seems to be gooey butter cake. "It's my favorite, too." But he says that kids seem to like best the rainbow buttermilk frozen yogurt with swirls of different colors rippling through the scoops.

Jeni's has more than 75 scoop shops across the country, and they specialize in making artisan one-of-a-kind flavors using fresh milk from family-run farms and berries grown specially for their ice creams. Merry Berry is a new ice cream flavor made with berries, buttermilk cream, amaretti cookies and raspberry coulis.

Holiday flavors including white chocolate peppermint, boozy eggnog, buckeye frenzy, and the dairy-free rum ball has joined the usual choices at Jeni's.

Jeni's was started in Columbus, Ohio in 2002 by James Beard award winner Jeni Britton and is now sold in scoop shops na-



Joseph Garcia with his favorite gooey butter cake flavor ice cream.

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The pandemic has hit small businesses hard, which in turn has reduced advertising revenue that keeps these local newspapers alive to provide hyper local news to residents. It feels like no small miracle to be looking forward into 2022.

The pandemic has been a bear, financially and otherwise. Revenue plummeted at the beginning in 2020. Some beloved advertisers have stayed the course supporting us and both made our survival possible. We now await a decision for a grant from Rebuild Virginia in early February that we hope will help us in 2022 and beyond. But we need help to survive the first quarter, always a brutal time for cash flow in weekly newspapers. Thank you.

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October 28, 2023  
(In Case Anyone Missed it)



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As I sit and write this column on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023, I do so with a heavy heart, heavier than usual I should say. And it is heavier than usual because today is my recently deceased brother's 74th birthday – or rather it would have been. We won't be celebrating it this year – or ever again. In fact, this is his first birthday since he died semi unexpectedly last Dec. 3rd. Another one of those firsts that survivors everywhere must endure when a significant person in their lives dies. And my brother Richard's death was very significant. A huge loss. He leaves a gaping hole in my life, as he does for his widow, Vanessa, and hundreds of his clients for whom Richard was more than simply an insurance broker. He was, as Father Mulcahy was on M\*A\*S\*H, a caretaker of souls, sort of.

Do any of you remember where you were on Oct. 28, 2022? It was a Friday night. Ordinarily, recalling a random-ish day a year or so ago, maybe even a few months ago, is challenging as so often the days, weeks and months tend to blend and it all becomes a blur. Well, this is one date that will never be a blur to me. That's because the Friday night to which I refer was the last night I saw my brother, Richard alive. My wife Dina and I and Richard's wife Vanessa gathered at Richard's home for a surprise birthday dinner for him.

Back home finally, after two months in the hospital (six weeks of which were in the I.C.U.), followed by another two weeks in the adjacent rehabilitation center, Richard was thin and weak, understandably. But he was home at last and happily making progress rehabbing in his in-house exercise room. Slowly but surely becoming even ambulatory. If I'm not mistaken, Richard was driving a bit, with the help of a caregiver, of course. He boasted about walking around the Costco on South Dakota Ave, NW – with a walker. But he was up and at'em generally and improving. When he came down the inclinator (the stair lift), that early evening from his upstairs' bedroom and got into his downstairs' wheelchair, he then rolled into the dining room to his right, where we all were sitting at the dining room table eagerly awaiting his arrival: "Surprise," we all yelled. He had a huge smile. It was his birthday after all. But considering his month's-long ordeal, he wasn't quite ready for prime time. Nevertheless, we forced the issue and there we all were. That evening was the last time I saw my brother alive, and it's a memory that will never blur. I'll always know where I was on that date, his 73rd birthday. Though we spoke regularly over the phone in the weeks that followed, the timing hadn't presented itself to visit him again as he was busy with his rehab, - and tired from the exertion, and going to sleep early. And besides, he was home, having survived all those weeks in I.C.U., and was even receiving infusions for his colon cancer again. In naive truth, we all sort of figured he dodged/survived a bullet – figuratively speaking. And he did survive sepsis after all, as serious as that is, (as we learned from his physicians), so his progress was encouraging/ almost amazing. Though we all anticipated a long, slow recovery; all signs, generally speaking, were positive.

He was eating. He was walking. He was exercising/ rehabbing at home in his home gym. He was out driving occasionally. He was investigating buying a scooter so he would more mobile, and on the "q.t." on his phone, he was researching cruise lines as he was thinking about travelling with Vanessa in the spring. And then on the Sat. morning Dec. 3rd at 8:30 am, I received a call from Vanessa, crying, frantic, having found Richard laying on the floor by his bed, telling me he was "gone." Impossible for me to process, on such short notice, especially considering he had been doing so well that his doctor had restarted his colon cancer infusions to once and for all knock the remaining colon cancer out of his body. After two bi-weekly infusions, he seemed to be on track to a miraculous recovery which, given Richard's personality and determination, was what we had come to expect.

The few days after were a blur. Meeting with funeral parlor people, coordinating with Vanessa about an obituary, deciding the date and place for the memorial service, calling friends and relatives. The following Friday, we had Richard's service at Judean Gardens in Silver Spring. The packed house was a testament to the kind of person my brother was. I thought I knew him. But after hearing so many kind words from so many people in attendance, most of whom, I had never met before, I knew him even better. I realized Richard's loss even more than I had realized, and it made me proud to be his brother. RBL, we miss you terribly. Rest in peace, and please come to me in a dream. I want to see how you're doing. Love, KBL.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## CHECK OUT THE PLANT CLINICS!

**The Arlington Central Library Plant Clinic at 1015 N Quincy St, Arlington operates on Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:45 pm.**

The Alexandria Old Town Farmer's Market Plant Clinic at 301 King St, Alexandria operates on Saturdays from 7:00 - 9:30 a.m. The Arlington Farmers' Market at N 14th and N Courthouse Roads operates on Saturdays from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. The Del Ray Farmers' Market Plant Clinic at Oxford & Mt. Vernon Avenues, Alexandria operates on Saturdays from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. The Fairlington Farmers' Market Plant Clinic at 3308 S Stafford St, Arlington, operates on Sundays from 9:00 - 11:00 am.

## SATURDAY/NOV. 25

### Small Business Saturday Passport Program.

A group of Arlington and Falls Church businesses will participate in a "Passport" program designed to help area shoppers discover unique shops and restaurants, keep their shopping dollars local and be eligible to win prizes. SBS has grown into an annual holiday shopping tradition and the Passport enables residents who are looking to #shoplocal and #shops-small easily discover small businesses near them. The Passport includes a mix of shopping and food establishments so residents can take a break from shopping to enjoy a rejuvenating coffee, snack, cider or meal. Customers can pick up the Passport at any of the 15 participating businesses. To be eligible to win one of three Grand Prize Baskets of goods and gift certificates, customers need to collect "stamps" from at least five of the participating businesses on SBS, Nov 25th. Once completed, the Passports can be dropped off at One More Page Books or the last store visited that day. Winners of the baskets will be randomly drawn from all completed Passports on Wednesday, Nov 29 at 3 p.m. at One More Page Books.

Businesses participating in the Arlington/Falls Church Small Business Saturday Passport Program:

Audacious Aleworks  
Ayers Variety & Hardware  
Blossom & Buds  
Botanologica  
Cafe Kindred  
Covet  
Doodlehopper 4 Kids  
Lemon Lane Consignment  
One More Page Books & More  
Preservation Biscuit Company  
Rare Bird Coffee Roasters  
TINT - A Modern Makerspace  
Trade Roots  
Two the Moon  
Urban Farmhouse

## WEDNESDAY/NOV. 29

**Holiday Networking Happy Hour.** 5-7 p.m. At The Commentary, Westin Arlington Gateway, 801 N. Glebe Road, Arlington. Register now to join the Ballston BID and Monument Home Loans as they SIP & JINGLE at The Commentary for the holidays. Enjoy festive cocktails and drinks at the Jingle Bar, sing along with live holiday music performances, and try delicious fare from The Commentary at the Westin Arlington Gateway.

## POLICE HOST FILL THE CRUISER TOY DRIVE

**This holiday season, consider adding an Arlington child in need to your shopping list.** Beginning in November, the Arlington County Police Department (ACPD) will be hosting the ninth annual Fill the Cruiser Holiday Toy Drive benefitting children in need in the Arlington community. Bring joy to someone's holiday by donating new, unwrapped toys at one of our collection events or stationary drop box locations.

### Collection Events

Officers will collect new, unwrapped toys for children ages newborn to 17 at the following locations:



**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church has holiday Trees and Decorations in Arlington starting Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023.**

Saturday, November 25  
Arlington Assembly of God, 4501 N. Pershing Drive, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy Street, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 2  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 830 23rd Street S., from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 16th Street S., from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

### Stationary Drop Box Locations

If you are unable to attend one of our donation collection events, stationary drop boxes will be available at the following locations from November 1 to December 7.

Lost Dog Cafe, 5876 Washington Boulevard  
Cathedral of St. Thomas More, 3901 Cathedral Lane  
Arlington Courthouse, 2nd Floor, Administrative Support Unit, 1425 N. Courthouse Road  
Ireland's Four Courts, 2051 Wilson Boulevard  
Celtic House Irish Pub, 2500 Columbia Pike  
Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Avenue  
Long Bridge Aquatics & Fitness Center, 333 Long Bridge Drive  
Freddie's Beach Bar, 555 23rd Street S.  
Toy Distribution: Toys will be distributed by the Police Department throughout the Arlington community during the month of December.

**NOV. 27 TO DEC. 29**  
**December at Gallery Underground: Color | Up Close & Personal.** Marcia Katz, Judy Landry,

and Sally Slifkin have been painting together for several years. All three artists have been active members of the Arlington Artists Alliance for many years as well. Though they have found that their artistic styles are distinctly different, each has always been very interested in color. Their interests range from how certain colors work next to each other, to unique color choices representing light and shadow, to articulating how a painting comes alive using color. Opening Reception: Dec. 1, 2023, 5-7 p.m.

## SATURDAY/DEC. 2

**Holiday Trees and Decorations.** At Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, Arlington. Get your holiday decorating off to the right start! This year, they will offer 200 trees of various types and sizes, freshly cut and delivered from Barre, Vermont.

Sale hours: Starting Saturday, December 2, until sold out

Saturdays: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sundays: 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Don't wait! In recent years, they sold 85% of the trees the first weekend!

For details or to volunteer, contact Bob Len via email to the parish administrator.

## DEC. 2-3

**Artist Co-op Open Studio Weekend.** Sat., Dec. 2, 5-8 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 3, 2-5 p.m. At Columbia Pike Artist Studios, 932 S. Walter

Reed Drive, Second Floor, Arlington. The Columbia Pike Artist Studios "Fall pARTy" Fall 2023. Member artists will present new artworks in painting, drawing, printmaking, and sculpture. A group exhibition of artworks by the studio artists will be installed to view and purchase. The public will meet member artists in their studio spaces during this event. The public can purchase artworks directly from the artist during the event. The current member artists are: Karen Bland, Rhys Conlon, Jaqui C. Falkenheim, Helen Ginberg, Anne Hancock, Paula Lantz, Sharon Malley, Joanne Mazarella, Susan McElhinney, Nan Morrison, Bridget Murphy, Kimberley Murphy-Lyons, Robbie Namy, Morgan Norwood, M. M. Panas, Marta Sewall, Joseph Spollen, Margaret Stewart, Monica Stroik, Alice Whealin, Bobbi Wolcott, Vladimir Zabavskiy and Ghada Zaytoun.

## MONDAY/DEC. 4

**End of the Year Social and Community Engagement Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. At Drew School and Community Center, 3500 S. 23rd St., Arlington. The Green Valley Civic Association is hosting an End of the Year Social and Community Engagement Meeting. Invited are all community service providers to share their services/information and needs. Get to know the citizens of Green Valley and engage them to share with others or get engaged. The community is invited to attend and learn about services and upcoming programs. Each service provider who signs up to attend will have a table space and will be able to make a 2-3 minute elevator speech on who they are and what they do. The social hour following the short business meeting and introductions will allow residents to talk to providers and enjoy refreshments provided. Service Provider space is limited and must be confirmed before the meeting. Request to participate should be sent to greenvaleyciv@gmail.com. or call (703) 486-0058.

## SATURDAY/DEC. 9

**Arlington Chorale, Of All The Kings.** 5 p.m. At Westover Baptist Church, 1125 Patrick Henry Dr., Arlington. Created in collaboration with the Black Heritage Museum of Arlington, this performance will feature familiar holiday tunes like Nat King Cole's timeless classic, "The Christmas Song," and will introduce Margaret Bonds' The Ballad of the Brown King, a rarely performed 1954 work with libretto by Langston Hughes that tells the captivating story of Balthazar—one of the Three Wise Men—and weaves together elements of spirituals, gospel, and classical music.

## DEC. 9-10

**Jane Franklin Dance Presents Set.** 7 p.m. on Saturday; 4 p.m. on Sunday. At Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington. Jane Franklin Dance returns to Theatre on the Run with a collection of dances by 6 choreographers that reflect history, emotion and identity. Featuring: Philip Baraoidan, Ryan Carlough, Michala Conroy, Kelsey Rohr, Dominique Ross, Amy Scaringe, Kevin White. Choreography Ryan Carlough, Emily Crews, Jane Franklin, Robert J. Priore, Kelsey Rohr, and Christopher Saunders.

## SATURDAY/DEC. 10

**Arlington Chorale Presents Of All the Kings.** 5 p.m. At Westover Baptist Church, Arlington. Celebrating historical icons and musical legends, this concert has something for everyone! You'll hear well-known holiday favorites like the beloved carol, "Good King Wenceslas," Nat King Cole's timeless classic, "The Christmas Song," and Antonio Vivaldi's uplifting Gloria. We will also introduce you to Margaret Bonds' The Ballad of the Brown King, a rarely performed work with libretto by Langston Hughes that premiered in 1954. This captivating story of Balthazar, one of the Three Wise Men, weaves together elements of spirituals, gospel, and classical music, creating a soul-stirring experience that will resonate