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From left: Conor Hogan, Allison Lee, Juliana Logan, Winnie Brent, Liam Mason Cate Hogan, Mary Bennett, and Cordelia Medrick advocate for world languages at May 3 School Board meeting.

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# Students Defend German, Japanese Language Study

Kanninen calls presentation the most effective advocacy campaign she's seen.

By Eden Brown  
The Connection

The School Board members were enthralled on the evening of May 3 as they sat in their new boardroom at the Syphax building, listening to students reel off the reasons why Japanese and German should be in the program of studies.

After a presentation by World Language Program Supervisor Elisabeth Harrington, detailing the data on how well the Arlington Public Schools language program is doing, public comment included students who, one by one, came to the podium and passionately, patiently, politely, and often emotionally, explained why Japanese and German were important to their education and their lives.

Liam Mason questioned the logic: Because demand for the two languages had dropped, the languages would no longer be offered. "It didn't make sense," Mason said, "the number of students taking Japanese Level 1 has actually increased with 34 students the year before and 45 in the current year." Mason also noted that collecting signatures on a petition to maintain Japanese had been easy: within eight days, 1,300 Arlington residents signed. Japanese language was something the school system itself touted as a success, gaining accolades for APS, with two students of Japanese at H-B and Wakefield being awarded the Summer Residential Governor's School for their language: why then cut something of which they were proud?

Katie Morgans, a 2003 APS grad who took Japanese in the last two years of high school, said it had changed her life. She had gained a passion. The APS language pro-

gram was one of the reasons she was drawn back to teach at Claremont Immersion school and the commitment of the school system to world languages remained an important part of the reason she taught here.

Cordelia Medrick made a plea to keep German classes and to offer them in middle school so they could be given the same recognition that other languages are given. "Knowing German," she said, "gave her access to three leading European countries. There are 76 million native German speakers and two million non-native speakers."

**"There's beauty in every language ...."**

— Mary Bennett,  
Washington and Lee junior

Mary Bennet said that the decision not to continue Japanese might make sense from a businessman's perspective — with supply and demand being key — but from an educational perspective, language learning was important — language class was a place to meet new people, share a laugh, become part of a community. "There's beauty in every language," she said.

And since she had just taken the first half



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**Elisabeth Harrington addresses the school board providing statistics on the success of the FLES program, the immersion program, AP and IB programs, the Seal of Biliteracy, and Credit by Exam program.**

of her philosophy exam, she noted that in discussing the "Good," it was clear to her that "language is the Good, and language learners are the Good, and the people sit-

ting in this room tonight trying to change the minds of the School Board — also Good."

Alison Lee, after a bilingual greeting, said she had moved here from Yokohama in 2009. The class in Japanese taught her to love the language more than even living in Japan had. "As it is," she said, "this county is extremely eurocentric. The only other Asian language offered in the schools is Chinese, and China really doesn't represent all of Asia." She also noted that the friends she made in her language class showed a stronger bond than any other at Yorktown High School.

The School Board appeared supportive: they did not understand why Japanese and German had been taken off the program of studies since demand existed and there was no clear budget advantage. Across the board, members expressed support for foreign languages. Barbara Kanninen went a step further: "I am struck by the passion in this room tonight for pursuing a language that is not the most popular but these kids clearly love. And frankly that's what we do. It's our job to help kids find a passion and if it's not in our mission statement we're thinking about putting it in our

mission statement. And I might add, I don't know if everyone agrees with me, but this is the most effective advocacy campaign I have ever seen in my time here."

## Virginia Hospital Center Nurse Awarded for Service

Taryn Overman receives "4 Under 40" Emerging Leader Award of 2018.

By Marilyn Campbell  
The Connection

A Virginia Hospital Center nurse has been recognized for her leadership abilities and commitment to serving others. Arlington-based nurse Taryn Overman was awarded the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association (VHHA) "4 Under 40" Emerging Leader Award of 2018. She received the award at a ceremony last week.

"This award is an honor and it's not just for me," said Overman. "It's a recognition for my entire team. They trust me and I trust them. Together we are able

to make an impact. I, alone cannot teach everyone in Arlington CPR or change our response to a patient coming to the emergency room with a heart attack, it takes all of us working together as a team."

As a Senior Director of Outpatient and Emergency Services, Overman, led the Hands2Hearts program, a joint effort with the Arlington County Fire Department in which members of the community were given hands-on instructions in CPR. She also collaborated with the hospital's Nursing Professional Development Council on a recent hospital-wide effort, which led to the collection of more than two tons of cereal for the Homeless Service Center.

Overman was called a, "profound leader" by Melody Dickerson Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer at Virginia Hospital Center, who said that the hospital is, "fortunate to have her as part of our team."

After earning bachelor's and master's degrees at George Mason University, Overman remained in northern Virginia. "Northern Virginia is where I was born and raised so that is also part of the reason I feel very committed to this community."

She's always loved helping others and being a leader and coach," added Lynne Adams, Overman's mother.

"I think being a nurse is one of the most incredible opportunities you could ever have in life," added Overman. "I want to use my opportunity to serve to make a lasting impact and to show other nurses what you can do when you push the boundaries of being a nurse."



Photo courtesy of Taryn Overman

**Taryn Overman was awarded the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association "4 Under 40" Emerging Leader Award of 2018.**

## Housing Goal Not Backed by Housing Commitment

**Meeting housing goal takes hard choices.**

By Shirley Ruhe  
The Connection

*This is the first in a series focusing on affordable housing in Arlington.*

**A**ffordable housing in Arlington can be like searching for a needle in a haystack. In 2015 Arlington unanimously adopted the Affordable Housing Master Plan after a three-year community-driven process. Its stated goals were to have adequate supply of housing to meet community needs, ensure all segments of community have access to housing and ensure that housing efforts contribute to a sustainable community.

One key goal was to produce the number of affordable rental units to meet the needs of Arlington residents—a number set at 600 affordable housing units each year. This was to meet the goal that 17.7 percent of all housing units in Arlington will be rental units affordable to households at or below 60 % of average median income by 2040. Yet three years later the county is short each year an average of 291 committed affordable housing units (CAFs) of meeting its housing goal.

The County Board just approved a 2019 budget of \$14.3 million, which is an increase of \$600,000 from the County manager's recommendation but a cut of \$700,000 below FY 2018. The verbal commitment is still there but the dollars aren't. But Katie Cristol, chair of the Arlington County Board, says, "It is pretty exceptional that in this tight budget year at the end of the budget process we added \$600,000 in unallocated monies for AHIF. Last year and this year the county had the absolute high mark in affordable housing, showing it is a high priority."

Michell Winters, director of the Alliance for Housing Solutions, says it is interesting this number has been misrepresented as a slight increase when it is actually a reduction from last year's level. She continued, "AHIF is the most effective way to create affordable housing in this county so it never makes sense to cut it."

On Dec. 1, 2017 a number of community leaders sent a letter to then County Board chair Jay Fisette indicating that although Arlington has taken significant steps to implement the plan that "we are not on track to achieve the Plan's production target of adding nearly 600 affordable units each year."

The group submitted a report "Fulfilling the Promise: Meeting the Production Goal of Arlington's Affordable Housing Master Plan" in which they included strategies and possible alternatives for reaching the goal involving both cost containment and increased dedicated funding. The report included case studies from across the county and other cities across the country. It ad-



Photo by Shirley Ruhe /The Connection

**Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing apartments scheduled for renovation and conversion to affordable housing.**

ressed the impact of such issues as reduction of site plan conditions for new affordable housing, waiving permit fees, modification of bonus density policy, offering property tax abatements and exemptions.

For instance, waiving or reducing the billing permit, sewer and water and other fees could lead to creation of 16 new CAFs. Likewise modification of the density policy is estimated to create 76 CAFs and save \$6.5 million. Fisette directed the board to look further into several of these alternatives. Nina Janopaul, director of Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH) says, "I feel like there has been no effort to respond to these alternatives. I have asked several board members and they say 'thanks

for the report' and there is no further response."

Cristol says the staff has been asked to do an analysis on a spectrum of possibilities and now that the County Board is in post-budget they will address the results. She pointed out they have already instituted one of the recommendations by lowering the parking minimum on the Old Red Cross site. "This is a success story."

Arlington has significantly increased the annual production of CAFs but it is a net sum battle. Janopaul says a one-bedroom apartment that would have cost \$900 five years ago now costs \$1,500. Since 2000 Arlington has created 3,400 new CAFs but since that same period the county has lost

86 percent of its stock of affordable housing (MARKs) available to families at 60 percent of average median income. Janopaul says developers come in and buy up apartments, put in granite counter tops, put a gym on the first floor, and an apartment that would have cost \$900 five years ago now costs \$1,500.

Affordable housing in Arlington is primarily produced with some level of funding by the county through The Affordable Housing Investment Fund (AHIF). This local housing trust fund leverages an additional \$3.50 of outside funding to every \$1 of county resources. Currently the county funding is an estimated \$25 million with the projected need to fill the goal at \$49.7 million for an annual deficit of \$24.7 million.

While Arlington is one of the wealthiest counties in the country, approximately 12-16 percent qualify as very low income defined as a family of four living on \$48,000 or an individual living on \$24,000 and one in three children qualify for free or reduced price lunches. A minimum wage job in Arlington cannot support the housing costs of living in Arlington. The average median income in Arlington is \$109,200 for a family of four.

Statistics from a report by Community Progress Network indicate that a minimum wage worker would need to work 109 hours a week to afford a one-bedroom apartment in Arlington. In the last 10 years the median rent in Arlington has grown significantly higher than income. A presentation by the group on April 26 indicates that from 1997-2017 cumulative increase in rent has been 128 percent while in that same time period cumulative increase in wages has been 60 percent.

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## One of the Lucky Ones

**A**nnette Talbot looks around her one-bedroom apartment with a couch on one wall, a chair and a computer. Talbot is one of the lucky ones. She is about to be relocated to another building in the Westover area since her current apartment was purchased by Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH) and is scheduled to be renovated.

Talbot has lived in this apartment since 1995 when she paid \$535 a month. At that time these were considered market housing units but now under APAH ownership, they will become affordable housing with income limitations. APAH bought 60 apartments from several private owners and is remodeling them with a combination of Historic Tax Credits, AHIF and Low Low Income Housing Tax Credits. Now Talbot's rent is \$1,165 and she has a small grant "of a hundred and something dollars" from Arlington. "I don't need more than this.

Look at it," she says pointing around her space. "A safe place, water, heat, not a lot of noise."

She has watched the neighborhood change. "It has been heartbreaking." The luxury condos have gone up. "The owners had every right to make their money, unload their buildings and move to a sunny place or the mountains or the lake." She says, "here in Westover, God bless the people. They were up in arms when people started to buy these World War II vintage buildings and turn them into luxury condos." Talbot continues, "They put signs up, 'Save Westover.' They had committee meetings." And she said APAH was able to save some of these buildings.

Kim Painter, APAH chief of staff and manager of their relocation program says APAH bought eight buildings with 68 apartments

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Photo by Shirley Ruhe /The Connection

**Annette Talbot and her dog in her current apartment that was purchased by Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing.**

# Intervention: Arlington

Substance abuse townhall confronts growing problem in Arlington.

By Vernon Miles  
The Connection

**K**imberly Suiters held up what looked like a pair of binoculars. To any viewer they would be, but they weren't. A moment later she held up what looked like an average tampon, which she said police officers regularly told her they wouldn't check. Another was a bottle of water, then a bottle of conditioner, then an umbrella, then a cell phone ....

But they were all flasks.

"Arlington County has a problem," said Suiters. "The whole country has a drug problem, and we're here in this room because we care and we're going to fix it."

Over the last few years, drug abuse has become a nationwide problem on the rise. In Arlington opioid overdoses increased from none in 2013 and seven in 2014 to 74 last year. Between 2015 and 2017, Arlington saw a 245 percent increase in opioid treatment.

"We're doing this to ourselves," said Suiters, "and we need to find a solution."

On May 2 at Kenmore Middle School, Suiters, a consumer investigator and anchor for WJLA-TV, moderated a panel discussing how to confront and overcome Arlington's substance abuse problem. A large part of the discussion centered around avoiding the stigma of drug abusers to be able to lovingly, without confrontation, approach someone who has a drug problem.

"We want to remove the stigma that people with drug problems are 'the others,'" said Suiters. "That they're people you wouldn't want to be in contact with. They're people you love, people you admire. Drug abuse affects everyone."

Suzanne Somerville, the county's clinical services bureau chief, was responsible for

building a stakeholder task force to confront the problem. Somerville said when she started outreach in the community she found a wide array of collaborative partners who were eager to help.

"The best way to stop people from getting into opioid overdose is keeping them from using in the first place," said Somerville. "[We're] looking at minor drugs, marijuana and alcohol, and recognizing that if they start using at an early age chance they could develop other addictions is higher."

Among those that spoke were the family members of Chris Atwood, a Reston resident who died at 21 as a result of a drug overdose. Atwood's family noted that oftentimes drug abusers have to go through rehabilitation programs several times for them to really take hold. For many families, rehab can be prohibitively expensive.

"One treatment center was costing \$1,000 per day," said Jenny Atwood, Chris' sister, "We were lucky to even be able to get in."

Jenny Atwood urged concerned citizens to become trained in CPR and to carry Naloxone, a drug that can treat a narcotic overdose in an emergency situation.

Detective Jackie Pagan, a school resource officer, also encouraged parents to monitor their children's activity and be aware of their activities that could be related to drug abuse. Pagan said parents should regularly check their Amazon account history and credit card information for unexpected purchases, as Pagan said often times children



Photo contributed

Kimberly Suiters with one of the disguised flasks

can get access to drugs or paraphernalia online through their parents' accounts.

Pagan also said that many parents are often afraid to look through their children's phone and see their activity to give their children a sense of privacy, but Pagan said parents should turn it into a collaborative activity where they can help their child understand what is and isn't dangerous behavior.

More locally, Pagan also said to be wary of children saying they're walking through Glencarlyn Park as a shortcut. Pagan said the park isn't much of a shortcut to anywhere, and instead is commonly used as a drug hangout because of its isolation.

If parents do discover that their child has

**"Arlington County has a problem. The whole country has a drug problem, and we're here in this room because we care and we're going to fix it."**

— Kimberly Suiters, anchor for WJLA-TV

a substance abuse problem, Norma Jimenez from Arlington County Children's Behavioral Health Bureau said they should seek resources to collaboratively combat the possibility of addiction. Jimenez said substance abuse can often be linked to undiagnosed mental health problems, and treatment that deals with both can increase the lasting impact.

"We offer individual and family counseling; integrating mental health and substance abuse treatment," said Jimenez. "We work with families in holistic ways. We need to break the stigma of mental health and substance abuse and be heard."

"We have to confront the stigma," said Somerville. "If we're too embarrassed to talk about a family member who is addicted, we won't bring it to attention."

## Pedal to Parks

**T**wo of Arlington's most underutilized parks are about to become a little more accessible for anyone willing to pedal there. With approval from the County Board at its April 24 meeting, Gravelly Point and Roosevelt Island are scheduled to become the newest Capital Bikeshare locations in the Arlington network.

Both locations are on National Park Service grounds, but Arlington County accepts responsibility for installing and maintaining the facilities. The current Capital Bikeshare location at the Marine Corps Memorial falls under this agreement. Both new locations will be located along the Mount Vernon Trail, which runs 18 miles from Rosslyn to the eponymous Mount Vernon in Fairfax.

The bike share location will be on the Arlington side of a wooden bridge crossing over to Roosevelt Island, but staff noted that National Park Service rules prohibiting biking on the island itself will remain intact. A timeline for the stations' implementation has not been established yet.



Photo by Vernon Miles/The Connection

Bridge leading to Roosevelt Island

"I think this is terrific," said County Board Chair Katie Cristol. "It will make national parkland more accessible, will provide new options for not only Arlington residents but visitors to appreciate some truly beloved locations in our community. I'm excited to see this come forward and look forward to seeing those bike share stations."

— Vernon Miles

## County Fire Chief Bonzano to Retire

Arlington County Fire Chief James Bonzano will retire at the end of the summer, following a 34-year career in the Arlington County Fire Department (ACFD).

"Jimmy has dedicated his career and his life to Arlington County and the people who live and work here, and I thank him for all he has done in his more than three decades of service," said Arlington County Manager Mark Schwartz. "His commitment to strong and progressive leadership has ensured the safety of our community."

"I was born in Arlington, and it has been my privilege to serve the community I love for 34 years," said Bonzano. "The time has come to slow down and spend time with my family. I am honored to have led the dedicated men and women of the Arlington County Fire Department, and I am proud of what we have achieved together."

Bonzano has served as Fire Chief since May 2016. He joined ACFD in 1984, and he has served and led in nearly every section of the department. Bonzano has served as Acting Assistant Chief, South Deputy Chief, Personnel Services Section Chief, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Battalion Chief. Following the terrorist attack on the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, he served as the EMS branch director for the emergency response.

He serves on committees for both the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the Northern Virginia Chiefs Committee. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees at Dominion Hospital and as a Board Member for the Northern Virginia Community College EMS Program.

The county recently started a search for Bonzano's replacement.

# News

## Fuentes Named Ally In Prevention Award Winner

Cheryl Fuentes has been named a 2018 Ally in Prevention by SCAN of Northern Virginia. Leon Harris, NBC4, presented the 16th Annual Ally in Prevention Awards at a luncheon on April 6.

Fuentes has been changing the lives of Arlington families for more than 25 years. When she first began working in Arlington, she implemented the county's Parent Education Program and led the formation of the Arlington Parent Education Network. These initiatives brought together agencies and services providers in a new way, helping more parents access the resources that were available to them and more professionals implement best practices to support those families.

She spearheaded the "Your Children's Development Resource and Information Fair" for Arlington families, as well as led the development of [arlingtonfamilies.com](http://arlingtonfamilies.com), a comprehensive and easy-to-navigate resource for parents.

Today Fuentes coordinates Arlington's Project Family Program, which offers about 18 classes serving 140 families every week. She continues to provide direct support to at-risk families.

"I love working with Arlington families," said Fuentes. "I've been inspired by their stories, amazed at their resiliency, and humbled to be given the opportunity to share parenting and life strategies that have empowered them to build



**Fuentes**

safe and strong families. When I connect a family to a community resource or watch friendships form in our classes, or

overhear a parent sharing a tip with another parent, or have parents contact me years after they've been in a class because their child is at a new stage of development and they want to talk, my heart smiles because I know this parent is embracing the awesome responsibility they have as a parent and is not afraid to reach out."

Fuentes lives in Alexandria with her husband and three children, ages 18, 15, and 11.

Other local individuals honored this year include:

❖ Alexandria - Cindi Christensen, Alexandria CPS Hotline

❖ Fairfax - Bootsie Humenansky, SafeSpot Children's Advocacy Center of Fairfax

❖ Loudoun - Dr. Judy Hanley, Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter

❖ Prince William - Jennifer Kooyoomjian, Prince William County Intensive Juvenile Probation Officer

SCAN also launched Year 2 of the 2018 Northern Virginia Child Abuse Prevention Campaign, "Parenting Can Be Tough," at the event.

## 'Flourishing After 55'

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs for May 14-19.

**Senior centers:** Lee, 5722 Lee Hwy.; Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St.; Walter Reed, 2909 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St.; Arlington Mill, 909 S. Dinwiddie St.; Aurora Hills, 735 S. 18<sup>th</sup> St.

**Senior trips:** Lititz, PA tour, Tuesday, May 15, \$47; Washington Nationals vs Pittsburgh Pirates, D.C., Wednesday, May 16, \$55; Solomons Island, Md., Friday, May 18, \$8; National Chamber Ensemble, Arlington, Saturday, May 19, \$31. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

### NEW PROGRAMS:

**Senior Boot Camps** begin Monday, May 14 or Thursday, May 17, 8:30 a.m., \$40/8 sessions, Walter Reed. Register, 703-228-7369.

**Yoga classes** begin week of Monday, May 14 at senior centers. Call for details, 703-228-4771.

**Classical music** appreciation group to focus on Franz Joseph Haydn concertos, Monday, May 14, 1 p.m., Langston-Brown. Register, 703-228-6300.

**Podiatrist Dr. Greg Cardinal** discusses foot ailments, Monday, May 14, [www.ConnectionNewsletters.com](http://www.ConnectionNewsletters.com)

11 a.m., Langston-Brown, Register, 703-228-6300.

**Ask A Nurse** program to focus on Pain Management, Tuesday, May 15, 11 a.m., Langston-Brown. Register, 703-228-6300.

**Individual hearing screenings,** Tuesday, May 15, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Lee. Call for appointment, 703-228-0555.

**Discover the Arlington Arts Truck,** Wednesday, May 16, 11:30 a.m., Arlington Mill. Details, 703-228-7369.

**Overview of Arlington's urban forest canopy,** Wednesday, May 16, 1 p.m., Langston-Brown. Register, 703-228-6300.

**History of Lomax-AME Zion Church,** Arlington, Wednesday, May 16, 10:30 a.m., Lee. Register, 703-228-0555.

**Dance exercise class** for beginners, Wednesday, May 16, 10 a.m., \$28/7 sessions, Fairlington Community Center. Register, 703-228-4771.

**55+ Foodies group,** Thursday, May 17, 6 p.m., Central Library. Details, 703-228-5946.

**Annual plant exchange,** Thursday, May 17, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Lee. Details, 703-228-0555.

**Arlington Mill Walkers,** Thursdays, 9 a.m., W&OD and Four Mile Run Trails. Details, 703-228-7369.



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# Opinion

## Vote, Vote, Vote

Anyone who was closely watching last November's election got a demonstration about what difference one vote can make. Control of the Virginia General Assembly came down to a single race that was deemed to be tied, and was decided by a random drawing. Republicans won. Vote. It's so important to vote. Your vote could actually be the deciding vote.

Your best shot at ensuring you can vote is to vote early.

### Editorial

#### How To Vote

Every year is election year in Virginia; mechanics and details of voting require attention to detail.

If you want to be sure you get to vote, voting early if you qualify is a good choice. Early voting, called absentee voting in person in Virginia, is already underway for the primary.

There are many valid reasons to vote absentee in Virginia, including working and commuting to and from home for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day. Check the Virginia Department of Elections list to see if you are eligible: [elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/index.html](http://elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/index.html)

There are two ways to vote absentee, in-person and by mail. To do either, you should first check your voter registration status to make sure it is up-to-date. Then you will need to apply for an absentee ballot. If you vote absentee in-person you will fill out the application when you arrive at the in-person absentee location.

Voting absentee by mail? You can now apply for an absentee ballot online with the state's new Citizen Portal. You will need your Social Security Number and information on your Virginia Driver's License to complete the application. Information is also provided on how to apply if you do not have a driver's license.

#### In Person Absentee Locations, Arlington County

You can vote absentee in-person at the Office of Elections! Weekdays 8-5 starting April 28 (closed May 29) and Saturday, June 10 8:30-5. In-person absentee ends June 10 at 5 pm.

Office of Elections  
2100 Clarendon Blvd Ste 320  
Arlington, VA 22201  
[voters@arlingtonva.us](mailto:voters@arlingtonva.us)

### Letter to the Editor

## Patient Care

To the Editor:

Virginia Hospital Center (VHC) is a standout in the Arlington community, in the Northern Virginia region and in the Washington Metropolitan area. With the focus in health care these days being on patient experience, VHC excels in that arena. Between the outstanding medical professionals that are employed there coupled with its magnet nursing status that shines brightly among the performance of its nurses and coupled with the

appropriate culture within the hospital, it is easy to see why the hospital continues to get top ratings.

Everyone, in every way, genuinely cares about the patients and it shows. My mother has been a patient there on various occasions and, most recently, as an elder of 100 years old. She was treated with the utmost respect replete with absolute kindness. Importantly, no ageism was exhibited or imposed.

In December, I was a patient in the Emergency Department in the

aftermath of a car accident in which my car was totaled. My experience left me with a positive impression of being treated with compassion and the recipient of thorough, expedient and vital medical care.

While competitors in the region probably envy the achievements of VHC and ponder its success wondering why they, too, cannot attain VHC's high degree of excellence, it is easy to decipher the differences. VHC has all the fine-tuned ingredients integrated into their recipe for success in the the

provision of notable medical care amidst a group of employees who have observable passion and "fire in the belly" for what they do to help others.

As Chief of Medicine, Dr. Lawrence Stein, is an exemplary role model of that passion. Devoting many and long hours at the hospital, he is a mover and a shaker who goes the extra mile to work cooperatively and collaboratively with all staff. He adds the personal touch to his interactions with patients which

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#### Virginia Voter ID

Virginia has voter identification requirements; plan to bring photo identification with you to vote, whether that is absentee or on Primary Election Day.

Among accepted ID: valid Virginia Driver's License or Identification Card; valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran's ID card; valid U.S. Passport; other government-issued photo identification cards issued by the U.S. Government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth; Tribal enrollment or other tribal ID issued by one of 11 tribes recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia; valid college or university student photo identification card from an institution of higher education located in Virginia; valid student ID issued by a public school or private school in Virginia displaying a photo; employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business.

Any registered voter who does not have one of the required forms of identification can apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID complete the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application, have their picture taken, and sign the digital signature pad. Once the application is processed, the card will be mailed directly to the voter.

A voter who does not bring an acceptable photo ID to the polls will be offered a provisional ballot.

#### Provisional Ballot Process for Voters Who Arrive Without Identification

If you arrive at your polling place on Election Day without an acceptable form of photo identification, don't panic or give up.

You will be given the opportunity to vote a provisional ballot. After completing the provisional ballot, the individual voting will be given written instructions from the election officials on how to submit a copy of his/her identification so that his/her vote can be counted.

A voter will have until noon on the Friday

## What's on the Ballot For Primary Election June 12?

### DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

#### US House of Representatives

District 8, Donald S. Beyer, Jr. (unopposed)

U.S. Senate, Timothy M. Kaine (unopposed)

### LOCAL OFFICES

#### County of Arlington:

County Board Vote for One  
Matthew D. "Matt" de Ferranti  
Chanda Choun

### REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

#### United States Senate

Corey A. Stewart  
Nick J. Freitas  
E. W. Jackson

### PRIMARY: TUESDAY, JUNE 12

❖ Deadline to register to vote, or update an existing registration, for the Tuesday, June 12, General Election is Monday, May 21.

❖ Deadline to request an absentee ballot to be mailed to you is 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 5. Request must be received by your Registrar by 5 p.m.

❖ Deadline to request an absentee ballot by appearing in-person is 5 p.m. Saturday, June 9. Absentee in person voting is already underway.

following the election to deliver a copy of the identification to the local electoral board or to appear in person to apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. Voters may submit a copy of their ID via fax, email, in-person submission, or through USPS or commercial delivery service. Please note that the copy of the ID must be delivered to the electoral board by noon on Friday, or the provisional ballot cannot be counted.

Also by noon on Friday following the election, the voter may appear in-person in the office of the general registrar, in the locality in which the provisional ballot was cast, and apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. At the completion of the application process, the voter may request a Temporary Identification Document. This document may be provided to the electoral board to meet the identification requirement.

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# MWAA New Chief: Huchler

Former Alexandria police deputy chief lands at airport.

Photos by Vernon Miles /The Connection

By Vernon Miles  
The Connection

A dream that started with the TV shows Miami Vice and CHiPs has sent former Alexandria Police Deputy Chief David Huchler to the regional airport system. On April 20, Huchler officially assumed the role of police chief for the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA), the organization that oversees Reagan National Airport and Dulles International Airport.

"The last few weeks have been a whirlwind of introductions," said Huchler. "As a cop, I thought I knew all the acronyms. Then I came to MWAA. I've never been so thankful we only have 26 letters."

Huchler, who had formerly been acting chief of the Alexandria Police Department before Chief Michael Brown was chosen for the job one year ago, said he grew up in a small town with television-fueled dreams of big city police work.

Huchler said he was drawn to

the complexity of the job, with MWAA staff expected to do the work of a traditional police department while also running security for two of the largest targets in the country.

The management of MWAA said Huchler's experience in the DC region played a large role in their selection.

"We're excited that [Huchler] comes from local police," said John Potter, president and CEO of MWAA. "We rely on mutual aid. Those are relationships you have built up. We don't have to build [regional] bridges again."

"The mission here is a tall task," said Margaret McKeough, vice president and chief operating officer of MWAA. "Our mission is connecting the world; people and goods. Thank you for accepting that task."

Huchler said one of his priorities as the new chief of police will be pushing his staff to also build positive relationships with re-

gional law enforcement and governments.

"Our jurisdiction sits over three counties," said Huchler. "[This job] requires good relations with local and federal partners. You have to be able to pick up the phone and call people by their first name. We're making sure our staff are out in the community making those

connections."

Among those in attendance were several Alexandria Police officers and former Alexandria Police Chief Earl Cook.

"[Huchler] was going to be chief of police some place," said Cook. "So whoever chose him was going to get a wise, young, excellent leader. I feel better


coming through the airport now. I know what he demands, I know the excellence of his standards. It's extremely important that he's still part of the [Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments]. It's important not to have lost that experience. I'm very happy for him and as a private citizen of this area."



MWAA Police Chief David Huchler



Reagan National Airport




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Colonel Larry H. Lang, Commander and Conductor

# Heritage to Horizons

## Wednesday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m.

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*featuring The United States Air Force Band and Honor Guard Drill Team*



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# Entertainment

## Synetic Theater Presents 'Titus Andronicus'

**Wordless Shakespeare production with intrigue, war, romance, action, madness, and family drama.**

By Steve Hibbard  
The Connection

**R**evenge is a dish best served silent. Lucky number 13 in the "Wordless Shakespeare" series, Founding Artistic Director Paata Tsikurishvili sinks his teeth into this revenge-driven tragedy and tells the bloody tale of Titus and Tamora with a fiery passion, energy, and vengeance. "Titus Andronicus" is running from now through May 27 at Synetic Theater in Arlington.

Director Tsikurishvili said "Titus Andronicus" is an underrated play, and it doesn't get half the attention it should. "It has everything in it from Shakespeare's canon," he said, "Including intrigue, war, romance, action, madness, and family drama. Because it is one of Shakespeare's earlier plays, it has a fascinating blueprint of a lot of his plays that came after."

He said they were trying "to expose the beating heart of Shakespeare's work. By adapting the play in a purely visual manner, we allow the audience to interpret and customize it and come up with their own interpretations," he said.

As far as challenges, he said: "For all of the big, broad strokes in 'Titus,' there are a lot of very subtle exchanges and scenes in this play, and a lot of jumping back and forth between various subplots, which can be very difficult to portray without the benefit of dialogue."

For audience takeaways, he said: "Hopefully, people will see that this is a play about the cyclical nature of violence — the destructive pull of revenge, which is a very timeless and universal theme that we wanted to explore."

Philip Fletcher plays the title role of Titus Andronicus, a soldier through and through. "He is intelligent and has a strategic mind born out of years of military leadership. Titus knows right from wrong but is bound by a greater conviction to follow chain of command and protocol, even when such orders or protocol goes against the greater good of the people and even against his personal interest," he said. "As a renowned Roman general, a title Titus gained through years of hard service on the battlefield for the people of Rome, he is used to a certain level of respect and does not react well to being contradicted by anyone, especially in front of the general public of Rome and even more so by his own children."

He said his challenge was figuring out how old his character is and how that informs his story and influences the locomotion



**Dan Istrate (Saturninus) and Irina Tsikurishvili (Tamora, Queen of the Goths) star in Synetic Theater's production of "Titus Andronicus."**



**Irina Tsikurishvili (Tamora Queen of the Goths) and Scott Turner (Alarbus) star in Synetic Theater's production of "Titus Andronicus."**



**Audrey Tchoukoua (Aaron) and Irina Tsikurishvili (Tamora Queen of the Goths) star in Synetic Theater's production of "Titus Andronicus."**

tion he incorporates in the physical theater show. He was informed that Titus need not be of the age of Shakespeare's text but more true to his actual age. "In Shakespeare's text it is clear that Titus is very old and if anything, he is done with battle and not interested in rule over Rome when offered because he is ready to retire and live out his remaining days in peace," he said. "However, for the Titus of our production I see his rejection when offered the rule of Rome as a testament to his intent to continue his military command. Titus is a soldier and knows his place and servitude to Rome is best focused on the battlefield, that is where he is comfortable, that is home to Titus, more so than Rome."

He continued: "However, the larger challenge for me in my study of the Titus character was to understand why he would make some of the choices he does throughout the course of the show. It is too easy to say well, he is going mad so that is why he did this or that. The question for me is does he actually go mad or is it all a device to trap his foes. Ultimately, I settled on both, the mounting grief experienced by the Titus character as his offspring are offed one by one certainly takes a toll on him but even through his grief and any resulting psychosis he never loses his military acumen by which he is able to exact his revenge."

Irina Tsikurishvili plays the role of Tamora Queen of the Goths. "In a lot of ways, Tamora is a kind of precursor to Lady Macbeth — driven, deadly, scheming — but she has a much clearer motivation for her actions: Revenge for the death of a child. She was a warrior-queen at one point, taken prisoner, but then made a queen again, so she's on a bit of a roller coaster," she said. "But now that she's in power, she's fully prepared to take revenge on those who have wronged her."

She said her challenge was having to choreograph and then step in as a performer. "Having to wear both hats, so to speak — is always the biggest challenge. And having to be nasty to Philip Fletcher, who's playing Titus — that's always tough," she said.

She hopes audiences come away with a new appreciation for the play, realizing that it's a kind of blueprint for all of Shakespeare's later work. "It's full of drama, passion, action, dark humor — everything's there, and hopefully our audiences will see all of it in our interpretation," she said.

Dan Istrate plays the role of Saturninus, an ambitious, impulsive and power-hungry egomaniac. "He is certain he deserves to be the next emperor and he would do anything to get the crown. Once in power, due to his reckless actions, disastrous and irrevocable events are set in motion," he said.

He continued: "As always when working on a wordless Shakespeare play, the challenges are in creating a character out of nothing. I stayed away from watching any movies or reading any articles about Titus Andronicus whatsoever. I wanted to find a very original way to give Saturninus life, to

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# Entertainment

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## ONGOING

### Wordless Shakespeare: "Titus Andronicus."

Through May 27, Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday matinee, 2 p.m. at Synetic Theater, Crystal City, 1800 S. Bell St. Synetic Theater's Founding Artistic Director Paata Tsikurishvili will present the 13th installation of his Wordless Shakespeare series, "Titus Andronicus." The revenge-driven tragedy tells the bloody tale of Titus and Tamora with all of the fiery passion, energy, and vengeance only Synetic Theater can deliver. Recommended for ages 16 and older for violence and mature content. \$35 and up. Student tickets start at \$15. Seniors and military, \$5 off. Visit [synetictheater.org](http://synetictheater.org).

**Spring SOLOS 2018.** Through June 2, gallery hours at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Arlington Arts Center (AAC) presents Spring SOLOS 2018, the second SOLOS presentation of its 2017-2018 season. The artists included in Spring SOLOS 2018 are Sean Derry, Adam Griffiths, Phaen Howng, Giulia Piera Livi, Nick Primo, and Jerry Truong. AAC's long-running SOLOS exhibition program introduces talented regional artists to the community and give these artists an opportunity to present new work in solo-style exhibitions in one of AAC's seven gallery spaces. Visit [arlingtonartscenter.org](http://arlingtonartscenter.org).

### Art Exhibit: Fantasy Will Set You Free.

Through June 2, gallery hours in the Wyatt Resident Artists Gallery at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. AAC resident artist Negar Ahkami creates expressive, tactile paintings inspired by Iranian art and the many global visual traditions that intersect with Iran's rich art history. Visit [arlingtonartscenter.org](http://arlingtonartscenter.org).

**HB Woodlawn: Picturing Disaster: The Beauty of Bees.** Through June 2, gallery hours in the Jenkins Community Gallery at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Organized by instructor Faylinda Kodis, this exhibition will



### Carolina Mayorga, Pink Tasting Challenge

## Rated Art 2018

A festive evening of art-inspired cocktails and delicacies from the area's finest restaurants, along with exceptional art and creative happenings. Participating restaurants include Green Pig Bistro, Ambar, BABA, Lyon Hall, SER, Vermilion and Cheesetique. All event proceeds benefit AAC's exhibition, education, and resident artist programs. Saturday, May 12, 8-11 p.m. at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington. Visit [www.arlingtonartscenter.org](http://www.arlingtonartscenter.org).

present work from H-B Woodlawn seniors who have spent their high school careers focusing on the visual arts. Picturing Disaster: The Beauty of Bees explores the effects of environmental destruction on the honey bee population. Visit [arlingtonartscenter.org](http://arlingtonartscenter.org).

**Art Exhibit: Unnoticed Beauty.** Through June 7 at 3700 S. Four Mile Run, Four Mile Run Valley. Exhibit courtesy of Arlington Arts in partnership with H-B Woodlawn visual arts students, Arlington Public Schools. "For most of us, knowledge of our world comes largely through sight, yet we look about with such unseeing eyes that we are partially blind. One way to open your eyes to unnoticed beauty is to ask yourself, 'What if I had never seen this before? What if I knew I would never see it again?'" - Rachel Carson, The Sense of Wonder.

**"Girlfriend."** Through June 10 in Signature Theatre's ARK Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. The D.C. area premiere of Todd Almond's coming-of-age musical, inspired by Matthew Sweet's 1991 alternative-rock album "Girlfriend." Visit [SigTheatre.org](http://SigTheatre.org).

**Arlington's Historical Museum Open on First Wednesdays.** The Arlington Historical Museum is open to the public on the first Wednesday of every month from 12:30-3:30 p.m. The museum consists of exhibits chronicling Arlington County's history from Native American settlements up to the present day. The museum will continue to be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. Admission is free. The museum is located in the former 1891 Hume School building at 1805 S. Arlington Ridge Road. Contact Garrett Peck at 571-243-1113 or at [garrett.peck@arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:garrett.peck@arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org).

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 9

**Ladies' Night Out.** 7-9 p.m. at Trek Bike Store, 2731 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. The event brings together the women cycling community to learn and talk about all things fitness and cycling, while enjoying free refreshments. Local partners participating include the Washington Area Bike Association, Bike Arlington, Trade Roots, House of Steep, Sun and Moon Yoga, female-owned nutrition and PT organizations, and more. Raffle prizes from partners as well as items donated by Trek. Visit

[www.facebook.com/events/169283493718985?ti=i](http://www.facebook.com/events/169283493718985?ti=i).

## THURSDAY/MAY 10

**Beyond Farmers Markets.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Arlington Friends of Urban Agriculture is hosting a meeting on Beyond Farmers Markets: A Look at Food Hubs. A panel discussion will explore local food delivery systems, food hubs and regional trends, and discuss how we get nutritious food to all. Ellie Bomstein from Wallace Center at Winrock International will

moderate a panel of local food distributors and producers. Free and open to the public. Visit [arlingtonurbanag.org](http://arlingtonurbanag.org).

**Author Event.** 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St., #101. One More Page veteran Tim Wendel (Summer of '68) and award-winning novelist Leslie Pietrzyk (This Angel On My Chest) will be in conversation, discuss their most recent works: Silver Girl, a novel set in the '80s; and Cancer Crossings: A Brother, His Doctors, and the Quest for a Cure to Childhood Leukemia, the true story of Tim's brother and his medical journey in the late '60s. Call 703-300-9746 or visit [www.onemorepagebooks.com](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com).

**A Civil Life in an Uncivil Time.** 7:15-9:15 p.m. at Reinsch Library Auditorium, Marymount University, 2807 N. Glebe Road, Main Campus. A Civil Life in an Uncivil Time: Julia Wilbur's Struggle for Purpose. Local author, Paula Whitacre describes Wilbur's experiences against the backdrop of Alexandria, Virginia, a town held by the Union from 1861 to 1865; and in Washington, DC, where Wilbur became active in the women's suffrage movement and lived until her death in 1895. This presentation immediately follows a brief annual AHS meeting during which AHS members will elect officers and directors of the Society for the coming year. The members' meeting is at 7 p.m. The public program is slated to start at about 7:15. Visit [arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org](http://arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org).

## FRIDAY/MAY 11

**55+ Fitness Day.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Langston-Brown Community Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St. Celebrate National Fitness Month with a day full of free activities to get the heart pumping. Activities and demonstrations such as basketball, dance fusion, tai chi and healthy food prep will be available for all fitness levels. Bonus: re-energize from the workout with free on-site refreshments. Call 703-228-4756 and register at 703-228-4771.

**Animal Moms & Dads Campfire.** 7-8 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center Amphitheater, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road, Arlington. Cost is \$5. This program will be filled with entertaining



Courtesy of Fred Schneider Investment Group

**The Fred Schnider Art Gallery in Arlington will feature the work for local artists**

## New Art Gallery to Open

### Launch set for May 12 at the Residences at Liberty Center

By Marilyn Campbell  
The Connection

Local artists now have a new venue for their work. The Fred Schnider Art Gallery will showcase works from artists in the Washington, D.C. area and around the country with a focus on local talent.

The gallery, located at 888 N. Quincy Street in Arlington, will open on May 12, and will display up to seven major exhibits [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com)

a year for about six weeks each.

In announcing the opening, officials with the Fred Schnider Investment Group noted that the gallery will also display projects and public art works associated with its investments. Located at the Residences at Liberty Center, the art gallery's opening exhibit will feature award-winning artist David Carlson, a professor at Marymount University, who will display his "Out of My Mind" paintings and drawings from his Fields and Transformation series.

The Fred Schnider Investment Group will collaborate with local universities to integrate educational efforts into the space and will host events with the Ballston Business Improvement District and Arlington Commission for the Arts.



# Entertainment

activities which may include stories, special animal guests, games, songs and of course, S'mores. Call 703-228-6535.

## SATURDAY/MAY 12

**Annual Turtle Trot 5K Race.** 9-11 a.m. at Bluemont Park. The annual Turtle Trot 5K race returns Saturday, May 12! This is a chip-timed race on a certified course. Check in at 9 a.m.; Race starts at 10 a.m. Meet at the lower Bluemont Park Picnic Shelter, North 4th Street Entrance. Adults \$30; 12 and under \$15. Register at [registration.arlingtonva.us](http://registration.arlingtonva.us) or 703-228-4747.

**Weeds: Getting to Know Your "Closest Neighbors."** 9:30-11 a.m. at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 South Stafford St. Learn why weeds like your lawn/garden and what you can do to encourage or discourage their presence. Remember, a weed is just a wildflower in the wrong place. Free. Advance registration requested at [mgnv.org](http://mgnv.org). Questions? Telephone 703-228-6414 or email [mgarlalex@gmail.com](mailto:mgarlalex@gmail.com).

**Saturday Morning in the Vegetable Garden.** 10 a.m.-noon at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Road. Have questions about growing vegetables in Northern Virginia? A Master Gardener will answer questions and discuss such things as composting, soil preparation, seed selection, and protecting crops from insects and animals. Free. Questions? Telephone 703-228-6414 or email [mgarlalex@gmail.com](mailto:mgarlalex@gmail.com).

**Donation Drive.** Noon-4 p.m. at Sheffield Courts Apartments, 701 N Wayne St. Donation drive will benefit the Fort Myer Thrift Shop. Donate household goods to the Fort Myer thrift shop, a non-profit that provides college scholarships to military families and community grants. Call 806-781-0500 for more.

**Spring Tea.** 1-3 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 415 S. Lexington St., Arlington. Celebrate Mother's Day with a wide selection of fine teas and buffet of scones, sandwiches and desserts along with piano music. Cost is \$20/adults; \$10/children, 12-and-under free. Visit [www.stjohnsarlingtonva.org](http://www.stjohnsarlingtonva.org) or call 703-671-6834.

**Argentine Festival.** 4 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road, Arlington. Brimming with authentic foods, crafts and top Tango, Pop and folkloric performers directly from Argentina. Enjoy this opportunity to support the community with the whole family and, perhaps win round-trip ticket to Buenos Aires, courtesy of COPA Airlines. Raffle chances are included in the festival ticket purchase. Tickets at [www.festivalargentino.org](http://www.festivalargentino.org).

**New Work at Open Studios.** 6-9 p.m. at Columbia Pike Artist Studios, 932 S. Walter Reed Drive, Second Floor. Columbia Pike Artist Studios, an artist cooperative in South Arlington, will offer for sale over 100 works by artists working across media (painting, drawing, photography, printmaking, and sculpture). Free and open to the public. Visit [columbiapikeartiststudios.org](http://columbiapikeartiststudios.org).

**Fred Schnider Gallery Opening.** 6-9 p.m. at Fred Schnider Art Gallery, 888 N. Quincy St. Arlington real estate investor launches gallery at Residences at Liberty Center to enhance and engage with the vibrant local art community; inaugural event features Marymount University professor and artist David Carlson. The gallery will display up to seven major exhibits a year for about six weeks each, as well as host community events. Free. Call 703-841-9404 or visit



Photo courtesy of National Cathedral School

**Julia Angelov, an 11th grader at The National Cathedral School, will perform with the Arlington Philharmonic.**

## Tragedy & Triumph Concert

The Arlington Philharmonic presents Tragedy and Triumph featuring 16 year old Julia Angelov performing in Concerto for Violin and Orchestra by Jean Sibelius. The philharmonic will also play Shostakovich's dramatic Symphony No. 5. Sunday, May 20, 4-6 p.m. at Washington-Lee High School, 1301 N. Stafford St. Free. Call 703-910-5161 or visit [www.arlingtonphilharmonic.org](http://www.arlingtonphilharmonic.org).

**Rated Art 2018.** 8-11 p.m. at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington. A festive evening of art-inspired cocktails and delicacies from the area's finest restaurants, along with exceptional art and creative happenings. Participating restaurants include Green Pig Bistro, Ambar, BABA, Lyon Hall, SER, Vermilion and Cheesetique. All event proceeds benefit AAC's exhibition, education, and resident artist programs. Visit [www.arlingtonartscenter.org](http://www.arlingtonartscenter.org).

**Neighborhood Day.** Neighborhoods across Arlington will organize events ranging from picnics to sporting events. Neighborhood Day brings communities together to enjoy the great outdoors (or indoors) and strengthens ties between neighbors. 2018 events include the Walk for Animals, World Migratory Bird Day Festival, Crafternoon Workshop and lots more.

## MAY 12-JULY 8

**Art Exhibit: 'Out of My Mind.'** Gallery hours at Fred Schnider Gallery, 888 N. Quincy St. David Carlson: Paintings and Drawings from Fields and Transformation series. Call 703-841-9404 or email [gallery@fredschnider.com](mailto:gallery@fredschnider.com).

## MONDAY/MAY 14

**The Arlington Chorale.** 7:30-9 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Arlington, 601 N. Vermont St. The Arlington Chorale will wrap up its 52nd concert season with a free concert "Will Sing for Food". Donations of nonperishable food items will be collected in support of the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC). Free, donations of non perishable food encouraged. Email [info@arlingtonchorale.org](mailto:info@arlingtonchorale.org) or call 970-275-3995.



Photo by Joe Furgal

**Conductor Scott Wood.**

## TUESDAY/MAY 15

**Birding Riley's Lock.** 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Meet the vans at the Lubber Run Community Center, 300 N. Park Drive. Adults. Join in to search for Prothonotary Warblers and other nesting migratory songbirds at Riley's Lock on the C&O Canal. Talk about the canal's history and its transformation from transportation route to recreational resource. Participants should dress for the weather and bring binoculars, a bag lunch, a drink and snacks for the day. Mostly flat terrain; be aware that the only facilities are port-a-pottys. For information: 703-228-6535. \$38. #632948-I

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 16

**Oakgrove Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.** 7 p.m. at Oakgrove Park, 1606 North Quincy St., Arlington. Updates include the replacement of the tot lot and picnic shelter, installation of a new school-age playground, water fountain, new trees and bioretention for stormwater management. Free. No registration required.

## FRIDAY/MAY 18

**Explore.** 7:30 p.m. at David M. Brown Planetarium, 1426 N. Quincy St. Join an adventurous journey of humankind: from ancient Mesopotamia to the age of space exploration. The story centers on the motive of human travel to Mars, and presents and explains a broad selection of related scientific topics, including the history of astronomy, the geocentric and heliocentric models, Kepler's laws of planetary motion, and orbital maneuvers. Duration: 30 minutes; target audience: all ages. Reserve your tickets here at [friendsoftheplanetarium.ticketleap.com/](http://friendsoftheplanetarium.ticketleap.com/).

## SATURDAY/MAY 19

**Wakefield High 65th Anniversary.** 10 a.m.-noon. At Wakefield High, 1325 S. Dinwiddie Street, Arlington. In the fall of 1953 Wakefield opened as a state-of-the-art school to serve students. In 2013, a new building, again state-of the art, opened to house the Wakefield Warrior community. In addition to self-guided tours, a slide show of photos taken of the old building will be shown. This event is free and no reservations are required. A registration form can be printed from <http://wakefieldalumni.org/classes.html>. Contact Helen Chung Vasiliadis (WHS '79) at [helencvas@gmail.com](mailto:helencvas@gmail.com) or 703-930-5255. The Foundation can be reached at [information@wakefieldalumni.org](mailto:information@wakefieldalumni.org).

**Case Open House.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Case Design/Remodeling, Inc. Open House, 2373 N. Danville St. Case Design/Remodeling, Inc. invites visitors to attend an open house to see one of their recent remodeled homes. Free. RSVP by Friday, May 18th to Maddie Millholland [mmillholland@casedesign.com](mailto:mmillholland@casedesign.com). Visit [casedesign.com](http://casedesign.com).

**Crystal Campfire.** 7-8 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center Amphitheater, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road, Arlington. Cost is \$5. This program will be filled with entertaining activities which may include stories, special animal guests, games, songs and of course, S'mores. Call 703-228-6535.

**Family Game Night.** 7-9 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 415 S. Lexington St., Arlington. Come and play a favorite game or try a new one. Enjoy playing with long-time friends. Visit [www.stjohnsarlingtonva.org](http://www.stjohnsarlingtonva.org) or call 703-671-6834.

**Wine and Wisteria.** 7-10 p.m. at Ball-Sellers House, 5620 3rd St., South. An evening of Virginia wine tasting at the historic 1740s home of John Ball, colonial farmer and miller, relaxing under a pergola bearing a 100+ year old wisteria vine. Enjoy wine and light refreshments in the unique atmosphere of the oldest building in Arlington and a rare evening tour of John Ball's colonial house. \$22. Call 703-892-4204 or visit [arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org](http://arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org).

**NCE Presents Season Finale.** 7:30 p.m. At Gunston Arts Center (Theater One), 2700 South Lang St., Arlington. National Chamber Ensemble presents a season finale of great works in the classical genre and jazz. The performance will feature the jazz suites of French composer Claude Bolling and the music of local classical and jazz composers. Admission \$36/adult; \$18/students. Tickets at [app.arts-people.com/index.php?ticketing=natce](http://app.arts-people.com/index.php?ticketing=natce) or at the box office one hour before the performance. Visit [www.NationalChamberEnsemble.org](http://www.NationalChamberEnsemble.org).

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# Synetic Theater Presents 'Titus Andronicus'

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make him human, even though we (Synetic) play in a highly stylized environment. So that was a challenge but I am very happy with what I discovered so far."

He continued: "Working with Paata and Irina is such a rewarding experience because you have complete freedom as an actor, which can be scary and in the

same time you know that the result is always top notch."

Tori Bertocci plays the role of Marcia (Marcus in the original play). "Marcia is the head of the Senate and Titus's sister. Marcia is very much the witness of the play. She sees all of the pieces falling around her. She is more diplomatic than her brother and uses both mind and heart when making decisions. Her fatal flaw is that she is complacent. She knows things aren't falling into

place as they should, yet she does nothing," she said.

She added: "Marcia isn't one of the main characters, which means you only see her a few times. I made it a personal challenge that the audience is impacted by her and feels what she feels whenever she is on stage."

As far as audience takeaways, she said: "I hope the audience sees the results of revenge. I hope the audience recognizes the

characters who were directly affected by the chaos, those who chose to avoid it, and the difference their choices made."

Synetic Theater is presenting "Titus Andronicus" from now through May 27.

Show times are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20-\$60. The venue is located at 1800 S. Bell Street, Arlington.

Visit [www.Synetictheater.org](http://www.Synetictheater.org).

# Ready for Summer

Time to dust-off and spruce up patios for a season of al fresco entertaining.

By Marilyn Campbell

**W**hen designing the patio of her McLean home, interior design professor Jean Freeman of Marymount University, relied on the natural surroundings to create a backdrop for her outdoor oasis.

"I have an area in the backyard that has small stones and lounge furniture," she said. "Our backyard is next to Pimmit Run Trail and has lots of trees, some of which I planted. Also, I planted several holly trees so that the area would attract more birds and sometimes the bird chirping gets quite loud and wonderful."

Gentle breezes and mild temperatures are some of the pleasures of spring that beckon many outdoors for parties and family dinners, but turning a winter-worn patio into a space for entertaining can feel daunting. Breathing new life into a landscape dulled by snow and frost or creating an entirely new outdoor space might be easier than it appears.

When considering a patio furniture purchase, avoid the battle against Mother Nature by selecting pieces that can stand up to the elements. "The number one rule in furnishing your patio is to purchase quality furniture," said Anne Walker of Anne Walker Design LLC. "There are a lot of outdoor furnishings that look alike, but they are not all the same. Dedon, based in Germany and Janus et Cie, based in California, make excellent outdoor furnishings that will stand the test of time ... [and] will not fade, warp or degrade even if left outdoors in the elements for years."

Less expensive look-alikes will fall apart after just a few years or months of exposure to the elements, continued Walker. "I can't stress it enough: invest in high-quality outdoor furnishings or you will just be throwing your money away. Buy the best you can afford, and work little by little if need be to complete your outdoor space. You won't be sorry."

When choosing fabrics for that furniture, Todd Martz, co-owner of Home on Cameron in Old Town Alexandria, says, "Accessories like pillows and draperies as well as chairs, sofas and rugs are all available in low maintenance fabrics."

Selecting smaller, easy-to-move pieces of furniture over large sectionals will produce a design plan with versatility. "You'll be happy to have the flexibility to move things around when you entertain or when the sun shifts and you want to get into or away from the direct sun," said Walker.



Photo courtesy of Anne Walker

**One design technique that Anne Walker has incorporated into the design of her own patio is choosing smaller, moveable pieces of furniture — like these Dedon Barcelona lounge chairs — over large sectionals to allow for a versatile design plan.**

Incorporating potted plants into the landscape design offers versatility. "Mix several sized plants ... very large as well as different types of plants in smaller planters," added Kelley Proxmire of Kelley Proxmire, Inc. "Vary the textures as well as the color of green leaves such as ferns, palms and flowering plants."

Use planters to create architectural features like walls and borders. "The plants will add beautiful visual interest, and the planters are moveable, allowing flexibility in use and design," said Walker.

For those who want to build a stone patio, go for variety, but establish a solid base to avoid costly repairs later. "Combinations of flagstone and brick are elegant and more interesting than use of only one type of materials," said Walker. "Make sure you have a professional set your patio in concrete. It's much less expensive to set the stone in stone dust, but within a year or less the stones will begin to shift and weeds will grow through the gaps."

Lighting matters, says Proxmire, and she suggest that when designing or even sprucing up patio, "Use different sources of light [such as] inside-outdoor lamps, different sizes of lanterns, candlesticks with glass hurricanes," she said. "The candles with batteries are great for using outside because the wind isn't an issue."

Now that summer is on the horizon, Walker has a plan for getting her patio guest-ready. "I will power wash with my personal home power washer, plant a few flowers and boom! Ready to entertain," she said. "We love to entertain on our patio. It's our favorite space."



Photos by Stacy Zarin Goldberg

**Kelley Proxmire suggests using plants and planters in a variety of sizes — such as these blue and white ceramic pots to create a light and airy patio space.**



**Todd Martz of Home on Cameron designed this patio and says that exterior spaces can be treated like an indoor room by using bright, fresh fabrics designed specifically for outdoors.**

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Volunteers assist with yard work at Culpepper Garden.

## Supporting Volunteer Arlington Day

Two-hundred local volunteers from various chamber member businesses and organizations lent a helping hand to area nonprofits as part of the 19th Annual Volunteer Arlington Day on April 24. Produced each year by the Arlington Chamber of Commerce's Community Action Committee, this day of service provides an opportunity for nonprofits to develop relationships with Arlington businesses, as well as for businesses to enjoy an afternoon of team-building while giving back to the community.

"Volunteer Arlington Day is an excellent way for our members to connect with one another, while giving back to our community and helping to make Arlington a better place," said Chamber President & CEO Kate Bates. "We are proud to provide this day of service that brings together businesses and nonprofits, and we hope they will form valuable relationships that will continue to grow for years to

come."

The participating nonprofits had a variety of tasks for volunteers. Some of these tasks included helping with yard work at Culpepper Garden and restocking and sorting food drive donations at the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC).

Volunteers included employees from a variety of industries and businesses in Arlington. Member groups who participated include: Admiral Security; American Disposal Services; Arlington Community Federal Credit Union; Arlington Strategy; Burdette Smith & Bish, LLC; CNA; Clarendon Animal Care; Crystal City Marriott; Dalton Digital; Enterprise Knowledge; Evermay Wealth Management; FVCbank; Hilton Garden Inn National Airport; Homewood Suites by Hilton Arlington Rosslyn Key Bridge; Holiday Inn Rosslyn Key Bridge; Hyatt Centric Arlington; Hyatt Regency Crystal City; Key

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Arlington nonprofits were excited to have so many enthusiastic volunteers helping at their sites. The nonprofit organizations who participated were: Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment, Arlington Food Assistance Center, Ballston Gives, Bridges to Independence, Capital Caring, Doorways for Women, Linden Resources, Phoenix Bikes, St. Agnes Catholic Church, and VOAC Residential Program Center.

## Schept Elected Director for Toastmastersm

Arlington resident Susan Schept, a researcher/writer/editor at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in Bethesda, Md., was elected Division B Director at the District 27 Toastmasters Spring Conference on May 5. As Division B Director Schept will provide guidance on club excellence to dozens of members in District 27. District 27 encompasses more than 100 clubs in Northern Virginia, Southern Maryland and the District of Columbia.

"I'm thrilled and excited to be serving the division," said Schept, who earned her B.A. in political science from Marymount University.



"I'm very excited that Ms. Schept has been elected as Division B Director," said outgoing District 27 Director Christine Hobbs. "She embodies the results-oriented leadership experience that empowers a diverse, dynamic leadership team."

According to the American Society of Association Executives, Toastmasters International, with more than 352,000 members worldwide in 141 countries, it's one of the largest and fastest-growing organizations dedicated to helping individuals become better communicators and business leaders.

Schept will be inducted as Division B Director for District 27 Toastmasters sometime in June at a location that has yet to be determined. See [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org).



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### All Abuzz

**Paul Diehl, who also teaches a beekeeping class for Arlington Community Education, brings thousands of**

**bees up from Georgia every year to re-populate the bee hives in Arlington. He has had major losses in his hives over the past two winters. Diehl's hives are evident all over Arlington — in backyards, under trees, next to garages. He applauds local residents who keep pesticides and chemicals in the yard to a minimum to help keep bees healthy.**



## Police Investigate Fatal Pedestrian Crash

The Arlington County Police Department is investigating a fatal pedestrian crash that occurred on Monday, April 30 at the intersection of Columbia Pike at S. Queen Street. At approximately 7:08 a.m., police responded to the area for the report of a pedestrian struck by a vehicle. Members of the Crash Reconstruction Team responded to the scene and are conducting an ongoing and active investigation.

The driver of the striking vehicle

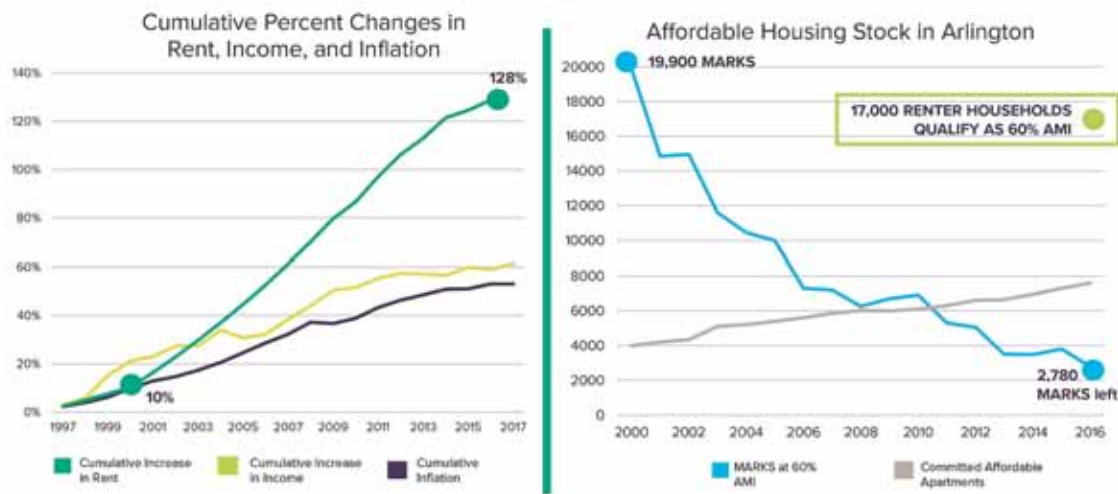
remained on scene. The victim, identified as Jay Thoman, 44, of Arlington, was transported to George Washington University Hospital where he was subsequently pronounced deceased.

Anyone with information regarding this crash is asked to contact Detective Johnson at [Djohns3@arlingtonva.us](mailto:Djohns3@arlingtonva.us) or 703-228-4193. To report information anonymously, contact the Arlington County Crime Solvers at 866.411.TIPS (8477).

## SNAP at Farmers' Markets

Arlington and Alexandria Farmers' Markets accept SNAP/EBT (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) cards for purchases. SNAP/EBT customers can purchase farm fresh produce at local area farmers' markets and get matching bonus tokens to add to their purchases. Virginia Cooperative will be on-site at several local farmers' markets of Alexandria and Arlington to provide more information on SNAP and offer food tastings, prizes and more at the Arlington Farmers' Market, N. 14th and Courthouse Road (second Saturday of the month) and Columbia Pike Farmers' Market, 2820 Columbia Pike (third Sunday of the month).

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## Hard Choices for Housing Goal

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Iliana Burges was one of several who spoke before the County Board on April 3 urging full funding of AHIF. She works at Arlington Hospital Center as a certified nursing assistant, attends nursing school in Arlington full time and volunteers for local organizations like AFAC. She shops, dines and takes dance lessons there. But she had to move to Woodbridge from where she commutes every day because she couldn't afford to live in Arlington.

In 2000 there were nearly 20,000 MARKs which are units affordable at 60 percent of AMI but by 2016, the number had declined by 86 percent falling to less than 3,000. According to the FY2016 Arlington County Affordable Housing indicators report the county added an average of 224 net new CAFs between 2011-2016. The goal would require a net 585 per year leaving an annual production gap of 291 CAFs per year.

Janopaul says it is in Arlington's DNA to support diversity and battle for low-income housing but it takes moral courage. She remembers the days when Ellen Bozman, who was then a former member of the board and still a strong advocate for affordable housing, would sit in the back of the room with her knitting needles clicking away just to remind people not to forget affordable housing. "There has been a sea change in support; we have lost our supporters one at a time."

Winter says it is short-sighted to move backward. "The numbers are sliding backward so rapidly. It will continue to be challenging but we need to stress the importance of affordable housing as one of the county's top priorities."

Janopaul says market economics has driven up prices and a lot of low-income people are being forced out of the community. "At what point do we say there is a moral imperative? There are people who come and do work; what a gift we can give."

## One of the Lucky Ones

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between October 2016 and January 2017, which will be renovated to upgrade the electricity and windows and kitchens plus roof repair. Talbot will move to one of these apartments.

Painter says they follow the Arlington County guidelines on relocation, which requires a 120-day notification to vacate. "At Westover they give 180 days. Painter says they start as early as they can with residents to let residents know the situation, one-by-one, in groups "and I am available by phone and email."

Talbot has been given notification to vacate and that they are holding a place for her. She has picked out her new apartment just down the street. Painter says when people are required to vacate for APAH renovations that APAH helps them search for a new place to live. She says generally people identify their own housing and some won't qualify for the subsidized units.

But they give placement priority to the current residents in another of their housing units if the residents qualify.

When Talbot's apartment was purchased, it was just market affordable and wasn't eligible for the low-

income housing tax program. Talbot will move down the street in mid-June and should qualify for subsidized housing in her new location. She says her one current one bedroom, one bath apartment was built in the 1930s. "I mean I love it. I have no complaints. I certainly love the price."

Talbot was one of the lucky ones.

### Letter

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makes for a memorable experience.

As one who previously worked in a professional capacity in the medical arena, I am, perhaps, a keen observer and astute judge of the hospital environment, its professional pursuits and the ultimate patient experience. Assuredly, VHC is the best, and the hospital has every reason to be proud of the legacy it continues to build.

**Karen L. Bune**  
Arlington

*Karen L. Bune is an adjunct professor at Marymount University, and a former patient relations manager for a medical entity.*

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**Find out** about a study to improve safety and operations at the I-395 Shirlington interchange, including the ramp from South Glebe Road to southbound I-395, the South Shirlington Road and South Arlington Mill Drive traffic signal, and the four-way stop controlled intersection of Gunston Road and Martha Custis Drive.

**Stop by** between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to view displays and learn more about the study. VDOT will hold a presentation beginning at 7 p.m. Project staff will be available to answer your questions.

**Review** project information at the VDOT project website ([www.virginiadot.org/projects](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects)), at the information meeting, or during business hours at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive in Fairfax. Please call ahead at 703-259-2318 or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

**Give your written comments** at the meeting, or submit them by **May 31, 2018** to Olivia Daniszewski, Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or email [meetingcomments@VDOT.virginia.gov](mailto:meetingcomments@VDOT.virginia.gov). Please reference "I-395 Shirlington Interchange Improvements Study" in the subject line.

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## Police Investigate Shooting

At approximately 8:11 p.m. on May 3, Arlington County Police officers conducting surveillance in the area of 12th Street S. and S. Edgewood Street attempted a traffic stop on a vehicle occupied by a male driver and a female passenger with outstanding warrants for probation violation.

According to police, when officers approached the vehicle on foot, the male suspect ignored their verbal commands and struck police vehicles in an attempt to flee the scene. At that time, shots were fired by two officers, injuring the male driver.

Following the shooting, the suspects fled the scene by vehicle. While fleeing, the suspect vehicle struck and damaged a parked vehicle in the 2800 block of 12th Street S. Arriving officers established a perimeter and located the unoccupied suspect vehicle in the area of 13th Street S. at S. Irving Street.

Officers located the male suspect hiding underneath a vehicle suffering from gunshot wounds. Officers performed life-saving measures before Arlington County Fire Department medics arrived on scene and transported the male suspect to Inova Fairfax Hospital with serious but non-life threatening injuries. Steven Best, 51, of no fixed address was arrested and charged with three counts of attempted malicious wounding of law enforcement officer.

Officers observed the female suspect hiding behind a bush in the 3200 block of 13th Street S. After she refused to comply with officer commands, a K9 was deployed. The female suspect was then taken into police custody. She was transported to Virginia Hospital Center with minor injuries. Jessica Lary, 40, of Annandale, was held in the Arlington County De-

tention Facility on no bond for the outstanding warrants.

Three police officers were transported to Virginia Hospital Center for evaluation.

This is an ongoing and active investigation. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective J. Trainer of the Arlington County Police Department's Homicide/Robbery Unit at 703-228-4185 or [jtrain@arlingtonva.us](mailto:jtrain@arlingtonva.us). Information may also be provided anonymously through the Arlington County Crime Solvers hotline at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477).

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### FRIDAY/MAY 11

**Observance of Peace Officers Memorial Day.** 8 a.m. in the Arlington County Justice Center Plaza, 1425 North Courthouse Road. The Arlington County Police Department

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## Small Business of the Year

**Janet Barnett, community relations manager for Synergy Home Care, and company CEO Mitch Opalski, hold the Best Small Business of the Year Award presented by the Arlington Chamber of Commerce May 2 at the Key Bridge Marriott Hotel. Synergy Home Care provides in-home care and family support services for seniors who wish to age in their homes or communities. See [www.synergyhomecare.com](http://www.synergyhomecare.com)**

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and the Arlington County Sheriff's Office will gather to honor and pay tribute to the memory of the seven law enforcement officers of Arlington County who gave their lives in service to their community. Learn more about Arlington County's fallen officers at [police.arlingtonva.us/about/hall-honor/](http://police.arlingtonva.us/about/hall-honor/).

### MAY 14-AUG. 2

**English Placement Exams.** At Arlington Mill Community Center, 909 S. Dinwiddie St., Arlington. English as a Second Language for Adults, Arlington Public Schools' REEP Program is giving placement exams for the May 14 - Aug. 2 English (ESL) classes. Afternoon and evening classes available. Tuition is \$200 for people who live or work in Arlington; \$350 for people who do not live or work in Arlington. Exams are free. Exams are on the following Mondays: April 30 and May 7 at 5 p.m. Call 703-228-4200 or visit [www.apsva.us/reep](http://www.apsva.us/reep).

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**Lecture on Military Benefits.** 11 a.m.-noon at Virginia Hospital Center, Carlin Springs Campus, 601 S. Carlin Springs Road. Enter the Urgent Care Center entrance then make an immediate right into the Wellness Room. Learn more about the benefits for veterans and their spouses. The lecture will focus on subjects from housing to end of life planning. Forms will be available from the Veteran Service Officers presenting. Free, but RSVP 703-558-6859 or [gbeck@VirginiaHospitalCenter.com](mailto:gbeck@VirginiaHospitalCenter.com)

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## Still Haven't Seen the Light



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Wow!. I just saved "Up to \$504 \*\* " (not including the two asterisks), and all I did was buy a six pack of LED light bulbs. So it says on the package anyway.

Maybe I should buy another six-pack and save even more money? There are only two problems (just two?) with this plan. First, I don't see a rebate-type form to complete and return and; in lieu there of, neither is there a guarantee, considering my health situation, that I'll even live long enough ("Lasts 13+ Years") to realize the benefit/savings of not spending additional money on light bulbs. (Are they even called light bulbs any more? I don't see it printed on the package anywhere.)

And while I'll definitely enjoy not spending money on light bulbs - or whatever they're called, I won't enjoy wondering if I've now spent money on light bulbs that I don't actually need and/or likely will never even use. I mean, I have previously - because as a country/consumer we've had no other choice, given that the incandescent light bulb ship has sailed - bought replacement light bulbs. I don't remember however, if the bulbs were LED, Halogen, Incandescent, CFL, Fluorescent or who knows what? Literally. Certainly not me.

My only light-bulb-related talent is screwing them into the fixture as I've written about previously. (Do you remember I called myself "Taurus Bulba"? In fact, I may very well have already installed light bulbs that are going to last for years so it's possible there isn't even a need to allocate dollars and sense to bulb inventory - or even to write this column.

I suppose that if I'm serious and/or inclined to shine a light on this problem, I need to get organized, either on my computer or in pen in a notebook (Sort of like how my wife's Italian grandfather, Cesare, did regarding Christmas cards. He had years of notebooks with names listed with boxes alongside, checked or not, for cards sent and/or received) to identify which lights/fixtures have which kind of light bulbs so I'll know whether it's likely I'll actually need to spend money on replacement light bulbs.

If the light bulbs really are going to "Last 13+ years," (as is also printed on the package) then I might not need to buy them any more, for awhile, anyway. As a result, light bulbs will no longer be a regular purchase like toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, etc. Instead, they will become an irregular purchase like batteries, sponges and the like.

Now, if I really can stop this unnecessary light-bulb-redundancy, I should have a few extra dollars that I can allocate elsewhere on real necessities - like candy, cookies and ice cream.

Having sorted out the light bulb task ahead of me; in addition to saving money, I will have saved time as well. And who wouldn't want to save time and money? Everybody. However, saving it in this excruciatingly boring/mundane manner has limited appeal, I would guess.

But, we're not just saving pennies here; potentially, according to the light bulb's packaging, we are apparently saving hundreds of dollars, and hundreds are worth saving.

Unfortunately, the dollars saved are not exactly in-pocket. They're more dollars which won't be spent out-of-pocket. Not as direct as a rebate, but more like an indirect benefit such as money saved from the installation of energy-efficient windows or placing insulation in your attic.

Either way, it's money not in somebody else's pocket. I just wish the manufacturers could figure out a way to pay me today, especially since I paid them yesterday.

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