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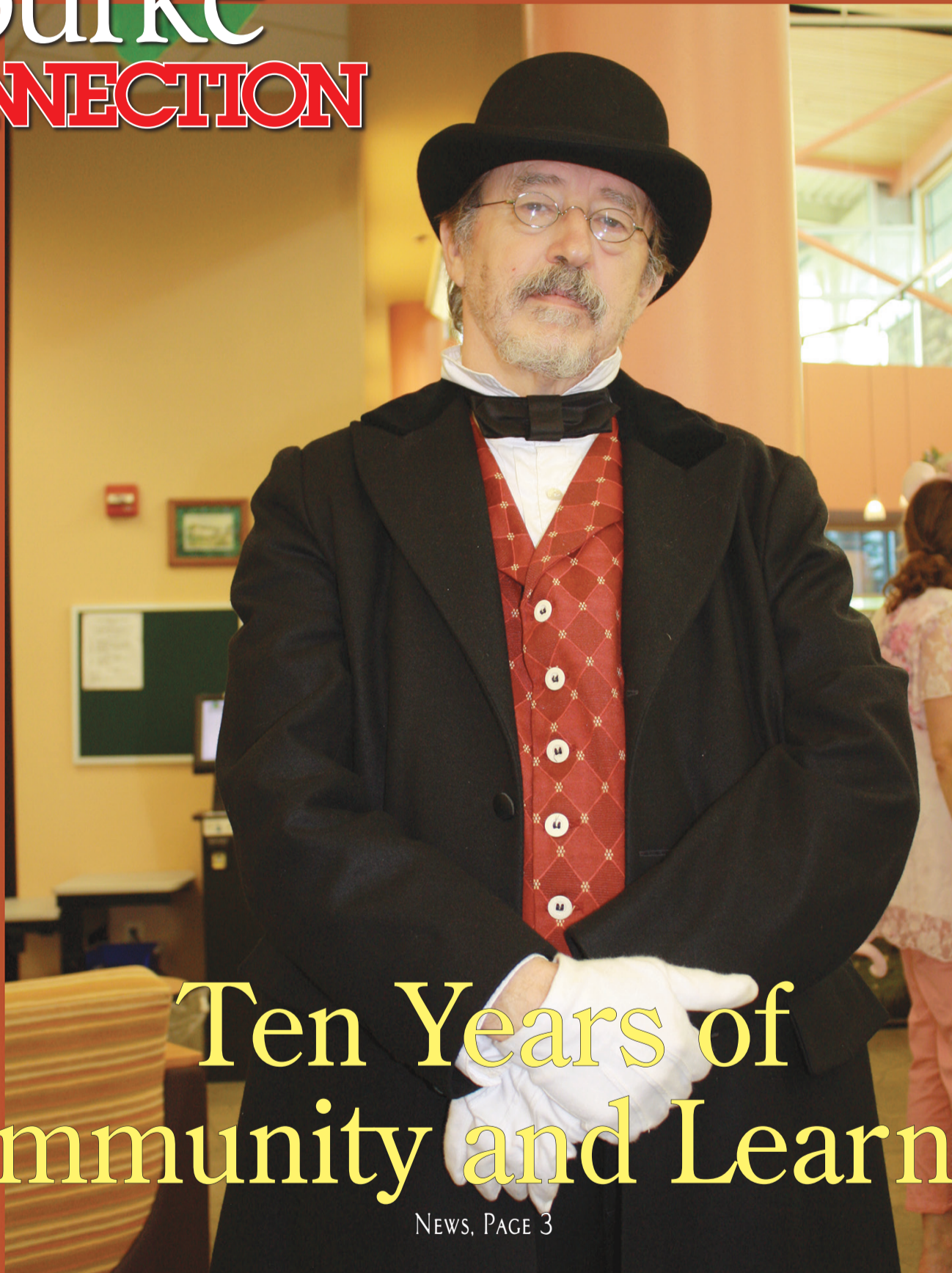
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Burke CONNECTION



Rumor has it, there was never a picture taken of Silas Burke, but Jon Vrana, the historical dramatist and president of the Burke Historical Society, might bear a resemblance. He is pictured at the Burke Centre Library 10th anniversary celebration.

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NEWS



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FCPS provides complementary summer BBQ to children 18 years old and younger at 13 locations throughout the county. Adults can purchase their own meal for \$2.

County Schools Launch Summer Meals Program

Fairfax County Public Schools kicked off its summer meals program last week at Hutchison Elementary School with a free farmer's market, nutritional seminars, cooking demonstrations, giveaways and games for local families. The June 20 event connected the community with free or low-cost resources available in Fairfax County, while encouraging healthy eating and physical activity.

Families can take advantage of FCPS' free barbeque program at 13 sites across the county until Aug. 27. Lunches are free for children 18 and under. The cost for adults is \$2. The barbeques feature items like hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, turkey sausages or grilled chicken. All meals include sides of fresh fruits and vegetables. Del. Jennifer Boysko (D-86) spoke at the event about the importance of the summer meals program. Boysko was joined by Rodney Taylor, Director of Food and Nutrition Services at Fairfax County Public Schools, who helped create the BBQ program three years ago.

Fairfax County Public Schools recently received a \$10,000 No Kid Hungry Virginia grant for its summer meals program. The funds support enrichment and physical activities at the sites.

More than 54,000 FCPS students (29 percent of total population) are eligible for free and reduced-price meals, but the summer meals program is open to all.

Only about 15 percent of Virginia children who rely on free or reduced-price school lunches are also getting free meals through summer programs. No Kid Hungry Virginia and its partners focus on summer meals as a critical way to end childhood hunger in the Commonwealth.

The summer meals are open to all. No application or registration is required at sites. For details about Fairfax County Public Schools' summer meals program, go to <https://www.fcps.edu/feeds>.

To find the nearest summer meal site, families can text FOOD or COMIDA to 877-877 and type in a zip code. This information populates during the first few weeks of summer.

A FCPS staff member grills burgers during the kickoff event.



Pedestrian Bridges Could Cross Braddock Road

Why does a millennial cross the road? To get to transit, perhaps.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE CONNECTION

Bill Brennan has lived in the Braddock Road corridor since 1966 when it was one lane on each side, and there was a one-lane bridge crossing Accotink Creek. Fast forward 52 years, and he now lives off Wakefield Chapel Road, and looks out for glass in the intersection that is there from all the accidents. "It's almost impossible for us to get out during rush hour," Brennan said. "There are accidents about twice a week, we have to dodge the glass," he added.

Brennan and his wife were at the Pedestrian Bridge Workshop on Wednesday, June 20 to find out what can be done for his intersection, which is one of the three secondary locations that is being looked at for a future pedestrian bridge. Frequently, pedestrians are part of the mix at this intersection, and a bridge would help them cross safely.

Of the four pedestrian bridges that are being looked at for the Braddock Road corridor, the proposed bridge at the Kings Park Shopping Center is the only one that is already part of the transportation improvements plan that will get underway in the next few years and be completed by 2025. The other two are at Stone Haven Drive and Port Royal Road.

"These are the three spots that seem to be the best candidates," said Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock), who held this meeting as a part of the Braddock Road Improvement Project. Plans include inter-



Long time resident Bill Brennan looks at the plans for the intersection near his house.

section improvements at several locations, bike and pedestrian improvements and the use of HAWKS, "High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk Beacons" for safer crossings.

COOK is looking at additional transit to help with the congestion on Braddock Road and the bridges will be part of that, getting commuters to the right side of the road to catch buses either east or west depending on where their destination is.

"We've got a lot of people still going to the Pentagon at 5:30 in the morning," Cook said. "It kind of needs to be a transit corridor," he said. "Millennials, they like transit," he added.

In the question and answer portion of the meeting, one person in the audience questioned whether pedestrian bridges are a

solution, and are they really used?

The answer was yes and no, according to Michael Guarino of the Fairfax County Department of Transportation. The bridges are "providing an alternative," Guarino said.

According to a pedestrian advocate group Pedestrians.org that produces a public affairs television series called "Perils for Pedestrians," the pedestrian crossings at the trail or sidewalk level show more use because the pedestrian or cyclist will not have to use a ramp. This is like the trail that crosses I-495 in Vienna, or the Capital Crescent in Bethesda, Maryland. "Long winding ramps, stairs, or elevators, are perceived as inherently inconvenient by most pedestrians," their information stated.

Another question was about snow re-

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Along Braddock Road behind the Kings Park Shopping Center, one of the pedestrian bridges is planned for this area.

moval, but there wasn't a solid answer on who will have that duty if we get a significant snowfall in the future. Cook suggested that the nearby residents could possibly help out in such a situation by throwing some salt down or shoveling a little.

THE MEETING was a first stage for the pedestrian bridges, and Cook encouraged people to participate in the comment period so the planners can gauge the support for the pedestrian bridges. The comment period will last until late July. "Give us that feedback," he said. A meeting is planned for October to see where they are. Email comments to Braddock@Fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-425-9300.

Ten Years of Community and Learning at Burke Centre Library

Library's 10th anniversary event features a variety of entertainment.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE CONNECTION

When the derecho struck on a summer day a few years ago, the Burke Centre Library became more than just a place to read and browse the internet. Since the library was the only building with electricity in the area, the library stayed open, and Burke residents flocked there to enjoy the air conditioning and charge their phones, earning the library the reputation as a community resource and gathering place in Burke.

On the library's 10th anniversary event, Saturday, June 23, the camaraderie at the library was present again, as parents and



Can I get a volunteer from the audience?

children stopped by to enjoy the celebration.

"We helped develop that culture here," said Linda Schlekau, a library employee

who was the manager then. She is now at another library in the county but came back to take part in the anniversary. "We got to meet a lot of new people during the storm,"

she said.

Schlekau talked about the role of a neighborhood library that lets people explore, discover and learn. "We do great things to help them reach their goals," she said, pointing at a youngster sitting on the cabinet with his father. "Hopefully we will have made an impact on someone like that," she said.

The anniversary celebration included a day of festivities such as scavenger hunt, face painting, magic show, musicians, a puppet show and local authors. All day long, people came and went on a cloudy but warm summer day.

Perusing the crowd in his vintage attire, Silas Burke, aka Jon Vrana, the historical dramatist showed off his 1800s attire.

"Silas was a gentleman farmer," Vrana

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New and regular customers alike spend time at the Hopsfrog bar watching sports and laughing together.



Luis Anaya, kitchen manager, has been working at Hopsfrog for more than 20 years.

Community's 'Living Room' Relocating in July

The 20-year-old Hopsfrog Grille plans to expand its service by moving to a larger location.

BY JENNETH DYCK
THE CONNECTION

“The owners are very good people. They care about what they’re serving and how [the customers] get served,” said Paul Fouché, a customer at Hopsfrog Grille for 20 years.

In fact, manager Kostas Daskalakis cares so much, that he’s decided to expand his local bar and grill mid-July to accommodate more customers. Affectionately referred to as the community’s “living room,” the future Hopsfrog Grille is under construction only a mile away in the Walmart shop-

ping center on Burke Commons Road.

In business for more than 20 years, the local restaurant has been operating under tight space for the last decade.

Previously a TitleMax, the new Hopsfrog building must be entirely converted to fit the restaurant’s needs.

“We’re building it from scratch. New kitchen, new everything,” said Daskalakis.

The community-knit bar and grille found its beginnings after Fritters sold one of its chain restaurants to Daskalakis. The new manager decided to upgrade both the menu and the name.

Enlisting the help of customers and employees, Daskalakis learned that Edgar Allan Poe, the American author of the short story

“Hop-Frog,” once lived near the area. Adding an “s” on the end of “Hop” created a play-on-words for an ingredient in beer.

Customers now bring frog items for Daskalakis to display, ranging from green plushies to decorative amphibians.

“I have boxes and boxes of frogs ... we don’t even have space to put them all,” said Daskalakis. “I’m pretty sure I have at least 200 frogs just sitting around.”

But the community’s living room extends beyond good food and pond-life displays. According to Daskalakis, customers drove to Hopsfrog to be together during the fateful Tuesday in Sept. 11, 2001 when hijacked airplanes slammed into the side of the

World Trade Center.

“On a day where the whole nation is in turmoil, they go to Hopsfrog trying to find some comfort, some connection to what they recognize,” said Daskalakis.

Now with the upcoming move, Daskalakis wants to maintain the sense of family the restaurant is known for.

“They say this space is their living room. It’s where they meet before a wedding, sometimes after the wedding, where they meet when there’s a death, a funeral, a celebration, a birthday. This is the space where they celebrate life when they don’t want to be in their space or their house. ... I don’t want them to lose this option.”



In business for over 20 years, the local restaurant plans to move one mile down the road in mid-July in order to accommodate more customers.



Previously a TitleMax occupied the site; now the new Hopsfrog on Burke Commons Road is rebuilt into a restaurant.

BULLETIN BOARD

Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board’s Merrifield Center offers a new stand-up information kiosk. Part of a pilot project, the new feature aims to improve the customer service experience and decrease wait

times for individuals who are seeking mental (behavioral) health services. To check in, individuals respond to five simple questions, then the CSB’s Patient Track software alerts staff. Based on clinicians’ schedules and availability, as well as the needs of the client, individuals are triaged and seen by the next

available staff member. For more information on available services, call the CSB at 703-383-8500 (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.). In an emergency 24/7, call CSB Emergency Services at 703-573-5679 or the Fairfax Detox Center at 703-502-7000 (TTY 703-322-9080).

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From left — Emma Valentine, founder and president of SWAP; Donna Ivey, administrator of I-CARE Home Care Services; Yvonne Payne with AARP of Virginia; and Ashley Ivey Askew, clinical manager at I-CARE.

Recipes for Healthier Lives

Seniors with a Purpose (SWAP) a non-profit organization that teaches seniors, vets and others how to live more healthy lives held it's quarterly event in Vienna, this one on how to eat smart at home. The event was held at a 150-year-old church, First Baptist Church of Vienna, the oldest black church in that

region. First Baptist Church was founded in 1867 and built by African Americans working on a Vienna farm. A Major Hine, who had served in the Union Army, gave them the plot of land. They succeeded in acquiring lumber through the Freedman's Bureau from a Civil War barracks which was being demolished.

Ashley Ivey Askew, clinical manager at I-CARE Home Care Services, left, and Donna Ivey, founder and administrator of I-CARE, prepare a vegan Mexican lunch as part of a recent Seniors with a Purpose (SWAP) event in Vienna. Ashley conducts healthy living workshops and seminars throughout the region to demonstrate how to have a more healthy life as part of I-CARE's many home services for seniors.



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When the Dangerous Unknown Is Preferable

We must recommit ourselves to being steadfast in our compassion for and dedication to assisting those fleeing violence, terror, and oppression.

BY KATHY TRAN
STATE DELEGATE (D-42)



COMMENTARY

Many reports in the last several weeks have brought to light instances of inhumane treatment of immigrants and asylum seekers in our country. National outcry about families being torn apart and children kept in jails, tents, and cages at our southern border led to the end of Trump's "Zero Tolerance" policy. A report from the Associated Press highlighted allegations of abuse at a facility in Staunton, Va.

In 1979, my parents and I were refugees, escaping from Vietnam on a rickety boat for several days. My mother remembers that on the night we left our homeland, there were no stars in the sky; it was so dark that she could not tell where the ocean ended and the sky began. As we left the shores into this watery abyss, she wondered how we would survive.

My parents' decision to leave their family and country was heart wrenching for them. Yet, the unknown of the dangerous, open sea was a

preferable alternative to the oppressive regime at home. My family's journey in search of hope, opportunity, and freedom is similar to ones taken by others before and after us.

Today, there are 65 million displaced people worldwide. Whether on the Mediterranean Sea or at our southern border, people, desperate for a better life for themselves and their children, are risking their lives.

I am outraged by the Trump Administration's "zero tolerance" immigration policy. This inhumane approach is tearing apart families seeking refuge at our southern border, leaving parents frantically searching for their children and children alone and terrified. We must not separate families, and we must not rest until separated families are reunited.

We must not indefinitely detain people seeking refuge in jails, tents, or cages. In 1998, I taught ESL to adult asylum seekers at Elizabeth Detention Center in N.J. These jails are

no place for adults fleeing terror or persecution let alone children or families.

This week, Virginia demonstrated its commitment to compassion and justice. Governor Northam's decisive decision to recall Virginia National Guard members who had been deployed to the southwest border sent a clear message: Virginia will not participate in activities that enable family separation.

I also applaud the Governor's swift leadership to investigate reports of abuse of immigrant children held by the U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement at a juvenile detention facility in Staunton, Va. We need to ensure the safety of every person — adult or child, native-born or immigrant — held in custody in Virginia.

Poignantly, on World Refugee Day, the rising tide of public demand for the humane treatment of families seeking refuge from persecution brought an end to the "Zero Tolerance" policy. We must recommit ourselves to being steadfast in our compassion for and dedication to assisting those fleeing violence, terror, and oppression. For generations, the United States has been a beacon of hope for many, and immigrants and refugees have strengthened the social, economic, and cultural fabric of our country since its founding. Now more than ever, we must continue to demand moral clarity and leadership from our political leaders.

Kathy KL Tran represents the 42nd District in the Virginia House of Delegates.

Police: Don't Change Retirement

For months, members of the Fairfax Fraternal Order of Police Executive Board have attended meetings with the Fairfax County Personnel Committee, researching and negotiating proposed changes to the retirement systems, to which the following letter was recently sent to the Supervisor Pat Herrity. This letter does not reflect just one agency, retirement changes are being discussed for all Fairfax County departments and employees.

Dear Supervisor Herrity,

The Fairfax Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 77, represents Police Officers and Deputy Sheriffs in Fairfax County. Our membership takes great exception with your misguided initiative to reform the Fairfax County Police Officers Retirement System (PORS) and the Uniform Retirement System (URS). The topic of pension reform comes up every few years and each time, the Retirement Agency and County staff report that our systems are healthy, growing and sustainable. This was reinforced by the 2012 study by an outside consultant and recent comments by the Retirement Agency and County CFO.

You have stated several times that you believe that new employees want more pay now and less pension later. This would create two classes of employees, it will be detrimental to morale, and it will hurt our recruiting efforts. Paying new officers a higher salary than current employees who have had their pay frozen for many years will kill morale. At the same time, those new officers' higher pay will be absorbed by the increased contribution rate that they will have to pay. At the end of their

careers, after paying more, they will be receiving significantly less.

In your newsletters, you have used broad strokes to paint the employee pension systems by misstating several facts and failing to acknowledge that the cost savings for your proposals are negligible while the potential costs are extremely high. Recruiting a diverse workforce of police officers and deputy sheriffs has become extremely challenging over the last few years, especially with the negative sentiments towards law enforcement pushed by the media. Additionally, all law enforcement agencies are aggressively recruiting for diversity and our pension system is one of the few benefits that make Fairfax County stand out. Taking away retirement benefits for new employees will hurt our ability to recruit minorities.

The current pay philosophy that the Board of Supervisors has in place calls for our salaries to be within 5 percent of the market average. As you know, the pay for our police officer ranks are only average for the region at midpoint and at top pay, they drop well below average. Our first line supervisors are not only 8-12 percent below average at mid-point, but it only gets worse when they reach the top of the pay scale. It is the final pay when the employee is at the top of the pay scale that gets factored in to their retirement. Not only is their pay the lowest in the region after dedicating 20-30 years of service to Fairfax County, but

their pensions end up being lower because of it. Additionally, the rising cost of healthcare already diminishes current retiree income by as much as 40 percent.

Working in public safety in general and law enforcement in particular, the job takes a toll on the health of the employee's body. Police Officers are continually exposed to the portion of the population which, because of their lifestyle choices and/or circumstances, are often carrying infectious diseases and choose to assault officers. The constant exposure to this environment is compounded by the equipment that every police officer has to wear on their body to include a ballistic weight bearing vest, duty belt and an assortment of equipment. Scientific studies show that law enforcement officers have a significantly higher rate of suicide, divorce, health and mental health problems as well as an increased risk of some cancers. It is insulting to change our pension for new employees who will ultimately have to pay more and receive less.

The cost savings from the proposed changes to all of the retirement systems is minimal and it won't even cover the cost of the high cost body worn cameras that are being forced onto the police department. Do we really need to drastically change the retirement benefit to pay for body worn cameras that are not needed as an additional layer of oversight?

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NEWS

SoberRide Offered on Independence Day

Preparing to combat that time of year when, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), more than 40 percent of all U.S. traffic deaths involve drunk drivers, free Independence Day Lyft rides will be offered to deter impaired driving throughout the Washington-metropolitan area beginning Wednesday, July 4.

Offered by the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), the 2018 Independence Day SoberRide program will be in operation beginning at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 4 (Independence Day) and continue until 4 a.m. on Thursday, July 5, as a way to keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk holiday.

During this nine-hour period, area residents age 21 and older celebrating with alcohol may download Lyft to their phones, then enter a SoberRide code in the app's "Promo" section to receive their no cost (up to \$15) safe transportation home. WRAP's July 4 SoberRide promo code will be posted at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 4 on www.SoberRide.com.

Last year, 513 persons in the Washington-metropolitan area used WRAP's Independence Day SoberRide program rather than possibly driving home impaired. The charity also offers its SoberRide program on St. Patrick's Day, Cinco de Mayo, Halloween and the winter holidays.

Last year, WRAP announced a partnership with the ridesharing service Lyft to provide WRAP's SoberRide service in the Washington-metropolitan area. SoberRide, the free safe ride service to prevent drunk driving, is now solely available via the Lyft mobile app ridesharing platform.

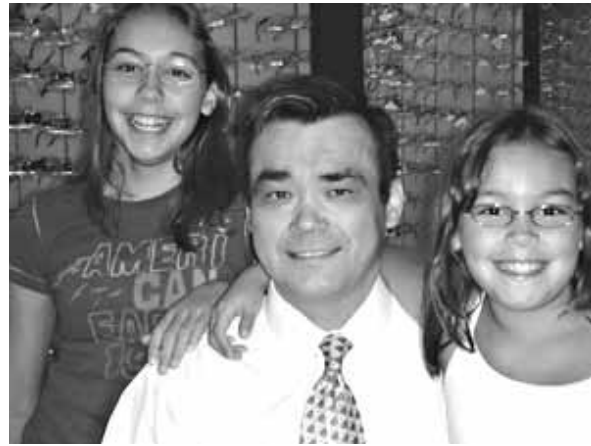
"Over 40 percent of all U.S. traffic fatalities during the Independence Day holiday in 2016 involved drunk drivers according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration," said Kurt Gregory Erickson, WRAP's president. "Worse, two-thirds of those killed in drunk driving crashes during the 2016 Independence Day period had BACs of .15 or higher."

Since 1991, WRAP's SoberRide program has provided 72,377 free safe rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Greater Washington area.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

CAMP

Youth Arts Summer Camps. At Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton. Multiple sessions available for ages 3-17. Themes include Doodle Tots (ages 3-5), Visual Arts Explorers (ages 6-10), Fine Arts Innovators (ages 11-13), Summer Arts Intensive for Young Adults (ages 14-17), Short Film, and Game Design. New Music and Theatre Camps include Let's Play Guitar Camp, Vocal Arts Camp, Performing Arts Summer Camp Challenge, and Experimental Theatre Project Camp. Visit www.workhousearts.org.

Art Camp 2018 in Burke for 5-8 year olds, 8 years and up. One-week sessions take place Monday-Friday, July 16-20, and July 23-27. Camp is held through Burke Centre Conservancy at the Woods Community Center, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Second location is Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke. Call instructor at 703-250-6930 or visit www.czartlessons.com. Camps include:

- ❖ Fine Arts & Crafts Camp (8 and older) – \$142 plus \$25 supply fee.
- ❖ Drawing Camp (8 and older) – \$142 plus \$25 supply fee
- ❖ Drawing Plus Color & Craft Fun Camp (5-8 years) – \$120 plus \$20 supply fee

ONGOING

Art Exhibit: House, Sky and Abyss. Through June 24, gallery hours at Workhouse Arts Center's Vulcan Muse Gallery, 1st Floor, 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton. House, Sky and Abyss is a solo exhibition featuring Gerardo Camargo chronicling the relationship between natural environment and social constructs. Visit www.workhousearts.org.

Art Exhibit: Candy for the Eye, Food for the Soul. Through July 8, gallery hours at Workhouse Arts Center's Warrior Way Gallery, 1st Floor, 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton. Gene Moty, a retired Air Force officer, creates contemplative, whimsical paintings using traditional materials. Visit workhousearts.org.

Art Exhibit: Nature's Fingerprints I. Through July 8, gallery hours at Workhouse Arts Center, Building 6 Gallery and Studio 605, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Using only natural dyes, each art quilt, silk scarf and framed work is an alchemy of color and texture as unique as a human fingerprint. Visit www.MariselaRumberg.com.

The Sunday Farmers' Market. Through Oct. 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 10500 Page Ave., Fairfax — one block from West and Main streets behind the Wells Fargo Bank and adjacent to the Historic Fairfax County Courthouse. Visit www.fairfaxsundaymarket.com.

Saturday Community Farmers' Market. Through Oct. 27, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at 10500 Page Ave., Fairfax — one block from West and Main streets behind the Wells Fargo Bank and adjacent to the Historic Fairfax County Courthouse. Visit www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com.

Farmers Market. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Springfield Town Center. 6699 Spring Mall Drive, Springfield. Visit www.facebook.com/SpringfieldFoodworks/.

FRIDAY/JUNE 29

Old Town Village Performances: Fairfax/McLean Sextet. 7-8 p.m.



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The campus green of the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton was packed with families setting up their blankets and lawn chairs before the fireworks began on Saturday, July 1 for the 2017 Independence Day Celebration.

Celebrate Independence Day

SATURDAY/JUNE 30

Workhouse Fireworks 2018. 5-9:30 p.m. at Workhouse Art Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Launched from the Workhouse Art Center's historic, 55-acre campus the region's largest pre-Independence Day fireworks show celebrates the history of this nation and honors the courage and sacrifice that have made America a beacon of hope and freedom around the world. Admission free; parking \$20 per car. Visit workhousearts.org/fireworks for more.

SUNDAY/JULY 1

Crafts for the 4th of July. 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Enjoy making railroad inspired, 4th of July crafts. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org, www.facebook.com/FFXSRR, or call 703-425-9225.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 4

"Red, White and Blue Tournament." 8 a.m.-noon at Burke Lake Golf Course, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Teams of two will compete in an 18-hole scramble format in three divisions: Father/Jr. 7-12; Father/Jr. 13-17; Father/Adult partner. Teams will alternate tees depending on how well they do. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in all divisions. Registration begins two weeks prior to the event. \$70 per team, includes lunch and prizes. Call 703-323-1641 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/burke-lake to register.

City of Fairfax Evening Show and Fireworks. 5:30-10:30 p.m. at Fairfax High School. 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Keep an eye out for surprises during the event. Children's activities (inflatables, face painting, balloon artists), 5:30-9 p.m. Live music: The Rockets, 6 p.m., 8:20, 9:40; and City of Fairfax Band, 7 p.m., 9:20 (1812 Overture). Presentation of awards, 8 p.m. Fireworks at 9:30 p.m. Rain date, July 5 (fireworks only). Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration/evening-show-fireworks for more.

at Old Town Plaza, 3955 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. The weekend starts here – Friday night on the Old Town Village Plaza – music and dance to relax by. Fridays, June-September, weather permitting. Performances are free. Call 703-385-7858 or visit www.oldtownplazafairfax.com.

B-I-N-G-O. 7 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy free coffee, entertaining callers, a

friendly atmosphere, \$1,000 guaranteed jackpot, treasure chest progressive raffles, and good food available for purchase. All proceeds go to purchasing fire and rescue equipment. Visit fairfaxvfd.com.

SATURDAY/JUNE 30

Kidz Korner: Children's Science Center. 10:30 a.m. in Old Town

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CALENDAR

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Square at the pergola, Fairfax. A variety of children's activities and entertainment in Old Town Square, Saturdays June-September. Free show. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/old-town-square.

Hidden Treasure at Burke Lake Park. 1-3 p.m. at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Become a modern-day pirate and search for hidden treasures. Instead of following a map, participants age 8 to adult will learn to use hand-held Global Positioning System (GPS) units to locate hidden treasure caches within the park. \$22 per person. Bring a GPS if you can. A limited number will be available to borrow from the instructor at class. Call 703-323-6600 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burke-lake.

TUESDAY/JULY 3

Farm to Fairfax Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Old Town Square, 10415 North St., Fairfax. The market, will be producers-only – meaning that all vendors at the market may only sell what they raise on their farms or make from scratch using local ingredients as much as possible. May-September, weather permitting. Call 703-385-7893.

Erin's Epic Stories. 10:30 a.m. at Old Town Square, 10415 North St., Fairfax. A variety of children's activities and entertainment in Old Town Square at the pergola, Tuesdays June-August. Weather permitting. Free. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/old-town-square.

TUESDAY & THURSDAY/JULY 3 & 5

Studio Ghibli: Porco Rosso. Tuesday, 7 p.m. (Japanese with English subtitles); Thursday, 11 a.m. (English dubbed) at Angelika Film Center – Mosaic, 2911 District Ave., Fairfax. The Angelika Mosaic will feature animated films from the celebrated Studio Ghibli praised for their originality, stunning animation, and ambitious storytelling. All tickets are regular admission. Visit www.AngleikaFilmCenter.com.

THURSDAY/JULY 5

Evenings on the Ellipse with JunkFood. 5:30-7 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The Evenings on the Ellipse summer concert series is a family-friendly event featuring a wide range of musical genres. Paradise Springs Winery and The Winery at Bull Run will be providing complimentary tastings; glasses of wine and full bottles available for purchase. A Farmers Market (2:30-6:30 p.m.) will also be on site selling fresh fruit and savory snacks. Rain or shine. Free. Visit fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

FRIDAY/JULY 6

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SATURDAY/JULY 7

Singles Dinner and Movie Night. 5 p.m. at Uncle Julio's at Fairfax Corner, 4251 Fairfax Corner Ave., Fairfax. Fixed price dinner, followed by choice of movie at Rave Fairfax

Corner 14. \$35 at door includes dinner, soda, tip and movie ticket. RSVP required. Sponsored by New Beginnings, a support group for separated/divorced men and women. Call 301-924-4101 or visit www.newbeginningsusa.org.

Country-Western Dance. 6:30 p.m. at Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association will hold a dance with lessons: 6:30-7:30 p.m. and open dancing, 7:30-10 p.m. A DJ provides music. Couples and singles of all ages welcome. Admission for NVCWDA members, \$10; non-members, \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. Visit www.nvcwda.org.

Mount Vernon Nights. 7 p.m. at Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton. This series of free, public concerts features a variety of musical performances reflecting Fairfax County's diversity, culture and community spirit. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and enjoy one of Fairfax County's special summer traditions. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/mt-vernon-nights.

SUNDAY/JULY 8

Hands On Activities. 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Activities may include railroad inspired crafts, demonstrations of railroad artifacts with visitor participation as well as possible history challenges for the whole family. All craft supplies included with admission fees. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org, www.facebook.com/FFXSRR, or call 703-425-9225.

MONDAY-FRIDAY/JULY 9-AUG. 3

"The Wizard of Oz" Performing Arts Camp. 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at Truro Anglican Church, 10520 Main St., Fairfax. City of Fairfax Theater Company offers a four week camp will present a The Wizard of Oz - Young Performers' Edition at the conclusion of a four-week summer camp for ges 7-13. Tuition: \$800. Aftercare available. Visit www.fairfaxcitytheatre.org.

Summer Drama Camp. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Lanier Middle School, 3801 Jermantown Road, Fairfax. City of Fairfax Theater Company offers its Traditional Summer Drama Camp with week long sessions in July and August. The Summer Drama Camp teaches children to create a staged performance at the end of each week. \$170 per camper for any one-week session, \$600 per camper for all four sessions. Visit www.fairfaxcitytheatre.org for weekly themes and registration.

TUESDAY/JULY 10

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WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY/JULY 11-12

Studio Ghibli: Kiki's Delivery Service. Wednesday, 7 p.m. (Japanese with English subtitles); Thursday, 11 a.m. (English dubbed) at Angelika Film Center – Mosaic, 2911 District Ave., Fairfax. The Angelika Mosaic will feature animated films from the celebrated Studio Ghibli praised for their originality, stunning animation, and ambitious storytelling. All tickets are regular admission. Visit www.AngleikaFilmCenter.com.

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Movies Under the Moon: ET – the Extra Terrestrial. 8 p.m. at Van Dyck Park, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Enjoy a night under the stars in Van Dyck Park with family and friends with a movie for all ages to enjoy. Free admission, bring chairs and blankets.

SATURDAY/JULY 14

Japanese Obon Festival. 3-9 p.m. at Ekoji Buddhist Temple, 6500 Lakehaven Lane, Fairfax Station. Celebrate with Japanese drumming, a Hawaiian band, participate in traditional Japanese dancing all while enjoying traditional Japanese food and desserts such as chirashi, yakisoba, huli huli, daifuku. There will also be children's games, a challenge course, and vendors selling authentic Japanese items. End the evening by lighting a candle in the Japanese garden to remember a loved one who has passed away. Free admission. Call 703-239-0500 or visit ekojiobonfestival.weebly.com.

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Stories of the Stars. 8:30-9:30 p.m. at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Stroll with a naturalist along the lakeshore at Burke Lake Park and learn about the constellations. An astronomical naturalist will identify the stars, and there will telescopes for use. The evening concludes with a campfire and s'mores. For participants age 3-adult. \$6 per person; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-323-6600 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burke-lake.



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Cutting and pasting attracts the creative types.

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Library Celebrates 10th Anniversary

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said, listing some of his accomplishments back in the day, including the land along the Pohick Valley he donated that became part of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad. "He helped establish the railroad," Vrana said. Vrana is the president of the Burke Historical Society.

Turley the Magician, aka Hugh Turley, had a room full of children and parents in his trance, and the magician had everyone guessing where the egg was or what happened to it. He called a volunteer from the audience named "Elizabeth." The egg went into the bag, he urged the audience to say the magic words "abracadabra," and voila, the egg turned into a glass of some liquid which he drank. "It's gone, we're going to make it come back though," he said.

In the main room, music teacher Ethan Miller had students from Oakview Elementary School and Robinson Secondary School playing music on violins and a viola.



Turley, the Magician, aka Hugh Turley, turns the egg into a drink at the Burke Centre Library 10th anniversary celebration last Saturday.



Music teacher Ethan Miller had students from Oakview Elementary School and Robinson Secondary School playing music on violins and a viola.

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Volunteers provide individual and group support to those suffering from a loss. Volunteers must participate in a 30 hour training. Training will be offered in October 2018. To volunteer, call Haven at 703-941-7000.

Assistance League of Northern Virginia, a volunteer nonprofit, invites community members to join the organization to participate in its Reading Express program. Volunteers provide one-on-one tutoring to first grade students during the school year. To learn more contact VP Membership Mary Gronlund at gronbiz@aol.com or Program Coordinator Lynn Barron at lynnib517@verizon.net.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Child turning 5 years old by Sept.30? If so, contact your child's school to make arrangements for kindergarten enrollment. Most schools begin getting information together now for parents of incoming kindergartners, and many host an orientation or open house. All kindergarten programs are full-day and located in FCPS elementary schools. Check your school's webpage or contact the school directly for specific enrollment information and dates of orientation or visit www.fcps.edu/registration/kindergarten-registration.

SATURDAY/JUNE 30

Meet the Ticket Event. 9-11 a.m. at Pender Professional Center 3901 Fair Ridge Drive, Fairfax. Meet the Ticket Event hosted by Fairfax County Republican Committee at Pender Professional Center 3901 Fair Ridge Dr. Space is limited, visit fairfaxgop.org to register.

TUESDAY/JULY 3

Lions Dinner Meeting. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak St., Fairfax. Lions Club meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Guests are welcome to learn about the mission of the Lions Clubs "We Serve," meet club members and learn to help serve the community. Free to first time guests. Email fairfaxlions@cox.net or visit www.fairfaxlions.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 4

Free Sober Rides. Wednesday, July 4, 7 p.m. through Thursday, July 5, 4 a.m. Area residents, 21 and older, may download Lyft to their phones, then enter a code in the app's "Promo" section to receive a no cost (up to \$15) safe ride home. WRAP's Independence Day SoberRide promo code will be posted at 5 p.m. on July 4 on www.SoberRide.com. The SoberRide code is valid for the first 1,500 Lyft users who enter the code.

Retirement

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The Police Department pension is strong and stable. We implore you and the board to make no changes to our system. Recruiting and retaining new officers is already difficult given the lack of competitive pay, increasing and redundant oversight as well as a challenging political environment. The Fairfax FOP Lodge 77 cares about recruiting and retaining the best talent to help keep Fairfax County a safe community. We know that you care about keeping Fairfax County safe from crime, we ask that you consider the impact his initiative will have on future Fairfax County Police Officers.

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What Are Friends For (Not a Question)



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Other than my wife, Dina, and my brother, Richard, there are few people with whom I regularly discuss – in more excruciating detail than weekly I do so with you, the world in which yours truly, a non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV "diagnossee" inhabits.

It just so happens that in this past week, I interacted with three of the other most main confidants, a rarity: my oldest, best friend from high school, Cary, with whom I spoke on the phone for nearly an hour (he lives in Massachusetts), a bi-weekly occurrence generally; my oldest, best friend from college, Rita, who I finally met for lunch (even though she lives in Alexandria and has been local ever since college), a much rarer occurrence (though we email regularly), a lunch that lasted four hours; and Veronica, my hair stylist, who I see every eight to 12 weeks – as I have for almost 20 years, whether I need to or not. (That's a joke. I have a full head of hair so needing a haircut is never the question, needing it is the answer.)

Over these many years, these three have heard everything I have to say; good, bad or indifferent, and yet despite having heard it all, still remain interested in hearing more and judging less. Together, we share stories and confidences, laughter and sorrow. Their support and encouragement has been above and beyond the call of duty.

Interacting with all three in the course of one night and two days reminded me of the actor George Peppard because this is my "A" Team." When I want to, they're who I go to, whenever the need arises or when the opportunity presents itself. And though they may not solve every problem, listening to as many of them as they have certainly has provided the kind of comfort and joy that has helped sustain me through thick and thin (not talking about my weight) and most importantly, during the past nine-plus years as a cancer survivor. There's not a "B.A." (bad attitude) among them, though they all wear jewelry.

I hope I'm not speaking out of turn here but, there are some subjects which are best left for friends – and the professionals, more so than family. Some topics which might betray a confidence or touch a nerve that when spoken of aloud might exacerbate a familial situation rarely discussed.

Sometimes, sorting through these pros and cons with friends, who likely suffer no consequences in the outcome, might present options that otherwise might not be heard. From the mouths of babes, so to speak. A fresh, unbiased perspective can be a welcome addition to any discussion of facts, especially when feelings are involved; and as often concerns family-oriented subjects, feelings are most definitely involved.

Not that there aren't feelings involved with friends; of course there are, it's more that old friends knew you when and know you now, and the passage of that much time, separate and apart from family, can often enlighten and inspire. Who wouldn't benefit from friends who've been there and seen you do that?

It's particularly important to have independent forces in your corner because like so many cancer patients, myself included, occasionally you exhibit signs of "chemotherapy-related cognitive impairment," otherwise known as "chemo brain," a side effect/condition of treatment which can blur a memory or two – or more. You may not even realize it when it disappears, and you may need someone to remind you of it. Hopefully it's not a memory gone forever, but just one gone until a friend helps retrieve it for you. And who better to retrieve these foggy memories than friends you've known for 49, 45 and 20 years, respectively?

And I do respect them, and appreciate them, and cherish them, as they are three of my pillars. Without them, the foundation of who I am and what I know, would likely crumble.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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CHECK ENGINE LIGHT DIAGNOSIS

NO CHARGE

INITIAL DIAGNOSIS

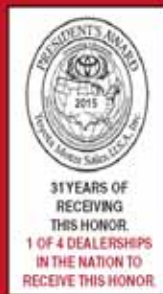
WE WILL RETRIEVE VEHICLE CODES & GIVE YOU AN ESTIMATE OF REPAIR COSTS.



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\$29⁹⁵

NON-SYNTHETIC

\$44⁹⁵

SYNTHETIC

Includes: Genuine Toyota oil filter, up to 5 qts of conventional oil*, inspect windshield wipers, check tire condition, check battery (with print-out), inspect and adjust all fluid levels, inspect air & cabin air filters.

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Your car's alignment suffers, and can cause uneven tire wear and steering problems. **INCLUDES:** Inspect suspension, ball joints, struts & shocks, tire condition and set tire pressure.

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Check your windshield. Does your sticker say **2/18, 3/18, or 4/18?** If so, your VA Safety Inspection is now due

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