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A small group of volunteers gather before they and others load up the trucks to support defeating hunger in Northern Virginia together at the 3rd annual Summer and Food Resource Rally by StarKist, Feed the Children, and Cornerstones.



The South Lakes High School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) Food Pantry team, Amy Joyce, pantry volunteer and Cornerstones board member; Monica Russ, pantry volunteer; Mazie Barcus, pantry leadership team; Roberta Gosling, pantry co-founder, and Cornerstones board chair; Andy Sigle, pantry co-founder; and Lisa Parker, pantry volunteer join Charlie, the Tuna, before loading the truck at the 3rd Annual Summer Food and Resource Rally held June 6.

StarKist, Cornerstones and Feed the Children Partner to End Hunger

2024 Summer Food and Resource Rally.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
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On June 6, Cornerstones, StarKist, and Feed the Children gathered for the third annual summer food and resource rally at Cornerstones Food Rescue Empowerment Enterprise in Sterling. Three Fairfax County nonprofits — LINK Against Hunger, South Lakes High School PTSA Food Pantry, and Fellowship Square — and two in the Dulles corridor, Dulles South Food Pantry and Community Lodgings, participated.

Bob Van Hoecke, a board member of Cornerstones, said that the needs of those who experience hunger “don’t stop at county lines. ... We joined forces when we dealt with other logistical problems in Northern Virginia, transportation, and things of that nature. There’s no reason why we shouldn’t join forces and collaborate when it comes to things like food insecurity, homelessness, or affordable housing,” Van Hoecke said. “Working together, we will have a greater impact than the sum of our individual efforts.”

StarKist head of corporate affairs Michelle Ford Faist opened the event, celebrating the collaborative dedication “to give back to so many people here in the Dulles corridor.”

Tom Aslin, StarKist vice president of marketing, said that despite the economic recovery, many families remain food insecure due to inflation after the conclusion of federal benefit programs and increasing housing and transportation expenses. He reported that over 50 regional corporate leaders, political officials, StarKist employees, volunteers, and community activists have united to combat food poverty.



“Defeating Hunger in Northern Virginia Together,” each of the five Cornerstones, Feed the Children, and StarKist partners received 25-pound boxes of shelf-stable food, including StarKist products, 15-pound boxes of hygiene essentials and personal-care items, Avon products and other items.

Aslin said these nonprofits “make a tangible difference in the lives of those who need it most.” They distributed over 100,000 pounds of food and household essentials to prepare for increased summer needs.



Left to right: Michelle Ford Faist, head of corporate affairs, StarKist; Charlie the Tuna; Coco Black, vice president of strategic partnerships and cause marketing, Feed the Children; Bob Van Hoecke, board member, Cornerstones; Fairfax County Supervisor Jimmy Bierman (D-Dranesville); Virginia State Delegate Karen Keys-Gamarra (D-7 Fairfax) Virginia State Delegate, Atoosa Reaser (D-27 Loudoun) and Tom Aslin, vice president, marketing of StarKist

Each partner received 25-pound boxes of shelf-stable food, including StarKist products, 15-pound boxes of hygiene and personal-care essentials, Avon products, and other items to distribute to the families and individuals they serve.

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Juneteenth at Bull Run

Remarkable story of private emancipation of enslaved people.



Karen Campblin, NAACP leadership.



Janay Peebles Trent singing in the cemetery.

NOVA Parks and the Fairfax County NAACP hosted their Third Annual Juneteenth celebration to recognize the largest private emancipation of the enslaved, commemorate the cemetery where many of the freed are interred, and visit the site where Black people and white people worshipped together as early as 1775. The event took place on Saturday, June 15 at Bull Run Regional Park, located in Centreville.



Gravestone in the former Harris Family Cemetery where more than 90 people are buried.

The Juneteenth celebration included remarks from NOVA Parks Board Vice Chair Paul Baldino; Chair of Virginia NAACP's Environment, Climate and Justice Committee Karen Campblin; Harris family representative Chrystal Gaskins; and many state and local elected officials.

Girl Scouts from Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria led the procession to the location of the freedmen cemetery, where Janay Peebles Trent offered musical performances, NAACP Fairfax County Branch Religious Affairs expert John Dister provided a historic background of the cemetery, and guest speaker Bishop Brett Fuller provided a presentation.

An ice cream social sponsored by Dominion Energy took place following the ceremony.

NOVA Parks discovered that more than 90 people are buried in the former Harris Family Cemetery, located at Bull Run Regional Park, using ground-penetrating radar. Interpretive signage unveiled at the 2022 Juneteenth celebration tells the story of Robert Carter III, who once owned the 65,000 acres of land. After converting to the Baptist faith, Carter built a church that was open to both Black and white residents of the area. Carter

emancipated 500 enslaved people in the 1790s and allowed them to own land, resulting in a thriving Freedmen's community at Bull Run 70 years before the Civil War and Emancipation Proclamation. Those buried at the cemetery were de-

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Irlyong Moon, school board member, and Kathy Smith, Board of Supervisors.



Happy participants in the ice cream social.





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Unremitting Data Center Demand Pushes County to Act

Balancing an economy that can't happen without data centers with homeowners' rights and quality of life.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

The relentless march of data center growth in Northern Virginia has reached a reported 70 percent of the total number of data centers on our planet. Data centers have encroached on neighborhoods, such as the data center in Fairfax County along Route 50 in the Sully District, raising resident fears of deflating market value and sales prices of homes. The 110-foot-tall, 402,000-square-foot data center facility by Penzance drew criticism during the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors public hearing on Jan. 23, 2024. The planning commission had already given the project the green light in the fall of 2023. The supervisors approved the plan, despite the size of the structure and intense resident opposition.

In reaction, on May 7, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution for the advertisement of public hearings during which the Planning Commission and the Board would consider a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, including Chapters 112.1 and 112.2. The approved resolution stated, "Data centers can provide significant economic development opportunities and are important facilities to support the modern digital world."

As for what data centers are and what they do, they are austere, huge rectangular structures that store computing machines and related hardware equipment.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond describes data centers' interiors and what they make possible saying, "Interiors are packed with rows and rows of computer servers, vast quantities of cables and switches, and the considerable electrical power and HVAC hardware necessary to keep it all working. ... In many ways, data centers are like utilities, where the main interest for outsiders often lies in what the utility makes possible for its customers rather than in the functioning of the utility itself. But, as with water and electrical power utilities, a lot of things in the economy simply cannot happen without data centers."

The demand for more data centers is growing for more than just commercial reasons. Consumer Affairs reported that in 2023, U.S. homes had an average of 21 gadgets from 13 categories connected to the internet. The number of smart gadgets like Alexa, Echo Show, Wi-Fi video doorbells, robot vacuums, and smart baby monitors that warn anxious parents if their infant stops breathing has grown, feeding data center demand. This reporter has over 70,000 photos uploaded to the cloud and tells Alexa each night, "Play ocean sounds." Households, startups, enterprises, and organizations in-

novate with generative AI, which depends on data centers.

Local jurisdictions and their governing bodies, such as the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, depend on data centers for revenue. For the jurisdictions, data centers function as an alternative piggy bank stashed with tax revenue streaming which largely comes from assessments of computer equipment inside warehouses. Because of a Virginia legality commonly called the Dillon Rule, Virginia's localities lack true home rule and only have the powers expressly granted to them by the Virginia General Assembly.

In 2022, tax revenue in Loudoun County from data centers totaled \$663 million. Fairfax, with a fraction of Loudoun's data centers, collected \$20.28 million in data center revenue in 2022. (Source: Freedom of Information Act request by DC News Now, "In Northern Virginia, growing data center revenue is volatile, tax records show.")

Due to tight state restrictions, Fairfax County, like other local jurisdictions, has limited ability to raise revenue to pay for providing services, including revenue needed for public schools and public safety.

The Connection reported on Feb. 6, 2024, that multiple Fairfax County priorities could not be funded, such as baseline funding for IT initiatives; increased investments in affordable housing, environment, and energy; basic need assistance; and for schools, implementation of secondary security audit recommendations, expansion of middle school athletics, and the impact of federal government lowering the CEP (Community Eligibility Provision) that allows high poverty schools and divisions to offer breakfast and lunch percentages from 40 percent to 25 percent.

As for the current Fairfax County data center zoning ordinance, it allows among other things, data centers up to 40,000 square feet by right in the C-3 and C-4 office districts and up to 80,000 square feet in the I-2 and I-3 industrial districts. If a developer wishes to consider a larger building in those districts, they can obtain special exception approval or repurpose the existing building(s).

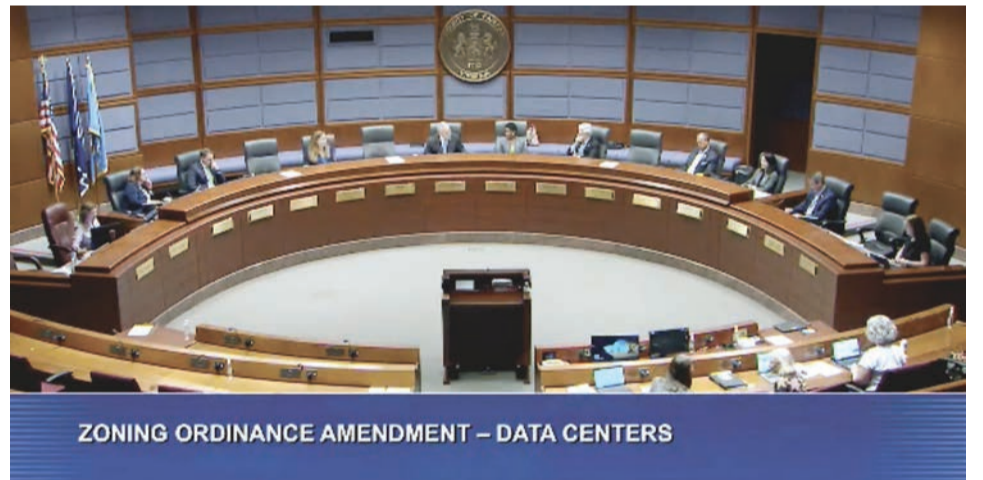
There are several data center applications pending review by Fairfax County, including the 70-foot-tall Plaza 500 project in the Alexandria area, a by-right land-use application. The proposed location is close to Edsall Road and South Pickett Streets. Residential and planned mixed-use buildings surround the area. Disallowing data centers by-right in the county would require an amendment to the zoning ordinance.

The Planning Commission's goal is to provide the Board of Supervisors with recommendations on land use policies and plans that will result in orderly, balanced, and



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Another Northern Virginia data center is constructed.



SCREENSHOT

Fairfax County Planning Commission

equitable county growth. The Commission recommended approval of a more restrictive zoning ordinance on data centers to address issues of compatibility with surrounding uses, noise, and aesthetics at its Thursday, June 6 meeting.

After considering the staff report by Carmen Bishop, deputy zoning administrator, the commission kept by-right in certain commercial and industrial districts unless they exceeded size, height, or other standards and required any equipment, such as generators, to be at least 500 feet from residences. A football playing field is 300 feet long, with a 30-foot-deep end zone on each end. However, a data center structure could be within 200 feet of residences. The equipment would face the industrial side, reducing noise.

At the Planning Commission meeting on

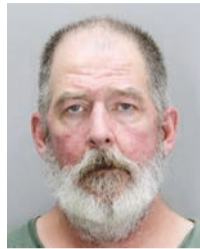
Thursday, June 6, Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner, the chairman, provided his perspective on a zoning ordinance amendment aimed at enhancing the existing provisions. He acknowledged, "Northern Virginia sees data centers as integral to its future economies." However, the county needs to address the energy issues associated with data centers.

Niedzielski-Eichner said that it only made sense that regional and local governments advocate for solutions to the energy issue. "The energy required to operate data centers is enormous, and demand is quickly outpacing supply," he said. The solution to this challenge lies not within the county's jurisdiction but rather at the state, regional, and, to the extent that the electric grid spans the nation, national levels. The commissioner advocated for a carbon-free energy mix, including nuclear power, to meet data center demand.

Man Arrested, Charged With Sexual Assaults

Police say DNA testing reportedly tied him to three cold cases.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION



Pottmyer

Burke. She saw a man exposing himself outside her sliding-glass door. When she yelled, the man ran away.

In all three cases, detectives recovered forensic evidence from the scenes and submitted it for analysis upon

collection. But a suspect was never found. Recently, however -- because of the advancement in DNA testing -- detectives submitted this crime-scene DNA to Othram Inc.

Othram's technicians used Forensic-Grade Genome Sequencing to develop a comprehensive profile that was then used for Forensic Genetic Genealogy research. And according to Fairfax County police, "DNA analysis [allegedly] linked all three cases and potentially identified Edward Eugene Pottmyer as a suspect."

Afterward, detectives obtained Pottmyer's DNA which, they say, "positively identified him as the suspect." Detectives then obtained felony arrest warrants charging him with forcible sodomy and abduction with the intent to defile. On June 5, with the assistance of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, Pottmyer was taken into custody. Since then, he's been in the Fairfax County jail where he's being held without bond. He has a Sept. 18 court date.

Detectives would like to speak to anyone who may have information about these cases or believe they had unlawful contact with Pottmyer. Those with information are asked to call the Cold Case Squad at 703-246-7511.

Tips may also be submitted anonymously via Crime Solvers by phoning 1-866-411-TIPS (866-411-8477).

A man police believe committed multiple, unsolved sexual assaults -- dating as far back as 1998 -- is now in custody in the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. He is Edward Eugene Pottmyer, 58 and, although he has a Chantilly address, he actually lives in Loudoun County.

Police say he allegedly attacked three women who lived in the local area at the time of the offenses and that modern DNA testing reportedly tied him to each crime. He was apprehended June 5, but police didn't publicly release information about his arrest until last Thursday, June 13.

Details of the offenses are as follows:

❖ On Sept. 9, 1998, around 7 p.m., a 48-year-old woman was jogging on a bike path in Fair Lakes when she was assaulted. The suspect implied he had a knife, sexually assaulted her and then ran from the area.

❖ On Aug. 3, 2000, around 11 p.m., a suspect forced entry into a home in the 11900 block of Parkside Drive in Fair Oaks. A 66-year-old woman was asleep when she was awoken by a man assaulting her. She fought him and was able to escape by jumping from a second-story balcony and running away.

❖ On Dec. 6, 2004, around 10:45 p.m., a 51-year-old woman was in her basement in the 9900 block of Whitewater Drive in

Police Arrest Suspect in Centreville Carjacking

Safety tips offered for exchanging merchandise with strangers.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Police detectives from the Fairfax County Police Department's Major Crimes Bureau have charged a 25-year-old Maryland man in connection with a recent carjacking and abduction in Centreville.

On June 5 at 10:09 p.m., officers responded to the 14600 block of Seasons Drive, off Stone Road in Centreville, for a report of a carjacking. Police say the suspect had contacted the victims, both adult men, and ex-

pressed interest in buying a vehicle they'd listed for sale on Facebook Marketplace.

The three people then made arrangements to meet at night in the dark. And that's when things turned dicey.

According to police, "While the suspect was inspecting the vehicle's interior, he told the victims to exit. They refused to [leave] the vehicle and a struggle ensued. The suspect fled the area prior to police arrival. One victim was treated for minor injuries at the scene."

After conducting a thorough investigation and finding evidence at the scene, officers identified the suspect as the 25-year-old man of Maryland. They then charged him with one count each of carjacking and attempted carjacking, plus two counts of abduction by force/intimidation. He's being held without bond in Fairfax County's Adult

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Juneteenth at Bull Run

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scendants of enslaved people freed by Carter, including the parents of Alfred W. Harris, who served as Alexandria City Councilmember and State Delegate and chartered the first Virginia public college for African Americans.

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Liberation Day, and Emancipation Day, marks the event on June 19, 1865, when Union soldiers told 250,000 enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, that the Civil War was over, and they were therefore free. The Emancipation Proclamation had declared that enslaved people were freed in 1863, but many states resisted it was not enforced until long after in many places. Celebrated since the late 1800s across the United States, Juneteenth became a federal holiday in 2021.

Visit novaparks.com/ParkHistory for information about Robert

Carter III, the Harris Family Cemetery, and more stories uncovered in Northern Virginia regional parks.

The mission of the NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination. Founded on Feb. 12, 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest, largest, and most widely recognized grassroots-based civil rights organization. The Fairfax County branch of the NAACP began meeting in 1918 and was chartered in 1944. To learn more, please visit www.fairfaxnaacp.org.

Girl Scouts of Alfred Street Baptist Church in the City of Alexandria.



Del. Charniele Herring.



Bishop Brett Fuller.



This banner welcomed attendees.



Some of the 100-plus attendees at the Juneteenth celebration.

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Adam Toobin with Irene Shinn, Dalia Palchik, Walter Alcorn, John Foust and Karen Keys-Gammarra

SPARC Provides Day Programs for Adults with Disabilities

SPARC honors Supervisors Dalia Palchik and John Foust for support of region's 'forgotten.'

SPARC, a non-profit that provides day programs in Northern Virginia for adults with disabilities, hosted its 3rd Annual Pancake Breakfast on June 15 at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Vienna with a silent auction, talent show, games, and food.

During the event, Fairfax County Supervisor Dalia Palchik was bestowed with SPARC's Hero Award — including a superhero cape — for her significant and ongoing support of SPARC and the people it serves. In addition, Supervisor John Foust received a distinguished service award for his many years of service to Fairfax County. Several SPARC participants were also recognized for their advocacy efforts in support of their peers.

Nearly 200 people attended the family-friendly event that raised funds to support SPARC's cost-effective, unique program serving young adults who have aged out of the special education support provided by the K-12 system and are not eligible for other community-based programs that serve individuals with severe disabilities. SPARC hosts centers that operate five days a week at various locations in Fairfax and Arlington with staff-led programming based on a curriculum rooted in therapeutic recreation principles that consist of continued education/leisure learning, skill building, exercise, excursions, cooking, music, art, lectures, discussion groups, and more.

SPARC's clients require support with daily living activities and without SPARC they are often neglected and forgotten. SPARC's annual cost per participant is \$9,000. If the SPARC participant instead attended a Medicaid provider, the taxpayer cost would average

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Ellen Dyke, Dalia Palchik and Debi Alexander

\$39,000 per year. The June 15 fundraiser helped defray the costs of running these centers and raised awareness about SPARC's services.

Event sponsors included Exterior Medics, The Washington Group, SNELL, JDM Cleaners, Dave & JoAnne Adams Realty, Jim & Ellen Dyke, SpeedPro Northern Virginia, McCabe's Printing, Silver Beacon Marketing, Giant Foods, The Goldbranson Family, Casey Margenau Fine Homes, The Alexander Family, NOVEC, Artisan Plumbing, Aglow Dental, ARC Northern Virginia, Ed and Molly Herbst, Sugar Magnolia Trust, Inclusion Consultants, John Foust, Jane Karpik, and Law Office of Michael Toobin.

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Tom Aslin, StarKist vice president of marketing



Michelle Ford Faist, StarKist head of corporate affairs



Bob Van Hoecke, Cornerstones board member

2024 Summer Food and Resource Rally

FROM PAGE 3

Del. Karen Keys-Gamarra (D) representing Herndon, Reston, and Oakton and a former Fairfax County school board member, said she understands the need for summer food distribution. She called it “crucial ... when many of our students do not have access to our school lunch programs.”

Coco Black, vice president of strategic partnerships at Feed the Children, nonprofit focused on alleviating childhood hunger, said they believe in a world where no child goes to bed hungry. “Summer is the hungriest time of year. We’ve got some incredible work to do today.” Black reported that more than a third of residents of the Washington, D.C. region were food insecure last year. “It’s pretty staggering. ... More than 8,000 meals are going to be distributed today.”

Cornerstones’ FREE from Hunger Center collaborates with partners to rescue excess food, store it safely, and provide it to needy families.

“It’s incredible, frankly, to walk through a place like this and to see everything from, yes, your StarKist tuna and your chicken, but to your lima beans, your garbanzo beans,” Fairfax County Supervisor Jimmy Bierman (D-Draanesville) said. “Go enjoy the fridge and the freezer.”

Bierman pointed out how cross-county collaboration between Loudoun and Fairfax,



Staff and volunteers from various organizations and businesses gather before distributing more than 100,000 pounds of food and household essentials to five Dulles Corridor regional food pantries and nonprofits.

as seen with Cornerstones, helps put together groups and organizations recognizing that they are neighbors. “They are our friends, and we want to make sure everybody in our area has a chance to succeed,” he said.

The Summer Food and Resource Rally

aims to support Cornerstones’ mission, including ensuring people are not hungry.

“Food insecurity affects not only homeless and less fortunate community members but also any family, directly or indirectly, and with a staggering number of

cases,” Van Hoecke said. “Right now, tens of thousands of people in our community go hungry every night. Our parents shouldn’t have to make a decision between taking their child to the doctor or feeding their family. Tons of food are destroyed every day. Yep, here we sit between two of the wealthiest counties in the country, and still we have food insecurity as a major issue.”

Among the many speakers and recognized community leaders were Del. Atoosa Reaser; Christy Zeitz, CEO of Fellowship Square; Kerrie Wilson, CEO of Cornerstone; Travis Arnold, Feed the Children president and CEO; and Roberta Gosling, South Lakes High School Food Pantry.

After the rally, a sea of volunteers helped load the trucks at the Cornerstones Food Hub, and South Lakes High School PTSA Food Pantry members headed back to Reston. That evening, Roberta Gosling, board chair of Cornerstones and co-founder of the South Lakes Food Pantry, wrote an email titled “WHAT. A. DAY!!! Thank you!”

In it, Gosling said they were lucky to have Brigitte from StarKist and her team help them unload and distribute six pallets of StarKist/Feed the Children bounty and dairy and eggs from Cornerstones.

As Van Hoecke said, “Working together, we will have a greater impact than the sum of our individual efforts.”



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A pass-along line forms to load trucks for each partner organization at the Third Annual Summer Food and Resource Rally hosted by StarKist, Feed the Children, and Cornerstones.



A quick group photo before loading the trucks.



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Volunteers unload food and supplies provided at the 2024 Summer Food and Resource Rally by StarKist, Cornerstones, and Feed the Children for distribution by the South Lakes High School PTSA Food Pantry.

Police Arrest Suspect in Centreville Carjacking

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Detention center and has a Sept. 9 court date.

Anyone with information about this event or who may have witnessed it is asked to call the Major Crimes Bureau at 703-246-7800, option 5. Tips may also be submitted anonymously via Crime Solvers by phoning 1-866-411-TIPS (866-411-8477) or going to <http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org/>.

Use Safe-Exchange Zones for Online Purchases

Fairfax County police detectives would like to remind community members that several of the police district stations offer safe-exchange zones for online purchases. FCPD encourages buyers to use these zones to ensure the safety of both buyers and sellers. Below are some additional, safety tips to consider when buying and selling from online marketplaces:

- ❖ Always arrange to meet the seller/buyer in a safe, public location, such as a coffee shop, shopping center or police-station parking lot. Avoid secluded areas and don't invite strangers to your home.

- ❖ Whenever possible, bring a friend or family member with you when meeting a seller/buyer. Having someone else present can deter potential scams or unsafe situations.

- ❖ Complete the transaction during daylight hours whenever possible.

- ❖ Before finalizing the purchase, carefully inspect the item you're interested in. Check to ensure it's what you intended to purchase.

- ❖ If the seller/buyer seems sus-

picious, the item appears too good to be true, or you feel uncomfortable during the transaction, trust your instincts and consider walking away.

- ❖ Verify the seller's identity: Before meeting, ask the seller/buyer for their name and contact information. Cross-reference this information with their social media profile or other online platforms to ensure they're who they claim to be.

- ❖ Avoid sharing personal details such as your home address, phone number or social security number. Stick to exchanging essential information related to the transaction only.

- ❖ Avoid carrying large amounts of cash: For more expensive items, consider using secure payment methods such as PayPal or Venmo, which offer buyer protection.

- ❖ Be wary of sellers who insist on wire transfers or money orders as payment methods. These methods are often associated with scams and provide little to no recourse if something goes wrong, so avoid using them.

- ❖ If you encounter a suspicious seller or notice any fraudulent activity on Facebook Marketplace or any platform, report it to the platform's support or customer service immediately.

This helps protect other users from potential scams.

Safety is the priority when buying or selling on any online platform. By following these tips, people may reduce their risk of falling victim to scams and enjoy a safer shopping experience. For anyone with further questions or needing more assistance, contact your local district police station's Crime Prevention Unit.



Public Notice

Updated weight limits on Virginia bridges and culverts

In accord with state and federal law, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has imposed new or changed existing weight restrictions and installed new signage indicating the updated weight restrictions on the following bridges and culverts (structures) in Virginia within the last 30 days.

Jurisdiction	Fed Struc Id	Route #	Route Name	Crossing	Posted Date
ROANOKE	15085	699	BENEMEER ROAD-RTE 699	MASON CREEK	5/29/2024
FRANKLIN	7916	705	CHESTNUT HILL RTE 705	PIGG RIVER	5/21/2024
GRAYSON	8730	58	HIGHLANDS PKWY	CABIN CREEK	5/14/2024
SCOTT	16799	665	MANVILLE ROAD	BLACK OAK BRANCH	5/9/2024
ALBEMARLE	839	745	ARROWHEAD VALLEY ROAD-RTE 745	BRANCH MOORES CREEK	5/8/2024
ALBEMARLE	880	810	SIMMONS GAP ROAD	LYNCH RIVER	5/1/2024

The list above is not a comprehensive list of all structures with weight restrictions in the Commonwealth but shows only structures that have new or changed weight restrictions within the last 30 days. The list contains only basic structure identification and location information and the date the new or changed weight restriction and signage became effective.

For a full listing of all bridge and culvert weight restrictions with detailed information about specific structures, including location data and actual weight limits, visit vdot.virginia.gov and navigate to Traffic and Travel/For freight operators/Truck restrictions. This page references a posted structures report and a GIS map tool that contain detailed information about restricted structures in Virginia. To receive email notifications regarding new or updated weight restrictions for structures statewide, complete the sign-up form on the web page.

Notices regarding bridges and culverts with new or updated weight restrictions are published monthly by VDOT. For additional information or questions, please contact haulingpermits@vdot.virginia.gov.

The Virginia Department of Transportation is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any of its programs or activities on the basis of race, color, or national origin, as protected by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need further information on VDOT's Title VI Program or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, please contact the Virginia Department of Transportation's Title VI Program Specialist at 804-786-2730.

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ENTERTAINMENT

NOW THROUGH JUNE 30

Illuminating the Natural World. Open weekends 12-5 p.m. At Reston Art Gallery and Studios, 11400 Washington Plaza West, Reston. Internationally recognized artist Rosemarie Forsythe presents her new exhibition of distinctive, colorful paintings portraying the magic of nature, science, and learning through imaginative compositions that are often inspired by 15th century illuminated manuscripts.

JUNE 8 TO AUG. 4

Workhouse Minhwa Exhibition. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. At Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Immerse yourself in the beauty of Minhwa, an exploration of the essence of Korea's beauty, vibrant colors, flora and fauna, and timeless narratives. The exhibit is located in the McGuire Woods Gallery, W-16 2nd Floor. Visit the website:

<https://www.workhousearts.org/calendar/blowing-the-winds>

COLLEGE ACCESS FAIRFAX HOLDS FREE CLINICS

College Access Fairfax will hold free clinics throughout the summer at various locations in the county to help parents and students complete or correct the FAFSA or VASA financial aid forms. Clinics are currently scheduled on:

Tuesday, June 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Apple Federal Credit Union in Fairfax Corner.

Wednesday, June 26, 6-8 p.m. at Sully District Government Center.

Wednesday, July 10, 6-8 p.m. at Mason District Government Center.

Both the student and a parent/guardian must attend the clinic. Applicants should bring a laptop to all clinics except Fairfax High School. Spanish translation will be available. For more information, to register for a clinic, or to request a one-on-one appointment, visit College Access Fairfax's website. These services are free of charge.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT COLVIN RUN MILL.

Mill tours every weekend from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

June 19 - Colvin Run Before & After the 13th Amendment (12-Adult): Learn how enslaved and free African Americans helped build and maintain the mill and the Colvin Run community. Discover how, after slavery was outlawed, African Americans developed more connections to the community and created spaces of their own.

PARK AUTHORITY, MASTER GARDENERS OFFER FREE VEGETABLE GARDEN CLINICS

As spring blooms, the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Fairfax County Master Gardeners extend a warm invitation to all gardening enthusiasts for a series of free Vegetable Garden Plant Clinics. These educational programs, offered in collaboration with the Fairfax County Master Gardeners and the Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE), aim to cultivate a deeper understanding of gardening practices and foster a sense of community among green thumbs of all levels.

Join expert gardeners at a variety of locations as they provide valuable insights, answer questions, distribute soil sample kits, and



The Randy Thompson Band will perform on June 26, 2024 at the free concerts at Burke Lake Park in Burke.

offer complimentary analyses of plant and pest issues. These clinics are scheduled to run from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the following Saturdays: July 13, Aug. 10 and Sept. 14. Clinics will be held concurrently on each of these dates at eight locations across Fairfax County:

Pine Ridge Park, 3401 Woodburn Road, Annandale
Baron Cameron Park, 11300 Baron Cameron Ave., Reston
Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean
Grist Mill Park, 4320 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria
Grove Point Park, 6432 Bowie Drive, Springfield
George Mason Park, 9700 Braddock Road, Fairfax
Hogge Park, 3139 Glen Carlyn Road, Falls Church
Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna

FAIRFAX COUNTY FARMERS MARKETS READY FOR 2024 SEASON

2024 Farmers Market season is here and the Park Authority, along with dozens of local food producers, have tons of fresh and healthy foods waiting for you at all 10 markets located throughout the county.

This year, you can expect to find locally grown produce, delicious baked goods and prepared foods at the farmers markets. Additionally, enjoy a variety of family-friendly activities from musical performances, games, and don't forget to bring your food scraps to support our community composting efforts.

WEDNESDAYS

McCutcheon/Mount Vernon
Through Dec. 18, 8 a.m. - noon
Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria

Oakmont
Through Nov. 6, 8 a.m.-noon
Oakmont Recreation Center, 3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton

Wakefield
Through Oct. 30, 2-6 p.m.
Wakefield Park, 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale

THURSDAYS

Annandale
Through Nov. 14, 8 a.m. - noon
Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale

HERNDON

Through Nov. 7, 8 a.m. - noon
Old Town Herndon, 700 Block of Lynn St., Herndon (by the Red Caboose)

FRIDAYS

McLean
Through Nov. 15, 8 a.m.-noon
Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean

Kingstowne
Through Oct. 25, 3-7 p.m.
In the Giant parking lot, 5870 Kingstowne Towne Center, Alexandria

SATURDAYS

Burke
Through Dec. 21, 8 a.m.-noon
VRE parking Lot, 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke

Reston
Through Dec. 7, 8 a.m.-noon
Lake Anne Village Center, 1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston

SUNDAYS

Lorton
Through Nov. 10, 8 a.m.-noon
VRE parking lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton

Visit the Farmers Market website for complete information about this year's markets - including details on SNAP benefits for eligible households available at designated locations. Contact the Community Horticulture Office at 702-642-0128.

NOW THRU JUNE 23

"The Drowsy Chaperone." At Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton. Workhouse Arts Center Performing Arts announces its newest production, "The Drowsy Chaperone," a delightful musical comedy about characters coming to life in a fictitious 1928 song-and-dance-infused performance. Showtimes are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets range from \$25 to \$40. Visit the website www.workhousearts.org.

FARM HARVEST FRIDAYS

Every Friday at 2 p.m. - May 31 through October. At Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Enjoy live music, a guided harvest from Annie, the Giving Garden urban farmer, produce tastings, and more. Throughout the season, the farm will produce over 50 varieties of fruits, vegetables and herbs, including strawberries, zucchini,

beets, spinach, carrots, peppers, eggplant, tomatoes, and more.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: DOUBLE FEATURES

July 20. At Tysons Corner Center, The Plaza, McLean. First set: 4:00-6:30 p.m. 2nd set: 7:00-9:00 p.m. Summer Concert Series will offer two live performance sets on each date, with the first band at 4-6:30 p.m. and the second from 7-9 p.m. The series will feature local bands such as Party Fowl, Cazhmiere, Billy Twilde, and more. Come out and enjoy takeout and cocktails from our restaurants while jamming to your favorite groove!

DANCE NIGHTS ANNOUNCED FOR LAKE ANNE LIVE!

Thursday Evening Concerts beginning June 6 through June 27, 2024 from 6 to 9 p.m. Sponsored by Lake Anne and Washington Plaza Merchant Association, at Lake Anne Plaza (Waterfront) - 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston.

SCHEDULE:

❖ June 20 (6 to 9 p.m.): Salsa and Bachata Night! Learn to dance the popular Latin dances with instructor and DJ David Norton and dance the night away!

❖ June 27: Swing Line Dance! Learn Swing Line Dancing, including the always popular Charleston Stroll with Gottaswing's Sue and DJ Gary! DJ Gary will be spinning your favorite tunes from the 40's, 50's and up! Requests considered.

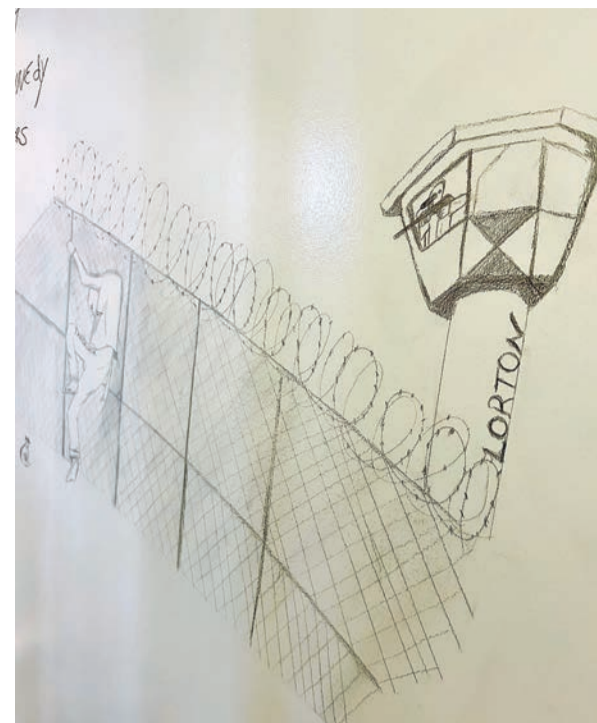
FREE CONCERTS AT BURKE LAKE PARK

Mark your calendars for 7 p.m. every Wednesday night from June 26th through August 21st at Burke Lake Park for an incredible line-up of bands, food trucks, 2 Silos beer, and Peterson's Ice Cream. The atmosphere is informal, so bring a picnic blanket, lawn chairs, and relax with friends and family.

SCHEDULE:

June 26 - Randy Thompson Band
Food truck: Empanadas de Mendoza

July 3 - The Nighthawks



Take part in the Learning Lunch on Friday, June 21, 2024 at Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton. (Pictured): Recreated cell graffiti by Karim Mowatt.

Food truck: Roaming Coyote

July 10 - Speidel, Goodrich, Goggin & Lille
Food truck: DC Slides

July 17 - The Magic Trio
Food truck: Babu-Ji

July 24 - The Skip Castro Band
Food trucks: DC Slides & Empanadas de Mendoza

July 31 - The English Channel
Food trucks: DC Slides & Babu-Ji

August 7 - The Road Ducks
Food trucks: Babu-Ji & Empanadas de Mendoza

August 14 - SoHo Down
Food truck: Roaming Coyote

August 21 - Riptide
Food truck: Roaming Coyote

TYSONS CORNER CENTER EVENTS

❖ Farm Harvest Fridays
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SUMMER SUNDAY CONCERTS IN THE PARK BY THE ALDEN

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ENTERTAINMENT

SUMMER SUNDAY CONCERTS in the park

The Summer Sunday Concerts in the Park features Elena Moon Park and Friends on Sunday, June 23 at McLean's Lewinsville Park.

Summer Sunday Concerts in the Park will be held at Lewinsville Park this year. The free concerts will be presented on the porch of the historic house in the park at 4 p.m. on Sundays, June 16 through July 28. The park is located at 1659 Chain Bridge Rd.

SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 23, 4 p.m. Elena Moon Park and Friends

Sunday, June 30, 4 p.m. Backtrack Vocals

Sunday, July 7, 4 p.m. The Gordon Sterling Trio

Sunday, July 14, 4 p.m. Lil' Maceo

Sunday, July 21, 4 p.m. The Billy Coulter Trio

Sunday, July 28, 4 p.m. Justin Trawick

NOW THRU JUNE 23

"Postcards from Ihatov," adapted and directed by Natsu Onoda Power. At 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road Tysons. Adapted from the works of Kenji Miyazawa, including the classic "Night on the Galactic Railroad." This spellbinding tale of friendship, self-discovery, and the transcendent power of imagination takes audiences on a cosmic journey through the stars. This world-premiere production of visual theater is bursting with imagination and spectacle that the whole family can enjoy. Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets: Tickets: \$25-\$55 general admission, \$15 students, educators, and military. Purchase online at www.1ststage.org or call 703-854-1856.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 19

Juneteenth Celebration. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Sully Historic Site, Chantilly. This free event will honor the significant contributions of people, originally under enslavement and continuing after emancipation, to the operation of Sully as a home and farmstead. The event will pay tribute to their lives and those of their descendants. Join in a commemoration of emancipation at this special event. Take a tour to better understand the daily life of people enslaved at Sully. Visit the dairy, smokehouse, kitchen and laundry, first floor of the main house, and a reproduction home for enslaved people. Interact with history interpreters, listen to storytellers, participate in activities and see the special exhibits.

THURSDAY/JUNE 20

Jive After Five. 6-9 p.m. At The Roof Top at The Perch Putt, Capital One Center, Tysons Corner. Get ready to swing, refresh sip with delicious

drinks and socialize at Perch Putt! Join them for a high quality networking event with the Jive After Five Networking Series by Northern Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. It's 18 holes of rooftop miniature golf with whimsical food trucks with seasonal food, playful libations – with cocktails and tiki classics – at Rhum Roost and D J Juanjo.

FRIDAY/JUNE 21

Learning Lunch 1. 12-1 p.m. At Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Come to the Lucy Burns Museum for a lunchtime talk about the new installation, Counting the Days, with co-curator Karim Mowatt. Visit the website:

<https://www.workhousearts.org/calendar/learning-lunch-counting-days>

SUNDAY/JUNE 23

Mosaic Harmony 30th Anniversary. 5 p.m. At Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 E. Campus Drive, Alexandria. Special Guest Artist Ralph Herndon. Mosaic Harmony is a community choir where people find love and acceptance regardless of color, religion, sexual orientation, or any other differences. We celebrate diversity and inclusion, sharing our message through the powerful medium of song, and inspiring our audiences to embrace all people

SUNDAY/JUNE 23

Burke Historical Society Meeting. 3-4:30 p.m. At Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Local Author P. O'Connell Pearson will speak on her book, We Are Your Children Too: Black Students, White Supremacists, and the Battle for America's Schools in Prince Edward County, Virginia

SATURDAY/JUNE 29

Fireworks, Food and Family Fun at Lake Fairfax Park
Lake Fairfax Location
1400 Lake Fairfax Drive
Reston, VA 20190
Fun starts at noon, with fireworks starting at 9:15 p.m. Enjoy food trucks, live performances and fireworks at the annual celebration. The park will close to new arrivals at 8:45 p.m.

Admission is free. Parking: \$15 ahead of the event date; \$20 at the gate
The park is the location of the Water Mine Family Swimmin' Hole. Tickets for the Water Mine, which will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., are sold separately.



Workhouse Arts Center will have fireworks on Saturday, June 29, 2024 in Lorton.

SATURDAY/JUNE 29

Fireworks at Workhouse. 6-10 p.m.

At Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton. Bring a chair or a blanket to relax on the lawn and enjoy a display of vibrant colors, brilliant lights and ground-breaking explosions, while also providing amazing and fun entertainment for all ages. The DJ leads the party on the Workhouse Quad with special performances from local music and dance groups. Food trucks and beverage options (food, soft drinks, craft beer and wine available). Price starts at \$40 per vehicle in advance; \$45 on-site. <https://www.workhousearts.org/fireworks>

SATURDAY/JUNE 29

McLean Independence Day Fireworks Celebration. 6:30-10 p.m. At Langley High School, 6520 Georgetown Pike. Come celebrate Independence Day with McLean Community Center. The whole family will enjoy music, food trucks, giveaways and at dusk, a huge fireworks display. There is a limited amount of free onsite parking and additional free satellite parking with shuttle bus service (accessibility equipped). Visit mcleancenter.org.

THURSDAY/JULY 4

Fourth of July 5K Fun Run. Join Great Falls TrailBlazers for the annual Fourth of July 5K Fun Run. Meet behind the Great Falls Library on July 4 and the race/walk will begin sharply at 8 a.m. This pet-friendly event is open to all ages. The trail makes a loop and goes through the woods so if you want to bring a stroller it is best if it has large wheels like a jogging stroller. Visit the website at GreatFallsTrailBlazers.org or the Facebook Page for more information and a link to Run Sign Up. Free T-shirts to the first 200 runners who finish the race.

THURSDAY/JULY 18

40th Anniversary Celebration! 4-6 p.m. At Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, Suite

100, Fairfax. Featuring a fun-filled afternoon celebrating with Insight friends new and old! They'll be gathering at Insight-Fairfax to look back on their journey and celebrate everyone who has helped shape where they are today.

AUG. 1-4

4-H Fair and Carnival. At Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road in Herndon. Check out livestock displays and 4-H exhibits, treat yourself to classic fair food, enjoy live entertainment, tractor demos, carnival rides and get up close and personal with adorable farm animals. For a special Friday night out, visit the Big Truck Night on Aug. 2.

Carnival Hours

Thursday, Aug. 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Big Truck Night from 5 to 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 3, the Carnival is from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 4 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Do you want the best deals on tickets for carnival rides? Purchase Unlimited Ride Wristbands for Thursday and Friday only. If purchased in advance online, wristbands are \$20 per person. Onsite wristbands are available for purchase at \$25 per person between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. You can purchase regular ride tickets on site after 3 p.m. Wristbands are for one day only.

SUNDAY, SEPT 15

Keyboard Conversations with Jeffrey Siegel. 7 p.m. Music of Joy and Peace. At GMU's Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Dr., Fairfax. Visit <https://cfa.gmu.edu/>.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 21

Reston Multicultural Festival. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. At Reston Town Center, Reston.

The annual Reston Multicultural Festival celebrates our rich diversity through song, dance, food and art. Learn about our mosaic of cultures as the community gathers for a delightful day in Reston Town Center. If you are interested in

being part of the entertainment or storytelling, or craft vendors (quality product representing a culture) application forms will be on the website. All are encouraged to dress in attire that shares their pride in their cultural roots. Visit <https://restoncommunitycenter.com/>

SATURDAY/SEPT. 28

Arts by George! 5 p.m. At GMU's Fairfax Campus, Fairfax. The annual ARTS by George! benefit, presented by George Mason University's College of Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA), returns in 2024 with multiple award-winning actress and singer Lea Salonga as the headliner. The philanthropic event raises vital support for student scholarships in visual arts, dance, music, theater, game design, film, and arts management, as well as for the Mason Community Arts Academy, Green Machine Ensembles, and the Great Performances at Mason season at the Center for the Arts. Visit <https://cfa.gmu.edu/>

SUNDAY/OCT. 13

Paws in the Park. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Oronoco Bay Park in Old Town Alexandria.

Place your business in front of thousands of pet lovers this fall, all while supporting our mission to help Alexandria's animals. They are looking for sponsors and vendors for our annual Paws in the Park event on October 13th in Old Town Alexandria. The free event features entertainment and music, food and drink, kids' activities, silent auction, and so much more.

NOV. 8-9

"Beauty and the Beast." At 7 p.m. at Ernst Theatre in Annandale. Oakcrest School will stage Disney's "Beauty and the Beast." Through the enchanted story of a beloved classic fairytale set in a "poor provincial town," Belle encounters a young prince trapped under a spell that can only be broken by the power of love. Learn more at Oakcrest.org.

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Obituary

In Memoriam: Arthur Bushkin



Arthur Allan Bushkin, 80, writer, philanthropist, and social activist of Vienna, Virginia, passed away on February 9, 2024, at the Reston Hospital Center from an unexpected heart attack. Arthur was born on July 11, 1943, in Chicago, Illinois, to Ben and Helen (Beller) Bushkin and is survived by his daughter, son, and sister.

Arthur graduated from Senn High School in Chicago and later graduated from college at MIT, where he spent eight years living in the Boston, Massachusetts area.

Art's professional life centered around "giving back" his expertise and other resources for the betterment of society. In the 1960s, Art was present at the creation of what was to become the Internet, working with ARPA in the Defense Department. He taught computer science at MIT and Wellesley. In the 1970s, Art served as Director of President Carter's Privacy Initiative and led the Administration's effort to enact a Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978. He was also the U.S. Delegate to the OECD on Information, Computer, and Communications Policy. In the early 1990s, he was president of Bell Atlantic Video Services, which led to the creation of video-on-demand. From 1999 to 2009, he was the CEO of the Stargazer Foundation, focusing on online services for education, communications, safety, and emergency response.

On Valentine's Day 2013, Art and his 2nd wife Barbara along with CNN.com published their Lifelong Valentine story, spreading it widely online. Later, they published their own book version called Lifelong Valentines. This eventually evolved into a Kindness project, which became the main focus of their work together. They also supported local charities such as Martha's Table, the Newseum, and several others. In keeping with their joint commitment to daily acts of kindness, they would offer food and drinks to service and delivery personnel and find ways of helping people in times of great need.

After Barbara passed away in 2019, the Kindness Project officially became the tax-exempt, non-profit Kindness Cloud Foundation, a Global Kindness Movement. Since 2019, this online movement has spread to reach millions of people worldwide with Kindness messages and resources. Now, with Art's passing, it will continue as a testament to their commitment to kindness and making the world a better place.

Art deeply believed in the transformative power of kindness. During his lifetime, he was privileged to inspire countless people from many walks of life and to embrace and spread kindness. His hope was that they, too, would use their unique talents and skills to act with kindness, thereby inspiring others to do the same. Those whose lives he touched directly will always remember him for this.

To honor his legacy, please spread kindness in your community and contribute to the effort to make the world a Kinder place. You can learn more about this ongoing global Kindness Movement by visiting KindnessCloud.org and/or Facebook.com/KindnessCloud. Online condolences and fond memories may be left to the family at www.moneyandking.com

Legals

Notice is hereby given that Aresema Care Transportation LLC, 4209 Evergreen Ln, Ste. 101, Annandale, Virginia, 22003, has filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity that would authorize Passenger transportation as a Common Carrier over Irregular Routes, providing service 1. In the Cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, and Fairfax, Virginia, and the Counties of Arlington and Fairfax Virginia; 2. Statewide throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia for the transportation of Medicaid recipients as a non-emergency medical transportation carrier as defined in Section 46.2-2000 et seq. of the Code of Virginia.

Any person who desires to protest the application and be a party to the matter must submit a signed and dated written request setting forth (1) a precise statement of the party's interest and how the party could be aggrieved if the application was granted; (2) a full and clear statement of the facts that the person is prepared to provide by competent evidence; (3) a statement of the specific relief sought; (4) the name of the applicant and case number assigned to the application; and (5) a certification that a copy of the protest was sent to the applicant. The case number assigned to this application is MC2400284LH. Written protests must be mailed to DMV Motor Carrier Services, Attn: Operating Authority, P. O. Box 27412, Richmond, VA 23269-0001 and must be postmarked on or before June 27, 2024.

Any protest filed with competent evidence will be carefully considered by DMV, however, DMV will have full discretion as to whether a hearing is warranted based on the merits of the protest filed.

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Governor Says Virginia Is Exiting Clean Car Commitment

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Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R) has no interest in a roadmap to a zero-emission future for vehicles in Virginia. Youngkin cites Attorney General Jason Miyares' official opinion, which "confirms that Virginians are no longer legally bound to follow the emission standards of California."

Walton Shepherd, senior attorney and Virginia director at Natural Resources Defense Council, said, "Youngkin is a governor, not a king. In a nation of laws, no one person can unilaterally halt a democratically passed and signed law. This is outrageous. Youngkin tried and failed three times to get his allies to repeal the Clean Cars law, but the legislature rightly stood firm on the side of public health and cleaner air. Now he's trying to bail out out-of-state big oil interests by going against the will of the people."

The Sierra Club Virginia Chapter agreed, saying in a release on June 5: "The response is despite the standards being adopted and twice reaffirmed by the Virginia General Assembly. ... If upheld, the decision will restrict Virginians' choice because auto manufacturers prioritize delivery of EVs to states that have adopted ACCII [Advanced Clean Cars II]."

In 2021, Virginia approved legislation signed by then-Gov. Ralph Northam (D) to adopt California's Clean Cars standard. The California Air Resource Board announced its "ride to zero emissions," adopting the new Advanced Clean Cars II regulations (ACC II) during its hearing on Aug. 25, 2022, which made the regulations more stringent.

At the June 5 videoed press conference, Youngkin said Miyares performed "amazing work" in finding that he could circumvent compliance with clean cars. Youngkin said that Virginia will exit California's electric vehicle mandate at the end of this year, "ending once and for all the California electric vehicle mandate in Virginia" [minute 30:57 YouTube video]. Miyares wrote in his AG Opinion, "EV mandates like California's are unworkable and out of touch with reality, and thankfully, the law does not bind us to their regulations. California does not control which cars Virginians buy."

But the standards were adopted in Virginia, in order to give Virginia car buyers more choices. Scott Surovell wrote that, "Governor Youngkin's reckless attempt to unilaterally undo Virginia's Clean Cars law is an autocratic and unlawful action that will hurt everyday Virginians and set our state back." The Senate majority leader offered this background: "The General Assembly and Governor Ralph Northam adopted Virgin-



Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R): "Virginia will exit California's electric vehicle mandate at the end of this year."

ia's Clean Car Law in 2021 at the request of Virginia automobile dealerships who lacked access to a consistent supply of affordable electric vehicles. Fifteen other states had already joined a multi-state compact which caused manufacturers to send most electric vehicles to other states so they could meet sales quotas. One purpose of the law was to provide Virginia consumers with more electric vehicle choices at lower prices so that they could enjoy the same choices and prices as other states."

California is the only state permitted to create emissions standards under the federal Clean Air Act and the first state to ban the sale of internal combustion vehicles. California is legally capable of setting stricter and different standards than federal standards. The Clean Air Act of the United States Environmental Protection Agency allows other states to adopt California's motor vehicle emission standards under Section 177. Among other requirements, federal Section 177 mandates that these standards match the California standards that have received a waiver, so other states' regulations change along with California's.

Youngkin said consumers could purchase whatever they liked — electric, hybrid, or gas — under his plan. "To be clear, I don't have anything against electric vehicles. But when today nine percent of automobiles in Virginia that are purchased are electric vehicles to turn around and mandate that 35 percent of them have to be electric vehicles, imposes an extraordinary economic burden on our dealers and on Virginians." [35:15]

An account in California's Gov. Newsroom on Aug. 25, 2022, confirms "yearly targets" as "35 percent ZEV sales by 2026, 68 percent by 2030, and 100 percent by 2035." Twenty percent of sales can be plug-in hybrids that run on batteries and gas. California's policy does not ban cars that run on gas. People can keep their existing gas cars or buy used gas powered vehicles.

What speakers, like Dave Perno, at the press conference discussed, as well as what

was quoted by others in a Friday, June 7 press release by the Governor's Office, was that Virginians deserve the freedom to choose which vehicles best fit the needs of their families, businesses, and the community's economy.

Perno, president of Loyalty Automotive in Chester, Virginia, emphasized Virginians' freedom of choice and the economic impact on local vehicle dealerships. He said the governor "recognizes that supporting small businesses and consumers is not a partisan issue but a community and economic imperative." (28:16). He added that this presents a chance to highlight the importance of empowering individuals to make decisions

that are important to them.

"And that's what today is all about," Perno said. "Celebrating freedom."

Lieutenant Governor Winsome Earle-Sears commented on the governor's action in a 29-word statement, indicating that the governor's action goes beyond exiting from the California Electric Vehicle Mandate. "I'm in full support of Governor Youngkin's actions to withdraw Virginia from REGGI and AG Jason Miyares' official opinion that Virginia is not legally bound to California's emission standards."

REGGI (pronounced "Reggie") is the first mandatory market-based program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the United States. It is a cooperative effort among the northeastern and mid-Atlantic states of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Virginia. It is the first implemented carbon cap-and-trade initiative in the United States (2009) to reduce carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions. Within the 11-state region, REGGI compliance obligations apply to fossil-fueled power plants 25 megawatts and larger.

Neither the governor nor any speakers at the press conference or those quoted in the press release discussed a legal means to exit his predecessor's legislation. Nor did anyone discuss the environmental justice and equity impacts of air pollution from vehicle emissions affecting all Virginians, especially vulnerable residents in frontline communities who often face the most severe consequences.

No one addressed the disproportionate burden of air pollution on heavily urbanized communities and those near busy corridors. This is especially true of neighborhoods sandwiched between freeways, ports, and rail yards. Nor did anyone speak about air quality standards at levels that protect Virginians at the most significant risk: children, older adults, and people with lung and heart disease.

No More Diverting



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

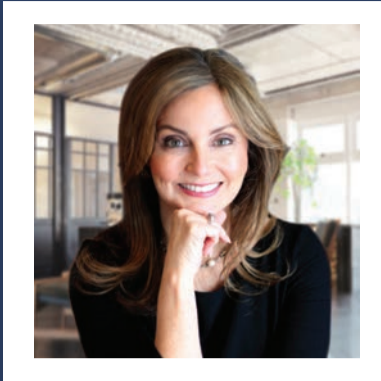
After meeting with my new oncologist on Mon., I can say with tepid certainty that I am not at death's door. However, I may be a death's sidewalk. Meaning I'm hardly a casual observer and much too close for comfort. Specifically, what I am is more of what I've been for the past 15-plus years: a cancer patient being treated for a terminal form of cancer. Initially I was diagnosed with stage IV non-small cell lung cancer, a killer if there ever was one and more recently, perhaps correctly, I was re-diagnosed with stage IV papillary thyroid cancer. Terminal because an operation I had was unable to get "all" the cancer and the medicine I was prescribed post-surgery has a one to three-years window of effectiveness. As you regular readers know and recent columns have stated, I am eight months into year four and am now starting a new medicine with all sorts of side effects possible and a new medical problem/side effect resulting from the years of taking my papillary thyroid cancer medicine: chronic kidney disease stage IV. In summary, previously I was at a hard place. Now I'm between a rock and that hard place. Which is a bit more than I bargained for since late Feb. 2009 when Team Lourie first heard my-diagnosed-with-cancer news. Still, it's hardly a place anybody wants to be.

Nevertheless, what's left of Team Lourie (my wife, Dina, minus my brother Richard who died Dec. 3, 2022) met our new oncologist this past Mon. We switched oncologists because we had lost confidence in our original one (and to quote "Forest, Forest Gump: that's all I want to say about that"). We were a bit more prepared this time than we were at that first meeting in 2009. We had a frank exchange offering assessments, analysis, suggestions, and occasional scenarios, but most definitely, no guarantees. Pills, procedures, and schedules (lab work, scans, in person) were reviewed and tweaked a bit. New medications were ordered, and a few future appointments were made. As much as anything, you could say this was a strategy meeting. More than most, we understand you need a game plan and once again we have one.

From what I've been told, the chronic kidney disease (with dialysis to follow if I deteriorate further), may cause me to be, as the Brit's like to say: "In for a spot of bother." Having been there and done that, I'm just glad there's still something to be bothered about. And there's still something I can do about it. I must watch what I eat (not as I eat it) and be mindful of the consequences of sodium, potassium, phosphate and so forth. I'm now reading product labels. It's not for certain whether this food awareness/change will really help, but it gives me hope. And though 'hope' may be overrated by some, I'm happy and motivated to embrace it figuratively speaking to "make my day," notwithstanding Dirty Harry aka Clint Eastwood. And since the alternatives are grim, I'm willing to give a little to possibly get a lot.

The 'little' I won't bore you with, but it involves some adjustments, shall we say as to how I consume my daily bread. These changes are, if I get lucky, made in the near/short term but will ultimately get me a longer term. However, since there are no guarantees in the cancer business (other than cancer untreated will grow), I need to stay positive about the negative. A doctor can't tell me with any certainty that because I survived the original non-small lung cancer diagnosis, later recategorized to papillary thyroid cancer, it enables/provides me with the necessary tools/wherewithal to survive my current double whammy: thyroid cancer and chronic kidney disease. Unfortunately, there's not even a road map as my misdiagnosis/change to thyroid cancer, now complicated by chronic kidney disease offers little other than lots of twists and turns and bumps along the way. My experience tells me to try and take it all in stride, not to get too high or too low and not get bogged down by the potential medical complications. None of those complications happen until they do so overreacting to a possibility that isn't yet a reality is unhelpful. What is helpful is finding the humor and normalcy in life without looking through the cancer lens. When I divert into a non-cancer subject, it's the best possible thing I can do; not be cancer centric. So, when I meander into a non-sensical subject like "backparking" or resealable packaging, it's not only a literary pursuit, it's a sign that even though I have cancer, it doesn't have me, yet.

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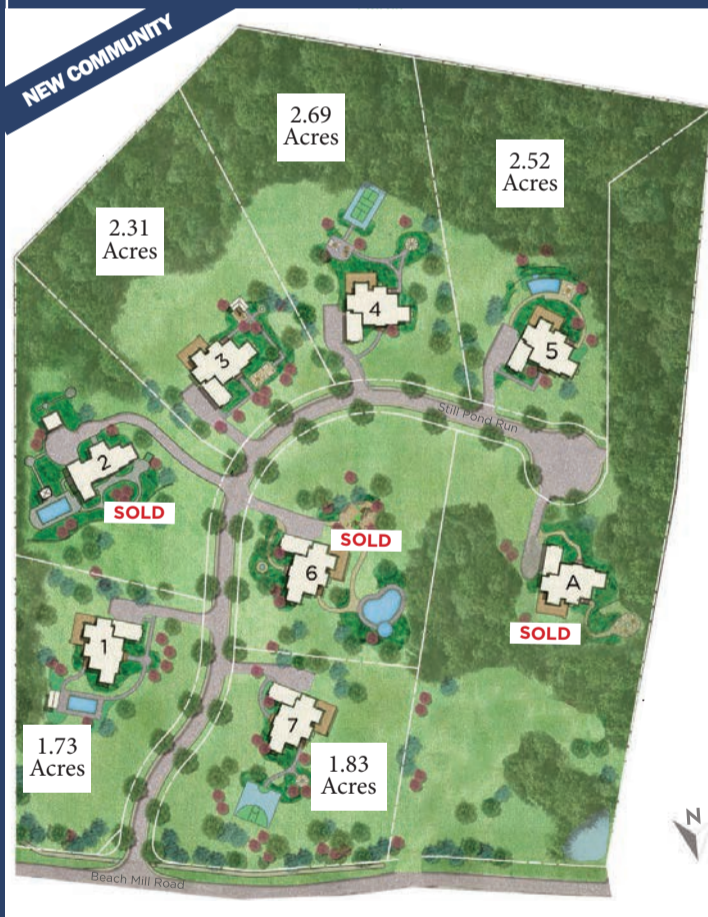


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