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Race for a Cause: Come be a Superhero!

We're partnering with Acumen Solutions for their 4th Annual Race for a Cause™ 8K and 1Mile Fun Run race on Sunday, October 14, 2012 in Arlington, VA.

Alexandria and Fairfax Region Boys and Girls Club will be one of 10 charities benefitting from the race and it's up to the runner or walker to pick which charity their donation will benefit. \$2,000 in combined prizes will be awarded to top race winners.

Please choose the Boys and Girls Club – Alexandria Olympic and Fairfax as your charitable preference!

Location: Arlington, VA

Date: October 14, 2012 • **Time:** 8:00 A.M.

The race will be on a fast out-and-back, flat course that begins and ends on North Quincy Street near the intersection of Wilson Boulevard. Runners of all levels, as well as walkers, are encouraged to participate. For more information and to register, visit: <http://communications.acumensolutions.com/Theraceforacause/index.html>



FAITH

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

Ekoji Buddhist Temple, 6500 Lakehaven Lane, Fairfax Station, hosts **Buddhism and Day to Day Decision-Making**, Saturday, Sept. 22, from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Join for a public seminar featuring Dr. Shoyo Taniguchi on conscious decision making; lunch provided for a \$5 donation. RSVP. ekoji81@gmail.com.

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton hosts the **Women's Autumn Equinox Retreat**. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22. Make a date with yourself for some time for self-reflection, meditation and time to consider what you need to bring balance into your life. Workshops, council sharing, lunch and an outdoor ritual to welcome the autumn included. \$30. 703-281-4230 or <http://www.uucf.org/content/womens-autumn-equinox-retreat>.

Lord of Life Lutheran offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive. Services in Fairfax are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:15, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. Services in Clifton are held on Sundays at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. 703-323-9500 or www.Lordoflifeva.org.

First Baptist Church of Springfield offers Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10:30 a.m. worship service. 7300 Gary Street, Springfield. 703-451-1500 www.fbcspringfield.org.

In a new outreach and social media engagement program, the **Burke Presbyterian Church** launched a sermon series on Sept. 9 focused on connecting: with the community, with conflict, with hope, etc... As part of the sermon series, the congregation has been invited to participate in a weekly challenge that matches the sermon theme and to share anecdotes of their experiences on Facebook. The first week's sermon focused on Connecting with the Community, and congregants were sent out from the service with a charge to do something nice for a service worker or member of their community that doesn't get enough kudos.

The Burke Presbyterian Church (BPC) has several local and regional mission opportunities for church and community members coming up this fall.

✦The BPC Snacks and Backpacks program begins another year of tutoring students from local elementary schools on Monday afternoons.

✦September is the church's month to stock the food pantry at ECHO and also to help donate school supplies.

✦The annual Bikes for the World bike collection event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 6. The Bikes for the World organization collects bikes and parts and delivers them to community programs in developing countries.

✦The Burke Area CROP Hunger walk, which has been fighting hunger in the region for 20 years, will be held on Sunday, November 18. Signup begins Saturday, Oct 27 and Sunday, Oct 28.

The Burke Presbyterian Church Youth Connections and "Rainbow" children's programs start this month with weekly meetings, dinners, and ac-

tivities for young people. Both programs offer a great environment to connect with other local kids, to develop healthy relationships, and to stay active in the community. More information and registration forms are available on the BPC website. www.burkepreschurch.org

Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton, offers Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery care is provided. Christian education for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. 703-830-3175.

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, conducts Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It also offers a Saturday vigil at 5:30 p.m. and a Thursday Latin mass at 7 p.m. 703-817-1770 or www.st-andrew.org.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, offers casual worship services on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. featuring contemporary music. More traditional services take place on Sunday mornings at 8:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday School is at 9:45-10:45 a.m. for children and adults. The church also offers discussion groups for adults. 703-451-5855 or www.poplcl.org.

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carleigh Parkway in Springfield, supports a Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) program on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the church. All mothers and children are welcome. The program provides mothers an opportunity to get to know other mothers through discussions and craft activities. Register at 703-451-5320.

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As part of the “100,000” Homes campaign, community volunteers and homeless advocates attend a “boot camp” in Kansas City this summer. (From left) Susan Ryan, New Hope Housing; Lori Mclean, Housing Development; Tom Barnett, OPEH; Nella Leppo, Community Services Board; Jerrienne Anthony, FACETS; Thomas Nichols, Volunteers of America; Carol Erhard, Fairfax County Housing and Community Development; Debbie Scaggs, OPEH; and Vince Jenkins, Reston Interfaith.

County Combats Chronic Homelessness

Fairfax County joins national effort to house ‘most vulnerable.’

By VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Fewer families experienced homelessness in Fairfax County this year, a 16 percent decline stemming largely from the County’s “housing first” focus, which rapidly identifies housing for those living on the edge.

But the number of chronic homeless—the most entrenched street dwellers and vulnerable individuals—jumped 20 percent this year.

According to the September report released by the Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH), 51 percent of single homeless individuals (353 people) were identified as chronically homeless in 2012, compared to 39 percent in 2011. An additional 43 adults were counted as unsheltered in 2012 over the previous year.

It’s those numbers that trouble many in the County’s nonprofit community. And as the weather begins to turn colder, county officials are seeking ways to help the homeless population most at risk to hypothermia and other medical problems.

Dean Klein, director of Fairfax County’s OPEH, announced last week that Fairfax County is embark-

ing on an ambitious new approach in dealing with the county’s chronically homeless, those who need not only a home but also the “wrap-around” medical services necessary to maintain permanent housing.

“We are currently organizing our teams to get our

Characteristic	Number	Percent
Serious mental illness, substance abuse or both	444	64%
Chronic health problems	91	13%
Physical disability	84	12%
Homeless due to domestic violence	63	9%
Current or prior history of domestic violence (new category)	104	15%
Limited English Proficiency (new category in 2012)	98	14%
Homeless from an institution	102	15%
Formerly in foster care	28	4%
Veteran of U.S. military service	56	8%
Chronic homeless	353	51%
Unsheltered	178	26%
Gender: Male	508	73%
Gender: Female	189	27%
Employed	142	20%
No income	285	41%
Income from \$1 to \$500 per month	101	14%
Income from \$501 to \$1,000 per month	140	20%
Income over \$1,000 per month	42	6%
Race/ethnicity: Hispanic (any race)	94	13.5%
White (non-Hispanic)	289	41.4%
Black (non-Hispanic)	243	34.9%
Bi- or Multiracial/Asian/Other/Unknown	71	10.2%

Ages: Age 18-34: 174 (25%); Age 35 - 54: 367 (53%); Age 55 and over: 155 (22%)

Unaccompanied youth under age 18: 1 (<0.15%)

***A total of 697 single individuals were identified as homeless last year. Of that number, 353 people were identified as chronically homeless.**

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A 40-foot tree, uprooted by the June 29 derecho storm, landed on a sidewalk at George Mason University.

County Launches Safety Campaign

By VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

In the past 12 months, Fairfax County residents have experienced an unprecedented number of emergencies, from an earthquake and a tropical storm to floods, a tornado and a derecho.

The June 29 derecho—a fast-moving line of thunderstorms that rolled through the area without warning—wreaked the most havoc, surprising residents with 50-80 mph winds, toppling trees and knocking out power to more than 1 million homes.

In the wake of these emergencies, Fairfax County’s Office of Emergency Management (OEM) launched an emergency preparedness campaign called “Fairfax Prepares: 30 Ways in 30 Days.” The multi-media campaign is a month-long effort to promote emergency preparedness through daily tips, ideas and outreach efforts. The campaign coincides with National Preparedness Month (NPM), sponsored by FEMA in partnership with Citizen Corps. NPM is held each September to encourage Americans to make sure they are prepared for disasters or emergencies in their homes, businesses, and communities.

“We encourage your participation and, even more importantly, your willingness to share these tips with your family, friends, coworkers, faith community, interest groups and neighbors,” said Marcelo Ferreira of the OEM. “We’re always at risk for other incidents such as terrorism.”

Here’s how to participate in this campaign:

❖ Each day, check the new

post on the OEM emergency blog at fairfaxcountyemergency.wordpress.com/

❖ Each idea will have an “ask” for you to accomplish—something practical.

❖ When you complete the ask (or if you were already prepared for a specific tip), then tell the OEM through one or many of these ways:

❖ Post a quick reply in the blog comments section such as “I’ve done this.”

❖ Use the Twitter hashtag #fairfaxprepares and tweet your accomplishment.

❖ Like the Facebook page for this campaign to leave comments and share tips.

❖ Email staff at publicaffairs@fairfaxcounty.gov that you accomplished an ask.

“Try to accomplish as many asks as you can in the 30 days (all asks may not apply for example, if you don’t have pets).

“Tell us how you customized an ask for your family or personal situation. And again, please share these tips with your networks of friends, neighbors, faith community members and more,” said Ferreira.

Currently, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management offers preparedness brochures in 10 key languages. These can be printed and shared with people you know who speak those languages.

“More than 160 languages are spoken in Fairfax County Public Schools. That’s one measure of how diverse our community is today,” according to OEM officials. “While we will predominantly publish emergency information in English, we need our whole community to be engaged in emergency preparedness.”

Joining Search, '100,000 Homes'

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most vulnerable and chronic population off the streets," Klein said. "The chronically homeless are the most medically and physically fragile."

Klein said Fairfax County's efforts are part of a national movement of communities working together to find permanent homes for 100,000 of the country's most vulnerable and chronically homeless individuals and families.

MARSHALING THE FORCES of government agencies, faith-based communities, businesses and non-profit partners, the campaign—called "100,000 Homes"—seeks to provide housing, counseling, treatment and other services aimed at helping people stay off the streets permanently.

Supported by a broad base of national and local partners, the campaign is fundamentally altering the response to homelessness by giving communities concrete tools that work and connecting them to likeminded advocates across the country.

According to county leaders, the plan is a "more intelligent way to invest in the homeless," because it creates permanent solutions to what many see as an intractable problem.

"What is different is that people don't have to be completely stabilized where their mental health or addiction issues are concerned before they get housing," said Tom Nichols, executive program director of Volunteers of America-Baileys Crossroads Shelter.

"The success of the program is based on the fact that being in permanent housing is significant motivation to address these issues without the added pressures of living on the street," Nichols said.

ACCORDING TO PAULA SAMPSON, the director of Fairfax County's Department of Housing and Community Development, the "100,000 Homes" initiative fits with Fairfax County's Housing Blueprint, which identifies ending homelessness in 10 years as one of its four principal goals.

"(We bring) to the table a variety of resources that provide permanent, affordable housing to Fairfax County's homeless population," Sampson said, noting that the fiscal year 2013 Housing Blueprint provides a total of 196 new permanent housing opportunities for homeless individuals and families, including the chronically homeless.

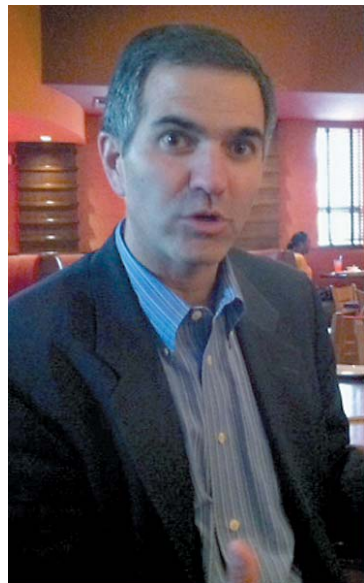
"The FY 2013 Housing Blueprint also provides 84 housing opportunities for persons with special needs, including persons with disabilities, victims of domestic violence and seniors, many of whom would be homeless or at-risk of homelessness but for these resources," said Sampson.

Klein said Fairfax County will also benefit from other communities that have had success with the campaign.

"We're looking at implementing regional solutions to the issue of preventing and ending homelessness and one impressive example in a neighboring community is what they've been able to achieve in Arlington," Klein said.

Arlington's Success Story

Arlington kicked off its campaign last October, when 150 volunteers and civic leaders hit the



Dean Klein

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—Dean Klein, director of the Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH)

streets before dawn to survey and register homeless persons living on the streets of Arlington. One of the key strategies of the campaign is train teams to identify the chronic homeless during "registry week."

"Two County Board members, Jay Fissette and Mary Hynes, actually went out on the street to survey the homeless at 4 a.m. during the registry week," said Anita Friedman, a division chief with the Arlington Department of Human Services. "We had over 150 community volunteers participate in the registry."

During Arlington's registry week, a total of 153 homeless persons were surveyed, and 83 scored at least a 1 on the "vulnerability scale," which is used to assess risk of dying on the streets. Friedman said 33 homeless persons identified as vulnerable have been successfully placed in permanent housing.

Housing placements began in December 2011 and have since then averaged 3.7 a month with 97 percent of persons placed maintaining their housing. Most importantly, Arlington's campaign is on target to fulfill the goal of housing 100 people in three years.

Friedman said the momentum about the new initiative carried over to the community-wide debriefing held at the end of registry week. During that meeting, real estate developer John Shooshan, who owns the Shooshan Company, pledged \$500,000 of his own money towards housing the homeless, and challenged the Arlington County government to match the amount. The Arlington County Board approved a match of \$500,000 at the end of fiscal year 2012.

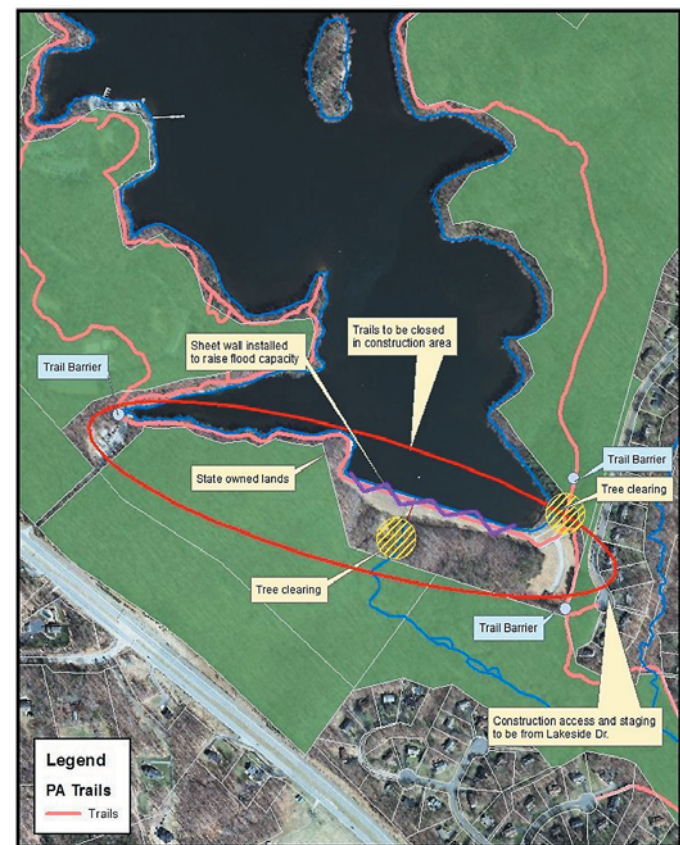
"The \$1 million is being used to 'buy down' 10 one-bedroom units that will be set aside for 30 years for permanent supportive housing for clients at a local apartment complex owned and operated by the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH)," Friedman said.

"We would love for that to happen in Fairfax County," Klein said.

He said by putting faces to statistics during registry week, homeless advocates can provide an opportunity for people to better understand the issues, and give them an opportunity to be a part of the solution.

"You see community after community that has changed perceptions about the chronic homeless. We can do the same in our community," Klein said.

To learn more about the national campaign, visit the website at <http://100khomes.org>.



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY

The park authority is estimating that it will take 90-120 days to complete the project. During that time, signs will be erected throughout the park alerting users of the trail to the temporary change. The map shows the three points along the trail that will be affected by the dam repair. Take a look at the map and plan your walks along the trail keeping in mind that a full loop will not be possible while the dam is being repaired.

Dam Project Worries Neighbors

South Run residents want unofficial park entryway shut down permanently.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Chris Amans and his wife, Brenda Riffe, have lived in the leafy neighborhood of South Run in Fairfax Station since the community was developed in the mid-1980s.

Bordered by Lee Chapel Road, Route 123, and the Fairfax County Parkway, many of the community's 500 homes, which sell for close to \$1 million, back up to Burke Lake Park.

While they love the neighborhood's mature trees, expansive 1/2-acre lots and access to Burke Lake Park, they have never been happy with the fact that their Laketree Drive cul-de-sac has become an unofficial entrance to the popular Burke Lake trails.

ON WEEKENDS, the cul-de-

sac is often filled with cars parked haphazardly on their street, as park-goers use the 4-foot gravel berm as a de-facto parking lot.

"There's been more outsider traffic to use entry to the park, and it damages the road," Riffe said. "I've seen 12-15 cars parked here at one time," Amans said.

Riffe and Amans were joined Saturday night, Sept. 15, by several other South Run neighbors who met Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) on Laketree Drive, asking that Fairfax County permanently close off the entryway.

Chris Leach, a longtime South Run homeowner and member of the South Run Regency, told Herrity that while some people are respectful of the neighborhood's speed limits, other frequently zip through the neighborhood without re-

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NEWS

Braddock Road To Be Repaved From Rolling to Roberts Road

The Virginia Department of Transportation will begin full milling and paving of Braddock Road, between Rolling Road and Roberts Road. Work is scheduled to begin this month and conclude, weather permitting, Nov. 15, 2012.

Virginia Paving plans to begin its work starting at Rolling Road and head west, completing both the east and westbound sections with intermediate asphalt and temporary striping. Upon completion of this stage to Roberts Road, the contractor will initiate final paving, again starting at Rolling Road and moving west.

However, this time only the westbound lanes will be paved. When the contractor reaches Roberts Road, the process will be reversed to complete the eastbound side, moving back towards Rolling Road.

In an effort to minimize this project's impact on traffic along Braddock District's main thoroughfare, all work will occur at night; 8 p.m. through 5 a.m., Sunday night through Friday morning. No work is permitted prior to 9 a.m. on Sundays or Federal Holidays. Though this work is permitted at night, the contractor must still abide by the Fairfax County Noise Ordinance.

For example:
 ❖The use of hoe rams or jackhammers in conjunction with this project is prohibited between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m., Monday through Saturday, and between the hours of 9 p.m. and 9 a.m., Sundays and Federal Holidays.

❖All lights used to illuminate the project site, including any staging areas related to this project shall be directed downward and away from all occupied residential buildings, and particularly, directed away from those parts of all buildings used for sleeping purposes.

❖All motorized vehicles and equipment used on this project must be equipped with proper mufflers.

Trucking routes and timing shall be planned to minimize the backing of such traffic and therefore minimize the use of backup alarms.

❖The banging of tail gates is strictly prohibited. Drivers associated with this project are to be briefed daily about this prohibition.

If you have any questions or concerns as this project is underway, contact the office of the Braddock district supervisor, John Cook, at 703-425-9300, or send an email at braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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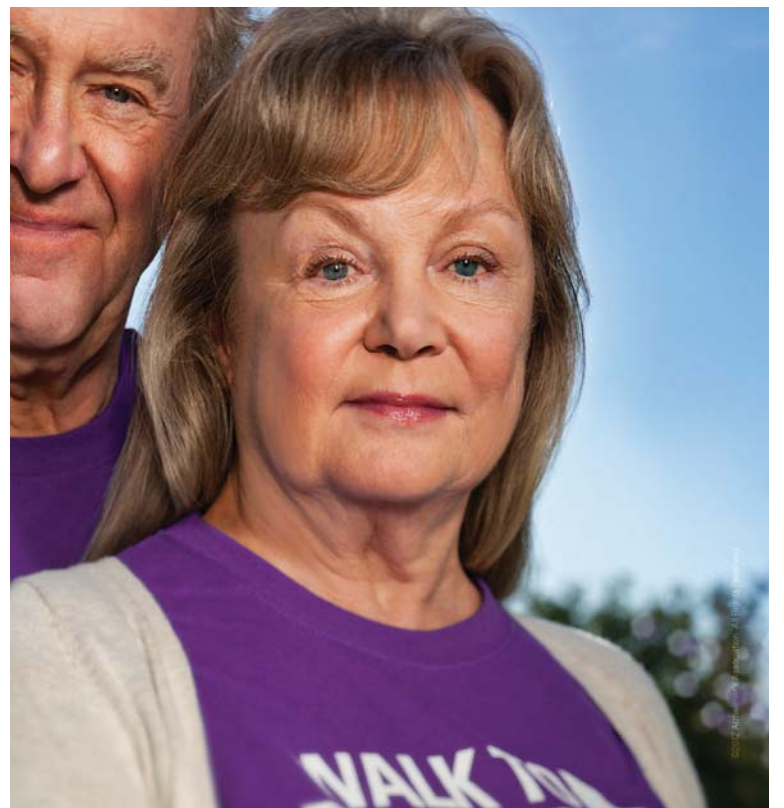
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This week, this volume containing George Washington's personal copy of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and other legislation passed by the first session of Congress, with his handwritten notes in the margins, went on display at the Mount Vernon Estate, on Constitution Day which was Monday, Sept. 17. The book will be on display at Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center at the Mount Vernon Estate through President's Day in February 2013.

It is certainly worth the trip to see.

The Constitution and the Bill of Rights, the first 10 amendments, are a model of spare writing, packing every word and phrase with meaning, anticipating much and providing a framework for future. Here is the text of the Bill of Rights, courtesy of the Library of Congress. I cannot imagine that 500 words anywhere from any era convey so much power. These 500 words are what make democracy work.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A Major Disappointment

To the Editor:

The Sept. 13-19 issue of the Connection was a major disappointment.

The page headline was "News" and yet the main article (Bow Hunting in Fairfax County Parks) concentrated on sensationalism and offered no opposing material on the subject. Any reader could easily tell that the top left deer photo was "enhanced" with the arrow—most likely with Photoshop or similar editing software. It wasn't News; was it a paid advertisement? If so, it was in poor taste.

The article, and the cited web site, was rife with incorrect or misleading statements. I believe the Connection Publishers owe it to their readers to investigate the facts. What better source than Victoria Monroe, the Fairfax County wildlife biologist. Ms. Monroe runs the Parks Bow Hunting Program and does a credible job.

I could have attached a legiti-

mate photo of a sick and starving deer within Fairfax County—but that serves little except to tug at the emotional heartstrings. Overpopulation of deer in Fairfax County is a reality and it is a problem that must be faced square-on, using science, biology, personnel majoring in the wildlife career field and an understanding of the alternative costs of managing the deer herd. If citizens don't understand that an overpopulation of deer causes sickness, hunger, stress and death for the deer themselves, that it causes the under-story/browse in our parks to disappear, that it leads to a reduction in the diversity of wild birds, plants, flowers and other wildlife, that it increases auto-deer collisions—then managing and controlling the deer population is that much harder.

Bow hunting in the parks is one method of managing the deer herd. Your readers need to know that the participant bow hunters are not just a group of careless individuals who just picked up their bows yesterday for the first time. Ms. Monroe's program sees to it

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Article IV

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Article V

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall

be compelled in any Criminal Case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Article VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining Witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

Article VII

In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Article VIII

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Article IX

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Article X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

— MARY KIMM,

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You Did Build That

Did President Obama say, "If you were successful, somebody along the line gave you some help.... If you've got a business—you didn't build that. Somebody else made that happen?"

Using the president's rationale: No, he did not! Somebody else made that happen. Over many centuries, others created the words that the president used to express himself, and teachers in his life showed him how to use those words.

Oh, yes he did! When he spoke those words, none of those creators or teachers were there to help him put those words in the proper order. Others can instill knowledge in you and give you the skills to put the knowledge and skills together to create a product or service, but no one can make you do that.

Someone can put a gun to your head and say, "Do this." But, you make the choice. No one can make you create a business. No one can make you take over a business built by others. No one can make you eat your vegetables.

Joel J. Lutkenhouse
Burke

Darrel Salisbury
Lorton

LETTERS

Both Parties to Blame for Kicking the Can

To the Editor:

Victoria Ross's article ["Local Leaders to Virginia Governor: Time to Fund Transportation is Now," Connection, Sept. 13-19, 2012] describes a "historic Urban Crescent coalition" urging the governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia to recognize the needs for more transportation funding. Lack of getting appropriate transportation funds to satisfy our traffic needs has been on the budget table too long. Both political parties are to blame for kicking the can down the road.

I just recently received my Fairfax County 2012 personal property tax bill. I noticed the state car tax subsidy went down from 75 percent to 63 percent, a 12 percent reduction. What this means to me is my car tax bill went up 12 percent. Since the state has been reimbursing each county for their revenue loss of 75 percent from the state transportation trust fund, two things happened: our individual car tax assessment bill went down 75 percent and the county, like Fairfax, was reimbursed 75 percent from the state. It was a win, win situation for everyone except for the state transportation trust fund, which covered the county revenue loss. I was wondering, if we, the individual tax payers, are now expected to pay 12 percent more of our

car tax, and the state has reduced its reimbursement to the counties, doesn't it seem logical for this "Urban Crescent coalition" to ask the state to increase their transportation allocation amount to Northern Virginia by 12 percent? The cash outflow from the state transportation would be the same as when they paid 75 percent last year and we paid 25 percent.

Ronald L. Baker
Springfield

Write

The Connection welcomes views on any public issue.

The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for libel, grammar, good taste and factual errors.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY
WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY, FOR AUTHORITY
TO AMEND ITS SAVE PLAN PURSUANT TO § 56-604 B OF
THE CODE OF VIRGINIA CASE NO. PUE-2012-00096

On August 6, 2012, in accordance with 5 VAC 5-20-80 of the State Corporation Commission's ("Commission") Rules of Practice and Procedure, and § 56-604 B of the Code of Virginia ("Code"), a provision of the Steps to Advance Virginia's Energy Plan Act ("SAVE Act"), Washington Gas Light Company ("WGL" or "Company") filed an application ("Application") with the Commission for approval of certain amendments to its SAVE Plan, which was approved by the Commission in Case No. PUE-2010-00087 ("Approved SAVE Plan"). In its Application for an amended SAVE Plan ("Amended SAVE Plan"), the Company proposes to recover approximately \$191.4 million in anticipated expenditures for replacement of facilities over a five-year period beginning January 1, 2013. As proposed by the Company, the recovery of its anticipated expenditures would be through a rider on customers' bills as required by § 56-604 A of the SAVE Act ("Rider").

The Company projects that the Rider for the Amended SAVE Plan will add \$8.90 to a typical residential customer's bill in 2013, and the charge would be reflected on customers' bills in the line item "All Applicable Riders." In subsequent years, the Rider would be revised annually after review by the Commission Staff ("Staff"), and the revised Rider would become effective at the beginning of the January billing cycle. The Amended SAVE Plan and Rider would remain in effect through December 31, 2017.

WGL states that the infrastructure replacement projects included in the Amended SAVE Plan will expand the scope of WGL's Approved Save Plan to enable the Company to continue accelerated replacement of higher risk pipe based on historical leak rates.

The Company states that it will continue to implement the replacement programs in the Approved SAVE Plan, but proposes to revise the cost estimates for three of the approved programs to reflect actual cost experience to date and to include construction overhead. The Approved SAVE Plan consists of three on-going programs: Program 1 - Bare and/or Unprotected Steel Services; Program 2 - Bare and Unprotected Steel Main; and Program 3 - Vintage Mechanically Coupled Pipe. As part of this Application, the Company requests authority to extend the approval period for Programs 2 and 3 for an additional three years beyond December 31, 2014, to coincide with the five-year approval requested for the three proposed new replacement programs, namely, Program 5 - Targeted Copper Service Segments; Program 6 - Targeted Pre-1975 Plastic Service Segments ("Black Plastic"); and Program 7 - Cast Iron Main. Additionally, the estimated expenditures and timeframe for the proposed new pipe replacement programs are \$11.0 million over five years for Program 5 - Targeted Copper Service Segments; \$4.6 million over five years for Program 6 - Black Plastic; and \$26.2 million over ten years for Program 7 - Cast Iron Main. The Company further states that expenditures for SAVE programs will continue to be capped at 105% of the total SAVE Plan approved amount, and annual expenditures will not exceed 125% of the amount approved for each year, as required by the Commission's Order in Case No. PUE-2010-00087.

In its Application, the Company also requests that the Commission eliminate the limitation that individual program allocations may be modified by no more than 10%. The Company asserts that this additional flexibility would enable it to prioritize projects based on their riskiness, as demonstrated by the Company's Distribution Integrity Management Program, rather than on a pre-determined timeline. The Company further states that expenditures for SAVE programs will continue to be capped at 105% of the total SAVE Plan approved amount, and annual expenditures will not exceed 125% of the amount approved for each year, as required by the Commission's Order in Case No. PUE-2010-00087.

The details of these and other proposals are set forth in the Company's Application. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Company's Application and supporting testimony and exhibits for the details of these proposals.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Comment that, among other things, directed the Company to provide notice to the public and provided interested persons an opportunity to comment on the Company's Application.

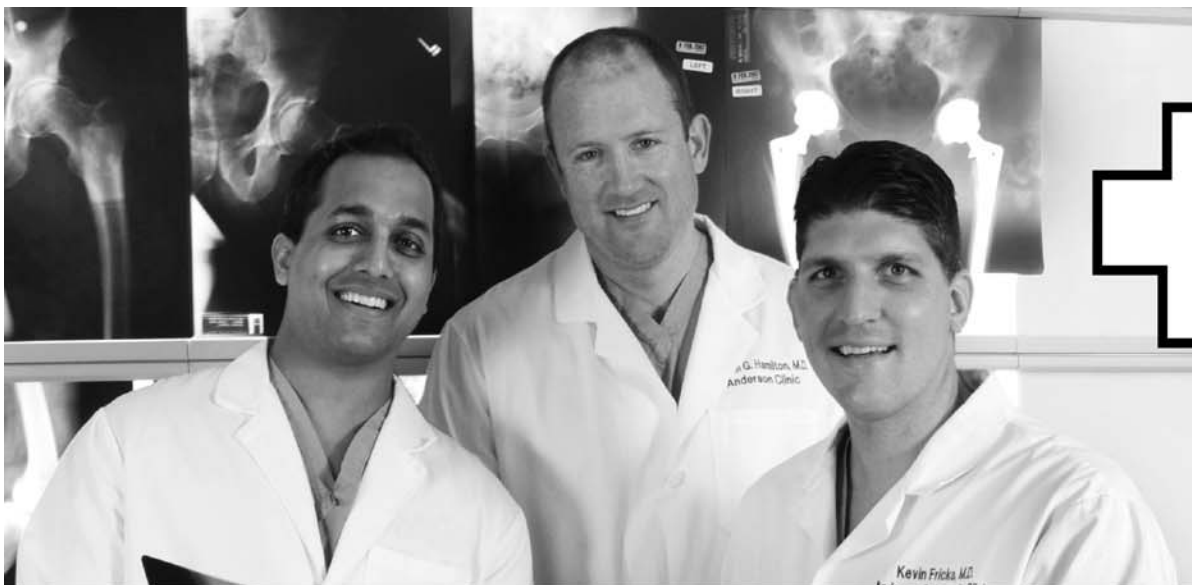
A copy of the Company's Application may be obtained at no charge by requesting a copy of the same from the Company's counsel, Meera Ahamed, Esquire, Washington Gas Light Company, 101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20080. The Application and related documents shall also be available for review in the Commission's Document Control Center, Tyler Building, First Floor, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interested persons may also download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

On or before October 19, 2012, interested persons may file written comments on WGL's Application with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Interested persons desiring to submit comments electronically may do so, on or before October 19, 2012, by following the instructions on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. Comments shall refer to Case No. PUE-2012-00096.

On or before October 19, 2012, interested persons may request that the Commission convene a hearing on the Company's Application by filing a request for hearing with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Requests for hearing must refer to Case No. PUE-2012-00096 and include: (i) a precise statement of the filing party's interest in the proceeding; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; (iii) a statement of the legal basis for such action; and (iv) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in this matter.

On or before October 19, 2012, any interested person may participate as a respondent in this proceeding by filing a notice of participation in accordance with 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.* If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the notice of participation shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUE-2012-00096.

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Teaching Kids About Money

Experts offer advice on raising financially savvy children.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

“Money comes from my daddy,” said Ian, a 7-year-old boy from Arlington, who is missing his front teeth.

“My parents got it from an ATM,” said 6-year-old Claire when asked about the origins of the \$10 bill that she was using to buy a scoop of chocolate ice cream.

Financial experts say that as soon as children are aware of the purchasing power of money, parents should start teaching them how to use it wisely. Children who develop sound financial habits when they are young will become adults who know how to budget, save and use credit judiciously.

“No matter how young a child is, they can always learn good money practices,” said Theresia Wansi, an associate professor of finance at Marymount University in Arlington, “What matters in life is not how much money you earn, but how you manage your finances. We hear stories all the time about people who make millions and end up broke.”

Potomac, Md., resident Glen Buco, president of West Financial Services, says many financial advisers in his McLean, office are also parents who are passing along penny-wise know-how to their children. “When their children receive money, the parents help them develop a budget using a “three bucket system,” said Buco. “One bucket is for saving, one is for spending and one for charity.”

Experts like Buco say wise shopping is a key component of money smarts: “When children want items like clothing or electronics, help them develop a budget with the money they’ve saved and then shop around,” he said. “One of the mothers in my office helped her 9-year-old daughter shop for shoes online by comparing prices, looking for discounts and free shipping.”

Ilham Nasser, an associate professor of early childhood education at George Mason University



Ilham Nasser, Ph.D., of George Mason University in Fairfax, says parents can teach children delayed gratification by using simple games like ‘Simon Says.’



Herndon resident Theresia Wansi, Ph.D., of Marymount University in Arlington, encourages parents to help children keep track of their money by writing down the amount they spend each day.

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Theresia Wansi, Ph.D., who teaches finance at Marymount University in Arlington, believes that those who develop sound financial habits when they are young will become adults who know how to budget, save and use credit judiciously.

in Fairfax, says impulse control is often a stumbling block to financial stability. “Parents can teach self-regulation by using techniques like telling their children to count to 10 or take a deep breath or by playing simple games like ‘Simon Says’ to teach delayed gratification.”

Wansi says children should also be taught to keep track of the money that passes through their hands. “Everyone should have a spending diary,” she said. “Use a spreadsheet where the child lists what they spend. They might see that they are spending much more than they thought they were.”

Setting financial goals and working toward them is another strategy for managing urges to

spend money frivolously. “Everyone can set short-term, intermediate and long-term financial goals,” said Wansi. “The goals you set have to be realistic and specific in measurable terms. For example, ‘I am going to get a part-time job to save for a \$2,000 car in six months.’”

WHEN IT COMES TO LEARNING to save, experts say to start early. “Even an elementary school student who has \$5 can be taught to save \$2 in a piggy bank,” said Wansi. “When they are old enough to open a savings account, they can save money there.”

Parents can help their children understand expenses and how simple actions can save money by

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Applying to Private Schools: Starting the Process

As the application period gets underway, local independent school officials offer suggestions.

START SURFING. “I would encourage parents to visit a variety of school websites to get a feel for the wide range of fabulous independent school options available. A comprehensive directory of schools with website information [can be found at <http://www.independenteducation.org>].” Mimi Mulligan, assistant head and director of admission and enrollment management, Norwood School, Bethesda, Md.

WATCH AND RUMINATE. “Observe your child and think about the learning style that’s best for him or her. What are the values of your family? What are your hopes for your child’s education?” Diane Dunning, director of admission and financial aid at St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School, Alexandria.

AVOID FOLLOWING THE PACK. “Don’t be swayed by popular opinion or reputation. Instead, visit every school you’re considering, talk to current or alumni parents and students, and then decide whether that school may fit your child’s interests, personality and needs.” Tim Simpson, director of admission, Bullis School, Potomac, Md.

ESTABLISH PRIORITIES AND START SLEUTHING. “Create a list of five or 10 things that are important to you and your child. Check the athletic schedules and the theatrical and fine arts performance schedules, which are posted on the websites of [independent schools]. You should come to those events ... because the more time you spend on a campus, particularly at an event that is not run by an admissions office, you’re going to get a much better sense of what that [school’s] community is like. For example, do you see students there who you could see yourself being friends with? Do you like the way that the adults are inter-

acting with the students in the community?” asked Ann Miller, director of admission, Madeira School, McLean.

MAKE A LIST AND CHECK IT. “List out the schools you think you may want to apply to and check on their application processes and deadline dates. Many schools have parts of the application that are extremely time sensitive, such as signing up for admission testing as well as filing for financial assistance.” Pat Harden, director of admissions and financial aid, Connelly School of the Holy Child, Potomac, Md.

DEAL WITH STICKER SHOCK. “Don’t eliminate a school from your search because of the cost of tuition without looking into financial aid [or] merit and scholarship awards that may help reduce the cost.” Scott Conklin, director of admissions, Episcopal High School of Virginia, Arlington.

FIND A CLEAR PICTURE. “When considering schools, take a moment to actually visit the campus and ask the tough questions. A school’s website may or may not be the full picture. The question for the parent is, how real is the image they are seeing online? A few conversations with parents and teachers go a lot farther in this regard. Ask admissions officers what their schools’ mission is, how it is different from that of other schools and how they implement the mission.” Rich Moss, director of admissions, The Heights School, Potomac.

GET ORGANIZED. “Finally, once you have decided that you will be applying to a school for your child, get out that calendar again and write down all deadline information – application deadline, financial aid deadlines, supporting documents and testing deadlines.” Mimi Mulligan.

— MARILYN CAMPBELL

allowing them to see bills, due dates and the amount of money owed.

“If your children leave lights on all over the house and you yell at them, they’re not going to get it. You have to share your bills with your children,” said Wansi, who lives in Herndon. “When my kids were away at college, my bill was around \$100 dollars ... and when they came back [for a school break] it was \$500. I took the bills for them to see and they were amazed that a bill could be that expensive. Then everybody starting turning off lights without being asked.”

Nassar suggests parents use a show and tell approach: “Part of raising a child is being a role model and showing an ability to manage expenses,” she said. “When you go to the grocery store, take your children and say, ‘We have \$100 today and we need to get these things. Let’s see which

are the most important things.’ Help them think about priorities.”

Understanding credit is critical part of financial management, says Wansi: “In the U.S., it is hard to live without good credit. Teach children the advantages and pitfalls of credit. Beginning at middle school, it is important for children to understand the importance of good credit. I’ve talked to high school students who didn’t know that when you use credit cards you have to pay the money back.”

Buco says that debit cards might be a good alternative. “I’ve seen parents use these when their kids go off to college,” he said. “They would put money in the account and the kids can use the debit card. Several parents in my office who have 12- and 13-year-olds have set up debit cards with zero balances. When the kids find something they want to buy, [they can] move money out of savings into checking.”

PEOPLE

“Living with my host family was the best part of the trip.”

—Justin Seara

Volunteering in Mexico

West Springfield High senior Justin Seara completes four community projects in Oaxaca.

BY ANNA BLORE
THE CONNECTION

While local Springfield residents frolicked away in the sun this summer, West Springfield High School senior Justin Seara volunteered in Oaxaca, Mexico where he lived among the Zapotec Indians while helping to improve living conditions.

Seara volunteered with the Amigos de las Americas organization, which helps send high school and college students to rural areas in South and Central America. Volunteers assist in a variety of projects from improving the community to working in the fields.

“The organization [has] been around for 40-50 years,” said Seara. “I thought it would give me a good opportunity to connect with my Spanish ancestry.”

While abroad, Seara completed four different community service projects over the eight weeks in Mexico. His projects included organizing a brand new recycling center, painting two murals and lastly planting trees around the city. Although some may struggle to accomplish such goals in a foreign country, Seara, a fluent Spanish speaker, made sure to leave his impact on the small town of Magdalena Teitipac.

Not only impacting the town, Seara grew close with his host family. With a house already bursting with eight people, his family still managed to make room for him.

“Living with my host family was



West Springfield High School senior Justin Seara.

the best part of the trip,” said Seara. “They were extremely warm and welcoming.”

In order to fulfill the \$6,000 trip

fee Seara had to raise \$2,500 of it on his own. In order to reach that goal, he sold a variety of fresh produce including navel oranges, grapefruits, mangoes and other desirable products. With such perseverance Seara acts as a role model for his fellow seniors looking to come up with their own Capstone project.

For those who don't know, the Capstone project is a required community service project that aims to integrate student interests and perspectives towards giving back to the community.

“I would advise students to spend time looking at activities they're interested in,” said Seara.

“You really just need to get out there and look around.”

While Seara set out with the sole goal of “surviving” the two months, he gained a new appreciation for the rich cultures surrounding him and the impact he could make in just a short time.

“Some of the people in Mexico are living on what we would make in a day job,” said Seara.

“It was an incredibly humbling experience.”



Justin Seara's host brothers (from left) Cristian, 14, and Ivan, 15, standing next to a freshly painted recycling mural.

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The main church in the Magdalena Teitipac community.

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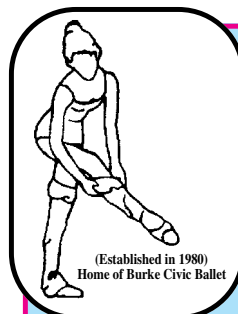
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FRIDAY/SEPT. 21

Korpiklaani. 5 p.m., Empire, 6335 Rolling Road, Springfield. Finland's traditional folk metal ensemble plays on one of the opening nights of their U.S. tour. \$18. 703-569-5940 or www.empire-nova.com.

Screen on the Green. 7:30 p.m., at Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Showing "Sideways." Bring a blanket, picnic and enjoy your favorite wine while watching one of the best wine movies ever made, "Sideways." www.paradisepingswinery.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 22

Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Lorton Volunteer Fire Hall, Armstead Road, Lorton. Ladies Auxillary Community Projects will be selling beverages, baked goods, hotdogs and snacks; spaces available for \$20. 703-819-9983.

Smart Markets' Farmer's Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Ave., Springfield. Shop on Saturdays for seasonal produce, goods and wares. www.smartmarkets.org.

Flea Market. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. VRE Commuter Rail Parking Lot, 6900 Hechinger Drive, Springfield. Sponsored by Springfield-Franconia Lions Club. Vendor fee \$20 per parking space. Proceeds benefit local charities. 703-569-3074 or <http://sfhostlions.org/fleamkt.html>.

Sean's Walk for Childhood Apraxia. 10 a.m., at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Join local mother Tina Donbeck and her son with Apraxia, Aidan Donbeck, to help bring awareness to the motor speech disorder as well as raise funds to benefit the Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association of North America (CASANA), a 501(c)3 nonprofit public charity. tdonbeck@gmail.com or <http://www.apraxia-kids.org/northernwalk>.

Homecoming and Reunion. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., The Workhouse Quad, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Lorton Correctional Complex current and former employees are invited; brief program, followed by food (catered by Dixie Bones Barbeque) and The Amazing Gospel Souls, whose members are former offenders from Lorton, and DJ Darryl Stewart of KDDZ Entertainment. \$30, adults; \$15, teens; \$12, children. www.lortonarts.org/events.

Families & Friends of ServiceSource Fall Picnic. Noon-5 p.m., a the Thieberger residence, 10811 Harley Road, Lorton. Food, music, games, hayrides and camaraderie at a beautiful country home. \$5. RSVP. 703-970-3683 or tothstevej@aol.com.

Sydenstricker Schoolhouse Coffee House. 6-9 p.m., 8511 Hooes Road, Springfield. Beverages and desserts available for small donation to benefit preservation of the Historic Sydenstricker Schoolhouse. <https://www.facebook.com/sydenstrickerschoolhouse/info>.

10th Anniversary of Miss Greater Springfield Pageant. 7:30 p.m., at the Village Square Auditorium, 7440 Spring Village

Drive, Springfield. The "Where Dreams Come True" pageant. \$15. www.missgreaterpringfield.com.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 23

Great Haircuts, Great Prices, Great Cause. Noon-4 p.m., Jon David Hair Salons, 6720 Commerce Street, Springfield. Jon David Hair Salon joins in the annual HopeCuts Fund-Raiser for Cancer, HIV/AIDS Research by reducing prices by 50 percent and giving proceeds to benefit research at City of Hope National Medical Center and Beckman Research Institute. Reservations. 703-924-3835 or <http://jondavidssalon.net/>.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 25

Family Day at the Main Street Pub. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., 7140 Main Street, Clifton. Eat dinner with your children and don't pay for their dinner (ages 12 and under eat free). 703-266-6307 or www.themainstreetpub.net.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 26

Moms Event: Cherished Friends. 10-11:30 a.m., Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carleigh Pkwy., Springfield. Coffee, tea, homemade treats, casual dress, childcare and a talk on friendship. \$5. MomsOnTheRun4@gmail.com.

Robert and Gail Piepenburg Ceramics Exhibition. 11 a.m.-7 p.m., at the W-16 McGuire Woods Gallery, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Gail and Robert's Raku and smoke-fired sculptures and vessels in conjunction with their Raku Workshop (to come, Oct. 20-21) is open through Oct. 21. www.workhousearts.org.

"Cheers" Showing. 8 p.m.-10 p.m., 7140 Main Street, Clifton. Thirty years ago this September, Cheers premiered on NBC. Pull up a stool and join Norm for a cold one. 703-266-6307 or www.themainstreetpub.net.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 29

Public Reception: Washington Landscape Painters. 5-7 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Works of The Washington Society of Landscape Painters on display in the Workhouse Gallery. Exhibit open Sept. 28-Oct. 21. www.workhousearts.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 6

Flea Market. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. VRE Commuter Rail Parking Lot, 6900 Hechinger Drive, Springfield. Sponsored by Springfield-Franconia Lions Club. Vendor fee \$20 per parking space. Proceeds benefit local charities. 703-569-3074 or <http://sfhostlions.org/fleamkt.html>.

SATURDAY/OCT. 13

2nd Saturday Art Walk. 6-9 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Meet each building's featured artist, a reception in W-16 from 6-7 p.m. and more. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

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AREA ROUNDUPS

Suspects Hit Cardiac Care Center ATM

Police responded to the Inova Fairfax Hospital Cardiac Care Center yesterday where they removed a skimmer from the ATM machine located in the lobby near the gift shop. They believe thieves attached the skimmer to the machine in late August and have been stealing thousands from unsuspecting employees, patients, friends and family members at the hospital.

Financial crimes detectives were alerted to the issue when they began to receive complaints that ATM cards were being used fraudulently to purchase groceries, expensive coffees and, primarily, to get cash from other ATM machines. An alert customer spotted the skimming device on the machine and contacted hospital security who immediately called police on Wednesday, Sept. 13. Detectives are investigating four cases now but feel that there are many more victims that have not checked their statements yet and may be unaware they've been victimized.

Police report that this crime is on the rise and they urge those that have used the machine in late August through Sept. 12, 2012 to check their statements closely. If they detect a discrepancy, they should contact their bank and po-



A skimmer removed from the ATM machine located in the lobby of the Inova Fairfax Hospital Cardiac Care Center.

lice at 703-691-2131. They may also make an online report or learn more about financial crime scams at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/financialcrimes/>.

There have been no arrests in these cases yet and the investigations are ongoing.

Bike Summit Slated

The inaugural Fairfax Bike Sum-

mit will be held Saturday, Oct. 27, at George Mason University. The goal is to bring together current and future bicyclists, bicycle organizations, bike shops and transportation professionals to discuss how to make Fairfax County a better place to live by making bicycling a major component of the transportation system.

Nationally known speakers will include County resident Andy Clarke, president of the League of American Bicyclists, Chris Eatough of BikeArlington and Stewart Schwartz of the Coalition for Smarter Growth. And on display will be the latest transportation bikes and gear from local bike shops.

Register online for free; attendance is limited to 200 people. Display space is free and available for bicycle businesses and organizations. The event will be held at The HUB at GMU in the front-middle ballroom, 4400 University Drive in Fairfax. Further information is available at www.fabbikes.org and bikesummit@fabbikes.org.

Sponsoring the summit are Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling (FABB), GMU and Fairfax County.

Black Chamber of Commerce to Host Candidates' Night Mixer

With access to capital and opportunity for growth at an alarming low for black-owned businesses, the Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce will shine a light on this small business crisis at the 4th Annual Candidates' Night reception on Wednesday, Sept. 26, 6-8:30 p.m. at the Springfield Hilton, 6550 Loisdale Road, Springfield.

The annual nonpartisan NVBCC Candidates' Night Mixer gives candidates and elected officials the opportunity to meet business owners face-to-face, and allows members of the African American community the chance to express their concerns about the future of Northern Virginia. Already, a dozen candidates and elected officials have been confirmed.

"The majority of black-owned businesses have fewer than five employees and African American women are leading the way in starting new businesses," notes NVBCC Chairwoman Gaea L. Honeycutt. "It's with this in mind that we bring attention to the more than 40 percent disparity in access to capital for black-owned business and the lack of opportunity as so few corporate and government contracts are awarded to minority- and women-owned businesses on the whole."

Candidates' Night is sponsored by Isaac Lewis of Morgan Stanley. The event is lead by a host committee: Dontaé Bugg, The Law Office of Dontaé L. Bugg; Angelica Delboy, RE/MAX Gateway; Gaea L. Honeycutt, Brazen Maven (SM) Marketing Communications; Gerald Pademore, Northern Virginia Urban League Young Professionals; and Terron Sims, Northern Virginia Black Democrats.

NVBCC welcomes its community partners: Alexandria-Fairfax Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Nu Xi Zeta Chapter and the NOVA Coalition.

For more information about Candidates' Night 2012, go to <http://bit.ly/nvbcc2012election>.

Confirmed Candidates and Elected Officials:
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Gerry Connolly (D), U.S. congressman, 11th District*
Justin Fairfax (D), candidate for attorney general, Virginia

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The Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce is a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that facilitates the growth of black-owned businesses in Northern Virginia and of those businesses that wish to partner with them. NVBCC is committed to the economic success, development and empowerment of its Member Partners and the wider community. Learn more about the chamber at <http://www.novabcc.org>.

Burke Lake Dam Project to Impact Trail, Park Users

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gard to children playing in their front yards. "I've literally been passed on this street by drivers flying by to get to the trail, and people haul canoes and all kinds of gear without any respect that this is a neighborhood with small children. There's no need for them to do that," Leach said.

Now that the dam at Burke Lake Park will be undergoing repairs this month to comply with new safety standards, residents are even more concerned about the volume of traffic and the added hassle of heavy construction equipment, since the unofficial entryway on Laketree Drive has been identified as the official entry point of state contractors rehabbing the dam.

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF), the state agency responsible for maintaining the lake, has notified the park authority that work is scheduled to begin on the dam later this month, and will last 90 to 120 days.

Residents who met with Herrity had several concerns. They said VDGIF did not need to rip out 30-foot of mature trees, or pave over the area with blacktop, to gain access to the dam. Some residents did not want Laketree Drive used as the construction entrance at all.

"You can't convince me that there's not going to be construction equipment obstructing the street," said resident Shelly Bralich. "I don't care how much it costs to move the entrance of the project (out of the neighborhood). These roads were not made for heavy construction equipment, and we're the ones who are going to incur the costs of damages when the construction crews leave."

OTHER NEIGHBORS said they were concerned about construction crews trampling through their yards, using the park entrance as a bathroom, and interfering with the four school bus runs that pick up and drop off students each day.

"They won't have to deal with the aftermath. To me, that's just wrong," Bralich said.

"I'm dreading having problems with people running in and out of our yard," said Eileen Daly. "People who use the park already walk through our yard, and let their dogs run off leash. My children can't play in the front yard now, and (the VDGIF) people say they don't know the size of the workforce. Is it going to be 50 people? More than that? They should be able to tell us by now."

Herrity said the road Laketree Drive is public and it's not likely the state will change the construction entrance. He also noted the six-foot-tall boulder marking the unofficial entryway makes it a natural park entry-point, and residents admitted the boulder has become a landmark in the neighborhood.

He told residents he believed the dam construction project was an opportunity to get people out of the habit of using Laketree Drive as a park entrance.

"The best solution is to live with the short-term inconvenience for a long-term solution," Herrity said.

He said if residents can live with the short-term inconvenience of construction, there was a long-term opportunity to shut down the unofficial entryway and re-direct park-goers to an entrance off Old Keene Mill Road, which is far less developed.

He said another goal is to take the blacktop out of the project, and work with the park authority to get substantial trees to replace the ones that get taken down.



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South Run residents in Fairfax Station meet with Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) to discuss concerns about the Burke Lake Park Dam project. From left, Chris Leach, Chuck Caposell, Tony Bralich, Jim Robinson and Pat Herrity.

Burke Lake Dam Project —What You Need to Know

Beginning in mid-September, the dam at Burke Lake Park will be undergoing repairs to comply with new state dam regulations. In addition, note the following changes at the park during the renovation of the dam:

- ❖ While there will be closure of some trails in proximity to the dam, the trails used by the schools for cross-country races will not be impacted by the construction. Teams will also be able to use alternative routes for practice.
- ❖ There will be no access going to or coming from the neighborhoods in South Run.
- ❖ Construction of the wall and other improvements will require a drawdown of the water in the lake of 4.5 feet for the duration of the project (three to four months).
- ❖ FCPA boating opportunities will cease during the trail closure and lake draw down. The VDGIF boat ramp also will not be usable.
- ❖ Events and shelter rentals will be accommodated through alternative routes and facilities.
- ❖ Construction vehicles will access the dam from Laketree Drive for the duration of the project.

Project updates and information will be posted in park kiosks and as available on the park authority website.

For information and updates, visit VDGIF online at www.dgif.virginia.gov/alerts.

Herrity said he would continue to work with the Fairfax County Park Authority and other agencies to address the concerns of South Run residents.

Herrity said he and his staff have been working to publicize the project and the impact it will have on some of the facilities and the trails, which routinely accommodate more than 60,000 park-goers each week.

"As those who frequent the park know, the dam is a critical segment of the popular 5-mile trail loop that runs around the lake," Herrity said. "The project will close the segment of the trail which runs over the dam."

The remainder of the trail, he added, will remain open, but due to the location of the segment over the dam, users of the trail will not be able to make a complete loop and will be required to turn around prior to reaching the dam.

"Fairfax County's award winning park system is a big reason we are the envy of the region and our parks are well attended," he said.

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SPORTS

Lake Braddock Field Hockey Beats TC in OT

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Lake Braddock field hockey team fell behind T.C. Williams in the first three minutes of their Sept. 14 match-up in Alexandria. Midway through the first half, Bruins Head Coach Amy Worrest called timeout with a message for her players: be aggressive.

"Sometimes we don't always start in a good rhythm," Worrest said, "so I called a timeout to have them go after every ball."

Lake Braddock needed overtime, but the defending Patriot District champions responded with a 2-1 victory over the Titans. Senior forward Rachel Wimer tied the score with a goal with less than five minutes remaining in the first half and senior midfielder Maria Jose Pastor scored the game-winner in overtime.

The victory came two days after Lake Braddock lost to West Springfield, 2-1, in overtime. The Bruins improved to 7-3, in-



Lake Braddock's Maria Jose Pastor, left, scored the game-winner against T.C. Williams on Sept. 14.

cluding 2-1 in the district. They have won seven of eight since starting 0-2.

Wimer is the team's leading goal scorer. Worrest said Pastor, Taylor Livick and

Megan Moody have been playing well.

Lake Braddock will host defending Northern Region champion South County at 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 21.

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West Springfield Football Remains Undefeated

Spartans beat rival Lee to improve to 3-0.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

West Springfield quarterback Tyler Sutter limped through the post game handshake line on Sept. 14 with a bare right foot and ice wrapped around his ankle.

The senior entered Friday's Patriot District opener against rival Lee as the Spartans' leading rusher, teaming with running back Jonathan Dunn to form a potent ground attack. But a right ankle sprain and tendon pull suffered in the previous week's win over Robinson kept Sutter on the sideline for the first two series against Lee and limited his mobility once he was on the field. On this night, however, Sutter's right arm, two Dunn touchdowns and a strong defensive effort were enough to keep the Spartans unbeaten.

West Springfield defeated Lee, 33-14, in a match-up of 2-0 Springfield rivals at WSHS. Last season, the teams met in a similar situation, with Lee winning, 30-9. This year, it was the Spartans who improved to 3-0, thanks in part to a defense that forced four turnovers, scored a touchdown, produced a safety and limited Lee standout running back Michael Jolly to 81 yards in 15 carries.

"I've got to look to the defense," West Springfield Head Coach J.T. Biddison said.



West Springfield running back Jonathan Dunn scored a pair of rushing touchdowns against Lee on Sept. 14.

"They came out and got a safety, got a score...and really did a great job..."

Nathan Pham, Frank Sturek, Matthew Ahola and Benjamin Armstrong each intercepted a pass for West Springfield. Ahola, a defensive lineman, returned his interception five yards for a touchdown, giving the Spartans a 26-0 lead with about eight minutes remaining in the third quarter.

West Springfield's defense scored the first points of the game when the Spartans tackled Jolly in the end zone for a safety with 8:53 remaining in the second quarter.

Offensively, a hobbled Sutter watched from the sideline during West Springfield's first two possessions before entering late in

the first quarter of a scoreless tie. Sutter, who rushed for a team-high 243 yards and four touchdowns in the Spartans' first two games, wasn't much of a threat on the ground due to his injured ankle, but he completed six of 16 passes for 138 yards and a touchdown, giving him four scoring tosses this season.

"It was difficult," Sutter said about not being able to run. "Me being as mobile as I am, probably half my game is running the ball. Not being able to run the ball... it was a lot different."

West Springfield will travel to face Chantilly at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 21. Lee will travel to face Woodson.

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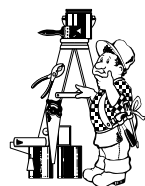
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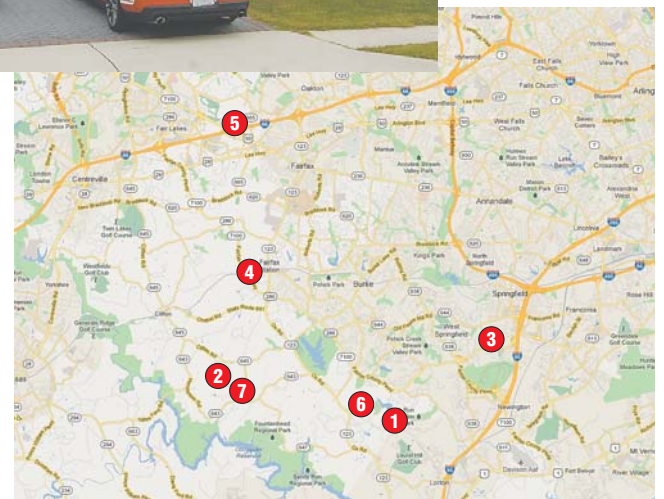


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5 3907 PENDER SPRING DR	6	5	1	FAIRFAX	\$760,000	Detached	0.36	22033	SMC PENDERBROOK	07/19/12
6 7902 GREENEBROOK CT	5	4	1	FAIRFAX STATION	\$760,000	Detached	0.28	22039	BARRINGTON	07/16/12
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