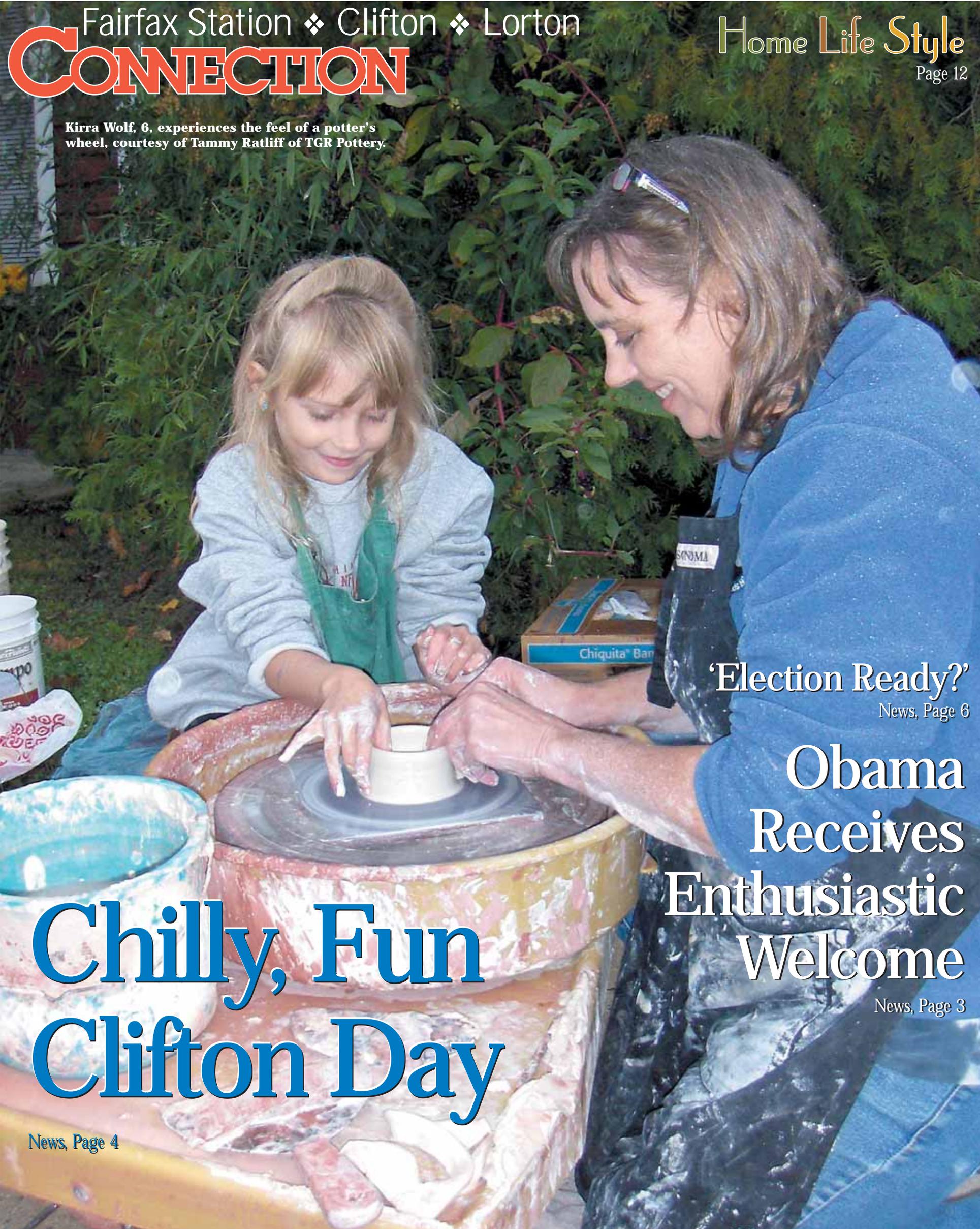


Kirra Wolf, 6, experiences the feel of a potter's wheel, courtesy of Tammy Ratliff of TGR Pottery.

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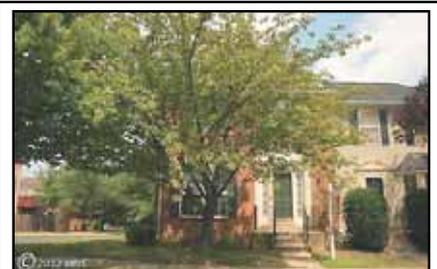
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President Barack Obama spoke before a raucous crowd of George Mason University students, teachers and volunteers Friday afternoon.

Women's Health, Jobs and Big Bird Top Talking Points at GMU Rally

During campaign stump speech at GMU, Obama rallies the women's vote.

By Victoria Ross
The Connection

For President Barack Obama, 7.8 was the magic number that gave him and his supporters a reason to be hopeful again. After a week that included a bruising debate with GOP challenger Mitt Romney and around-the-clock punditry detailing how Romney “cleaned Obama’s clock” during Wednesday’s debate, the president got a useful October surprise.

And he bragged about it Friday as he swooped onto the stage at George Mason University in Fairfax to deliver the good news that the jobless rate had fallen to 7.8 percent, dropping below the critical 8 percent for the first time since he took office. During a raucous campaign rally at the university, Obama boasted about the jobs report, mocked Romney’s “Big Bird” comments and criticized his opponent’s political pivots during their debate on Wednesday in Denver.

“My opponent has been trying to do a two-step and reposition, and got an extreme makeover,” Obama said, drawing cheers and laughter from the crowd of 300-plus students and teachers.

Obama reminded the crowd that when Romney was asked specifics about cutting spending and reducing the deficit, he went after public television.

“So for all you moms and kids out there, don’t worry, someone is finally getting tough on Big Bird. Rounding him up. Elmo has got to watch out, too,” Obama said, clearly enjoying the college crowd’s cheers and shouts of “we love you” as dozens of



Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) stumped for President Obama at GMU on Friday.

people in the audience jumped up to wave their Big Bird stickers.

While Big Bird got the laugh lines, it was women’s health issues that resonated with crowd of mostly female supporters – from high-school age students to female professors.

STANDING IN FRONT of a backdrop of more than 50 women waving “Forward” signs, Obama tore into See Obama, Page 9

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Parents Confirm Bryan Glenn’s Death

Searchers find body of Woodson High School student in Thaiss Memorial Park.

As news of 17-year-old Bryan Glenn’s death spread throughout the community Monday, Oct. 8, condolences poured out to the Glenn family, in person and on the Facebook page launched last week to help find the W.T. Woodson High School senior who went missing on Oct. 1.

More than 3,000 people from around the world posted poems, memories and offers of help to the Glenn family, who confirmed late Monday that their son’s body had been found in Thaiss Park on Pickett Road. In a statement released Monday night, Bryan’s parents, Michael and Rosella Glenn, said:

“With tremendous sadness in our hearts, we learned this afternoon of our son Bryan’s death. This devastating news has been a great shock to our family and friends. Right now this family and our community are grieving and we need to let the investigation run its course. Thanks to everyone in the community and around the globe who offered their love, prayers and support to our family over the past week. Your kindness has given us strength during this difficult time and has touched our hearts forever. Our family would like to express our profound gratitude to the hundreds of volunteers and search team leads. Special thanks to the media and Fairfax area businesses for their continued support.”

Authorities have not yet officially identified the body as Glenn’s. According to Lucy Caldwell, public information officer for the Fairfax County Police Department, their office is currently waiting for the Office of the Medical Examiner to determine identity, cause and manner of death.

“I am not sure when that will be determined; possibly today or tomorrow,” Caldwell said in an email Tuesday, Oct. 9.

Glenn, a popular Woodson football player, was reported missing on Monday, Oct. 1. According to police, he was last seen on the high school campus around 7 a.m. last Monday. His



Family photo

Bryan Glenn

car was found in the parking lot next to the baseball field at Thaiss Memorial Park early the next morning.

During the past week, more than 400 friends, family members and police combed the wooded area near the park several times for any evidence of the missing teen. According to his family, Glenn’s body was discovered by searchers Monday morning, Oct. 8.

“My thoughts and my prayers are with the Glenn family. Our family was on the search yesterday and our prayers are for strength for the Glenns to get through this time... Please be strong and remember that you have a lot of support and we are also feeling a deep pain and loss for precious Bryan. He has touched many lives...,” posted Shannon Lee on the Facebook group “find Bryan Glenn” on Tuesday.

Glenn, who attended Heidelberg High School (HHS) in Germany from 2009 to 2011, was also remembered by his friends from HHS Tuesday evening.

Several messages were posted on the HHS memorial website, which noted that the school will hold a memorial gathering on Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. at the sports field.

To demonstrate their sorrow over losing their senior classmate, Woodson students wore black to school on Tuesday. Glenn’s family has not yet announced plans for funeral arrangements for their son.

—Victoria Ross

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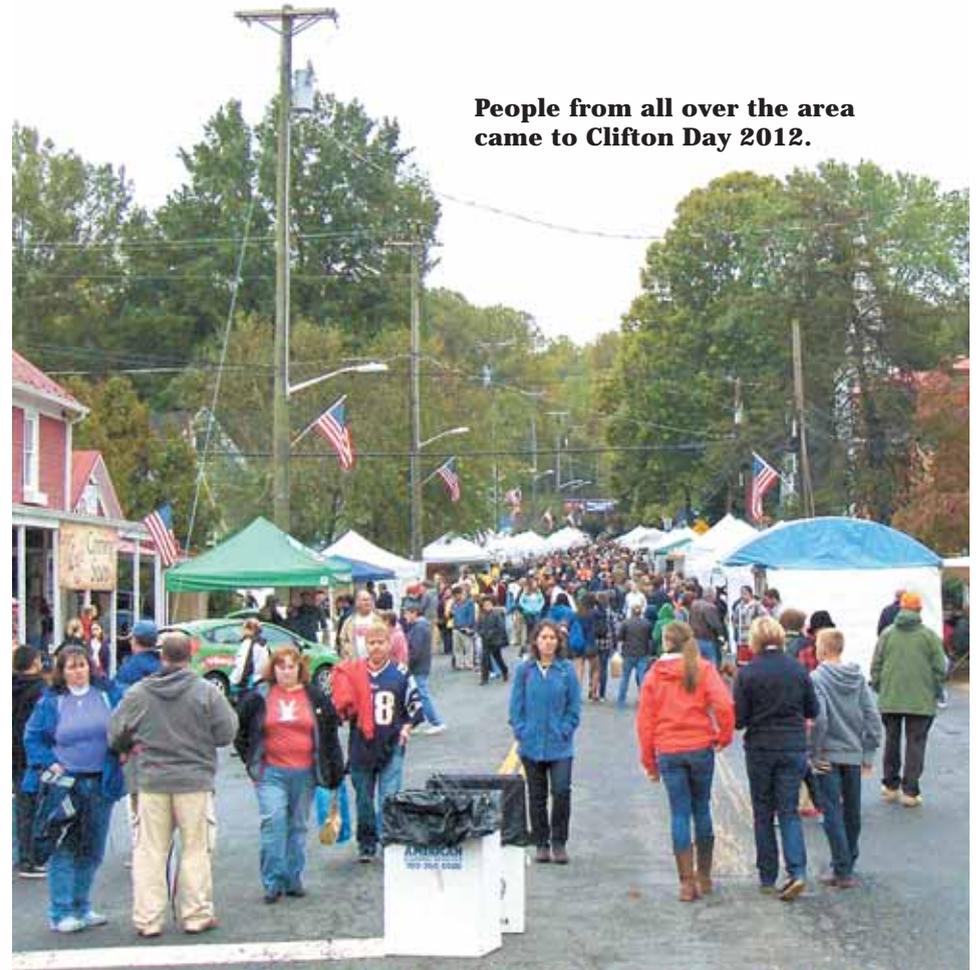
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Selling cotton candy are Dariece Rau, assistant leader of Clifton's Cub Scout Pack 1861, with (back row, from left) Nick Richmond, Gannon Rau and Sean Cunningham and (front row, from left) Thomas Mikolashek and John Biamonte.



Chilly, Fun Clifton Day

Clifton Day, last Sunday, Oct. 7, was cold and drizzly, but visitors still flocked to the town for the food, crafts and entertainment.



People from all over the area came to Clifton Day 2012.



Can I have it? Jack McGehee, 4, asks his dad Brad McGehee if he can have a wooden car from vendor Pappy's Wooden Dreams.



(From left) Keela Schmar and Tanja Jakeway of the Cruffle Co., a home-based Clifton business, pose with their cake/truffle combinations.



(From left) Paul Economon and Dan and Julie Manuel, of Clifton's Boy Scout Troop 1104, sell preserves and apple cider.

Jim Haner plays the banjo in front of the Clifton Store while a couple cuddles.



Attendees peruse the crafts booths while the VRE train delivers another group of visitors to Clifton Day.

Area Roundups

Two Years Later, Search Goes On

Homicide detectives are still seeking leads in a two-year long investigation of the murder of Yong Suk Yun, 61. He was killed on Oct. 7, 2010, in his Fairfax Station home at 5781 Ladues End Court. Yun owned the Dr. Wash in Chantilly and detectives believe Yun's murder stemmed from a robbery.

The reward for information leading to an arrest in this case has increased to \$70,000. Police have interviewed over 100 people, watched over 100 hours of video and exhausted numerous leads surrounding this homicide. They also created a video in Korean language in their efforts to reach out to non-English speakers, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2b3uwOnAjak>.

Detectives continue to ask for the public's assistance in reporting any information to the police, no matter how insignificant it may seem.

"We are committed to solving this murder and continue our plea to the community for information," said lead detective Connie Morris.

"We are seeking information that may not seem related to this case but was unusual or uncommon in someone else's day—that could be the key to solving this murder. Something that seemed random or un-noteworthy could be the missing link in this case. Perhaps someone left work early, or arrived home late and seemed anxious, not themselves or wearing different clothing; these could be indicators of suspicious activity," Morris added.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

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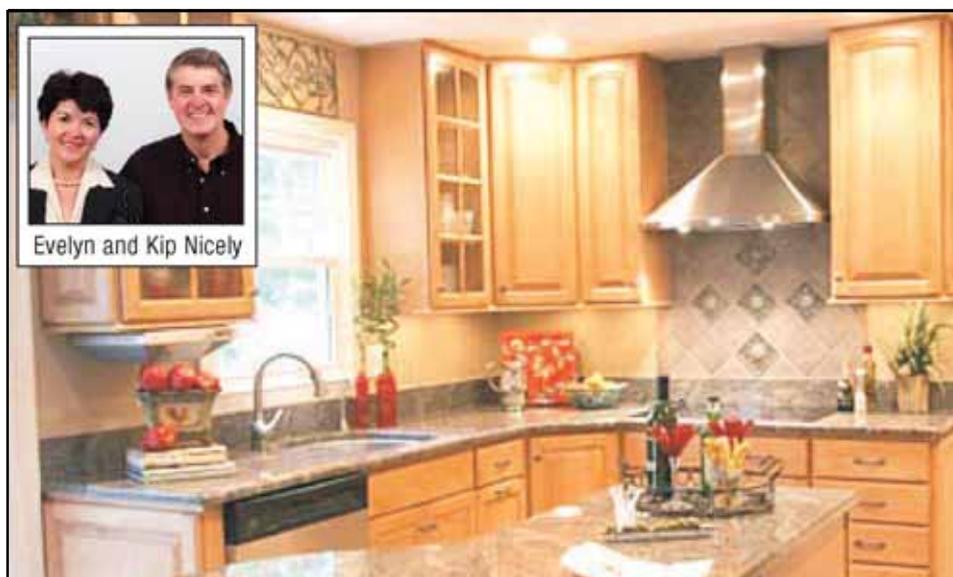
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'Election Ready?'

Fairfax County prepares voters for new election measures.

By Victoria Ross
The Connection

Frustrated by a bad economy, empty promises and echo-chamber politics, voter apathy is at an all-time high across the nation. According to a recent USA Today poll, about 90 million American voters, nearly 40 percent of those registered, won't go to the polls this year.

The same is not true in Fairfax County, where 79 percent of the County's registered voters cast their ballots in the 2008 elections, compared to 38 percent nationally. And nearly 90 percent of eligible voters, about 721,000 out of 800,000, have already registered to vote in Fairfax County.

But a slew of changes—from congressional redistricting to new voter ID laws—may leave even the most committed voter stymied at the polls this year.

"The good news in Fairfax County is that almost everyone who is eligible is registered to vote," said Cameron Quinn, Fairfax County's chief election official. "Our problem in Fairfax County is not voter apathy, and it's not getting people to register. What we don't have is every registered voter registered at their correct address."

Quinn said voters, especially those who only vote during presidential elections, get complacent about where they vote or who their candidate is. She calls them "cicada" voters, who go into their cocoon every four or more years, and emerge thinking that nothing has changed.

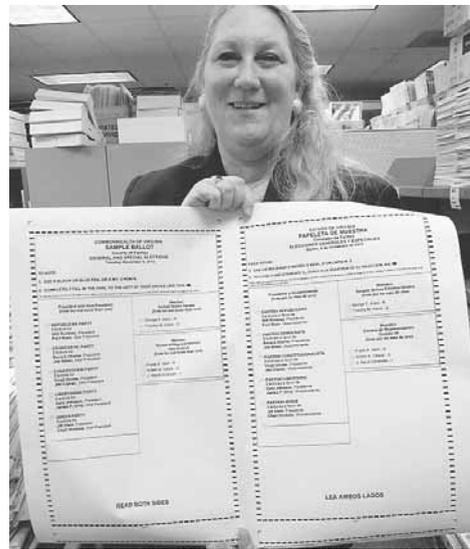
"These are voters we want to reach now," Quinn said, "The most important thing is to check your voter status before Monday, Oct. 15," Quinn said. "Are you, in fact, registered? Have you moved? Do you know if your precinct changed during redistricting? You must update your voter registration if you have changed your address or name, or you may not be able to vote," Quinn said.

TO CHECK YOUR STATUS, call the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 (TTY 711) or go to one of the websites listed. "We'd rather people call us with questions now than get frustrated when they go to the polls," Quinn said.

Fairfax County's Office of Election employees have been working overtime the past few months to make sure voters are "election ready" on Tuesday, Nov. 6. In conjunction with the State Board of Elections, the County recently kicked off an intensive voter preparedness campaign to inform and educate voters on changes.

Quinn estimates the election's office currently gets 600 calls every day, and many calls concern the new voter ID measures.

Brian Moran, chairman of the Virginia Democratic Party, said it's important that



Cameron Quinn, Fairfax County's chief elections official, holds up a sample ballot in the County's office of elections.

voters remember that Voter ID does not mean "photo ID."

"There are a number of acceptable forms of Voter ID, and it's important that this issue doesn't discourage voters," Moran said.

In August, the Justice Department signed off on Virginia's new Voter ID law, a bitterly contested measure that some claimed discriminates against minorities. Virginia, one of 16 states with a history of voter discrimination, must receive federal approval under the Voting Rights Act before making any changes to voting law.

The new law, which closed a provision allowing Virginians to vote without identification, also expanded the types of ID accepted at the polls.

Quinn said the State Board of Elections just mailed every voter a new voter card, which was sent to ensure that all voters have at least one acceptable form of identification. She said if voters bring their voter card, they don't need another form of identification.

"Virginia tweaked its voter ID laws this year to allow many new forms of acceptable identification," Quinn said in an online forum.

"Virginia also has mailed a voter information card (or sometimes called voter registration card) for many years. You need some form of identification under Virginia law, and this voter information card is considered an acceptable form of identification," Quinn said.

Other forms of acceptable identification include a driver's license, military ID or current utility bill. For other forms of acceptable ID, visit www.sbe.virginia.gov/votinginperson.html.

In addition to getting voters ready for the general elections, the office has also been preparing to comply with new mandates and changes.

Last year, the state mandated that all voter education material be translated into Spanish. While the county has complied with that mandate, they are still short on election-day volunteers, especially those who are



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Norma Rengel and Patricia Ferguson, with the Office of Elections, spent hours putting tent cards in cafeterias and lobbies in the Fairfax County Government Center to educate voters and recruit volunteers.

Voter Checklist: Know Before You Go

❖ Voters with any questions about voting this Election Day can visit two comprehensive websites for answers: The Virginia State Board of Elections website at www.sbe.virginia.gov and The Fairfax County Office of Elections website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/voterinfo.

❖ Call: If you don't find the information you need at the websites, call the Office of Elections at 703.222.0776.

❖ Fairfax now has a free smartphone mobile app to check your registration and other voting information. Download the free app by searching Fairfax County Government at the App Store (coming soon to Android Market) or go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/mobile/>. Once you download the app, look for the Vote icon.

❖ By Monday, October 15:

❖ Update your registration, or you may not be able to vote if you have moved since you last registered.

❖ To check if your registration is correct, go online at www.sbe.virginia.gov/register, or call the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776.

❖ If you are not registered, or need to update your registration, complete a Virginia Voter Registration Application, which you can download

at www.sbe.virginia.gov, or call 703-222-0776.

❖ By Tuesday, October 30:

❖ Virginia does not have "no excuse" absentee voting. If you want to complete a Virginia Absentee Ballot Application, download from www.SBE.Virginia.gov, or call 703-222-0776. To have one sent at The Office of Elections must receive the ballot by 7 p.m. on Nov. 6th

❖ Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 6.

❖ Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

❖ It's Voter ID, not "Photo" ID: When you arrive at your polling place, a voting official will verify that your name is on the registration list. Voters will be asked to present one valid form of identification. There is a comprehensive list on Fairfax County's website of all the acceptable forms of voter ID. Here is a sampling:

- ❖ A Virginia Voter Registration Card
- ❖ A Social Security Card
- ❖ A valid Virginia Driver's License
- ❖ Any official ID card issued by a Virginia government or Federal government agency
- ❖ An employee ID card with photo of the voter issued by an employer
- ❖ A nursing home resident ID, if issued by a government facility.

bilingual in Spanish and English.

Norma Rengel, the office's language accessibility coordinator, and Patricia Ferguson, the County's outreach coordinator, spent hours last week putting tent cards in cafeterias and lobbies in the Fairfax County Government Center and other Fairfax County locations to encourage volunteers to call the elections office.

"One challenge for us is to recruit bilingual polling officials, and by law, Spanish is a priority," Rengel said.

Quinn said the Elections Office also spent \$50,000 this year to beef up office security. Several new walls and barriers were constructed last week so visitors are not able to wander, intentionally or unintentionally, from one department to the next or get too close to where ballots are stored and counted.

"We know there are concerns about integrity, and we realize there are people in both parties who will try to skew elections, people who think the end justifies the means," Quinn said. The fact that Northern Virginia is now considered a battleground region in a battleground state spurred the new security measures.

"In the end, we want the votes to reflect the will of the people and they know that their vote counted," Quinn said.

Another way to ensure the integrity of

elections, Quinn said, is to make sure polling officials are educated and up-to-date on the law and the latest technology. Travis Potter, an elections office training coordinator, said about 3,000 polling officials have undergone training since August. "One of the things we're excited about is the electronic poll books," he said, which will allow voters to check in faster, and reduce waiting time.

ON ELECTION DAY, staff will be coming through voter lines with a handheld device called "Ask ED," which contains the entire County voter list to check once again if the voter is in the correct precinct. If there is a discrepancy between what's on the voter's card, and the most current information on the County's election rolls, the staff person will call the registrar's office.

If the voter is trying to vote in the wrong precinct? Best not to argue, or insist on a provisional ballot, Quinn said. According to the Virginia State Constitution, provisional ballots don't count if the voter casts a ballot in the wrong precinct.

"The only way your vote counts is if you are voting in the correct precinct. That's why we don't want people waiting until the last minute. When in doubt, call the elections office. We will pull the most current voter card and match it to our map," Quinn said.

Area Roundups

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1), Fairfax County's urban search and rescue team, will host both a grand opening and open house, Friday, Oct. 19, 2012.

A grand opening will be conducted at VATF-1's new disaster training center, from 9:30 a.m. until 11 a.m., 9900 Furnace Road, Lorton. Task force members will be on hand conducting various demonstrations using a wide array of rescue tools. Equipment will also be on display. The 25-acre training site is now VATF-1's primary training area, previously part of the old Lorton Youth Correctional Facility.

VATF-1 will spotlight its new headquarters, deployment center and warehouse with an open house, scheduled from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., at 14725-H Flint Lee Road, Chantilly. Tours of the facility will be conducted, including interview opportunities with VATF-1 members.

Team deployments include the Oklahoma City bombing, bombing in Kenya, earthquakes in Turkey and Taiwan, the 9/11 response to The Pentagon, and numerous other national and international activations. The team consists of

firefighters, paramedics, rescue specialists, physicians, hazardous materials and logistics specialists, structural engineers and canines.

All costs for personnel, training and equipment are paid for by the federal government.

Democratic Women of Clifton to Meet Oct. 27

The Democratic Women of Clifton (DWC) will meet Sunday, Oct. 21, from 3-5 p.m., in the Clifton Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road in Clifton. All Democratic women in Northern Virginia are invited. The guest speaker will be Hilaire Henthorne, a life coach and public speaker who's worked as a lawyer, led a congregation and raised a family. In her presentation, "From Distressed to De-Stressed: Wellness Wisdom for Women," she'll discuss the top stressors for women and offer practical strategies for reducing stress.

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Opinion

Cancer Awareness

Success with breast cancer awareness should help other cancers.

October is breast cancer awareness month. Anyone connected to media of any variety already knows this. A massive marketing success, we all know that pink shows support for breast cancer prevention, especially in October.

For me, last month marked three years since I completed chemotherapy and radiation for breast cancer. Because of early detection, advances in treatment (surgery, radiation, chemotherapy and ongoing hormonal treatment in my case), and ongoing monitoring, my prognosis, and the prognosis for most of the 2.5 million breast cancer survivors in the United States, is excellent.

Still in 2008, the last year reported by the CDC, 40,589 women died from breast cancer. The same year, 210,203 U.S. women were diagnosed with breast cancer. It is the most common cancer for U.S. women other than skin cancers.

Breast cancer awareness month is the perfect time to be sure that you and/or the women in your life are following best practices for breast cancer screening. While in recent years, there has been some confusion about breast cancer screening, if you have a family history of breast cancer, it is never too early to talk to your doctor about how to approach your preventative care. All women age 40 or over should talk with a doctor experienced in breast health about when to begin screening mammograms and how often to have them. When it comes to what is best for your breasts,

self exam, knowing your own breasts and what feels normal, is a low-tech, low-cost measure.

In January 2009, I found a lump in my breast that I knew immediately was not normal. A coworker's diagnosis of breast cancer had prompted me to have an overdue mammogram seven months before I found the lump, and that mammogram was perfectly normal. The mammogram after I found the lump showed the difference, a glowing spot that led the radiologist to say he would be "very concerned." The biopsy of the lump confirmed the concern.

Now three years later and cancer free, I can tell you that if I did not find that lump, if I waited two years for my next mammogram, my outcome would very likely have been different.

Editorial

I share my experience in breast cancer awareness month, not because the experience defines me, but because I know how easy it is to put off a mammogram, how easy it is to miss months of self-checks, and because I know, early detection in breast cancer really can save lives.

THE SUCCESS of the breast cancer awareness movement has resulted in more than \$630 million annually in spending on research. It is not too much.

But at Connection Newspapers, we have two other employees who are in ongoing treatment for cancer. Kenny Lourie, who has stage 4 lung cancer, writes a weekly column that appears in most of our papers that discusses his more than three-year journey with candor and humor. Jean Card was diagnosed with Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia in early 2011 and has also written about her experience as she raises money for leukemia research and outreach. Visit www.LighttheNight.org and search APL Dumpling Gang.

Lung cancer kills more people in the United States every year than any other kind of cancer, in fact more than the other top cancers combined. In 2008, more than 208,000 people were diagnosed with lung cancer and more than 158,500 died of lung cancer. This is more than the deaths from breast, prostate and colon cancer combined. Spending on lung cancer research? Less than half spent on breast cancer, about \$280 million annually. As Lourie wryly points out, part of the problem may be that you can't turn out tens of thousands of lung cancer survivors for a march because, well, there are very few survivors over time.

Prostate cancer has more new cases per year and about the same death rate as breast cancer, but half the funding.

In 2012, there were an estimated 47,150 new cases of leukemia with 23,540 deaths, more than half the number of annual breast cancer deaths. But funding for leukemia research lags behind.

Nothing should be taken away from the efforts of breast health advocates. But clearly more effort is needed in other areas.

SPEAKING OF HEALTH RISKS, on average more than 20,000 people a year in the United States die from the flu. The numbers vary from year to year, with as many as 50,000 deaths in some years, and some studies showing the average number of deaths to be more than 35,000. The influenza vaccine is a cheap and effective method of preventing or reducing the impact of the flu.

Remember that no matter what health plan you have, there is just one person in charge of your health care: you.

— Mary Kimm,

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Volunteerfest Provides Opportunities for All Interests

By Supervisor John Cook
(R-Braddock)

I'd like to encourage all Fairfax County residents to consider participating in this year's "VolunteerFest," sponsored by Volunteer Fairfax on Saturday, Oct. 27.

This year marks the 18th year for VolunteerFest, and more than 1500 County residents are expected to volunteer their time at dozens of sites around the County. Tasks include landscaping, sorting and collecting food at food banks, maintaining an outdoor classroom at an elementary school, helping seniors, cleaning libraries and sorting clothes at a thrift store that funds programs for people with disabilities. A full list of events can be found at <http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/>.

Volunteer Fairfax is much more than "VolunteerFest," however. For 37 years, this organization has



Cook

been a tremendous resource for volunteering in Fairfax County. Through a variety of programs and services, Volunteer Fairfax strengthens the capacity of its nonprofit members and offers meaningful volunteer opportunities for local citizens. Moreover, all year long they match the skills and in-

terests of volunteers and donors to the needs of local nonprofit organizations, helping to build a better community through service.

Why volunteer? One of Fairfax County's strengths is the volunteer effort of its citizens. In 2011, more than 16,000 individuals volunteered their time through Volun-

teer Fairfax, and thousands more volunteered through other organizations. These hours equate to millions of dollars in benefits for our communities. Indeed, in difficult times, the need for volunteers increases as more people are in need and charitable giving in dollars is dropping.

But there is another, perhaps more selfish reason. Volunteering does great things for the volunteer! Volunteers learn about unfamiliar subjects and a variety of needs in their communities. They meet new friends and develop new ideas about how they can work together on additional projects. Most importantly, it's good for the soul. Volunteers come away refreshed and thankful for the opportunity to help others and the community.

So, please consider giving some time on Oct. 27 for VolunteerFest. Your community will benefit, and so will you.

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Obama Receives Enthusiastic Welcome

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Romney on women's health issues and outlined the "stark choice the women of Virginia are facing in this election," warning that Romney's policies would turn back the clock for women to the 1950s, when abortion was illegal, and breast cancer was something women had to be ashamed of.

He said his new healthcare laws have secured access to preventive care like mammograms and cancer screenings with no copay, no deductible, and no out-of-pocket cost for more than 20 million women.

"Now, before this new law, many health care plans charged high deductibles or copays for these preventive services, or they just didn't cover them that all... more than half of all women put off the care they needed because of that," Obama said, shaking his head.

"I don't think a working mom in Arlington should have to wait to get a mammogram just because money is tight. I don't think a college student in Fairfax or Charlottesville should have to choose between textbooks or the preventive care that she needs. That's why we passed this law, and I am proud of it. It was the right thing to do, and we are going to keep it," Obama said, drawing applause after each line.

Polls show Obama with a strong lead (nearly 19 percent) among women voters, especially in battleground states such as Virginia. Before Obama took the stage, a parade of pro-choice women – a young mother from southwest Virginia, a former Republican supporter from Richmond, and Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) – praised Obama's record on healthcare reform and women's issues.

Filler-Corn got a rousing response as she talked about the recent General Assembly session, when her state GOP colleagues passed a controversial ultrasound bill and proposed "personhood" legislation that attempts to make abortions illegal in Virginia.

"These decisions affect every woman's health... you deserve a president who will fight for your choice and your health," she said.

"He was great today," said Annandale resident Jane Wilson, who brought her daughter Sarah, 10 to the rally. "She was very excited about the whole experience."

Wilson said Obama's remarks on women's issues – equal pay for equal work, health care, affordability of education – are key issues for her.

"There is something to be said for a man who came from the middle class like us. He understands the issues we live every day," Wilson said.

"I thought his speech was really empowering," Sarah Wilson said. "You could believe what he was saying. I want a job someday where I get paid the same as my brothers."

"Being involved in politics is something I do for my children and my community," said Catherine Read, a City of Fairfax resident who brought her daughter, Emily, to the rally. "Attending rallies when women's healthcare is threatened is not nearly as effective as voting people into office who safeguard women's healthcare choices. If I do one thing that matters as a parent it's to instill in my children the importance of voting in every election - local, state and national."

Janice Allen, Dotte White and Jeannie Hicks, of Alexandria, said the president nailed it when talking about women's rights issues.

"We are all in this together, men and women. Preventative healthcare makes sense whether you care just about the economics of healthcare, or you really care about women's health," White said.

NIRA GUARE said she and her 15-year-old daughter,



Photo by Sam Walker

Catherine Read and daughter Emily of Fairfax attended the Obama rally at GMU in Fairfax on Friday, Oct. 5.



Photo by Victoria Ross/The Connection

Audrey Lyons and Rachel Plotkin of Burke were selling Obama pins at the campaign rally at George Mason University on Friday, Oct. 5.

ter, Madison, McLean residents, appreciated Obama's focus on women's issues.

"My daughter is very passionate on issues of social equality, and women's issues are clearly part of that. Pro-choice, for sure, but also topics like gay rights, equal access to education, pay equality for women, access to health care," Guare said.

"There's something about the 'pull yourself up by your bootstraps' message from Republicans that falls flat to me when so many people are born without boots. He and (former Virginia Governor) Tim Kaine both seemed to be framing 'women's issues' as just 'American Issues,' which I appreciated. If you are a man, and your mom or wife or daughter is dying of breast cancer and can't get health coverage, isn't that your issue too? I have four daughters, and my husband grew up with three sisters and no brothers, so we understand that a woman's issue is everyone's issue with great clarity," she said.

Obama told the crowd he would continue his fight for women's rights.

"The decisions that affect a woman's health aren't up to politicians; they're not up to insurance companies, they're up to you. They're up to you... So, one month. Just one month from tomorrow, Virginia, you're going to step into a voting booth, and you are going to have a very big choice to make."

Obama left the stage amid chants of "Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!"

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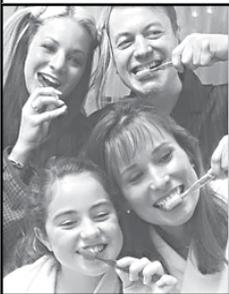
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Good News on Housing Market

Realtors host
economic summit.

By Andrea Worker
The Connection

The Northern Virginia Association of Realtors (NVAR), in partnership with the George Mason University Center for Regional Analysis hosted their Annual Economic Summit at the Mason Inn Conference Center. The housing market is a key driver of the economy and home ownership is almost synonymous with the “American Dream,” so it’s no wonder that this year’s distinguished panel played to a packed house of realtors, brokers, economists and area business people.

To date, Northern Virginia has experienced less of the unemployment and home foreclosure traumas that have plagued other parts of the country. The area continues to be the place where most domestic migration occurs. More people move in—and out—of Northern Virginia and the D.C. Metropolitan area than anywhere else in the country, a fact that leads to a busy, but often confusing, housing market. The conferees gathered in the Mason Inn Ballroom were there to determine if recent positive trends would continue and to gain a heads-up as to what issues of importance may be lurking just around the bend.

THE SPEAKERS included Carol J. Galante, the Acting FHA commissioner and asst. secretary, U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development; Jamie Gregory, the deputy chief lobbyist for the NVAR; Dr. Michael Fratantoni, vice president, Single-Family



Carol J. Galante, Acting FHA commissioner and asst. secretary, U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, delivers her presentation.

Research & Policy Development, Mortgage Bankers Association; and Dr. Stephen Fuller, the Director, Center for Regional Analysis at George Mason University. Together, they possess an impressive collection of educational credentials, public and private sector experiences and appointments, as well as a catalogue of published materials.

The Washington Post “The Nation’s Housing” nationally syndicated columnist Kenneth R. Harney moderated the discussion.

There was good news. Statistics supported the positive trends being felt in the area markets. A 7.89 percent increase in home sales in 2012 vs. 2011 YTD. A 21.43 percent decrease in the average days on the market for the same time period. Several of the pan

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Viewpoints

How would you describe the current housing market situation in your area and prospects going forward?

—Andrea Worker

Sharat Ahuja, realtor, Long & Foster, Fairfax, and Terra Firma Realty Group



"I work mostly in the Fair Oaks area, the 22030, 31 and 33 zip codes. What I see are prices going up overall, slowly. Not as fast as areas closer in, but still improving. Inventory is very low. Some people are waiting to see prices getting back more to 2005-2006. But if a house is priced right, it can sell quite fast."

Christine Richardson, realtor, Weichert Realtors, Great Falls



"My primary market is the Route 7 corridor. McLean, Great Falls, Reston, Herndon, Sterling. What I am seeing is this year has been much stronger for sellers. More buyers, fewer sellers, which I think is a good thing. It doesn't necessarily translate into much higher prices. For sellers who are realistic about pricing and stage the house properly, we're finding that they are getting very good, quick sales. The benefit so far is in the quick sale. Priced right, staged right, offered in the right market and we have gotten sales within 10 days."



Chris Pezzana, associate broker, Weichert Realtors, Reston

"Overall, I think the economy in our area is doing well. I think the prospects for the future are excellent. I think we should be optimistic. Nationally, it's getting better, in areas that were the hardest hit we see improvements."



Candy Clanton, broker, Clanton & Associates

"I think the market is in great shape, moving well. I don't work with short sales. I do help a custom builder who sells in the million plus range. I have sold seven over-a-million homes in the last four months. And my resales are also doing well. I listed a home in Burke three weeks ago on a Friday, and had three offers by Monday. If it's priced right and shows well, it's selling. When the market slowed, I took on rentals."

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Decorating For Halloween

Suggestions for getting one's home ready for Fright Night and beyond.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection



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Pumpkins draped with cobwebs and spiders offer traditional Halloween décor that can be adjusted to last from October through Thanksgiving.

Whether one's preference is witches and ghosts or candles and pumpkins, there is no reason why fall décor should be limited to one month, say area tastemakers. A few local designers offer autumn embellishment ideas that span the spectrum from spooky to all-natural.

"Decorating for fall is one of the most enjoyable times of the year for many people. We particularly like it because nature provides so many wonderful options to use for decorating," said Ann O'Shields, owner of The Nest Egg in Fairfax. "If you are purchasing seasonal decorations for fall, we suggest choosing items that can go past Halloween and into Thanksgiving."

Add spine-chilling accents to traditional fall accessories. "One thing that you can do is hang faux cobwebs between orange pillar candles," said Angela Phelps, owner of Le Village Marché in Arlington. "Remove the webs after Halloween."

Use black and orange strategically. "We like put-

ting white and orange pumpkins inside the fireplace," said O'Shields. "They are striking against a black interior fireplace to fill the space until cooler fireplace weather arrives."

Be inspired by seasonal bounty. "The varieties of pumpkins and gourds available at local farmer's markets, nurseries and even grocery stores are the perfect start for seasonal décor," said O'Shields. "White pumpkins in particular are gorgeous and can make such a statement lined on a long table as a centerpiece. Mixed in with gourds of different colors and shapes, you have a simple, natural arrangement that is also eye catching. Wreaths with white pumpkins, branches, sunflowers and leaves welcome the season and extend into winter."

Make use of transparent containers like cylinder vases. "Fill glass containers with the miniature white and orange pumpkins or green or red apples and use them on a mantel or centerpiece," said O'Shields.

Marymount's Interior Design Department Receives 2012 Potomac Award

Program recognized for creative and intellectual contributions to the local community.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection

Marymount University's Interior Design faculty and students have been recognized for their creative and intellectual contributions to the local community. The Arlington school was recently awarded the 2012 Potomac Award from the Washington Metropolitan Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), making it the first university to receive the honor. Interior design classes are offered on the main campus or at the Reston Center.

"We have been blessed with intelligent, ambitious, dedicated students who have been willing to work hard and develop their understanding of the interior design field," said McLean resident Jean Freeman, an interior design professor at Marymount. "The awards that individual faculty have received and some of the articles and books they have published are...an indi-



McLean resident Jean Freeman of Marymount University's interior design department credits talented students and faculty with the program's success.

Photo Courtesy of Marymount University

cation of their efforts to extend the body of knowledge for the field and our students."

Bridget May of Herndon, another professor of interior design at Marymount, believes that evidence-based design will become standard practice for future students. "A lot of research goes into optimal use of space for function," she said.

The award recognizes the university's interior design department for its contributions to the design industry, including its efforts in sustainable design, historic preservation and the lighting and design of commercial spaces. The National Trust for Historic Preservation and The National Portrait Gallery and the Smithsonian American Art Museum are among the past recipients of the award.

"It is a prestigious award," said Leslie Ehrmann, ASID Washington Metro Chapter administrator. "If you look at the company [of past awardees] with which the [Interior Design] department at Marymount is keeping, you'll appreciate the prestige of the award."

Emergency Preparedness Tips

Are your home and family ready for a hurricane?

By Josh Baker

With this summer's severe weather, and the hurricane season upon us, a few simple preventative steps, outlined below, may help you to avoid costly repairs once the storms have passed.

Avoid wind damage: Clear away yard debris and dead/dying branches

Large branches or fallen trees can easily be tossed about by high winds during a storm. If you have trees near your home, be sure to trim any dead or dying branches, or ask your landscaper to do so at your next service visit.

The easiest way to avoid leaks: Make sure gutters are kept clean and in good shape

Before the storms arrive, remove any leaves, pine needles, branches or other debris from the gutter system. Also, perform a visual check to be sure there are no damaged areas. Clogged, leaky, or broken gutters can fail to properly drain water from your house, which may cause flooding and property damage.

The second easiest way to avoid leaks: Make sure areaway and storm drains are clear

If your basement has an areaway staircase, be sure to clear the drain at the bottom of leaves, dirt and other debris. Do the same for other storm drains located on or near your property. Failure to do so could lead to excess water backing up onto your property or into your home if the drains are clogged.

Save your electronics: Plug expensive household items into surge protectors, or unplug them entirely

Stereos, televisions, fitness equipment and computers should be either unplugged before the storm begins, or plugged into surge protectors. This may help to prevent damage to these items if lightning strikes.

Be the envy of your neighbors: Learn how to safely operate your portable generator

All generators are not the same, so be sure to read the manufacturer's instruction manual that came with your generator to ensure proper operation.

❖ Before the storm, test your generator by turning it on to be sure that it is working properly. Also, make sure that you have a sufficient fuel supply to keep the generator running once it is needed.

❖ Use the generator in a well-ventilated, outside area. Generators emit carbon monoxide, which can build up in an unventilated area and be hazardous to your family.

❖ Plug appliances into the generator using heavy-duty extension cords that are well-maintained and not frayed or worn. Using incorrect or damaged extension cords could pose a fire hazard.

❖ Turn the portable generator off and allow it to cool before refueling. Pouring fuel into a hot generator may cause an explosion or fire.

If you have a whole house generator make sure that it is well maintained with a service contract from a qualified vendor.

PREPARE YOUR POOL

A few simple steps will help prevent significant damage to your pool.

❖ Do not drain all of the water from the pool. An empty pool is subject to "floating" or "popping" out of the ground due to "lift pressure," which is caused by excessive ground water during heavy rains. Also, the water in your pool will act as a shield to protect the finish from damage. Instead, only drain your pool water by one to two feet to allow for the accumulation of rainwater.

❖ Turn off the power to any pool equipment (pump, motor, lights) that may be on.

❖ Remove any loose pool items (filter housing tops, etc.). These can easily be taken away by strong winds.

❖ Add extra chlorine to the pool. This will help to prevent contamination from any debris and storm water that enters the pool.

❖ Move any unsecured items, such as patio furniture or potted plants, inside to keep them safe from driving rains or severe winds. Sinking furniture inside a pool is not recommended – the chlorine in the pool water may stain or rust expensive items, and this may also damage the bottom of the pool.

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Home Improvements on the Rise

Local contractors see slight increase in business.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection

From transforming outdated bathrooms into serene spa-like retreats to creating dream kitchens with open-floor plans, high-end appliances and granite counters, homeowners are gradually re-engaging in remodeling projects, according to a report by The National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI).

NARI's Second Quarterly Business Review, which is a compilation of business assessments by contractors, shows that homeowners are taking on slightly more home improvement tasks than in previous years. Some local builders agree and have seen this trend in the D.C. area.

"We just got done with the Capital Home Show, which can be an interesting indicator of how people are feeling, and it wasn't overwhelmingly gangbusters, but it was consistent traffic and we did well in terms of the number of people who wanted to set up appointments with us before we left the show," said Bob Gallagher, president of Sun Design Remodeling in Burke. "That is how we measure people's attitudes."

Arlington resident Bruce Case, president of Case Design/Remodeling, Inc., said he has observed an increased interest in two specific home improvement



Photo Courtesy of Sun Design Remodeling

Bob Gallagher of Sun Design Remodeling in Burke says the upcoming election might cause homeowners to delay home improvement projects.

areas: home repair and interiors.

Specifically, he's seeing "smaller home repair and care projects that require knowledgeable craftsmen. This demand stems from a need to keep up with the daily maintenance of a home, as well as from a desire to have professionals do these services," he wrote in an email. "We are seeing increased demand for professional design and construction services to improve the interior spaces of homes. Creating inspiring spaces that also improve functionality within a home are drivers for our clients."

Low interest rates and a belief among homeowners that home improvement projects will increase home prices are helping drive the trend. Homeowners are also re-engaging in projects that they had postponed.

Jeff Pregman, the general manager of Two Poor Teachers in Fairfax, says that he has noticed an increase in kitchen and bathroom projects: "Your best return on investment is kitchens and baths," he said. "We're also getting a lot of calls for basement remodels, which had tailed off due to the fact that you don't get as much return for investment in those projects in general, I think."

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Top Sales in August, 2012

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10 5599 Smoke Rise Lane, Fairfax Station — \$1,350,000



11 6417 Union Mill Road, Clifton — \$1,240,000



13 9404 Old Reserve Way, Fairfax — \$1,125,000



14 5132 Pleasant Forest Drive, Centreville — \$1,070,000

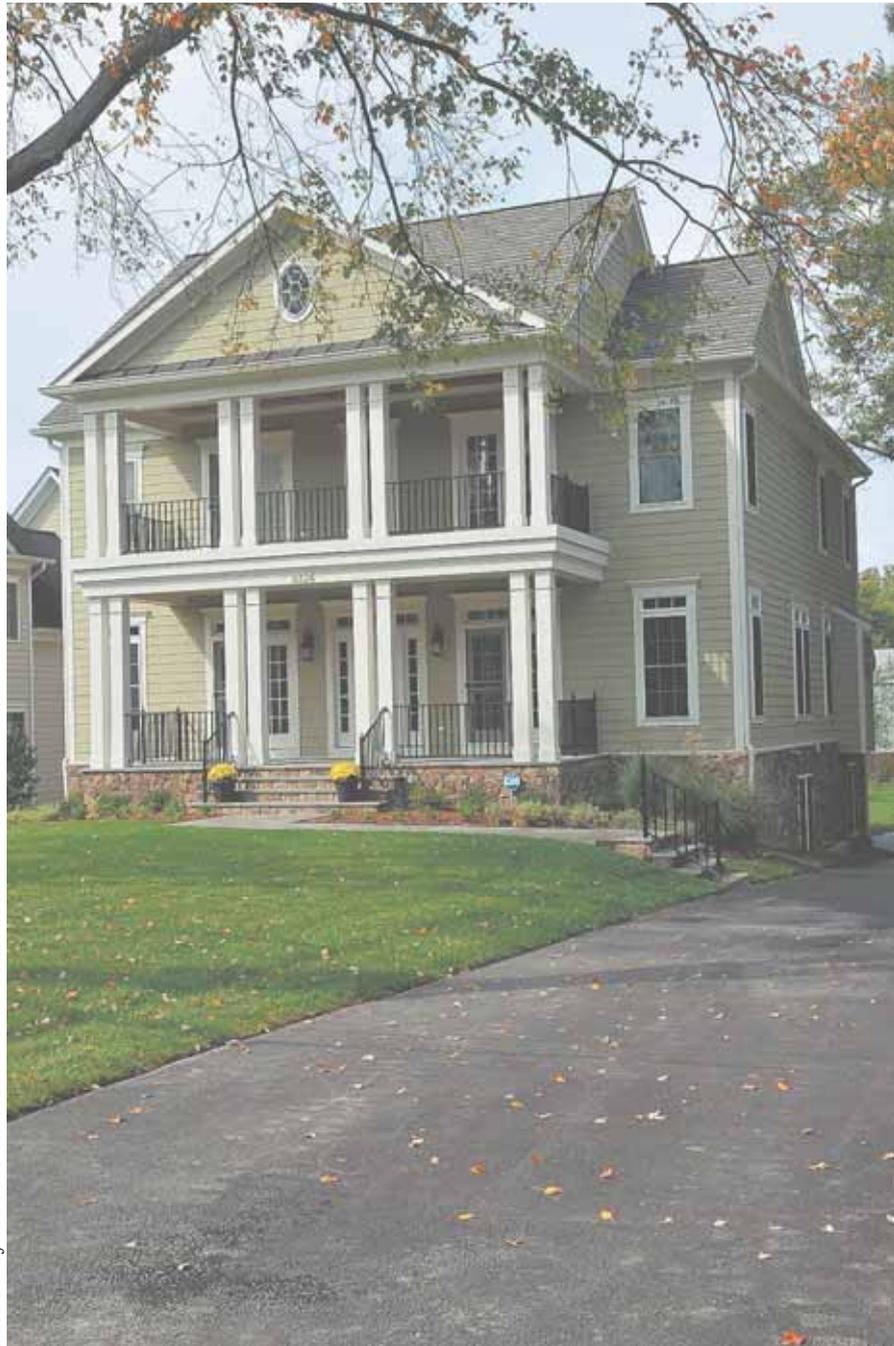
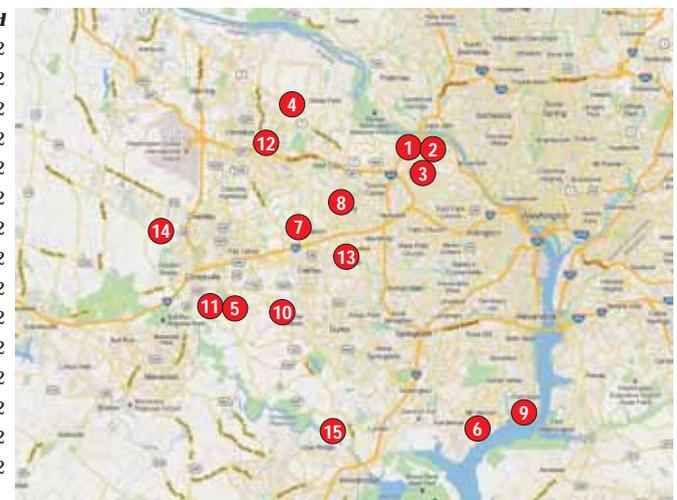


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9 8724 Plymouth Road, Mount Vernon — \$1,650,000

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1 6827 SORREL ST	8	11	2	MCLEAN	\$6,700,000	Detached	3.50	22101	LANGLEY FOREST	08/31/12	
2 6705 SORREL ST	6	7	2	MCLEAN	\$3,700,000	Detached	1.15	22101	LANGLEY FOREST	08/30/12	
3 1319 CALDER RD	5	5	1	MCLEAN	\$2,350,000	Detached	0.58	22101	SALONA VILLAGE	08/27/12	
4 1028 TIMBERCREEK TRL	4	6	2	GREAT FALLS	\$2,110,000	Detached	1.80	22066	ESTATES AT LONGWOOD	08/06/12	
5 13120 LOTH LORIAN DR	6	7	1	CLIFTON	\$2,050,000	Detached	5.02	20124	LOTH LORIAN	08/24/12	
6 4503 CARLBY LN #6	4	4	0	MT VERNON	\$2,000,000	Detached	1.72	22309	RIVERBEND AT MT VERNON	08/16/12	
7 3001 WESTHURST CT	5	5	2	OAKTON	\$1,750,000	Detached	0.85	22124	WINDSONG	08/15/12	
8 412 GLYNDON ST NE	5	5	1	VIENNA	\$1,714,300	Detached	1.50	22180	ARY HILL CHANCERY	08/30/12	
9 8724 PLYMOUTH RD	4	3	1	MT VERNON	\$1,650,000	Detached	0.52	22308	PLYMOUTH HAVEN	08/03/12	
10 5599 SMOKE RISE LN	5	4	2	FAIRFAX STATION	\$1,350,000	Detached	8.86	22039	BEAUMONT	08/01/12	
11 6417 UNION MILL RD	5	5	1	CLIFTON	\$1,240,000	Detached	5.05	20124	UNION MILL ESTATES II	08/02/12	
12 11776 STRATFORD HOSE PL #1409 2	3	0	0	RESTON	\$1,200,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		20190	STRATFORD	08/20/12	
13 9404 OLD RESERVE WAY	5	4	2	FAIRFAX	\$1,125,000	Detached	0.20	22031	PICKETT'S RESERVE	08/22/12	
14 5132 PLEASANT FOREST DR	5	4	2	CENTREVILLE	\$1,070,000	Detached	1.00	20120	PLEASANT VALLEY	08/31/12	
15 9328 OCCOQUAN OVERLOOK DR	6	6	2	LORTON	\$1,030,000	Detached	0.84	22079	OCCOQUAN OVERLOOK	08/20/12	



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SATURDAY/OCT. 13

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>.

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.

Elisabeth von Trapp Concert. 7 p.m. Franconia United Methodist Church, 6027 Franconia Rd,

Alexandria. Free. <http://www.franconiaumc.org/>
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Harvest Wine Dinner at Paradise Springs Winery. 7:30 p.m., at 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. The second annual fundraiser dinner in the tasting room; a four-course meal with award-winning paired wines. \$129. Reservations. 703-830-9463.

SUNDAY/OCT. 14

Musical Gems From France. 4 p.m., at Ernst Community Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Debussy, Bizet, Ravel, Tansman and more for harp and orchestra; reception to follow. \$25,

adults; \$20, seniors; \$20, online general admission; students, free. 703-758-0179 or www.virginiaorchamberorchestra.org.

MONDAY/OCT. 15

Republican Women of Clifton with Bishop E.W. Jackson. 7 p.m., at Centreville High School, 6001 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Jackson talks on "The Black Robed Regiment," featuring preachers from the founding era whose discourses are in the Constitution. 703-802-5400.

FRIDAY/OCT. 19

Dinner & a Movie Series. 7 p.m., at the Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Plan 9 From Outer Space shows; enjoy an interesting film among cinephiles with a three-course dinner to complement the film's theme. \$50. www.workhousearts.org.

Closing Reception. 7-9 p.m., at the Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Closing reception for Gail and Robert's Raku and Smoke-fired Sculptures and Vessels, showcasing the couples well-lauded artwork; meet the artists before they lead their workshop. www.workhousearts.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 20

All For 1 Indoor Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Clothing, toys, kitchenware, books, home decor—all priced at \$1. 703-451-5855.

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>.

Gail and Robert Piepenburg Workshop. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. The celebrated sculptors, teachers and writers lead their popular workshop; continued on Sunday, Oct. 21. www.workhousearts.org.



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Find an evening dress at Lorton Community Action Center's Lorton's Attic.

Evening Wear Sale

Lorton's Attic has cocktail dresses, accessories, costume jewelry, Halloween and Homecoming and all-holiday wear covered from Oct. 4-13; find a dress, support charity. Lorton's Attic is at 9506 Richmond Highway, Lorton. 703-339-5161 or www.lortonaction.org.

George Washington Vestry Election's 250th Anniversary. 4:30-7 p.m., at Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. A colonial celebration in the historic church featuring a George

Washington interpreter, living history actors and a short program, "George Washington: Vestryman," with Q&A and a book-signing to follow. \$10 per person; \$25 per family. 703-372-1296 or www.pohick.org.

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Bulletin Board

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 10

NARFE Springfield Chapter Meeting. 1 p.m., at the American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Ave., Springfield. Malcolm Gaskins of the Federal Employee Program at CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield speaks on "The Federal Employees Health Benefits Program: Continuities and Changes"; guests welcome. 703-313-9387 or jkadelg@yahoo.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 13

Occoquan River Fall Cleanup Day. 9 a.m.-noon, Bull Run Marina, 12619 Old Yates Road, Clifton; Fountainhead Park, 10875 Hampton Road, Fairfax Station; Occoquan Regional Park, 9751 Ox Road, Lorton. All three locations allow you to preserve the region's natural resources among other volunteers. 703-887-1124 (Bull Run), 703-624-7124 (Fountainhead), 703-674-7847 (Occoquan Regional). www.fairfaxcounty.gov/springfield.

Dog Adoptions. 1-4 p.m. PetSmart, 12971 Fair Lakes Center, Fairfax. Every Saturday. Sponsored by Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation. www.lostdogrescue.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 18

South Fairfax Chamber Business Breakfast. 7:30-8:45 a.m., at Pane e Vino Ristorante, 9020 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Eat the most important meal of the day and benefit the Lorton Community Action Center. \$35-50. 703-339-5161 ext. 150 or www.southfairfaxchamber.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 19

Dog Adoptions. 6:30-8:30 p.m. PetSmart, 12971 Fair Lakes Center, Fairfax. Every Friday. Sponsored by Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation. www.lostdogrescue.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 20

Homeless Animals Rescue Team Dog Adoptions. 12-3 p.m. Petco, 13053 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. Every Saturday. 703-817-9444 or www.hart90.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 27

Community Shred Event. 9 a.m.-noon, West Springfield District Police Station, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield. Protect your identity and support local Crime Solvers. \$5 per bag or box. www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org.

Dog and Cat Adoptions. 6:30-8:30 p.m. PetSmart Seven Corners, 12971 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax. Every Saturday. Sponsored by Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation. www.lostdogrescue.org.

ONGOING

Celebrate Fairfax Volunteering. 10 a.m.-7 p.m., at the Fairfax County Government Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. The 20th annual Fall for Fairfax KidsFest (Sept. 29-30; Sunday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) includes more than 100 interactive activities, exhibits and programs focusing on education, sport and fitness, the environment, public safety and personal health (volunteer t-shirt, snack and a beverage included for volunteers). 703-324-9423 or CelebrateFairfaxVolunteers@fairfaxcounty.gov.

VolunteerFest Open Registration. Registration is open for the Oct. 27 event; register anytime for projects at schools, libraries, parks and nonprofit organizations. The 18th annual area-wide community service day's full list of projects beginning mid-morning and around lunchtime is available at <http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php>

OPEN HOUSES

SATURDAY/SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 & 14

When you visit one of these Open Houses, tell the Realtor you saw it in this Connection Newspaper. For more real estate listings and open houses, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com and click on the "This Week in Real Estate" link. Call Specific Agents to Confirm Dates & Times

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8435 Peace Lily Ct #310/01.....\$324,990.....Sun 12-4.....Shawn Evans.....Long & Foster..703-795-3973
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8194 Ships Curve Ln.....\$595,000.....Sun 1-4.....Christine Stephenson.....Weichert..703-901-0944
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All listings due by Tuesday at 3 P.M.

The County Line

Citizens Urged to Speak Up on Transportation Funding

County looks for public's opinions and suggestions on funding options.

What issue could be so important that the mayors and chairs of 38 jurisdictions within Virginia's "Urban Crescent," the area stretching from Northern Virginia to Richmond and Hampton Roads, could set aside political affiliations and sometimes conflicting agendas to sign off on a letter sent collectively to the governor, lieutenant governor and the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia? Long question, short answer: transportation.

"You know the issues are urgent when you can get that many leaders in this partisan atmosphere to all agree and to take action quickly," said Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-Large). Bulova was speaking at a public meeting held at the North Government Center in Reston on Oct. 3, the fifth in a series called "Countywide Dialogues on Transportation."

Supervisor Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) opened the session. "There is a negative change in how we are being funded by the state," she said. "The County doesn't have a dedicated revenue source to fund transportation. Legislatively, it is the state's responsibility, but we need to address those changes. We are here to talk about what our challenges are and how do we meet them."

Chairman Bulova was next up. "The well of state funds for secondary and primary road construction will be dry by 2017," she warned. "Even the funds meant to match federal dollars. The money you pay in gasoline taxes that goes to the federal government to be a match for states won't be eligible, and there are no refunds. That's a real problem."

THIS LOOMING FUNDING CRISIS and the fact that Virginia has slipped from number 10 to 33 in the CNBC study "Top States for Business" rankings released in July was the reason for the Sept. 4 letter sent by the Urban Crescent officials to the Commonwealth. "That letter is a show of solidarity. It's important," Bulova added. "But we can't wait for the answers. Fairfax County has to act now."

Part of the County's action plan was to task their Department of Transportation (DOT) with a study of needs and funding shortfalls over the next 10 years, to develop a benefit cost analysis tool to utilize when considering transportation projects, and to identify potential revenue sources to ad-



(From left) Supervisor Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-Large) and Fairfax County Dept. of Transportation Director Tom Biesiadny prepare to address the audience at their Countywide Dialogue on Transportation.

Photos by Andrea Worker/The Connection



Director Tom Biesiadny addresses the attendees, surrounded by boards depicting the Fairfax County Dept. of Transportation's report on the state of transportation in the County and possible revenue options to meet transportation needs.

dress the funding gaps. Another key component of the County DOT's assignment was to disseminate their findings in public meetings and solicit public feedback before any action is taken. The "Countywide Dialogues" are the DOT's method to fulfill that aspect of their mission.

Director of the DOT Tom Biesiadny led the presentation: "Our study identified \$8.1 billion in transportation related needs, but we only have \$5.1 billion in anticipated revenues from existing sources. Either we find new and sustainable revenue sources, or we must prioritize our needs and decide which ones we cannot go forward with."

Maintenance of our roads—the responsibility of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)—is a major concern. According to VDOT, 26 percent of all of the state's roadways are in poor condition. In Northern Virginia, 39 percent of the roads under VDOT's domain are so classified. New

road construction funding by the state has decreased from \$29 million in FY2004 to \$0 in FY2010 and is projected to stay at nil for at least the next six years. The federal government has increased funding loans available for transportation, but those dollars can only be accessed if a funding source for loan repayment is identified. Some of the unfunded projects that need attention according to the DOT include the Tysons Corner Redevelopment, Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) improvements, transit service expansions and bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

After enumerating the issues and reviewing some of the projects identified in the study, Director Biesiadny moved into part two of the discussion: potential revenue sources.

"I want to emphasize that this is the beginning of a discussion," said Biesiadny. Responding to concerns raised by a Reston

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— Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-Large)

couple in attendance, he stressed, "We are not here to advocate for any particular revenue source, or package of sources." The Reston duo declined to be identified in the paper, but stated they came to the meeting after having read online that the County was proposing to implement a toll on the Fairfax County Parkway. "We have lived here since before that road was built," said the female resident. "I am a dog walker in this area. If I had to pay a toll every time I drove on the Parkway, I would have to give up my job."

Biesiadny admitted that a Fairfax County Parkway toll had been used in the study as an example. Tolls were only one of 13 categories for revenue sourcing examined. Other categories included increased Income, Sales, Meals, Real Estate, Gas and Sales on Services Taxes. Currently there is no Sales on Service Tax in Fairfax County. Haircuts, repairs, and dry cleaning services were noted as examples of such services. "Again," assured Biesiadny, "this toll is not a proposal, or even a recommendation. We just used this as an example to show how our model works. Our model identifies a particular revenue source, then calculates the potential revenue to be gained. For each source we determine whether it is eligible for bonding, what legislative body must approve the source, and what would be the estimated household impact."

THE ENTIRE DIALOGUE PRESENTATION, as well as a brief survey asking the public to provide opinions and suggestions on possible funding options is available online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/cdot. The letter from the Urban Crescent officials can be found on Chairman Bulova's website www.Fairfaxcounty.gov/Chairman/. The chairman, Supervisor Hudgins and Director Biesiadny urged attendees to review the materials and complete the survey, which is also available in hardcopy from the DOT. To encourage greater response, Bulova gathered staff before departing, getting agreement to extend the survey deadline to take into consideration the Connection Newspapers publication dates. Survey responses will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 15.

Realtors See Recovery

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elists presented documentation showing that housing prices in close-in communities like Alexandria and Arlington have returned to near pre-bubble burst levels, while other areas are seeing a more modest, but welcome increase. "There is a shift in buyers' psychology," said Dr. Fratantoni. "More optimism."

One factor driving the higher prices and lesser selling times is the supply crunch. The relatively low unemployment rate in the area, the higher-income profile of many Northern Virginian workers, and the slowdown in new home construction have all contributed to the imbalance between supply and demand. An NVAR Home Sales report from August 2012 listed the housing supply as being down by 33.83 percent compared to last year, equating to only about a two-month supply. Virginia's better-than-average performance in the housing industry can also thank the state's guidelines on foreclosure proceedings, which are slower and more measured than many others, including Maryland and the District of Columbia.

The presentation by Carol Galante was met by applause on several occasions, particularly when she spoke of new guidance taking immediate temporary effect that would aid in the purchase of condominiums, putting in place an exemptions process to address what many believed to be overly strict regulations regarding the ratio of commercial space to a condominium project. Galante also assured the crowd that the FHA was "mindful of credit overlay. We are working with our partners to help lenders and see if they can loosen up a bit... and we are looking at ways to make short sales easier."

THE TOPIC of rentals versus home sales sparked interest in the crowd. In an uncertain economy, rentals have been understandably on the rise. There was also agreement among the speakers that the newest generation to enter the workforce is not as motivated to buy as previous generations. "When we were coming up," said Dr. Fuller, "buying your own home was a motivator. Today's young workers don't see it that way. They don't necessarily see housing as a good investment. They also seem to like the flexibility of renting." The general conclusion of the panel was that many renters would ultimately become homeowners, but that the gap between renting and owning would be a longer one and require adjustment by the industry.

Despite a generally positive outlook, the panelists addressed a number of serious speed bumps on the immediate horizon, not the least of which being the federal budget "fiscal cliff" looming in January 2013. Known as sequestration, the "cliff" refers to the massive tax increases and federal spending cuts that will be mandated unless Congress acts quickly. As the NVAR Deputy



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Genie Giao Nguyen, president/CEO of Voice of Vietnamese Americans, takes to the mic with several questions for the panel. Nguyen attended the summit primarily to gather information for her weekly radio show, broadcast in Vietnamese.

Chief Lobbyist Jamie Gregory pointed out, "Not much will be happening until after the election, during the lame duck session. And there is so much that needs to be addressed. Expiring Bush era tax cuts, payroll tax cuts, the 2007 mortgage cancellation that expires on Dec. 31, the debt ceiling." Gregory also noted that getting things done on these issues in Congress is further hampered by the lack of institutional knowledge among its members. "Since 2006," he said, "50 percent of the Congress are freshmen. And if projections are correct that the upcoming elections may yield no clear majority, that makes it even harder to get things accomplished."

Dr. Fratantoni reminded the audience that job creation and stability were still the cornerstones of a healthy housing market. Northern Virginia can currently boast some of the best employment-related figures in the nation. If sequestration is not avoided, however, the consequences for Virginia could be dire. In a July 2012 report, panelist Dr. Stephen Fuller concluded that Virginia could account for nearly 10 percent of the estimated 2.14 million jobs that could be lost.

The first question from the floor during the Q&A brought a laugh from the audience, but a serious response from moderator Kenneth Harney. The question? Which party in the White House would mean the faster recovery. Harney's reply? Both parties "were ignoring the elephant in the room. Housing didn't even get a mention at either of the conventions, and yet, the health of housing and real estate is essential to the economic health of the country."

Deputy Chief Lobbyist Gregory added, "The action, or the inaction, will be in Congress, not the White House," but he assured the assembly that the NVAR would certainly do everything in its power to aid in a detour away from the cliff, allowing the Northern Virginia housing market to continue along its slow, yet steady path of recovery.

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LEE ALEXANDER RUBLE,)
Plaintiffs,)
IN RE: ZOIE AVA AUSTIN,)
(a minor under 18 years old))
v.)
JOHN DOE,)
DONOR ID NUMBER 1432,)
Defendant.)

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CASE NO: 2012-DR-10-2158
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TO: ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

YOU WILL TAKE NOTICE that an adoption action is pending having been filed on June 12, 2012, in the Family Court, in Charleston County, South Carolina, concerning the adoption of Zoie Ava Austin, born on May 18, 2009, in Charleston, South Carolina.

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Sports

Woodson Football Beats TC for First 2012 Victory

Titans running back Robertson runs for 176 yards in defeat.

By Jon Roetman
The Connection

Andrew Mackay doesn't know why, but for some reason the Woodson quarterback finds difficulty in completing a relatively easy pass to a receiver running a corner route.

On Oct. 6, the Woodson football team faced second-and-goal at the T.C. Williams five-yard line midway through the fourth quarter. The Cavaliers led by a touchdown and were in search of some insurance toward earning their first victory of the season. Woodson coaches called for a play where tight end Peter Murray ran to the corner of the end zone and another receiver ran out into the flat.

"That play, we try to run a lot because it's such a good play, and for some reason for me it's a tough throw," Mackay said. "I don't know why. It should be easy; I've made those throws over and over again in practice."

With a chance to snap a five-game losing streak, Mackay connected with Murray for a touchdown, which proved to be the difference in the game as the Cavaliers defeated the Titans, 28-21, during Woodson High School's 50th anniversary homecoming game.

"[For] Peter, [who is also] a basketball player," Mackay said, "just toss it up there and he'll go up there and get it like a rebound."

MURRAY'S FIRST TOUCHDOWN of the season secured Woodson's first victory of the 2012 campaign. After three lopsided losses, the Cavaliers had dropped their previous two games by a combined seven points. Instead of falling short in another close contest, Woodson made the plays it needed to earn a W in front of the home crowd.

"It feels great," Murray said. "We've been working hard. The last two weeks, [we lost by a combined seven points]. It's been tough, the last minute or two [our opponents] scored. We fought the entire game. After our first three games we've come together as a team, really. I think we're just as good as anyone else right now. We're rolling now and I'm looking forward to the next four games...."

"[It was my] first touchdown of the year. I've been waiting for it. When I saw that ball in the air it was a great feeling. I knew I was going to go get it and I did and I was so happy."

The 28 points were a season-high for Woodson, which also defeated T.C. Williams after a 0-5 start in 2011. Running back Napoleon Augustin carried 23 times for 146 yards and two touchdowns. Joe Carter rushed six times for 72 yards. Mackay com-



Woodson quarterback Andrew Mackay throws a pass against T.C. Williams during the Cavaliers' homecoming game on Oct. 6.

Photos by Craig Sterbutzel/The Connection



Jonathan Knight (17) and other Woodson defenders swarm to the ball against T.C. Williams on Oct. 6.

pleted five of 10 passes for 83 yards and a touchdown, and also ran for a score.

Woodson's wing-T offense produced 343 yards, including 260 on the ground.

"A lot of people made a lot of plays," second-year Woodson Head Coach Joe Dishun said. "We're not a team with a lot of superstars. We've got a lot of guys that are just football players."

The game started in inauspicious fashion for Woodson. TC drove down the field on the game's opening possession and faced first-and-10 at the Cavaliers 18 when quarterback Alec Grosser threw into the end zone and was intercepted by Woodson defensive back Raymond Maneno. Unfortunately for Woodson, Maneno fumbled during the return and TC receiver Landon Moss scooped up the loose ball and ran 11 yards for a Titan touchdown.

Woodson answered with a four-yard touchdown run by Mackay on its ensuing possession, but TC came right back and

scored on its next possession, when running back Dealo Robertson reached the end zone from two yards with 4:09 remaining in the first quarter.

AT THAT POINT, however, the Woodson defense tightened up and did not allow a point until Grosser connected with sophomore Terry Jordan for a 17-yard touchdown pass with 2:04 remaining in the fourth quarter, cutting the Cavaliers lead to 28-21.

After losing to Chantilly, Madison and Oakton by a combined score of 115-20, Woodson suffered a 10-7 loss to Lee on Sept. 21 and a 14-10 defeat against West Springfield on Sept. 28. This time, the Cavaliers found a way to win.

"The big thing is making sure these kids understood that we believed in their potential," Dishun said. "We had confidence in them and belief in how they've improved and how they've been playing and how they've been competing, [and] if they just

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**—Woodson football coach
Joe Dishun**

kept at it, it was going to happen. To work through those setbacks and keep together the way they have, I'm just extremely proud of them."

While Woodson celebrated homecoming with a victory and improved to 1-2 in the Patriot District, T.C. Williams suffered its fifth consecutive loss after defeating Wakefield, 73-0, in the season opener on Aug. 30. The Titans fell to 0-3 in the district.

Robertson fractured a rib against South County on Sept. 22 and missed the Lake Braddock game, but returned to action against Woodson. The senior said he felt pain every time he was hit, but still managed to carry the ball 25 times for 176 yards and a touchdown. He also caught two passes for 12 yards.

Robertson had 114 yards on the ground at halftime.

"We didn't get back to [running the ball] in the second half aggressively," Robertson said. "We took our foot off the gas.... We came out here thinking that [the Cavaliers] were going to lay down on their homecoming and their 50th anniversary. We thought this was going to be our first step back in the right direction."

Grosser completed 21 of 37 passes for 158 yards and a touchdown. Moss had six receptions for 50 yards.

Linebacker Malik Carney led the TC defense with 16 tackles. Defensive backs Rashawn Jackson and Tyrice Henry had 12 and 10 tackles, respectively. Kyreem Walton had two sacks and Carney had one. Henry and Jackson each recovered a Woodson fumble.

Woodson will host Annandale at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12.

"Our confidence has gone up progressively throughout the season," Mackay said. "We know that we can play like this every game, so this just proves it. It just shows that if we set our minds to it and execute the things we know how to do, we can beat anybody."

T.C. Williams will host West Springfield at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13.

"You've got to come into the games with high hopes, but when we're out here, we're taking our foot off the gas, thinking that we can just win," Robertson said. "You can't win like that."

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The Christian Science Church of Fairfax hosts the Fairfax City Fall Festival at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 4 p.m. "The Healing Effect of Your Prayers." 703-707-9641 or www.christiansciencefairfax.com.

The congregation of Greater Little Zion Baptist Church at 10185 Zion Drive, Fairfax, will celebrate their 121st church anniversary on Oct. 21, 2012 at 10 a.m. Dinner will be served immediately after the service. Revival will take place at 7 p.m. on Oct. 18 and 19. Reverend Charles A. Lundy of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Woodbridge, Va. will be the guest speaker on Oct. 18. Reverend Doctor Alfred Jones, Jr. of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Triangle, Va. will be the guest speaker on Oct. 19. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. prior to each service.

Antioch Baptist Church Conference on Aging presents "God's Reassurances as We Age," Saturday, Oct. 20 from 8:15 a.m.-3:45 p.m., at 6525B Little Ox, Fairfax Station. Exhibitors, prizes, a conference on key topics for older adults, family members, caregivers, professionals and volunteers working with older adults; breakfast and lunch provided. kray@antioch-church.org.

The Pastoral Care Network of the Chesapeake Region announces their fall 2012 workshop, the Role of

Pastoral Care Team in Dealing with Mental Health Issues, on Sunday, Nov. 4 from 1:30-4:30 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Reston, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston. \$20. Register before October at 703-503-4579 or administrator@accotinkuuc.org.

The Women's Ministry at Jubilee Christian Center is having a Fall Bible Study on Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m.-noon, each Tuesday through Nov. 20. The study is on "The Sower and the Seed." Jubilee is located at 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. 703-383-1170. www.jccag.org.

A Walk through Ancient Bethlehem, Dec. 8-9, 2012. On Dec. 8 and 9, Parkwood Baptist Church of Annandale will present its 12th annual re-creation of Bethlehem. Tours conducted from 4 to 8 p.m. will feature costumed re-enactors including Roman soldiers and tax collectors, musical performances, and a nativity scene with live performers and animals. Activities and crafts for children and refreshments for all. 8726 Braddock Road, Annandale. Details available at www.bwalk.org or 703-978-8160.

The Sanctuary at **Abiding Presence Lutheran Church** will begin undergoing renovations this month. Hence, the meeting on Sept. 30th will be in Room B9 at Burke United Methodist Church, 6200 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke, VA 22015 (at the southwest corner of the intersection of Burke Centre Parkway and Burke Lake Road).

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.

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 activities 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 at www.burkepreschurch.org.

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