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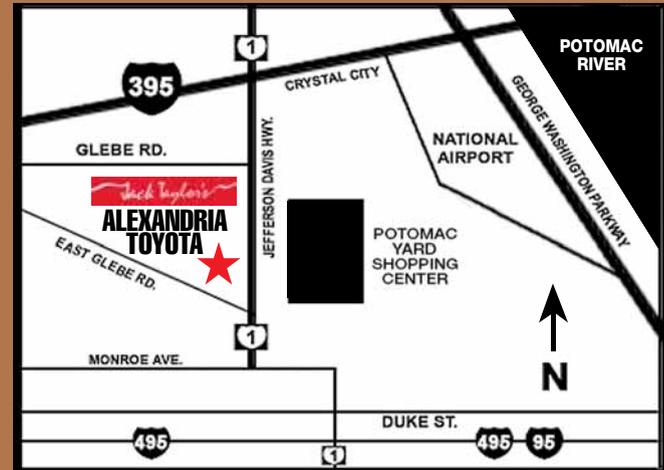
Reed Hall and his float, the Clifton Cow Train, pull his patriotic passengers during the Clifton Independence Day Parade on Friday, July 4.

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Clifton Cub Scouts march in the Clifton Independence Day Parade on Friday, July 4.



Hannah Ramey, 13, shows her love for the town of Clifton on Friday, July 4.

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Slice of Small-town America Strong in Clifton

BY ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO
THE CONNECTION

The Clifton Fire Department led lawnmowers, golf-carts, two pick-up trucks and an army of patriotically decorated bicycles down Main Street for the town's Independence Day Parade on Friday, July 4 in Clifton.

Clifton residents lined up on Main Street to await the start of the parade, organized by the Clifton Betterment Association and town residents, and to cheer on the participants, who were mostly their neighbors and local children.

Politicians and their supporters also participated in the event. Republican congressional candidate for the 10th district Barbara Comstock walked the parade. And her Democratic opponent John Foust was represented by his wife, Dr. Marilyn Jerome.

Supporters of U.S. Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.) attended, as did those of Republican



Children on bicycles participate in the Clifton Independence Day Parade on Friday, July 4.

challenger Ed Gillespie. Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chair-

man Sharon Bulova (D), Supervisor Pat Herry (R-Springfield) and Del. Tim Hugo

(R-40) also participated in the town's festivities.

The parade started on Dell Avenue and circulated twice on Main Street, Chapel, Pendelton and Clifton roads, ending in Aire Square, where Mayor Bill Holloway thanked the organizers and spoke of the significance of the day.

"The fourth of July is all about freedom...trust, faith, tradition and history." He spoke about Clifton and its community. "People caring about each other, compassion and helping each other - that's what our community is all about," he said.

The crowd recited the pledge of allegiance and sang the national anthem led by Helen Rusnak.

A potluck picnic in Clifton Town Park followed.

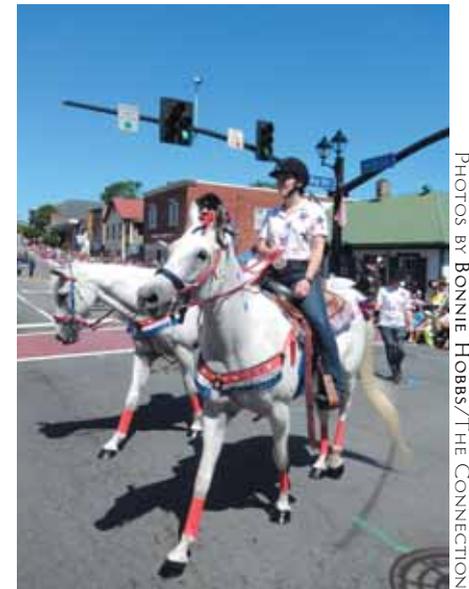
Kathy Hertz, of Clifton, said the event exemplifies the "spirit of America...It speaks about our community and how we are every day, which is a really tight, close community that's there for each other."



Clifton Horse Society in July Fourth Parade



Members of the Clifton Horse Society participated Friday in the City of Fairfax's huge Fourth of July parade.



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You Can Run, But You Can't Win?

Fairfax County fires attorney for winning city council seat.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Like many lifelong City of Fairfax residents, Nancy Fry Loftus is proud of her hometown's character and charm — a Norman Rockwell postcard of small-town life in the heart of an increasingly urban, diverse and bustling region.

After winning a seat on the six-member City of Fairfax Council in May, Loftus was looking forward to celebrating Independence Day with her family and participating in the city's annual old-fashioned July 4th extravaganza, which includes a colorful hometown parade, firefighter's competition, and the largest fireworks display in the area.

But as she sat in historic Old Town Hall on Friday, July 4 — during the annual meet-and-greet luncheon with city leaders — Loftus started to tear up.

What she thought would be a moment of pure celebration had turned bittersweet.

A week earlier, on June 27, Loftus had been abruptly fired from her job as a Fairfax County assistant attorney by County Attorney David Bobzien.

"My computer was shut down, and I was locked out of the office ... I had worked there for 17 years, and I always had great reviews. This was just humiliating," Loftus said.

So why was Loftus terminated?

According to her attorney, state Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34), winning the non-partisan election — which comes with a \$4,500 salary — cost Loftus her \$85,000-a-year county job.

In fact, her termination followed two warnings from the County Attorney's Office — the first on April 17, just 19 days before Election Day.

THOSE WARNINGS, Petersen said, stated that Loftus would be terminated unless she either withdrew from the election or declined the office.

Petersen released correspondence with the Fairfax County attorney's office, which includes Bobzien's 12-page dismissal letter. In the letter, Bobzien acknowledges that Virginia State Law allows Loftus to be a candidate, but claims the same law does not provide her with the right to actually hold office.

If Loftus accepted the will of the voters in the City of Fairfax — and held the office to which they elected her — it would create a terminal conflict of interest in matters that involve both the city and the county, according to the County Attorney's office.

"I find that distinction to be an absurdity which would nullify the state law which

specifically permits local government employees to be 'candidates' for public office," Petersen said. "Nancy was terminated solely for being elected to the Fairfax City Council while being employed by the county. It's bizarre. I mean, if someone gets too active in their church, are we going to fire them next?"

A former Fairfax City council member, Petersen said he called Bobzien several times to discuss alternatives to firing Loftus, but Bobzien never called him back. Petersen said he took the case for several reasons.

"I've known Nancy since we were elementary school students together in the 1970s. I have great respect for her honesty and integrity," Petersen said. "I also think that the county attorney's actions are wrong, both as a legal matter and as a matter of fairness and consistency."

Petersen said the core issue is one of "free speech."

"Localities in Virginia cannot arbitrarily fire employees who exercise their First Amendment rights of political speech and participation. I am disappointed and frankly surprised that the county attorney's office would ignore the law, especially after the County Attorney himself authorized Nancy's candidacy back in February."

Loftus said she approached her boss when she first thought about running for the seat. "If David had said no, I don't think I would have run...He hired me as a clerk when I was in law school. He would ask me how the campaign was going, and we would joke about it in a friendly way, like 'don't campaign in your county uniform ...' I thought he was totally fine with it."

Loftus said her first inkling that Bobzien might not be completely fine with her campaign came in a Feb. 12 email.

"He said, 'I'm having some thoughts about conflict of interest, maybe we can meet one day next week.' I called the office immediately, but it was during a snowstorm and the offices were closed. I emailed him that this was really, really important, and I said there are ways to deal with (any concerns), and state law was clear ... Even if you work for the county, you don't waive the right to the rest of your life ... I asked him to please call me back," Loftus said Friday, adding that Bobzien emailed her a note that night stating there was "no need to discuss this further. I see and accept your point."

Loftus said her interactions with her boss after that exchange were cordial, and there



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

Newly-elected Fairfax City council member Nancy Fry Loftus, a former Fairfax County assistant attorney, attended the annual Independence Day luncheon at the city's historic Old Town Hall with her husband, Connell, and two daughters, Anastasia, 9 and Colleen Marie, 12.

was nothing out of the ordinary.

Until April 17 at 8:30 a.m., when she received a 30-page memo from Bobzien informing her that she would be fired if she did not withdraw from the race.

"I was completely blindsided. It was just a few weeks before the election and the campaign had gotten heated ... I thought I would be sick," Loftus said Friday.

Loftus was concerned enough about the ethical questions Bobzien raised to contact the Virginia State Bar's ethics hotline that same day. She received an email reply later that day from James M. McCauley, Ethics Counsel of the Virginia State Bar.

"You have asked '[i]s it unethical for me to be an Assistant County Attorney for Fairfax County and also serve on the Fairfax City Council?'"

"The short answer to this question is 'no' it is not per se unethical for a lawyer to be employed in a law firm or government attorney's office and concurrently hold a public position or office. Many lawyers have served in public office while practicing in a law firm at the same time, especially when the public position is only a part-time endeavor. To hold otherwise would mean that no lawyers could ever hold public office and practice law in a law firm. Obviously, that is not the position of the Virginia State Bar, Ethics Counsel or the Standing Committee on Legal Ethics.

Loftus also asked if it was unethical for the county attorney to "threaten to fire me if I participate in statutorily protected political activity?"

McCauley wrote that the question was "beyond the purview of the Rules of Professional Conduct and therefore I am not authorized to render an opinion on that issue."

"I was satisfied that I was not violating VSB ethics," Loftus said.

"They threatened her with her job. She had this ax hanging over her head for the rest of the campaign," said Connell, Loftus' husband, who brought Loftus a plate of food Friday at the Old Town Hall luncheon as she sat with well-wishers.

Connell Loftus, who also grew up in the City of Fairfax, said he had just started a new job when his wife was fired from hers.

"It was a catastrophic economic event for our family. We lost our insurance, and 50 percent of our family's income. It's been a stressful time," Connell said.

Bobzien was not available for comment, but several county officials, who asked not to be named, said Bobzien's concerns over a conflict of interest are justified and they supported his move to fire Loftus.

Bobzien's correspondence shows he consulted with the Virginia state bar's ethics counsel who advised that if Loftus won the election, a conflict of interest would be "imputed to every attorney" in the county attorney's office.

For example, if Loftus — as a city council member — could not lobby the state legislature, then no one in his office could lobby in Richmond. He also listed potential legal conflicts between the city and the county, such as tax and zoning disputes.

Bobzien also mentioned the recent epic legal battle known as the "water wars," triggered when Fairfax County enacted an ordinance in 2011 to regulate the city's "high" water rates, and the city — seeing the ordinance as a blatant power grab for water systems the county didn't own — sued the county.

THE SHOWDOWN ultimately embroiled the City of Fairfax, Fairfax County and two other government bodies, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and a billion-dollar utility company, who all spent a significant amount of time and money on legal counsel and PR campaigns battling each other for control.

In the end, Fairfax County won.

Loftus acknowledged she publicly talked about the "water wars" during the campaign, and she said she wonders if those statements — on such a prickly subject — caused her job to be in jeopardy. But Loftus said that if that's true, then Fairfax County should be pleased, since she stated she did not think the city should have sued the county.

As Loftus finished her Independence Day lunch, one well-wisher, Steve Caruso, a part-time City of Fairfax employee, came up to Loftus and said he wanted to shake her hand. "I just read about your plight in the paper. I think it's totally unfair," he said.

"That makes me feel good to know there are people supporting me in this," Loftus said.

School Board Decreases Suspension Time

Student Rights and Responsibilities revised.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION

Starting this fall, suspensions for certain student offenses in Fairfax County will decrease, thanks to a revision of the school system's Student Rights and Responsibilities [SR&R].

The school board voted unanimously at the end of June to change the discipline handbook, which will now focus on in-school suspensions to preserve time in school. Offenses that come with mandatory punishments are decreased under the updated handbook.

Sully District School Board member Kathy Smith said at the meeting that the focus remains to have safe schools, but to ensure that children are kept in school so they can continue to receive their education.



PHOTO BY JANELLE GERMANOS/THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County School Board voted unanimously to change the Student Rights and Responsibilities handbook to decrease suspension times.

"The changes to the SR&R were made to better align with best practices, to reduce suspensions, and to include changes that have been made to the Code of Virginia," said School Board Chairman Ilryong Moon in a press release. "The adopted changes emphasize the School Board's desire to keep students in class by promoting alternative forms of discipline and reducing the length of suspension for certain offenses. However, serious infractions will still be dealt with in a manner that protects students and staff."

to sign it each year.

CHANGES ALSO INCLUDE adjustments to a marijuana-related punishment. First-time use of marijuana that does not take place on school grounds or during a school sponsored activity will be extended expedited review, meaning disciplinary actions other than expulsion may be used.

A motion was also approved that requires the collection of data on cases involving first-time possession and use of marijuana cases each semester. Principals are also

The Student Rights and Responsibilities provides a guideline of rules for students of Fairfax County Schools and the consequences for breaking those rules. Students are required

given more independence in assigning disciplinary decisions.

Superintendent Karen Garza said at the meeting that disproportionality in school suspensions will continue to be examined.

"Are we there yet with the Student Rights and Responsibilities? No. I think we have to keep working on it and keep making it better," Superintendent Karen Garza said.

Under the updated handbook, the suspension time for many punishments is decreased from 10 to five days.

"We wanted to reduce the number of days students miss school due to disciplinary infractions. We need to hold students accountable, but can we do that in a way that still supports our educational mission, and I think we've made progress there," Garza said.

A requirement that required a 10-day suspension with a referral to the Division Superintendent has also been eliminated.

"Everything we know at the national level of research is, when you pull children out of their school building, when you pull

them even out of the classroom, they fall further and further behind," said Lee District School Board member Tamara Derenak Kaufax. "When we look at the things that we as a system can try to control and improve upon for student achievement, it's important that we recognize that this is why getting our discipline practice right is so important, because this is how we will help improve student achievement and narrow the achievement gap."

FAIRFAX COUNTY'S ADOPTION of the new Student Rights and Responsibilities will be a model for the rest of Virginia, said Ted Velkoff, member at large.

"School boards are going to be looking at ways to respond positively to students without doing zero tolerance," he said.

Electronic cigarettes and hookah pens were also added to be classified as tobacco products under the updated handbook.

A motion was also approved that requires data to be collected regarding in-school and out-of-school suspension, as well as the number of those students not suspended, out of the total number of referrals to the Superintendent for discipline infractions, to be reported each semester.



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Hurray for Full Day Mondays

Hoping that later start times for high schoolers follows quickly.

For decades, Fairfax County schools have sent elementary school students home after half a day on Mondays. This was never a good idea, and it has been more damaging to family schedules and student learning with the increase over the years of two-income households and greater economic diversity.

That is about to change. Karen Garza, superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools, has demonstrated in several ways that she understands tackling the challenges of educating all of Fairfax County's students will require deviation from the status quo.

Not only will half day Mondays come to an end, but it will come to an end in two months, in September, 2014, a remarkable accomplishment for a bureaucracy the size of Fairfax County Public Schools.

The change will also come with 20 minutes of recess a day. Research shows (and common sense confirms) that recess and physical activity benefit student learning.

It's an important step showing responsiveness to the needs of families and students. Nearly one third of the county's kindergarteners are poor. How do we think those parents are managing the need for child

care on Monday afternoons? FCPS has resisted meeting the needs of the whole child, but cannot expect to successfully educate its 186,785 students without this kind of change.

Programs to identify gifted and talented students among poor and minority students, summer school, year-round modified calendars for some schools, and many other changes will need to be considered and fast tracked for the county school system to succeed.

Consider: About 50,000 of the county's public school students are poor enough to receive subsidized meals. About 30,000 of the county's public school students are receiving specialized instruction to better learn English. More than 25,000 of the county's public schools students are receiving special education services. White students make up 42 percent of the student body; 23 percent are Latino; 19 percent are Asian American; 10 percent are African American.

Fairfax County is by some measures the wealthiest county in the nation, or at least in the top five.

If success educating this population of students is possible anywhere, it should be here, but there is nothing simple about it and will require much more change.

More Sleep for Teens

Later start times for high school is slated as another top priority for change in FCPS, and we agree.

New research continues to pile up about sleep deprivation and the damage it does to

teens. A rigorous study published in February demonstrates that reduced quantity of sleep in adolescents increases risk for major depression, according to research at the University of Texas School of Public Health.

The Centers for Disease Control: "Sleep is increasingly recognized as important to public health, with sleep insufficiency linked to motor vehicle crashes, industrial disasters, and medical and other occupational errors. ... Persons experiencing sleep insufficiency are also more likely to suffer from chronic diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, depression, and obesity, as well as from cancer, increased mortality, and reduced quality of life and productivity."

According to Judith Owens, M.D., director of Sleep Medicine at Children's National Medical Center: "The scientific evidence is irrefutable: chronic sleep loss and disruption in circadian rhythms associated with early high school start times are associated with negative consequences including poor academic performance, increased sport-related injuries, and potential long-term increases in cardiovascular and metabolic (i.e., type 2 diabetes) health risks. We know that delaying high school start times increases total sleep time and positively impacts academic achievement and school attendance. There are also documented mental and physical health benefits for students that include reductions in rates of depression and fewer drowsy driving crashes."

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Area Nonprofit Guides Entrepreneurs to Start-Up Success

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For many working poor, the challenges of conquering the barriers to education, childcare and transportation are too great to overcome. Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS), the nonprofit known for providing food and shelter, health and dental access, and Head Start programs for more than 36,000 local residents a year, also is working to alleviate poverty with its innovative entrepreneurship program.

One of the organization's clients, Roberto Lopez, was formerly a biologist and agronomist consulting with UNESCO in his native Nicaragua; but took a job with the maintenance staff of a public institution when he moved to Virginia. Like many immigrants, his degrees were not valid in the U.S. and his lack of English skills lim-



Roberto Lopez

ited his job prospects. Throughout the repetitive days of monitoring scrubbing and sweeping (and even with a subsequent promotion to manager), Roberto dreamed of a way to apply his biology and agronomy knowledge to start a business. He slowly formed a plan to grow vegetable and herb gardens for the residents of Virginia,

optimizing the garden according to light, soil quality, space and plant combinations. To move the idea from concept to reality, Roberto needed guidance and capital.

That is when he visited the Hispanic Entrepreneurship Program of Northern Virginia Family Service. The program provides integrated, long-term support for the economic success of Hispanic entrepreneurs. Their business consultants guided Roberto through licensing, business planning, and most importantly, obtaining capital.

NVFS is an approved trustee of Kiva Zip, a program launched by Kiva.org to crowdfund microloans with 0 percent interest. Once NVFS helped Roberto develop a solid business plan, the agency endorsed him on KivaZip.org. Roberto's profile shared the details of his qualifications and his business idea. NVFS' endorsement described why Roberto would achieve success and pay back the loan responsibly. From there, people from Northern Virginia –

and around the world – began to crowdfund his loan. With as little as \$5, nearly 50 individuals showed their support for Roberto and lend to his business. Many will stay involved as potential customers, business advisers and brand ambassadors.

In Roberto's case, the metrics of a traditional bank loan would have immediately disqualified him as a borrower. Banks have to rely on time in business, credit score, collateral, available cash and other factors that a new business created by a new, low-income immigrant will not have. Kiva Zip, on the other hand, relies on trustees like NVFS who vouch for the borrower's character and business plan. NVFS currently ranks as the top Kiva Zip trustee in Virginia and #9 in the country, boasting a 100 percent repayment rate from its borrowers.

"I see tons of entrepreneurs like Roberto who are extremely well-educated with bright business ideas. They are challenged to learn

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NEWS

Fairfax Updates Green Building Policy

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE GAZETTE

The green building policy in Fairfax has been updated, requiring higher standards for residential, retail, office and other construction projects seeking approval for rezoning in the county.

“Fairfax County’s Green Building Policy is a major component of our board’s environmental agenda and my own efforts toward making Fairfax County a leader in energy efficiency. Business leaders understand the value of this policy not only for its environmental benefits, but also the savings they achieve and the competitive advantage of low energy costs,” said Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

The vote was made at the July 1 Board of Supervisors meeting. Fairfax County first adopted a green building policy in 2007, as part of the Comprehensive Plan.

Now, the policy is updated to include changes that have been made in rating systems of green buildings.

LEED certification or equivalent programs, which are more clearly defined in the updated policy, are extended to industrial areas under the plan, and for proposals in high density areas. Green buildings in higher density areas must meet higher levels of performance to be certified green in these areas. The new plan also urges data collection of water and energy use within green buildings.

More than 100 developers have committed to design and construct green buildings since the policy began in 2007.

“The Green Building Policy is all about promoting sustainability in Fairfax County. This policy helps position office buildings, residential developments, industrial sites and other developments for an energy-efficient and competitive edge well into the future,” Bulova said.

The policy applies to development projects required to undergo the rezoning process. Under the updated policy, existing buildings looking to meet green standards are also supported. Infrastructure for electric car charging stations is also included in the plan.

Green buildings are buildings that have minimal effect on the environment through a decreased greenhouse gas emission through lower levels of water and energy consumption. Fairfax County government has built 16 green-certified buildings since 2008.

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Pat Herryty addressed his concern with the fiscal impact of this policy, specifically with the electric car charging stations.

“Clearly, this policy has a cost to industry, clearly this has a cost to housing, it has a cost to commercial development — there is a cost impact,” Herryty said. “I think we have to look at the cost of this before we charge ahead.”

Some board members wanted to

defer the decision, but this failed.

“I think the time has come to provide some guidance in our plan,” said Lee district Supervisor Jeff McKay. “I don’t know what delaying this accomplishes when people have been working on this and discussing this for this long.”

Supervisors John Cook, Pat Herryty and Michael Frey voted against the motion to update the green building policy.



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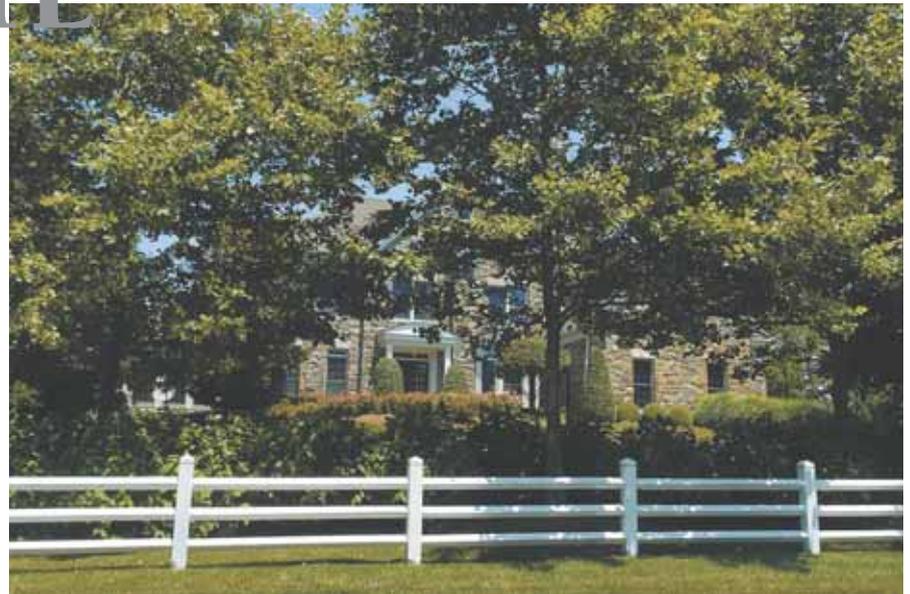
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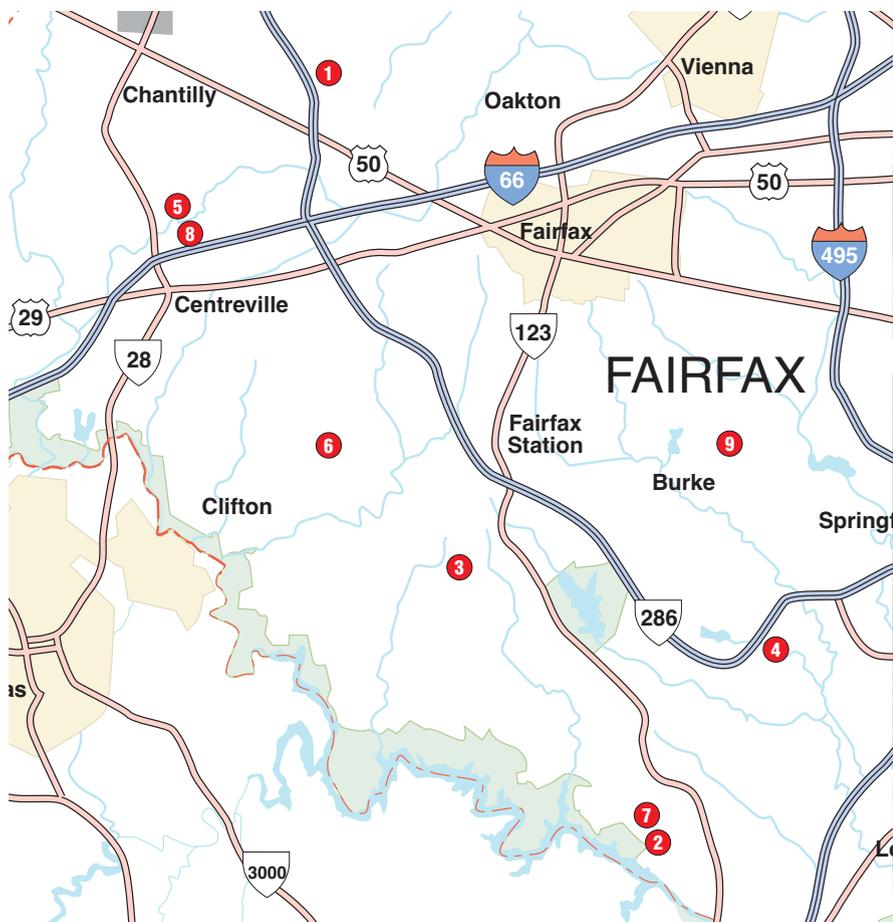
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Home LifeStyle

A New Work Order

Local designers help create organized and stylish home offices.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Whether it's a nook, in the kitchen or a designated room, a home office is the place where ideas come to life. Local designers dish about the secrets to creating a workspace that is organized and functional yet stylish.

"You're going to spend a lot of time in it so aesthetics do matter," said Patricia Tetro of BOWA Builders Inc., in McLean.

Thinking about how a space will be used is the first step in the design process. "An office is as unique as a person," said interior designer Julie Sproules of the Art Institute of Washington in Arlington. "Each person has a different way of working and therefore a different set of needs. If you are working from home, you'll be spending a lot more time there than if you are using it to keep the household paperwork in order."

There are a series of questions that one might consider: "How will you use the office? Is it just for you? Do others come in and meet with you? Do you tend to do most of your work on the computer?" asks

Tetro. "Do you do things by Skype? If so, the placement of the computer becomes more critical."

Storage and the placement of it is one of the most important home office design decisions. "Where do you want to keep things?" asks Tetro. "When sitting in a chair, do you need to have your entire realm within arm's reach?"

Getting creative with storage supplies is a technique that Sallie Kjos of Grey Hunt Interiors in Chantilly, uses to avoid compromising style for order. "A floating shelf will help to keep a clean look, but have it organized," she said. "You can also get decorative boxes in a variety of colors."

Sproules uses labeled storage bins to create home office space that has a place for everything. "There are a million different kinds out there, from wood to rattan to linen," she said. "Get a bookshelf that you can fit the bins in. ... Leave some room ... for a filing binder and books, but anything small should go in a bin. This way you can just throw all the markers, yarn, buttons and [other miscellaneous items] into their bin and not have to worry about them being misplaced."

Don't forget to save a space for smart phones and tablets. "You might need charging spaces with electrical outlets that are easily accessible," said Tetro.

To create an orderly appearance, stash files, papers and other office supplies out of sight. "A lot of people use an extra bedroom as a home office. Take



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The office of this Great Falls home features an abundance of storage and workspace. Designers at BOWA Builders, Inc. combined natural and recessed lighting to bring organization and style to the space.



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This Vienna home office designed by BOWA Builders, Inc. features natural and recessed lighting, custom crown molding and wood flooring.

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Designing Stylish Home Offices

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the doors off the closet and create a storage area," said Bart Goldstein of Bart Goldstein Interior Design in Potomac, Md. "Add closed storage on the bottom that works as file cabinets, but looks like a piece of furniture" such as a chest or a credenza.

"You can make it look like a built-in," said Goldstein. "Closet companies ... are able to make it look like a real working office with nice furniture."

GET CREATIVE when selecting a desk to add interest and express your personal style. "You can use an old writing table, side table or console table to use with a nice parsons chair," said Kjos. "This makes more inviting space that is decorative but functional."

Choose seating that incorporates style and comfort. "This doesn't have to mean a task chair," said Sproules. "Task chairs are great if you're sitting in them many hours a day, and there are some attractive options, but I prefer ... a small lounge chair to give it more of a homey feel. Just make sure it can be pushed under the desk or table when not in use. ... I have even used small metal side chairs or stools like an old classroom."

A person's occupation and work style should be considered. "Stools are especially great if you get up and move a lot as a part

of your working routine," said Sproules. "You can swivel from one side of the table to another and being on a bar-height stool means you're more likely to get up and walk around routinely. If you do choose a bar-height stool, make sure your desk or table is either height-adjustable or standing-height."

Proper lighting is another key component of a well-designed home office. "Consider overhead lighting" said Goldstein. "[It] will not take up space like a lamp. You can run an eight-foot [lighting] track though the middle of the room and turn the lights toward the desk."

Incorporate more than one lighting source into a room's design.

"This helps you modulate the light for the task that you're doing," said Sproules. "You should have one general light: an overhead light or a floor lamp that ... provides general, diffused light and a task light for more focused work," such as a small, adjustable lamp with dimming capabilities.

When it comes to maintaining a sense of home in a home office, designers suggest getting personal. "You can mix interesting accessories like family pictures and a plant here or there to give the office aesthetic appeal as opposed to just function," said Goldstein.

ROOM DESIGN should reflect one's pro-



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Sallie Kjos of Grey Hunt Interiors created a home office for herself in the corner of her kitchen. She personalized it by adding plants and family photos.

fession and personal needs. "Are you dealing with paperwork, mail and working on the computer, or would you be better off

with a set up that is more like an artist's studio, with a clean table for 'making' and another area for the 'office' side of things [with a] bookshelf, table and storage?" asked Sproules. "How many hours a day or week to you plan on being in that space?"

Sproules believes that one's occupation can be a source of design inspiration. "As an interior designer, I have an excessive collection of pens and markers that are organized in small boxes along a wall, like an art store," she said. "It's a nice way to personalize the space with your specific type of work without having it get too messy. And there's always a pen when I need one."

"In my own home office I have my desk against the wall with floating shelves," said Goldstein. "As an interior designer, I have a lot of catalogues that I'm always pulling from. I have a seating area in my office because people are always coming in. We can have a conversation while I'm working."

"There is one accessory that no home office should be without," said Sproules. "Everyone needs a tack board," she said. "If you're more of the artistic type, use cork board tiles. They come in all sorts of colors, and you can paint them too. [You can] cover a whole wall or a large section to use as an inspiration board. If not, you should still tack up images that you find inspiring, or at least peaceful."

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paved trails through woods and hills and will finish at the high school. Participants can register online at www.nvso.us or by regular mail.

The 2014 NVSO will be held Sept. 13-24 and offers more than 50 events at 19 different venues throughout Northern Virginia. Registration forms are available at senior centers, community centers and senior residences or by calling 703-228-4721. Deadlines to register are Aug. 29 (mail) and Sept. 5 (online).

Adults 50 years of age by Dec. 30, 2014 and residing in a sponsoring jurisdiction, are eligible to compete. The fee is \$12 which covers multiple events. Most events are divided into age categories and some by gender. Winners will be awarded gold, silver and

bronze medals after each event. Events include badminton, volleyball, cycling, track and field, ERG rowing, swimming, diving, tennis, table tennis, golf, miniature golf, 10-pin bowling, Wii bowling, pickleball, bocce, racquetball, handball, scrabble, cribbage, duplicate bridge, bunco, horseshoes, men's 3-on-3 basketball, men's and women's basketball free throw, team line dancing, yo-yo tricks, eight ball pool, Frisbee throw and softball hit and throw, Mexican Train dominoes and American style Mah Jongg. NVSO is sponsored by the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun and Prince William.

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SPORTS

World Cup Fever

Area soccer coaches, players share 2014 World Cup viewing experiences.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Even on his wedding day, Robinson boys' soccer coach Robert Garza couldn't escape World Cup fever. Garza married his wife, Jennifer, on June 21 at the Hendry House at Fort C.F. Smith in Arlington. During that Saturday in Northern Virginia, Garza and a group that included his best man, West Potomac boys' soccer coach Andrew Peck, watched the Ghana-Germany match in the groom's suite. Later, when the group was taking pictures, Peck had the match streaming on his cell phone.

What was Jennifer's reaction?

"She laughed when she found out," Garza wrote in a twitter message. "She married a soccer coach."

Garza is among the local residents who have closely followed the 2014 World Cup in Brazil. As the competition nears an end, soccer coaches and players from Northern Virginia shared their memorable experiences from the month-long event, and their predictions on who would emerge victorious from the tournament's final four teams: Brazil, Germany, Argentina, and the Netherlands.

Garza wasn't the only one making an effort to watch the World Cup. Oakton boys' coach Todd Spitalny, who owns a kitchen and bath company in Manassas, said he had DirecTV installed in his office specifically to watch the World Cup. South Lakes girls' coach Mike Astudillo took in some of the action at Reston Town Center, and Lucas Belanger, a 2013 Mount Vernon High School graduate and rising sophomore goalkeeper at American University, watched the United States matches at National Harbor in Washington. T.C. Williams rising senior Eryk Williamson downloaded an app on his phone to receive live updates if he wasn't able to watch.

Laila Gray, a 2014 Chantilly High School graduate and rising freshman on the Virginia Tech women's soccer team, said watching others on the pitch can help improve one's ability.

"Watching soccer is so important if you want to become a better soccer player," Gray wrote in an email. "It builds your soccer IQ, creativity and love for the game."

Along with following the action at home — and on a cell phone during his wedding day — Garza, a 1991 Hayfield graduate, has watched the World Cup at the Bungalow and Lucky's Sports Theatre in Kingstowne.

"The atmosphere has been phenomenal," Garza wrote, "with so many fans coming out to watch."

MUCH EXCITEMENT centered around the performance of the United States men's national team, which competed against

Ghana, Portugal, and Germany in Group G, nicknamed the "Group of Death." The U.S. emerged from group play with a 1-1-1 record, including a 2-1 victory over Ghana on June 16, and advanced by virtue of a goal-differential tiebreaker over Portugal. The United States' World Cup appearance ended on July 1 with a 2-1 loss to Belgium in extra time in the round of 16.

"Like we all should, I've been supporting the U.S.," Joe McCreary, a 2014 Yorktown graduate and rising freshman on the James Madison University men's soccer team, wrote in an email. "I think soccer in America the next four years is on the rise after team USA advanced from the group of death."

While the USMNT fell short against Belgium in the round of 16, goalkeeper Tim Howard produced a record 16 saves, holding Belgium scoreless until the 93rd minute.

Garza, who has coached at Robinson for two seasons after spending nine years at Mount Vernon, said while the performance of the USMNT gives fans hope for the future, he wishes the team had taken a more aggressive approach.

"One thing I really did enjoy was seeing so many U.S. fans coming together — letting the world know soccer is here to stay in the U.S."

— Robinson boys' soccer coach Robert Garza

"I wish [head coach] Jurgen Klinsmann would have taken a more attacking approach this World Cup," Garza wrote. "I was a little disappointed that he changed his philosophy after [forward Jozy] Altidore went down [with an injury]. It looked like he had no substitute for him and his decision to sit back a lot was very disappointing — especially against Belgium when he started with three forwards. He did however, give us hope for 2018."

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It wasn't just the USMNT or its players generating interest, however.

Astudillo, who has coached the South Lakes girls' team the last two seasons and used to coach at Chantilly, has extended family from Colombia. Along with cheering for the U.S., Astudillo followed the Colombian team that won Group C with a 3-0 record, and defeated Uruguay 2-0 in the round of 16 before falling to Brazil 2-1 in



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T.C. Williams rising senior Eryk Williamson, left, has followed the action closely during the 2014 World Cup. He is a fan of Brazil, France, and the United States.

the quarterfinals.

"Best tournament in our history," Astudillo wrote. "[I'm] so proud and we have so many young players. Look out Russia 2018!"

Williamson, who led T.C. Williams to the 2014 Group 6A Virginia state championship, said he is a passionate supporter of host Brazil, though he also cheers for the U.S.



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Robinson boys' soccer coach Robert Garza followed World Cup action on his wedding day, June 21.

"I'm a huge Brazil fan," Williamson wrote. "I just love the way they play. However, growing up I always used to cheer for France. Now that they've been knocked out, I've been all about Brazil. ... Both of my parents are American so, at heart, I cheer for the U.S."

Belanger was a goalkeeper on Mount Vernon's 2013 state championship team. He made a pair of key saves during the Majors' penalty-kick shootout victory against Cosby in the state final. Belanger said he has enjoyed watching goalkeepers perform during the World Cup.

"I have always been a huge U.S. fan, even though they have been disappointing up

until this World Cup, but I've also been rooting for a few individual players (mostly goalkeepers) such as Gianluigi Buffon for Italy and Thibaut Courtois for Belgium," Belanger wrote. "Being a goalkeeper myself, I have learned to appreciate the difficulty [of] some of the saves they make, and I always enjoy watching a goalkeeper have a great game."

"... I always love watching penalty-kick shootouts, but I have enjoyed watching all the games where the goalkeepers performed well, like Costa Rica, Nigeria, and especially the United States."

The semifinals had yet to be played when coaches and players were interviewed. The first semifinal match, Germany versus Brazil, was played Tuesday. The Netherlands and Argentina faced one another Wednesday. The majority said Germany would win it all. Williamson said Brazil would have a tough time getting past Germany in the semifinals without star forward Neymar (back injury) and captain Thiago Silva (cards).

Nunez picked Argentina to win "because they have Messi and the other teams don't." Astudillo had far less praise for the Argentine star.

"I know I sound like a hater, but I'm not a Lionel Messi fan," Astudillo wrote. "I grew up watching Diego Armando Maradona single-handedly carry [Argentina] to a World Cup championship in Mexico in 1986. Teams would triple team him because he had zero help on that squad, but it didn't matter. He always found a way to make those around him better. If Lio can't deliver a World Cup to his native Argentina, I think we should hold off on considering him one of the greatest ever."

THE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH is scheduled for Sunday, July 13, providing the final opportunity for a memorable World Cup viewing experience.

"This World Cup, we saw so many come together — friends, family, strangers — all to see the world play," Garza wrote. "Compared to previous years, this World Cup has been huge. Every U.S. game I have watched with family and friends and fellow coaching colleagues from the high school ranks. Each time, we easily took up quite a few tables, getting to the pubs quite early to secure space."

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Mount Vernon Nights: The Duhks (Folk/Rock). 7-8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. The Duhks is a Canadian fusion folk band whose music covers a blend of Canadian and American soul, gospel, folk, Brazilian samba, old-time country string, Cajun zydeco, and Irish dance music. Picnic baskets, lawn chairs and blankets are welcome, but outside alcohol is not permitted. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

Obon Festival. 5:30 -9 p.m. Highlighting Japanese culture at Ekoji Buddhist Temple, 6500 Lakehaven Lane, Fairfax Station. Visit www.ekoji.org for more.

6th Annual Workhouse Arts Center Ceramics Ice Cream Social Fundraiser. 12 p.m.-4 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Enjoy ice cream, music from the Backyard blues and the Great Zucchini, free pony rides and artist demonstrations. Tickets \$20. 703-584-2900, <http://workhousearts.org>.

Free Fine Art Photography Lecture and Demonstration. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd., Lorton. Photography lecture and demonstration with instructor Craig Rudin. Learn how to create images that engage and challenge the viewer. Free but RSVP online. 703-584-2900, <http://workhousearts.org>

Historic Fairfax City Walking Tours. 11 a.m. Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main St., Fairfax. Join a seasoned tour guide for a walk through the historic section of Fairfax and featuring the Old Courthouse and other historic sites. Tickets \$5, \$3 for children 6-12 years old, free for children under 6. 703-385-8414.

Dog Adoption by Homeless Animals Rescue Team. 12-3 p.m. PETCO, Greenbriar Towncenter, 13053 Lee Jackson Mem. Hwy., Fairfax. Come adopt a furry friend! 703-817-9444.

Mount Vernon Nights: The Duhks. 7-8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, Workhouse Quad, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Please bring your picnic, comfy lawn chair or blanket to enjoy a Canadian fusion folk band. 703-584-2900.

Cabaret Series: British Music Hall. 8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, W-3 Theatre, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. The Workhouse Cabaret Performers will whisk us back in time, to a good old-fashioned rowdy British Music Hall! Reserved tickets may be collected at Will Call beginning 30 minutes prior to event, doors open for seating 30 minutes prior. \$25-\$30. Advance ticket

reservations are recommended at 703-584-2900.

Saturday Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at the parking lot at the intersection of West and Main Streets behind Wells Fargo Bank in Fairfax. Every Saturday there is fresh produce, goods and wares at the market. church@sovgracefairfax.org or www.FairfaxSaturdayMarket.com.

Lorton Junior Chess Club. 2-3 p.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Practice chess and learn new moves; ages 8-12. 703-339-7385.

SATURDAYS/JULY 12-AUG. 23

Burke Arts in the Parks. 10 - 11 a.m. Burke Lake Park Amphitheater, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. Call 703-323-6601.

SATURDAY/JULY 12- AUGUST 9

Children's Theatre: The Ice Queen. 1 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. This original fairytale follows the Ice Queen's search for the love of her life. Will the Ice Queen and Jack Frost make the perfect pair and live happily ever after? Admissions: \$9-\$12. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

SATURDAY, JULY 12-SUNDAY, JULY 13

Cabaret Series: British Music Hall. Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 1 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. Both vintage and modern music will fill the air in an homage to the famously unique brand of entertainment known as the Music Hall. Due to suggestive humor, this performance is intended for mature crowds. Admissions: \$25-\$30. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

SUNDAY/JULY 13

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MONDAY/JULY 14

Read Yourself Silly with Flow Circus. 2:30-3:15 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Take a trip to the circus with juggling, magic and more. 703-293-6227.

TUESDAY/JULY 15

Classics Book Club. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. A Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass by Frederick Douglass. Adults.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and advice. 703-644-7333.

Afternoon Book Discussion Group.

1:30-3 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Come discuss *The Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Stedman. 703-978-5600.

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2-4 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Roundtable discussion of U.S. foreign policy. Topic: Energy Independence. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/kp/> under "Events."

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THURSDAY/JULY 17

Chairman Sharon Bulova's Evenings on the Ellipse Summer Concert Series. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center "Ellipse" (green lawn behind the building), 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. No matter what kind of music you like, bring your lawn chairs, blankets, families and dates. 703-324-7329.

Workhouse Farmers Market. 3-6 p.m., at the Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Every Thursday on the quad is a producer-only market for discerning shoppers featuring locally grown fruits and vegetables, locally raised meats and poultry and local foods from breads to salsas and sausages. www.smartmarkets.org.

FRIDAY/JULY 18 & 25

"Pippi Longstocking: The Family Musical." 7:30 p.m. Lanier Middle School, 3801 Jermantown Road, Fairfax. A family-friendly musical comedy for all to enjoy. For ticket information, visit www.fairfaxcitytheatre.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 19 & 26

"Pippi Longstocking: The Family Musical." 7:30 p.m. Lanier Middle School, 3801 Jermantown Road, Fairfax. A family-friendly musical comedy for all to enjoy. For ticket information, visit www.fairfaxcitytheatre.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 19

Clifton Film Festival. 4 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Clifton Film Fest is an award winning indoor and outdoor film festival. Original films made by the surrounding community are showcased. Visit www.cliftonfilmfest.com/index.html for more.

Mount Vernon Nights: Little Red & the Renegades (Zydeco). 7-8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. Little Red's music includes elements of blues, country, and conjunto, with heavy emphasis on Zydeco and Cajun. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

Yoga with Angie. 8 a.m. Workhouse Arts Center, Workhouse Quad, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Enjoy free, drop-in Art of Movement classes; bring your own mat and open mind! 703-584-2900.

Workshop: Hanging Succulent Garden. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Learn to make a wire mesh frame to grow and display tender succulent plants as a hanging garden or tabletop display; please bring gloves. \$55. Register www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. TAB is a group of young adult volunteers between the age of 13 to 18 years who meet twice a month to plan and implement projects that will benefit the library and the community.

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PUBLIC NOTICE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION FOR AN UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST) SITE JUNE 23, 2014

There has been a release from an underground storage tank system at:

Fairfax County Department of Vehicle Services
Newington Maintenance Facility
6900 Newington Road
Lorton, Virginia, 22079

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) has worked with Fairfax County to develop and implement a Corrective Action Plan to address cleanup of petroleum hydrocarbons at the site. If you have any questions regarding the cleanup please contact:

Randy Chapman, Environmental Specialist Senior Project Manager Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Northern Regional Office
13901 Crown Court
Woodbridge, VA 22193
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As part of the corrective action process a Corrective Action Plan was submitted to the Northern Regional Office of VDEQ on September 6, 2013. The Corrective Action Plan consisted of measures to be undertaken during the installation of storm sewers and other utility structures associated with site renovation activities at the Newington bus maintenance facility in Lorton, Virginia. The Corrective Action Plan was essentially composed of the following measures:

1. Petroleum-impacted soil encountered during site development activities was excavated, removed from the site, and properly disposed of;
2. Utility trenches located within petroleum impacted soils were lined with a polyethylene barrier to prevent petroleum migration into the utility trench or bedding gravel;
3. Confirmatory soil samples were collected at the base of the utility trench excavations and submitted to the VDEQ for review.

The Corrective Action Plan implementation was carried out between September 7, 2013 and December 7, 2013. If you would like to review or discuss the implementation of this Corrective Action Plan with the staff of VDEQ, please feel free to contact Randy Chapman who is listed above. You may also contact:

Kenneth Lim, Project Manager or Christopher Elliott
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VDEQ Northern Regional Office will consider written comments for a period of thirty days from the first date of this notice regarding the Corrective Action Plan implementation and may decide to hold a public meeting if there is a significant public interest. Written comments should be sent to the VDEQ at the address listed above. VDEQ requests that all written comments should reference the tracking number for this case; PC # 2014-3041.

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MONDAY/JULY 14

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LETTERS

Supervisors' Failure

To the Editor:

Fairfax County, the most populous and affluent jurisdiction in the D.C.-metro area, has failed to respond to the challenge that it faces to significantly support good, safe, secure and affordable homes for its current and future residents. And, has thus jeopardized its future economic vitality. Despite strong advocacy by many constituencies in the public and private sectors, the current Board of Supervisors has failed, with few exceptions, to consistently advance the

cause of affordable homes in Fairfax County, despite multiple proposals to surmount that problem. Let us hope that a new generation leaders among the voters and the Board of Supervisors will arise to solve that challenge.

Conrad Egan
Oakton

The writer is the recently resigned co-chair of the Fairfax County Affordable Advisory Committee.

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English, computer skills, and a new culture while often stuck in unskilled, low-paying jobs," reflected Adrienne Kay, coordinator of NVFS' Hispanic Entrepreneurship Program. "Through our partnership with Kiva Zip, I'm thrilled that we can create more opportunity for these entrepreneurs and hopefully more jobs in Northern Virginia."

Roberto's business quickly became a reality. Ladybug Landscape, LLC, now serves two embassies in D.C. and dozens of residents in Northern Virginia. This past year, he created two full-time jobs and two part-time jobs. From Roberto's first Kiva Zip loan of \$4,000, he invested in efficient landscape equipment and in his webpage (www.ladybuglandscapellc.com). After fully paying his first loan, Roberto returned to fundraise on Kiva Zip for an

\$8,000 loan to build out his truck to hold more plants and equipment.

"Roberto's experience mirrors that of so many entrepreneurs in the U.S. and around the world. People who have the passion and the plan, but who lacked just a little bit of capital to get their ideas off the ground," said Premal Shah, president of Kiva. "Through crowdfunding their loans, we can begin to fill the lending gap and be a part of their journeys of success."

"I was so inspired by everyone who believed in my business," Roberto said. He now volunteers as a guest speaker for NVFS business planning classes and aspires to become a trustee himself for entrepreneurs in his home country of Nicaragua.

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