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ROUNDUPS

Learn about Dulles Suburban Center

The public is invited to a community meeting with Fairfax County staff on Tuesday, March 29, at 7 p.m., to learn about the start of the Dulles Suburban Center Study. It'll be held in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly.

This study will assess current conditions and update recommendations for future land uses and development for the 5,000-acre area adjacent to the Washington-Dulles International Airport, along the Route 28 and Route 50 corridors. The last comprehensive review of land use recommendations occurred in 1993. For more information, call 703-324-1380 or email DPZDullesSubCenter@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, March 31, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust it, as needed.

Because of time constraints, only the first

35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That way, inspectors may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the correct use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000 to confirm dates and times.

Moving Equipment Is Sought

The Centreville Labor Resource Center is in need of moving equipment to add to its tool supplies. Requested items are back braces, lift belts, sliders and straps that are used for moving jobs.

This equipment can be checked out by workers and brought back when they complete jobs. It will ensure that they're able to complete moving jobs more safely. In addition, the CLRC is seeking Spanish-speaking people to fill a number of volunteer positions. Contact Molly Maddra-Santiago at director@centrevillelrc.org.

Food Donations for WFCM

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' food pantry needs donations of 1-2 pound bags of rice, canned fruit (all types), canned pastas, canned meats (tuna, ham, chicken), cold and hot cereals, spaghetti and sauces, peanut butter, canned vegetables (including spinach, collard greens, beets) and cook-

ing oil. Toiletries needed, which WFCM clients cannot purchase with food stamps, include facial tissues, toothpaste, shampoo and solid deodorant.

Bring all items to WFCM'S food pantry, weekdays, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at 13888 Metrotech Drive, near Papa John's Pizza and Kumon Learning Center, in Chantilly's Sully Place Shopping Center. A volunteer stocker/bagger is needed Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m. Contact Annette Bosley at 703-988-9656, ext. 110, or abosley@wfcma.org.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers

Fairfax County needs Meals on Wheels drivers in Chantilly and group Meals on Wheels coordinators in both Chantilly and Fairfax. Contact Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 711, VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteersolutions.htm.

Give Caregivers a Break

Fairfax County needs Respite Care volunteers throughout the county to give family caregivers of a frail older adult a well-deserved break. Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each

month. Volunteers are matched with families in or near their own neighborhoods. Support and training is provided. Contact Kristin Martin at 703-324-7577, TTY 711, or Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Help Library Plan for Future

The public is invited to share their opinions about what library services are needed in the community at a forum on April 12, 7-8:30 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library.

Long-Term Care Advocates

The Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteer advocates for residents in assisted living and nursing facilities. Training is provided in September. Call 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or email Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Drive Seniors To Appointments

Fairfax County needs volunteers to drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs. Call 703-324-5406, TTY 711, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and link to Volunteer Solutions or email VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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Susan Kohn

‘Small Candle of Hope In a Troubled World’

Ahmadiyya Muslim Women hold interfaith peace dialogue.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Sometimes it takes a woman to lead the way — or, at least, to plant the seeds of a good idea. And that’s what happened when the Women’s Association of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community hosted an interfaith dialogue on peace.

Women of several different religions, including Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, gathered March 12 at the Mubarak Mosque in Chantilly. There, they discussed “How Women of Faith Can Contribute to Building Peaceful Societies.”

“In light of Women’s History Month in March, we felt the need to highlight the role women play in the world,” explained the association’s Farida Sheikh. “Religion can be a powerful

tool [against] hate and violence. Our community strongly believes that all faith traditions promote a teaching of tolerance and peace.”

Welcoming the nearly 60 people attending was the association’s Sahar Choudhary. “Our community is an advocate for universal human rights and peace in the world,” she said. “Our motto is ‘Love for All, Hatred for None.’ There’s a lot of division

in our country and world, especially in light of the political rhetoric we hear. But we feel religion can break down barriers and promote peace in society.”

The first speaker was Emily Nichols of New Life Church. “Mothers crave safety for their children and want them to live in a peaceful world,” she said. “Our faith is important for us, [but] we long for connections with others and can agree that we have differences. Those things make us who we are.”

“But our world is lacking faith and we want to do something about it,” she continued. “So it begins with you and me; we need to recognize the problem within ourselves. Could something in our attitudes, thoughts and feelings need to change first?”

Nichols said the most vital element in creating and sustaining peace is forgiveness. “But we don’t always want to forgive,” she said. “So we must choose to move forward and not make the other person feel the hurt they caused us. This is why there’s so much violence in the world today — because we won’t forgive perfectly. And we forget the times we’ve wronged others.

So to create and sustain peace, we need God to forgive us and empower us to forgive others.”

Next came Ananda Vrindavani, Temple president, International Society of Krishna Consciousness. Originally from Ireland, she lived 21 years in India. She’s also a Catholic woman married to a Jewish man from New York.

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“True Islam believes in universal human rights, equality and peace.”

— **Bushra Mirza,**
Ahmadiyya Muslim Community



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(From left) 1st Lt. Matt Owens presents Officer David Stewart with a certificate honoring him as February’s Officer of the Month.

Stewart Honored As Officer of Month

Nabbed two people suspected of auto thefts.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Each month, the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) of the Sully District Police Station honors one of the station’s officers for his or her outstanding service to the police and to the community.

And during the CAC’s March 9 meeting, Officer David Stewart was recognized as the Officer of the Month for February. Calling him “hardworking,” 1st Lt. Matt Owens, the station’s assistant commander, praised Stewart’s efforts during a 20-day period in late January-early February.

Of particular note, said Owens, was the way Stewart handled two auto-theft incidents, including one involving a drunk driver. “He’s done a tremendous job for us and we really appreciate it,” said Owens. In his memo nominating Stewart for the honor, his supervisor, 2nd Lt. Nicholas Dipippa, presented details of some of the officer’s recent accomplishments. He said Stewart began the year by making arrests in a pair of stolen-auto cases.

“In the first case, Officer Stewart was in the area where thefts from motor vehicles had occurred approximately one hour earlier,” wrote Dipippa. “He noticed a vehicle perform an illegal U-turn on Route 29 at Centrewood Drive. He initiated a traffic stop and the ve-

hicle pulled into the shopping center near Centreville Crest Drive and St. Germain Drive, where the driver bailed out. [But] he was quickly apprehended by Stewart a short distance away.”

According to Dipippa, the investigation revealed that “the [stolen vehicle’s] owner believed he left a spare set of keys in his vehicle.” Furthermore, he wrote, “The person arrested was out on bond after having been arrested a few days prior for vehicle tampering. This great case took a recidivist criminal off the streets.”

In the second incident, Stewart responded to a call where a witness was following a possible drunk driver. “Stewart observed the vehicle pull into the service bay of an Audi dealership,” wrote Dipippa. “He observed the suspect getting out of the vehicle; but by the time he was able to get inside the building, the suspect had disappeared.”

“Assisting officers helped to locate the subject — who was hiding in the women’s restroom by standing on a toilet,” continued Dipippa. “Stewart was able to track down the [stolen vehicle’s] owner who advised that the subject had stolen the vehicle. The suspect was also charged with DWI and unlawful entry.”

Dipippa wrote that, in both these cases, as well as in many others, “Stewart demonstrated great police work. In addition to the exemplary cases, he has also consistently been proactive in the apprehension of intoxicated drivers to help keep the roadways safe. Officer Stewart is most deserving of this recognition.”

OPINION

Purple State

Nonpartisan redistricting could support the best interests of the population, not the politicians.

While the case of Virginia gerrymandering argued before the Supreme Court on March 21 does not impact Congressional Districts in Northern Virginia, it shows again that partisan efforts have diminished voter power in the Commonwealth.

This is one of multiple challenges in the courts about how political boundaries are drawn in Virginia. Consider that in statewide elections, Virginia voters have chosen Democrats in the last two presidential elections, for U.S. Senate, for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General, as we have said in previous editorials.

Here are the actual numbers:

In 2013:

McAuliffe (D) 1,069,789; Cuccinelli (R) 1,013,389

Northam (D) 1,213,155; Jackson (R) 980,257

Herring (D) 1,103,777; Obenshain (R) 1,103,612

In 2012:

Obama (D) 1,971,820; Romney (R) 1,822,522

Kaine (D) 2,010,067; Allen (R) 1,785,542

It's reasonable to assume that a state so evenly divided would be about evenly divided in political representation.

How is possible then that Virginia House of Delegates consists of 67 Republicans and 33 Democrats?

Why is it that Virginia's delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives consists of 11 Republicans and three Democrats?

Virginia's 11 Congressional districts should be split about evenly. You could understand a split of five Dems and six Republicans; or five

Republicans and six Democrats. A four and seven split would smack of some unusual circumstance. But three and eight?

The answer is gerrymandering. Political parties should not control the drawing of political districts. Gerrymandering thwarts the will of the voters.

Both political parties have been guilty of this when in power, although new technology and better data have made the process more egregious, the effects more damaging.

The courts will have a hand in redrawing boundaries in some Virginia districts. It's past time for courts to challenge political gerrymandering in general. Virginia's current system is an incumbent protection plan. Every incumbent who sought reelection to the General Assembly last November won. Why? Their districts were drawn for them, not for the voters who live there.

Virginia should embrace nonpartisan redistricting that supports the best interests of the population, not the politicians.

— MARY KIMM

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Children who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 30, 2016, are eligible to attend kindergarten. Find the correct neighborhood school by entering your address at <http://boundary.fcps.edu/boundary/>. Complete a packet of registration forms found at www.fcps.edu/it/forms/enroll.pdf or in the school office. Gather supporting documents: proof of residence in the school boundary, a certified copy of the child's birth certificate, parent/guardian photo ID, and any custody orders. Certificate of physical exam and immunization will be required before the student may start school, but is not required for registration. Parents who choose to delay enrollment in kindergarten by one year are required to notify the school in writing of their intent.

Greenbriar West Elementary

School is now accepting information for next year's Kindergarten classes. Parents of children who live within the school's boundaries should call the school office at 703-633-6700 as soon as possible.

Union Mill Elementary is currently registering new students for the 2016-17 school year. Call the registrar at 703-322-8500 or email sheri.brown@fcps.edu to make an appointment to bring completed registration forms and supporting documentation to school.

Kindergarten Orientation takes place Friday, April 22, 9-10 a.m. Rising kindergarten students will have the opportunity to visit a kindergarten classroom while parents attend an information session.

Colin Powell Elementary School will hold kindergarten registration on Monday, March 28, 1:30-3:30 p.m. and Tuesday, March 29, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Due to time constraints, parents

are asked not to bring children along. **Poplar Tree Elementary** will hold its Kindergarten Orientation on Thursday, April 14, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Call 703-633-7400 for more.

Greenbriar East Elementary

School will have Kindergarten Orientation/Registration on Thursday, April 21, 2:30 p.m. Call the school office at 703-633-6400 with questions.

THROUGH APRIL 18

Cell Phones for Soldiers. Donate unwanted cell phones to help active duty military and vets call loved ones. Drop-off at Liberty Tax, 5622-G Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Call 703-323-5580 for more.

SATURDAY/MARCH 26

Financial Planner Consultations. 10 a.m.-2p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, Chantilly Conference Room, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Certified Financial Planners from Quantis Wealth Management will give 20-minute one-on-one consultations at no cost and with no obligation as a public service. Contact Melinda Soulisak at melinda@quantiswm.com or 703-462-9643 to schedule an appointment.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/APRIL 1-2

East Coast Preparedness Conference. Held at the nZONE, 14550 Lee Road, Chantilly. EC PREPCON V is a two-day expo and convention where attendees can participate in presentations, panels, purchase goods from vendors, and take part in other activities related to survival and emergency preparedness. Programs will include topics such as obtaining water, alternative energy, survival training, food preparation, self-defense, and more. \$10 single day, \$15 for both. Visit www.sepsllc.com/#!ec-prepcon-v/c129z for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 2

Open House. 1-3 p.m. at Centreville Dance, 14215-G Centreville Square, Centreville. Meet the teachers and tour the facility. Staff will be on hand to assist with registration for summer camp as well as summer dance classes. Enter to win a free week of camp. Create crafts, dress up and get makeovers. Free, open to the public. Visit www.centrevilledance.com or call 703-815-3125.

SUNDAY/APRIL 3

Open House. 1-5 p.m. at Valon Salon & Spa, 5708 Pickwick Road, Centreville. Valon Salon & Spa will celebrate with an Open House. The public is invited to preview the new spa and expanded service offerings. During the Open House, Valon Salon & Spa will offer free neck massages and paraffin hand massages, free color or style consultations and more. Visit www.valonsalon.com for more.

Richmond Legislative Wrap-Up. 2-4 p.m. at Virginia International University, Conference Room VD-102, 4401 Village Drive, Fairfax. Social Action Linking Together (SALT) will sponsor a Richmond Legislative Wrap-Up hosted by the Virginia International University. Northern Virginia legislators will discuss safety net issues. Hear from state legislators what happened regarding the successes and challenges of the 2016 General Assembly. All are welcome. Free and open to the public. Visit www.S-A-L-T.org or contact John Horejsi at jhorejsi@cox.net or Dr. Klara Bilgin at kbilgin@viu.edu.

MONDAY/APRIL 4

Annual Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum will hold its annual meeting. Local Eagle Scout Project Leaders will be honored for their contributions and work for the Museum. A video presentation will be shown that evening to showcase the Scouts' projects.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Visit www.fairfax-station.org,

call 703-425-9225, or see www.facebook.com/FFXSRR.

SUNDAY/APRIL 10

4th Annual 5K Walk and Candlelight Vigil. 4:30 p.m. at Fairfax Corner Center, off Monument Drive, Fairfax. The Victim Services Section will again launch National Crime Victims' Rights Week with the 4th Annual 5K Walk and Candlelight Vigil. This free event will be held at the Fairfax Corner Center off Monument Drive in Fairfax, Virginia. Organizers invite crime victims, survivors, family members, friends, and the community to come out to raise awareness for victims' rights in Northern Virginia and show their support for all victims of crime. Free, open to the public. Visit <http://1.usa.gov/1WyTE6o> for more.

TUESDAY/APRIL 12

Library Planning Forum. 7-8:30 at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Share opinions about what library services are needed. The community forum is part of a larger public engagement initiative. Read more about the initiative at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library.

SATURDAY/APRIL 16

Potomac Watershed Cleanup. 9 a.m. Join in the annual regional watershed cleanup with more than 500 sites across the watershed. For details on cleanup sites, visit www.fergusonfoundation.org.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Residents Can "E-cycle" at the I-66 transfer station. It is free but residents may be asked to show proof of residency. Personal waste only. The I-66 station is located at 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax and open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. from Monday-Saturday and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sundays. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/electric-sunday.htm for more.

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Keeping the Peace

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A follower of Hare Krishna and the teachings of the Hindu Bhagavad Gita, she said, “We believe in equal vision and see the spark of the divine in every, living creature. And we believe that true peace comes from loving and being loved. The things that bring us together are the giving and receiving of food and gifts, and sharing conversations. It’s important to reveal your mind to God and listen for His answer.”

Pediatrician Susan Kohn represented Temple B’nai Shalom/Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom. “We base our Jewish religion on the Torah, prayer and acts of loving kindness,” she said. She also noted that, when her grandmother came to America at age 14 in 1920, “The U.S. welcomed people of all cultures, beliefs and nationalities. Today, is our golden door truly open?”

Growing up, she said, “We had many discussions of how to be a better person and how to improve the world. We also learned about acceptance of others and welcoming strangers. Our temple invites other churches to our events and, together, we actively pray for peace in our homes and in the world.”

One of her temple’s branches also holds an annual Muslim and Jewish Women’s Conference. “It’s to build trust, respect and sustainable friendships between Muslim and Jewish women,” said Kohn. “We want to light a small candle of hope in a troubled world.”

They also have a sisterhood of Muslim and Jewish women. “We talk about our diverse backgrounds and beliefs and how we can support each other,” said Kohn. “We discuss how our religions nourish us, and we hope that how we treat and care about each other will trickle down to our friends and community. I believe — through inclusion, education and conversation — each of us can become an instrument to create peace in our community and in the world.”

Representing the Women’s Association of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community was Bushra Mirza. “We live in turbulent times; waves of racism and prejudice are sweeping the world,” she said. “So how can women of faith confront this tidal wave of distrust and hatred?”

“In our faith, we’re taught to raise our children with love and compassion and to maintain peace within our homes and community,” she continued. “We’re committed to improving the lives around us, volunteering at food banks and shelters and helping women become independent business owners. And we encourage higher levels of learning to empower women to become active members of society.”

Mirza said they’ve also helped people in need around the world. “Islam literally means peace,” she said. “Extremist groups like ISIS rely on ignorant people to promote their agenda. But we want to remove the misconceptions about true Islam, which believes in universal human rights, equality and peace. We believe no people are superior over others, all people are equal and we can only achieve peace by celebrating our commonality and our differences.”

Board of Supervisors Chairman Bulova, too, said,



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Ananda Vrindavani addresses the crowd.

“This is a difficult time in our country where we hear people saying terrible things about Muslims — including our possible leaders — and that’s not right.” She then recalled when she was Braddock District supervisor in 1995 and there were proposals to change how the county gave services to people in need. “So I brought people of different faiths together to discuss it, and one woman asked if churches talked to each other and to county government,” she said.

“The seed was planted that, if we shared the kind of programs and services each house of worship provided, we could leverage those to help people. It wasn’t about religious dogma — it was about community outreach, and that was the beginning of Faith Communities in Action.”

Bulova also related how, after county officials and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission visited Turkey, they started a blanket drive for the refugees there. With help from Faith Communities in Action, houses of worship and the county’s Office of Community and Interfaith Liaison, they collected blankets, coats and jackets and shipped them to Turkey.

“A delegation went there to oversee the distribution and discovered a note tucked into a coat pocket. It read, ‘I hope this will keep you warm. You’re in my thoughts and prayers.’”

“I hope it was translated to let the recipient know someone in

Northern Virginia cared about them,” said Bulova. “This was an example of a little thing that turned into something more. And today, we’ve come together to learn about each other — and I’m convinced that, in promoting peace, little things like this can make a difference.”

The event ended with a silent prayer, preceded by moderator Sandra Chisholm reading this quote from Martin Luther King’s widow, Coretta Scott King: “I am convinced that the women of the world, united without any regard for national or racial dimensions, can become a most powerful force for international peace and brotherhood.”



Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova



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ONGOING

Carolina Shag Dance. Wednesdays, 6:30-10 p.m. at Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Free lessons at 7:30 p.m.; no partners needed; dinner menu at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$8. Visit www.nvshag.org for more.

Open Rehearsal. Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. at Lord of Life church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Centreville. The Fairfax Jubil-Aires barbershop chorus invites men of all ages who enjoy singing. Free. Visit www.fairfaxjubilaire.org for more.

Toddlin' Twos. Tuesdays, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Early literacy storytime with songs and activities included. Age 2 with caregiver, free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.

Storytime for Three to Fives. Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Stories and activities for children age 3-5 with caregiver. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.

English Conversation Group. Thursdays, 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with a group of students and adults. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a space.

English Conversation Group. Saturdays, 3 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Practice English with a group

of students and adults. Free. Call 703-830-2223 for more.

English Conversation Group. Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with a group of students and adults. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a space.

Plant Clinic. Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. A neighborhood plant clinic with horticultural tips, information, techniques, and advice. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a space.

ESL Book Club. Mondays, 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Meet and discuss a book chosen by group. Free. Call 703-830-2223 with questions and to reserve a spot.

ESL Book Club. Every other Saturday, 11 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Adults learning English are welcome to meet and discuss a book chosen by the group. To find out book title, call 703-502-3883.

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Tai Chi for Beginners. Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-11 a.m. at King of Kings Lutheran Church, 4025 Kings Way, Fairfax. Learn slow, fluid movements to promote relaxation, balance, strength, and flexibility. Workshop



Craftsmen's Spring Classic Visits Chantilly

Throughout the weekend of April 1-3, artists of various mediums will demonstrate and sell their work to the public at the Dulles EXPO & Conference Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. The hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$1 for children age 6-12, free for children under 6. Visit www.dullesexpo.com.

fee is \$115. Visit www.inova.org/creg for more.

THURSDAY/MARCH 31

Lecture: Building Stars, Planets, and the Ingredients for Life in Space. 8 p.m. at Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. Ewine F. van Dishoeck, professor of molecular astrophysics at the Leiden

Observatory at Leiden University in the Netherlands and winner of the 2015 Albert Einstein World Award of Science will discuss the discovery of planets around stars other than our Sun at this year's John N. Bahcall Lecture. Tickets are free, but require registration. Call 703-572-4118 or visit airandspace.si.edu/udvarhazy.

Randall Spandler and (below) Dennis Ray



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FRIDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 1-3

Craftsmen's Spring Classic. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday at Dulles EXPO & Conference Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Artists will demonstrate and sell crafts throughout the weekend. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$1 for children age 6-12, free for children under 6. Visit www.dullesexpo.com or call 703-378-0910.

SATURDAY/APRIL 2

Tour of Civil War Sites. 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum will sponsor a tour of rarely visited Civil War sites and earthworks in Fairfax Station, Clifton and Centreville. Local Civil War Historian, John McAnaw, will lead the tour. Tickets are \$20 for Museum members; \$30 non-members. Register or questions at events@fairfax-station.org or leave a message at 703-425-9225.

Kite Fun Day. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-2:30 p.m. at Frying Pan Park Visitor's Center, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Children age 2-10 are invited to make their own kite and fly it. Tickets are \$10 per child. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark.

Centreville Dance Open House. 1-3 p.m. at 14215-G Centreville Square. Centreville Dance will hold an Open House to meet the teachers and tour the facility. Free. Visit www.centrevilledance.com or call 703-815-3125.

SUNDAY/APRIL 3

Hands On Activities Day. 1-4 p.m. at The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. A variety of education activities including train modeling and history will be featured. Local experts may be available to demonstrate techniques with track layouts, scenery design, building and painting. Other activities might focus on artifact restoration and preservation. Materials are included in the admission. Museum members and children 4 and under, free; children 5-15, \$2; adults 16 and older, \$4.

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FRIDAY/APRIL 8

Volunteer Service Awards. 8-10 a.m. at The Waterford at Springfield, 6715 Commerce St., Springfield. Join Volunteer Fairfax, Chairman Sharon Bulova and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and other community leaders at the 24th Annual Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards Breakfast. Tickets are \$50. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 9

Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre. 6:30 p.m. at P.J. Skidoos, 9908 Fairfax Blvd. FWC Western Fairfax County Woman's Club presents "A Recipe for Murder" as a fundraiser for its Chantilly High School scholarship fund. Reservations required. \$60 per person, including tax and tip. Visit www.wfcwc.org or call Eileen at 703-378-7054.

SUNDAY/APRIL 10

T-TRAK Scale Model Train Show. 1-4 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Northern Virginia NTRAK members will hold an N gauge T-TRAK model train

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THROUGH MARCH 26

Photos with the Easter Bunny. Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at Fair Oaks Mall - Grand Court, 11750 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax. The Easter Bunny will greet visitors in Bunnyville presented by StoneSprings Hospital Center — a three-dimensional town for children to explore. Located on the lower level in Grand Court, Bunnyville features many places to visit including Hoppin' Fresh Bakery, Hare Salon and 24 Carrot Bank. The last stop along the adventure is an opportunity to visit with the Easter Bunny and have photos taken. Free. Visit www.shopfairoaksmall.com.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MARCH 26-27, APRIL 2-3

Ticonderoga Farms Egg Hunt. 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at 26469 Ticonderoga Road, Chantilly. The Easter Bunny oversees an egg hunt for children ages 2 and older. Admission is \$14.95. Visit www.ticonderoga.com for more.

show. Admission is \$4 for adults 16 and older, \$2 for children 5-15, and free for children under 4. Visit www.fairfax-station.org.

FRIDAY/APRIL 15

Fairfax Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary. 10:30 a.m. at Waterford at Fair Oaks, 12025 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. Attend the 36th annual Fashion and Fundraiser. Fashions to be provided by Lord & Taylor. Tickets are \$50. Call 703-250-5809 or email angelaganey@verizon.net.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 20

"Honoring Those Who Served During the Civil War." 7:30 p.m. at The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Mary Lipsey, a

document for the American History Museum of the Smithsonian and for the National Archives and former president of the Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association, will present the forum, "Honoring Those Who Served During the Civil War." Free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org.

SATURDAY/APRIL 23

Step Out with the USO. 6-11 p.m. at the Washington Dulles Airport Marriott, 45020 Aviation Drive, Dulles. The annual Step Out event is the primary source of funding for the USO Dulles Lounge which assists over 30,000 servicemen and women and their loved ones each year. Tickets are \$45 and include a raffle ticket. Visit www.usometro.org/ events for more.

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OT Goal Lifts Chantilly Boys' Lax Over Woodson

Chargers come from behind late to avoid 0-2 start.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Chantilly boys' lacrosse coach Kevin Broderick gave a less-than-glowing review of his team's performance against Woodson on March 19, saying the Chargers played "poorly" and let the Cavaliers take control of the game.

"Hopefully we learn and have some pride about ourselves. It's a different team and it's a real challenge for our staff to get our guys up to speed where they need to be [to succeed] at this level."

— Kevin Broderick, Chantilly boys' lacrosse coach

But thanks to a pair of standout seniors, defeat wasn't a contributing factor to Broderick's displeasure.

Colin Zimmerman scored the tying goal with 8 seconds remaining in regulation, Colin Meehan scored the game-winner in overtime and Chantilly escaped with a 15-14 victory over Woodson on Saturday at Robinson Secondary School.

Chantilly trailed by three in the third quarter but battled back to take a 13-12 lead on a goal by Zimmerman with 9:10 remaining in the fourth. Woodson regained the lead, 14-13, when Nick Roberts scored with 2:34 remaining, and the Cavaliers needed just one more stop to earn the victory.

Zimmerman, a 2015 VHSL first-team all-state selection, had other ideas, and the senior attackman scored from 12 yards out while moving to his right, tying the score at 14 with 8 seconds remaining.

Meehan then scored the game-winner 82 seconds into the overtime period. The senior midfielder started behind the goal, moved to his right and found the back of the net.

"I saw that their defense was shading me toward their left because I'm a strong right-handed dodger," Meehan said. "So I faked left, went right and I was looking up and they didn't have a slide so I just took the shot."

Meehan led Chantilly with five goals. Zimmerman totaled three goals and four assists. Senior attackman Ethan Malo had three goals and one assist. Senior attackman David Zaman, senior midfielder Brad Sechler, senior midfielder Thomas Kelly and sophomore attackman Liam Kelly



VIDEO SCREENSHOT BY JON ROETMAN/THE CONNECTION

Members of the Chantilly boys' lacrosse team celebrate Colin Meehan's (5) game-winning goal against Woodson on March 19.

each scored one goal.

Chantilly, a perennial power that has played in six state championship games in the last eight years, managed to avoid an 0-2 start. The Chargers opened the season with a 10-9 home loss to Yorktown on March 15.

"Hopefully we learn and have some pride about ourselves," Broderick said. "It's a different team and it's a real challenge for our staff to get our guys up to speed where they need to be [to succeed] at this level."

The returning Chargers are motivated by how last season ended. Chantilly, after beating Robinson in the Conference 5 and 6A North region championship games, lost to the Rams in double overtime in the state

final. It was the fourth time in the last eight years the Chargers finished state runner-up.

"It's motivated me so much and I know all the other seniors and guys who were on the team last year [feel the same way]," Zimmerman said. "Losing that game and seeing the seniors leave Chantilly on a loss, it leaves a sour taste in all our mouths. All of us are so ready to work and make sure we get back there and win it this time."

Two days after the victory over Woodson, Chantilly defeated Langley, another state power, 10-4. The Chargers will face Hamburg at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 23 at Robinson Secondary School.

Chantilly will host Westfield at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29.

Westfield's Scanlon, Francis, Ewell Receive All-State Honors

The Westfield boys' basketball team won its first state championship on March 9. The Bulldogs earned some individual accolades, as well.

Senior forward Tyler Scanlon, senior guard Blake Francis and head coach Doug Ewell each received VHSL 6A all-state honors for the 2015-16 season.

Scanlon was named state Player of the Year, Francis was a second-team selection and Ewell was named Coach of the Year.

After losing to Battlefield in the 6A North region championship game, Westfield beat Hylton in the state quarterfinals, defeated Woodside in the semifinals with a Scanlon bucket in the final seconds, and blasted Oscar Smith in the state final.

Other first-team selections: James Butler (Lake Braddock), Nate Shafer (Langley), Jerry Carter (Hylton), Chris Orlina (Woodside), Donald Hicks (Oscar Smith) and Daryus Evans (Landstown).

Other second-team selections: Blake Pagon (Battlefield), Lewis Djonkam (West Springfield), Khalil Williams Diggins (West Potomac), Tyland Crawford (Hylton), Cameron Robinson (Woodbridge), Caden Najdawi (Cosby) and Desmian Devane (Oscar Smith).



Westfield senior Tyler Scanlon was named VHSL 6A state Player of the Year.



Westfield senior Blake Francis received second-team all-state honors.



PHOTOS BY WILL PALENSCAR

Westfield's Doug Ewell was named VHSL 6A state Coach of the Year.

PEOPLE



Annual Sixth Grade Basketball Game

The girls and boys from Oak Hill and Lees Corner Elementary Schools competed in the annual sixth grade basketball game at Chantilly High School on Friday, March 11. The Lees Corner Polar Bears scored first, but the Oak Hill Wolves tied it at the end of the first period. The Polar Bears regained the lead and managed to hold it through the remaining periods to end the game with a 68 to 52 victory over Oak Hill.



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Real Food for Kids' Culinary Challenge

11 teams of middle and high school students compete in school food competition.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

Eleven teams of middle and high school students competed in the fourth annual Real Food for Kids' Culinary Challenge on Saturday, March 12 at Robinson Secondary School. Students from six middle schools, four culinary academies, and one high school competed by preparing the most nutritious and delicious school snacks, breakfast and lunch menu items.

The event included six expert-led workshops on food writing, promotion and photography, family meal planning and school gardening. There was also a breakfast discussion that addressed the future of school food by Rodney Taylor, the new Food and Nutrition Services director in Fairfax County and a pioneer in the farm-to-school movement, and Loudoun County's Food and Nutrition Services director Dr. Becky Bays, who also served as judges.

It also included celebrity judges Marjorie Meek Bradley, a Top Chef finalist; Aviva Goldfarb of the "Six O'Clock Scramble" books; chef Kate Sherwood

of the Center for Science in the Public Interest; and Bonnie Benwick, deputy food editor of The Washington Post, who focused on "Food is Hot." Scoring for the students was broken down by 20 percent presentation; 40 percent taste; 30 percent adaptability to school lunches; and 10 percent team organization.

"Today is such an exciting event because it demonstrates our community commitment to providing healthy food to every child," said Megan McLaughlin, Braddock School Board representative.

"I am so proud of the Real Food for Kids organization for their leadership and advocacy in this area. Their powerful voice has inspired our school system to make real and substantive improvements to our school meals."

"The whole point of it is to encourage kids to participate in healthier cooking and foods that are in school. We're trying to encourage kids to help change school food and to live a more active lifestyle," said Diana Nash, Real Food for Kids event coordinator.

"This year we decided to open it up for middle schoolers and high schoolers. I'm really impressed with the level of skill and preparation of the teams today," said Jenny Hein, executive director of Real Food for Kids.

An awards ceremony at the end included \$200 scholarships, \$50 gift cards to Sur La Table, a \$500 raffle award to Williams-Sonoma, gift certificate to Earl's Kitchen & Bar for six people, cookbooks and a Veggetti Spiralizer, among other gifts. All participating students left with their own gift bags.



PHOTO BY STEVE HIBBARD/THE CONNECTION

The team from Franklin Middle School in Chantilly prepared Fresco Floats. (From left): Sara Wharff and Jacqueline Montenegro.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

...as my mother used to say (the initials represent my first and middle names). But is it? The context to which I refer is chemotherapy. After seven years of being infused every three weeks, most recently every four weeks, is it indeed "enough already?" At some point, if I understand my predicament/precipice correctly, the chemotherapy stops working - and then a new protocol begins. What will be treating forward, we rarely discuss. My oncologist prefers not to consider scenarios. Generally speaking, I know what awaits. The question is: is it worth the wait and/or worth the quality of life issues likely to impact?

Perhaps it's time to give my body a rest from toxic chemicals and allow it to heal itself through a combination of anything and everything except chemotherapy: diet/nutrition, exercise, Essential Oils, yoga, I.V. vitamin C therapy, oxygen therapy, cannabis oil, coffee enemas/detoxification, acupuncture, aromatherapy, and on and on and on? Unfortunately, many of these alternatives are not found in the oncologist's standard issue handbook. Presumably, they're aware of many of the non-traditional/non-Western options, but without getting into or even understanding the/their issues, it might not be in their best interests to color outside the conventional cancer-treatment lines. Ergo, as cancer patients, not only must we advocate, we must anticipate and ruminate outside the protocols to try and find some light in an otherwise extremely dark place.

But there is lots of light out there. I'm living proof of that, and I am not alone (I have five cats so I'm never alone). More to the point though, I know of many people who have died from lung cancer since I was diagnosed and "prognosed:" "13 months to two years" in early 2009. Many others, however, are living longer than ever before. Whether it's the luck of the non-Irish (in my case) or lifestyle choices or unexpectedly positive responses to standard treatment protocols, success stories are easy to find. Not only is there hope, there is research and dollars supporting it all. Granted, a lung cancer diagnosis is hardly joy to the world, but neither is it the lost/underfunded/under-researched cause it used to be.

And with the evolution in the cancer-treatment world, I can't help wondering (and listening and reading too; and you know who you are) if it's the right time to get off the horse upon which I've been riding so successfully for seven-plus years now and leap - with faith, into the wild blue yonder and hopefully live longer and prosper more, naturally. I have to admit, in spite of hearing the echoes of one of my mother's favorite sayings, the thought of changing horses in midstream scares the heck out of me. I can't get the "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" expression out of my head. And as the conflict in my head continues, it becomes a bit more difficult to turn my back on the status quo. Still, if I don't consider thoroughly the past, present and future and my respective place in them, I may regret the omission and be damned if I don't.

Nevertheless, surviving seven years post a "terminal" diagnosis, is hardly cause for concern. In fact, it's cause to celebrate. Even so, I just wish I knew where to go from here: straight on through (hopefully not to the other side) or deviate from the norm that has kept me around in such fine form. Sometimes, I feel like "Bob's Big Boy." I don't know whether to stay or go...

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

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April 5, 2016
Notice is hereby given that the Town of Clifton Planning Commission and the Town Council will hold a joint Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton, VA 20124 to consider a request for a special use permit for Peterson's Ice Cream Depot, located at 7150 Main Street. The special use permit request includes an expansion of the existing use, including, but not limited to, the increase in number of seats; an increase in parking; an expansion of the hours of operation; an increase in employees, from the previously issued special use permit. The application for this special use permit is available for review and downloading on the Town's website at www.cliftonva.com and a hard copy may be examined at the Clifton Post Office, 12644 Chapel Road, Clifton VA, 20124. All interested parties are invited to attend the joint public hearing of the Town of Clifton Planning Commission and the Town Council and express their views with respect to the requested special use permit for Peterson's Ice Cream Depot.

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Fairfax County REAL ESTATE

2016 Assessments by Area

Also home values for members of
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Hunter Mill Supervisor **Cathy Hudgins (D)**
2015 — \$638,100
2016 — \$674,430
5.69%



Dranesville Supervisor **John Foust (D)**
2015 — \$2,939,290
2016 — \$2,788,330
- 5.14%



Mason Supervisor **Penelope Gross (D)**
2015 — \$462,630
2016 — \$478,490
3.43%



Lee Supervisor **Jeff McKay (D)**
2015 — \$774,620
2016 — \$728,080
- 6.01%



Braddock Supervisor **John Cook (R)**
2015 — \$664,480
2016 — \$677,950
2.03%



Mount Vernon Supervisor **Daniel Storck (D)**
2015 — \$579,700
2016 — \$585,460
0.99%



Fairfax County Chairman **Sharon Bulova (D)**
2015 — \$645,830
2016 — \$665,090
2.98%

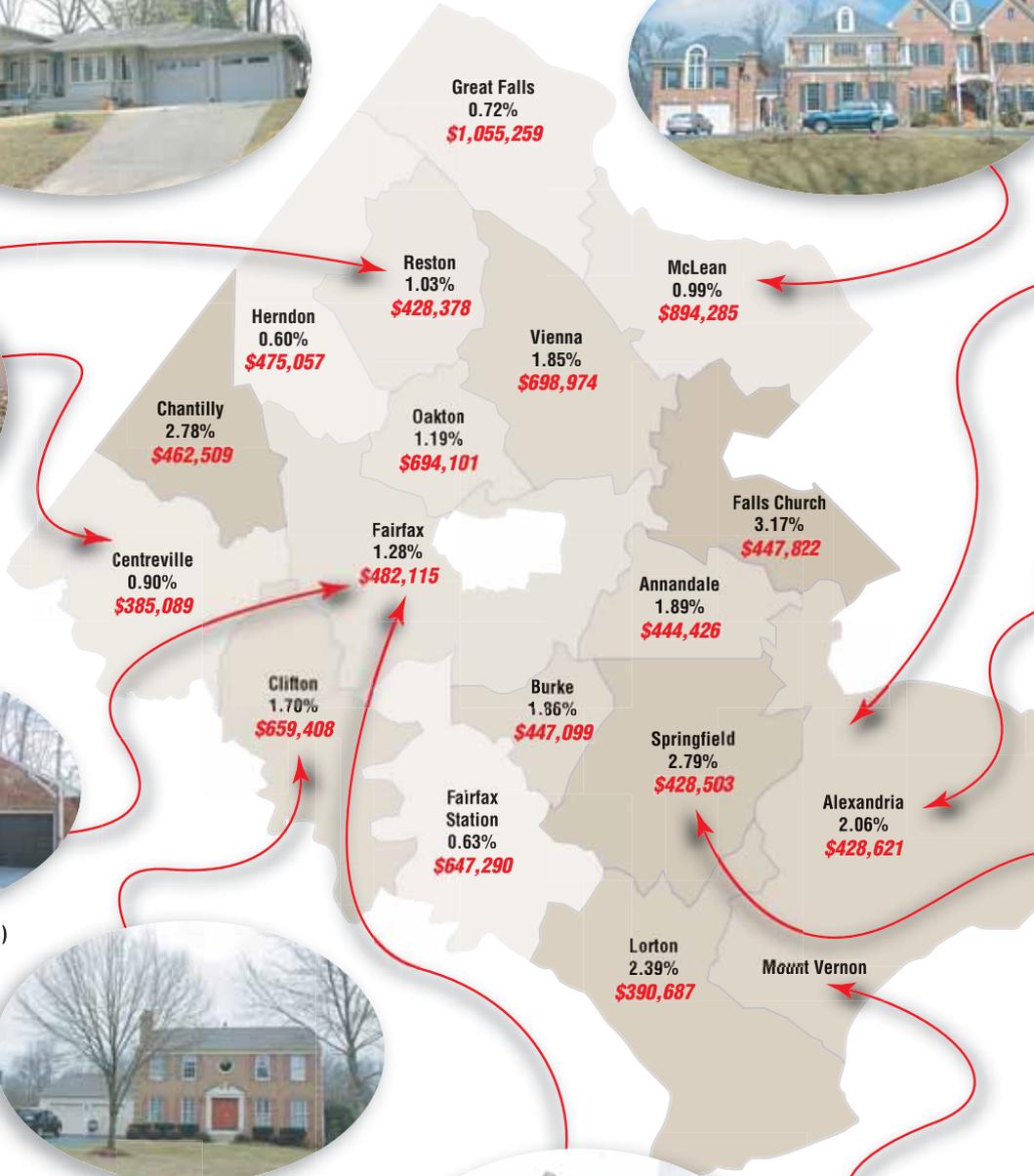
Springfield Supervisor **Patrick Herry (R)**
2015 — \$599,600
2016 — \$587,370
- 2.05%



Providence Supervisor **Linda Smyth (D)**
2015 — \$611,280
2016 — \$617,810
1.07%



Sully Supervisor **Kathy Smith (D)**
2015 — \$579,780
2016 — \$607,140
4.72%



2016 Countywide average for all homes — \$527,648
Single family-detached homes — \$632,507, up 1.69 percent
Townhouse/duplex properties — \$392,951, up 2.05 percent
Condominiums — \$261,792, up 0.73 percent

ZIP CODE AREA	2015 MEAN	2016 MEAN	PERCENT CHANGE
Alexandria/Mount Vernon	419,966	428,621	2.06
Annandale	436,194	444,426	1.89
Burke	438,919	447,099	1.86
Centreville	381,645	385,089	0.90
Chantilly	450,015	462,509	2.78
Clifton	648,374	659,408	1.70
Fairfax	476,037	482,115	1.28
Fairfax Station	643,207	647,290	0.63
Falls Church	434,062	447,822	3.17
Great Falls	1,047,755	1,055,259	0.72
Herndon	472,236	475,057	0.60
Lorton	381,572	390,687	2.39
McLean	885,556	894,285	0.99
Oakton	685,967	694,101	1.19
Reston	424,021	428,378	1.03
Springfield	416,853	428,503	2.79
Vienna	686,293	698,974	1.85

for single family, townhouses and condominiums

The average assessed value of a
single family home in Fairfax County
for 2016 is \$632,507, up 1.69 percent

SOURCE: FAIRFAX COUNTY