

# Taste of Arlington

A long line of foodies bundled in warm jackets waits for a wurst to be loaded with condiments at Courthaus Social at the Taste of Arlington on Sunday, May 15. The event featured more than 50 restaurants as well as wine and beer and a kid zone and bark park. The proceeds are donated to the Arlington Street Assistance Center, a community-based non-profit that provides supplemental groceries to families in need.

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## Building Better Businesses County Board candidates talk commerce in local debate.

BY VERNON MILES  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he core differences between the Democrats, and even the independent running for County Board, are slim. So when the three candidates met the evening of May 16 for a debate, the conversation centered around differing approaches to the same issues affecting the county. Hosted in the Rosslyn Hyatt by the Chamber of Commerce, much of the evening's questions centered around repairing the county's business culture.

“[The Blue Ribbon Panel] was a failure to rebuild trust in how we do business.”

— County Board Candidate Erik Gutshall

For Libby Garvey, incumbent chair of the Arlington County Board, the key-word was streamlining.

“We need to reform our permitting process,” said Garvey. “Boeing tried to build a second building here, but said [the process] was so arduous that they vowed to never build in Arlington again.”

Even for smaller scale openings,

Garvey said the County Board's permitting process can hinder businesses trying to open in the area. Garvey said she met with former Del. Rob Krupicka who recently opened a Sugar Shack donuts franchise in Arlington following the success of the chain's Alexandria location. However, Krupicka found that the system was riddled with inefficiencies, like business owners not being able to pay fees online. Garvey said she was cringing as he talked about his experience.

But Garvey also noted, in other ways, that the county is working to make itself more business friendly. The County Board recently sent a team to South by Southwest to help advertise the Arlington to tech startups and Garvey took a delegation from Chinese businesses on a tour of some of Arlington's schools.

Even down to the smallest scale of business, Garvey said the County Board can do things to help make Arlington more supportive. Garvey specifically noted that Airbnb, a website that helps people rent out their homes temporarily, is technically illegal in Arlington. Garvey said the County Board needs to look at changing requirements in the code to allow home sharing.

“People need to be able to make money,” said Garvey, “and home sharing can be helpful for young families.”

For Erik Gutshall, the word is investment.



Independent Audrey Clement (left) with Democratic County Board Chair Libby Garvey (middle) and Democratic County Board Candidate Erik Gutshall (right)

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“I do not believe fiscal responsibility means short changing our future,” said Gutshall. “I believe there's a difference between expenditures and investments.”

Gutshall said that it is the County Board's responsibility to create the best version of the county possible to attract businesses. For Gutshall, that particularly means invest-

### Democratic Primary

There will be a Democratic Primary for County Board on June 14. The deadline to update one's address or register to vote in the primary is May 23. Polling place hours are 6 a.m.-7 p.m.

Candidates in the order they will appear on the ballot are: Erik Gutshall and Libby T. Garvey.

ments in infrastructure, particularly pedestrian and bike paths and a second Metro bridge crossing.

As owner of Clarendon Home Services, Gutshall said he has first hand experience with what businesses in Arlington need.

Beyond business, Gutshall said the county needs to work more with the business improvement districts (BIDS) in Rosslyn, Ballston, and Crystal City to try and find uses for Arlington's public spaces.

Though running directly in opposition, Gutshall and Garvey only once seemed to come close to direct conflict. When asked what the biggest mistake from the County Board in the last year was, Gutshall had some strong feelings about Garvey's Blue Ribbon Panel. The seven member panel, established without public notice, assesses county policy goals and prioritizes them. But Gutshall said the panel takes away from the spirit of collaboration and transparency Garvey claimed to be championing.

“It was a failure to provide notice and include public input,” said Gutshall. “It was a failure to implement the facilities com-

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## Task Force Votes To Keep Fire Station 8 at Current Site

Questions continue about how to improve response times.

BY EDEN BROWN  
THE CONNECTION

**A**ttendees at the penultimate meeting on Fire Station 8 shook their heads. After months of research and meetings, the old questions of “how to define response time” were coming up again. Since the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) talks about the ideal response time of four minutes, why was Arlington County aiming for six minutes or less? Has the county approved a six-minute travel time as an acceptable standard, and is it travel time or travel time plus turnout time that add up to response time?

Finally, the group agreed, their charge had to involve the only aspect of response time they could affect by changing location or keeping the current site was “travel time from the time the engine leaves the station.”

Noah Simon guided the group forward during the 3 hour and 20 minute long meet-

ing. He reminded the group that response times — no matter how defined — clearly needed improvement, across the county, and they needed to vote on whether moving Fire Station 8 to the only possible option at 26th and Old Dominion, versus keeping it at 4845 Lee Highway, would improve the travel time enough to warrant a move. Travel time, from Lee Highway or from 26th and Old Dominion, still hasn't been measured in real terms, but Acting Fire Chief Joe Reshetar noted that the difference between the two might likely not amount to more than 30 seconds less travel time.

The bottom line for the task force was that even with a move, there would still be a significant portion of far north Arlington that would not get into the 4-6 minute “ideal” window. The EMS unit moving to Fire Station 8 could improve response times on medical emergencies.

As the task force continued to debate well into the first hour, Simon pursued the goal of voting, resorting to auctioneering skills to get votes accomplished. Once the response time issue was resolved, the group began to debate the second major aspect of their findings, the cost factor of moving the station versus keeping it at 4845 Lee Highway. While it is more expensive to leave the

station at 4845 Lee Highway, particularly if the fuel tanks are moved, the cost, especially if cost savings measures are made to reduce the temporary station costs, would not be significant enough to make it fiscally unsound to keep the station there.

During public commentary, Arlington resident Betsy Alexander asked the task force to keep a broader view; it seemed the task force had taken a very narrow view of their charge — to select a station location with a reduced response time, whereas what the county had in fact asked the task force to do was to come up with creative solutions, improvements in response times, and address the impact on the communities. Alexander asked the task force not to limit their consideration of factors that are less tangible than travel times.

Alexandra Bocian of the Langston-Brown Civic Association also noted the issue was delicate for a lot of communities. She acknowledged that whatever decision was made, it was clear to those communities how much time and care went into the task force effort. The task force's approach indicated the impacts on each community had been considered and taken seriously.

Terry Dean of the Chain Bridge Forest Association noted her group had asked for,



Alexandra Bocian (right), head of the Langston Brown Civic Association and Richard Lolich, head of the Old Dominion Civic Association, at the May 12 meeting.

but not received, a seat on the task force. She indicated there were in fact residents of North Arlington who had issues with emergency medical services to north Arlington. “That's our issue,” she said, “We've never even had a fire.” Dean had had her own personal experience with a failure of Arlington emergency services personnel to

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# Gearing Up for Bike to Work Day

Local cyclists share tips for new riders.

BY VERNON MILES  
THE CONNECTION

**O**n May 20, expect to see more Arlington commuters leaving the cars in the garage. Annual “Bike to Work” day encourages commuters to try out a car-free lifestyle, and some of the local experts are ready with tips for new riders.

Henry Dunbar isn’t just the program manager for BikeArlington, he’s also a daily bike commuter. Around Arlington, Dunbar says one of the best ways to get to your destination is to find an adjacent bike trail.

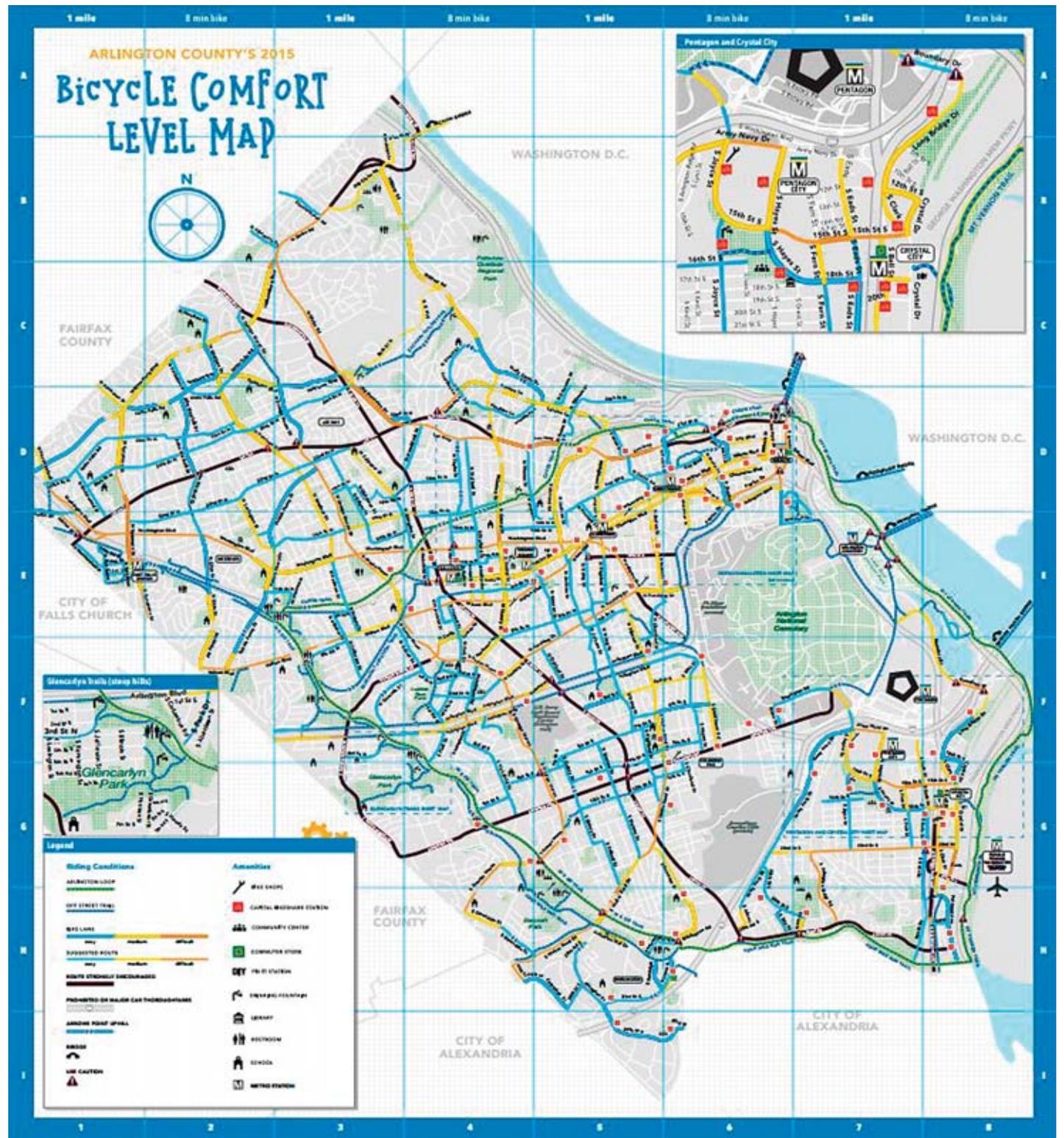
“The Washington and Old Dominion Trail, the Custis Trail, the Mt. Vernon trail; they never get old,” said Dunbar. “I love them. I’ll often find myself riding them to go the long way [to my destination].”

Many of the trails circle the perimeter of Arlington. Four Mile Run works along the border with Alexandria, and the Mt. Vernon Trail follows the Potomac. For commuters headed to work within the County, bicycling in an urban environment can be a different experience.

For those planning on riding to work on Friday, John Harpold, manager at Arlington’s Papillon Cycles, said it could be helpful to familiarize yourself with the route. BikeArlington has a map of bike paths that run through the city, ranking them by their ease of use.

For cyclists, Harpold said it’s important to find a bike that most closely matches with your riding style. Some prefer beginner level bikes while others favor more advanced, more expensive types.

Both Harpold and Sean Andrews from Arlington’s Big Wheel Bikes emphasized the importance of having the right equipment. Harpold noted that this includes equipment for the rider, like making sure to pick weather-appropriate clothing, and having access to a secure lock. Andrews emphasized ensuring that the gears on the bike



SEE GEARING UP, PAGE 11 **BikeArlington’s map of Arlington Bike paths.**

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# Helping Business

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community study. It was a failure to rebuild trust in how we do business."

But Garvey agreed. When asked about the biggest failure of the year, Garvey acknowledged that the core ideas of the Blue Ribbon Panel had been poorly communicated to the county.

"We don't have a strategic plan," said Garvey, "and we need one. We need a group to advise us and include the community."

Garvey acknowledged that the idea did not have the public engagement that it should have, and promised to adjust in the future.

When asked what their priorities were for capital funding, all answered schools, infrastructure, parks and transportation. While many of the questions from the au-

dience centered around Garvey and Gutshall, who compete for the June 14 Democratic primary, Independent Audrey Clement suggested a different approach to helping businesses..

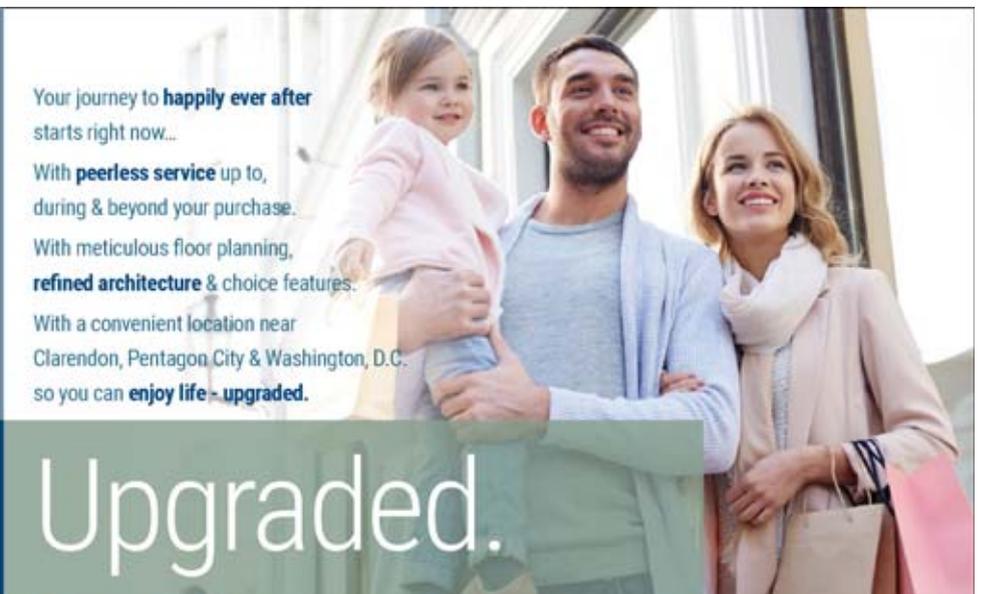
Clement is a veteran of running for offices in Arlington, having run for both the County Board and School Board multiple times. Clement's keyword of the night was preservation. For businesses, Clement said that the county can't afford to try and keep up with the incentive programs offered

by Prince George's County or Washington D.C. Clement said the option that would make Arlington most appealing would be a full cent drop in the tax rate. One of the two Democratic candidates will face off against Clement on the Nov. 8 general election.

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**— County Board Chair Libby Garvey**

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# OPINION

## In Search of Diversified Revenue

**Fairfax County residents can expect to see meals tax question on November ballots.**

Local governments pay for almost all of local services, including schools, by taxing a single industry, property owners. In Fairfax County, property taxes pay for 65 percent of the budget. In Arlington, which has more revenue options as an urban county, property taxes pay for 57 percent of everything. In the City of Alexandria, property taxes pay for 58 percent.

It costs more every year to provide a consistent level of services, and the sources of revenue available to local governments in Virginia are very limited, forcing an outsized reliance on property taxes. The reason is that localities in Virginia have only the power explicitly given to them by the General Assembly, and the General Assembly allows very few options for localities to collect revenue.

Alexandria and Arlington already have a 4 percent meals tax on top of the 6 percent sales tax, and it's evident that the robust restaurant scene in both areas has not suffered as a result. Would-be diners do not drive to Fairfax County to avoid the tax. But whether Fairfax County can collect a meals tax will be up to voters in November, pending the Board of Supervisors putting the question on the ballot.

A meals tax is not a silver bullet, but it does add one more source of revenue. A 4-cent meals tax is roughly equivalent to the 4-cent increase in property taxes that Fairfax County residents will face this year. But the property tax is levied on people with no relationship to their ability to pay. The meals tax is related to spending, a more progressive approach, and will also collect taxes from non-residents.

This is one of the wealthiest regions in the country, and the highly educated population has high expectations. Schools, public safety, recreational facilities, transportation, human services and other services and facilities cannot be allowed to atrophy because real estate values are flat. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors was correct to provide what Chairman Sharon Bulova called a "booster shot," mostly to schools but also to other needs in the county.

What is needed for the future is access to other, more diversified forms of taxes. While it is a pipe dream given the disposition of the General Assembly, what is really needed is to give localities a portion of the income tax. In the meantime, locals will have to press the state to pay for its fair share locally, and to allow increases in cigarette taxes and other possible sources of revenue.

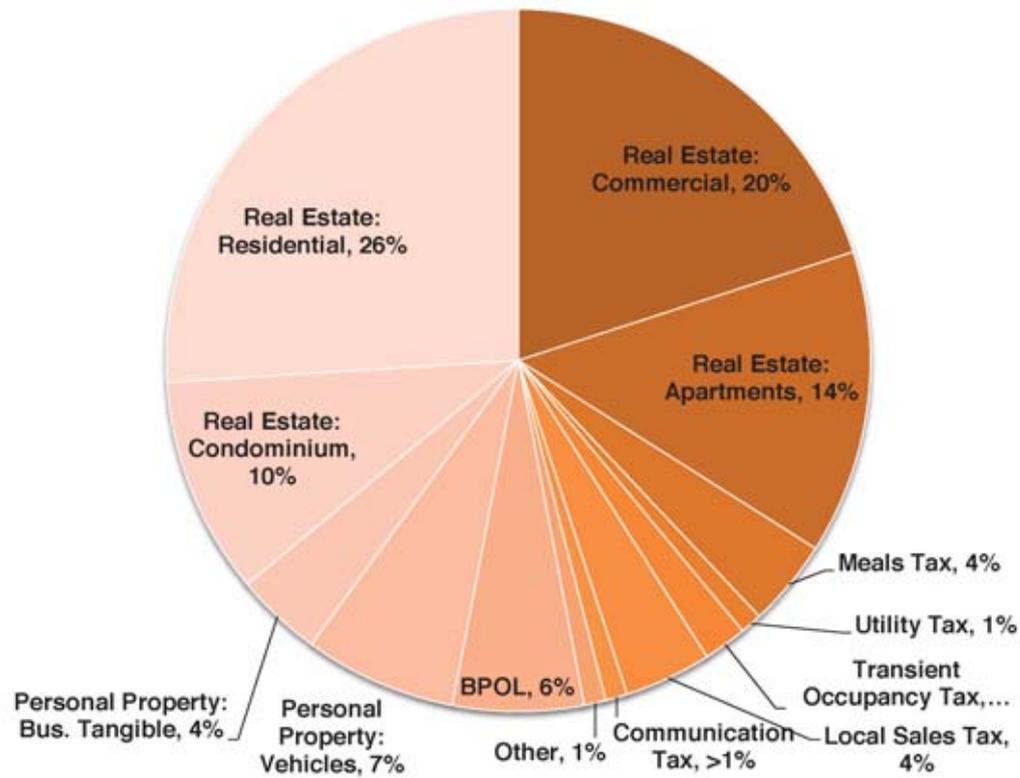
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**Senior trips:** Ladew Topiary Gardens, Monkton, Md., lunch, guided tour, Monday, May 23, \$87; Washington Nationals vs New York Mets, Tuesday, May 24, \$55; Bluegrass Festival, Round Hill, Va., Friday, May 27, \$10; A Day on the Bay cruise, Annapolis to St. Michaels, Md., Saturday, May 28, \$77. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

**How to organize important documents,** Monday, May 23, 1 p.m., Culpepper Garden. Free. Register, 703-228-4403.

**Works of Whistler,** Monday, May 23, 11 a.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Register, 703-228-6300.

**Pickleball games and instruction,** Mondays, 11 a.m., Arlington Mill. Free. Register, 703-228-7369.

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**55+ Arts & Crafts exhibit,** Tuesday, May 24, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Register, 703-228-6300.

**Medicare updates,** Tuesday, May 24, 11 a.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

**Genealogy 101,** Tuesday, May 24, 11:30 a.m., Lee. Free. Register, 703-228-0555.

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**Belly dance class,** Tuesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m., Lee. Free. Register, 703-228-0555.

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**Arlington Mill Trekkers,** Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. Free. Register, 703-228-7369.

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The Spanish Chorus does more than just sing. The children dance and act out stories for Arlington audiences.

# The Spanish Chorus

## Children's chorus performs "El Sombrero Magico."

BY MIKE DOAN

Little noticed in the bustling arts scene in the Washington area is a chorus of Arlington Spanish-speaking children who sing and cavort on stage.

Called The Spanish Chorus, several dozen school children performed the musical "El Sombrero Magico" to an audience of children and their parents at the Arlington Woman's Club on May 6.

In this "chorus," children are romping as donkeys, turtles, witches and wolves in bright costumes, shouting and singing songs in Spanish with a score mixed with Spanish and English.

The chorus is the brainchild of Cora Lee Khambatta, who taught music in Arlington schools from 1967 until her retirement in 2002. For more than 20 years, she has recruited Spanish-speaking children for practices now held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday nights at Randolph Elementary School throughout the school year. "For the most part, if the parents are really motivated and the kids are, they will find a way to get there. Some walk and occasionally I drive a few," she said.

Besides Arlington, the group has performed at the National Theater and at an educators' conference in Pittsburgh. "I am sure there is nothing exactly like this

in other cities," said Khambatta. "It combines my peculiar interest in theater and music and working with little kids."

As a music teacher at Claremont Elementary School from 1994-1997, she noted that many of her students could not speak English. So she took Spanish courses and learned a number of children's songs in Spanish from her Venezuelan mentor. While she was teaching, Spanish-speaking children at many Arlington schools were given a brochure inviting them to the program. The school system no longer participates, but Khambatta has built a network of parents and students who have spread the word, particularly at Barcroft and Key schools.

"El Sombrero Magico," which she helped write, has been performed three times. "Sometimes I adapt the story and the parts to the individual children I have available," she said. In other years, when she has had good dancers, she will put on a more dance-oriented program.

With virtually no budget, she gets help primarily from parents, volunteers and older students to build sets and bring in props. One parent, Patricia Rios, made many of the costumes. Many non-Spanish speaking participants like the idea of cultural sharing. Miriam Miller, who helped found the Children's Chorus, arranged the stage venue because of her membership in the club. Some of the children appeared later in Miller's Opera Nova productions.

"Cora Lee should be carried around on somebody's shoulder

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**Zumba.** Wednesdays through May 25, 6-7 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. Sessions will be led by a professional instructor with a studio in Arlington. The registration fee is \$20 for all five classes. Visit [www.rosslynva.org](http://www.rosslynva.org) for more.

**Gallery Underground: "Road Trip."** Through May 28, gallery hours at 2100 Crystal Drive. During May, Gallery Underground features a national juried competition, "Road Trip." The theme of this all-media show personalizes many aspects of taking a road trip: scenes from the road, people met along the way, all modes of transportation, and journeys both real and imagined. Free. Visit [www.galleryunderground.org](http://www.galleryunderground.org).

**Play: "Collected Stories."** Through May 29, 8-10 p.m. at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. This comedy/drama explores the complex relationship between a writing professor and her protegee. Tickets are \$25, \$20 for seniors and students. Visit [www.petersalley.com](http://www.petersalley.com).

**Kenmore Students Glass Art Exhibit.** Library hours at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Kenmore Middle School students will have stained glass art displayed. Free. Email [jeffbrookland@me.com](mailto:jeffbrookland@me.com).

**Spring SOLOS 2016.** Through June 12, gallery hours at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Arlington Arts Center announces its Spring SOLOS 2016 artists. Following a call in early 2015, jurors Melissa Ho, Assistant Curator at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden in Washington, D.C., and Chicago-based artist, Jefferson Pinder, recommended 14 artists for inclusion in center's 2015-16 cohort of SOLOS artists. Free. Visit [www.arlingtonartscenter.org](http://www.arlingtonartscenter.org).

**Exhibit: "As You Spread, I am Erased."** Through June 12, gallery hours at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Hedieh Javanshir Ilchi explores the notion of "duality," to comprehend her cultural identity as an Iranian-American immigrant and the complexities that emanate from such cultural experiences. Her paintings reflect an interest in the fusion of Western abstraction and Persian Art, with an emphasis on the ornamentations of "Tazhib," or the art of illumination. Free. Visit [www.arlingtonartscenter.org](http://www.arlingtonartscenter.org).

**Exhibit: "Emerging Artists of Vacation Lane."** Through June 12, gallery hours at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. This exhibition features works by a group of six high school seniors: Agnes Cheng, Nathan Dobbins, Nana Gongadze, Salome Gongadze, Marie Johnson and Evan McLean, students in the AP art class at H-B Woodlawn Secondary Program. Free. Visit [www.arlingtonartscenter.org](http://www.arlingtonartscenter.org).

**Exhibit: "Jeweled Traditions."** Through June 12, gallery hours at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Paper-cut scenes depict rituals of local families as remembered and enacted by Melanie Kehoss' summer campers at Arlington Arts Center during the summer of 2015. Free. Visit [www.arlingtonartscenter.org](http://www.arlingtonartscenter.org).

**Accepting Submissions: SigWorks.** Through June 15. The SigWorks: Monday Night New Play Readings

Series features rising playwrights. Signature Theatre is accepting submissions for full-length plays (no musicals). Visit [www.bitly/sigworksubmissions](http://www.bitly/sigworksubmissions) to submit: full scripts with a clear cast/character breakdown, synopsis, name, address, phone number and email address.

**Twilight Tattoo.** Wednesdays through Aug. 3, 7 p.m. at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Summerall Field, Sheridan Ave., Fort Myer. Twilight Tattoo is an hour-long, live-action military performance that blends the precision and discipline of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) with the orchestral sounds and pop music from The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own." Free. Visit [www.twilight.mdw.army.mil](http://www.twilight.mdw.army.mil).

**Call for Entry: The Athenaeum Invitational 2016.** Through Aug. 28. The theme asks artists to reflect on a moment of pure joy. It is inspired by the Lewis and Clark's expedition across the uncharted North American continent to reach the Pacific Ocean. After a two-year trek, William Lewis crested a hill, saw the vast body of water and cried, "The Ocean in view. Oh! The joy!" The entry fee is \$35. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) for more.

## THURSDAY/MAY 19

**Arlington Reads: Richard Reeves.** 7-9 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. As part of Arlington Reads 2016, author Richard Reeves will speak on the human displacement of World War II. Free. Visit [www.library.arlingtonva.us](http://www.library.arlingtonva.us) for more.

## FRIDAY/MAY 20

**Bike to Work Day Happy Hour.** 5-7 p.m. at Heavy Seas Alehouse, 1501 Wilson Blvd. Heavy Seas Alehouse in Rosslyn is hosting a special Happy Hour on May 20. After all that riding on Bike to Work Day, come and enjoy a beer. Valet service for bikers available. Free. Visit [www.rosslynva.org](http://www.rosslynva.org) to register.

**Family Carnival.** 6-8 p.m. at Carver Community Center, 1415 S. Queen St. A night of carnival games, art activities, inflatables, and a magic show. Free. Call 703-228-4773.

**Interactive Discussion on Eclipses and Transits.** 6:30 p.m. at Arlington Planetarium, 1426 N. Quincy St. Join Dr. Alice Monet as she leads an interactive discussion on eclipses and transits that will be followed by a short full-dome show on the Transit of Venus. Tickets are \$3/child up to age 12; \$5/Friends members and seniors; \$7/teens and adults. Visit [friendsoftheplanetarium.org/](http://friendsoftheplanetarium.org/) or 703-228-6070.

**Bike to Work Day.** 6:30-9 a.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. This year, as in previous years, BikeArlington and the Rosslyn BID will be hosting a Bike to Work Day pit stop in Gateway Park at the corner of Lee Highway and N. Lynn St. There will also be live music, a photo booth and other activities. Free. Visit [www.rosslynva.org](http://www.rosslynva.org).

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 20-22

**Annual Art Show and Sale: "It's a Steal."** 5-8 p.m. opening reception on Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Sunday at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 4000 Lorcom Lane. Presented annually by the Arlington Artists Alliance, 40 participating artists will show work in many media and formats: original paintings in oil, acrylic, watercolors, drawings, mixed media works, and pottery. All artwork is less than \$95. Visit [www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org](http://www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org) for

more.  
**BalletNova's Kingdom of the Shades and Other Works.**

7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday at Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road. Artistic Director Laveen Naidu is staging the "Kingdom of the Shades" after original choreographer Marius Petipa, and Associate Artistic Director Constance Walsh and local choreographer Shu-Chen Cuff present new works. Tickets are \$8-26 in advance, an additional \$3 at the door. Visit [www.BalletNova.org](http://www.BalletNova.org).

**Full Dome Show: Astronaut.** 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Arlington Planetarium, 1426 N. Quincy St. Experience a rocket launch from inside the body of an astronaut. Explore the worlds of inner and outer space, from floating around the International Space Station to maneuvering through microscopic regions of the human body. Meet the animated test astronaut Chad and discover the perils that lurk in space from his viewpoint. Tickets are \$3/child up to age 12; \$5/Friends members and seniors; \$7/teens and adults. Visit [friendsoftheplanetarium.org/](http://friendsoftheplanetarium.org/) or 703-228-6070.

**National EMS Memorial Weekend of Honor.** Various times throughout Arlington. Each year, hundreds of EMS professionals from around the nation come together during this Weekend of Honor. Events include a bike ride and other activities. Free to watch, most events are for survivors, family. Visit [www.national-ems-memorial.org](http://www.national-ems-memorial.org) for more.

## SATURDAY/MAY 21

**Truck and Bus Day.** 9-11 a.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 Quincy St. Children of all ages are invited to come see (and touch) all sorts of vehicles, including construction trucks, fire trucks, a recycling truck, an ART bus and more. Free. Visit [www.arlingtonva.us](http://www.arlingtonva.us)

**Book Signing: "The Great Rebus Escape."** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Kinder Haus Toys, 1220 N. Fillmore St. Ray Lum will be at Kinder Haus Toys for an author appearance and signing for his book "The Great Rebus Escape." A mischievous 10-year-old boy is taken hostage by two gun-toting robbers. The boy's twin brother and his resourceful uncle come to the rescue, using rebuses - both drawn and verbal. Free. Call 703-627-5929 for more.

**Cupcake Wars.** 3-5 p.m. at Arlington Mill Community Center, 909 S. Dinwiddie St. Learn fun new ways to decorate the dessert and create a cupcake design to take home. Fee is \$8. Register at [registration.arlingtonva.us](http://registration.arlingtonva.us) and use activity number 730016.

**Interactive Star Talk.** 8 p.m. at Arlington Planetarium, 1426 N. Quincy St. Join Planetarium Director, Jonathan Harmon for an interactive star talk to track the monthly changes of the stars and chronicle the upcoming celestial events of the month. Tickets are \$3/child up to age 12; \$5/friends members and seniors; \$7/teens and adults. Visit [friendsoftheplanetarium.org/](http://friendsoftheplanetarium.org/) or 703-228-6070.

**Parsonfield and Lowland Hum.** 9 p.m. at Iota Club & Cafe, 3832 Wilson Blvd. Live Music. Tickets are \$12. Visit [www.iotclubandcafe.com](http://www.iotclubandcafe.com).

**Lesson Zero.** 9 p.m.-1:30 a.m. at



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Rhodeside Grill, 1836 Wilson Blvd. Free to listen. Call 703-243-0145.

## SUNDAY/MAY 22

**Sunday in the Organic Vegetable Garden.** 1-4 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Park, 2845 Marcey Road. VCE Master Gardeners who maintain the Organic Vegetable Demonstration Garden will be in the garden to answer questions about organic gardening, including controlling pests and diseases without the use of chemicals. Free. Call 703-228-6414 or email [mgarlalex@gmail.com](mailto:mgarlalex@gmail.com).

**Silkscreen Demonstration.** 2 p.m. at The Art League, 105 N. Union St. McIntyre prints all of her own editions. She uses hand-painted and hand-drawn stencils, building up many layers of transparent ink. It typically takes her up to 50-100 layers (separate printings onto each copy) to bring each silkscreen to life. Watch her work. Free. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) for more.

**Old Glebe Neighborhood Party.** 2-5 p.m. at Madison Community Center, 3829 N. Stafford St. Find a potluck, DVD swap, and more. Free. Visit [www.oldglebe.org](http://www.oldglebe.org) for more.

**Concert: "Drops of Spring."** 4-6 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd. The Metropolitan Chorus of Arlington will perform a variety of music in honor of Spring. Free. Visit [www.metchorus.org](http://www.metchorus.org) for more.

**Charlotte Hollister Annual Gala.** 6-8 p.m. at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Arts-filled evening in support of Jane Franklin Dance. Event includes outdoor performance

with live music by fiddler Patrick McAvinue and vocalist Ashley Benes, wine tasting, light supper, interactive arts activities, and silent auction. Tickets are \$40-100. Call 703-933-1111 for more.

## MONDAY/MAY 23

**Film Screening: "Bridge of Spies."** 2 p.m. at Shirlington Branch Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. An American insurance lawyer is recruited by the CIA to rescue an American pilot detained in the Soviet Union during the Cold War. Free. Visit [www.arlingtonva.us](http://www.arlingtonva.us) for more.

**Meet The Speaker: Dr. Mark Domanski.** 3-4:30 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 Quincy St. Domanski will describe the development of cosmetic surgery starting with pilots in WWI and WWII and continuing to today with 6,000 plastic surgeons in the U.S. Domanski, a medical school graduate, spent eight years obtaining advanced training in plastic surgery. He is board certified. Free. Call 703-228-2144 for more.

**Laughter Yoga.** 6-7:30 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Laughter Yoga, for all ages, is a practice that reduces stress and strengthens the immune system. Free. Email [arlingtonlaughteryoga@yahoo.com](mailto:arlingtonlaughteryoga@yahoo.com).

**Live Music: Air Traffic Controller.** 8 p.m. at Iota Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Boston-based indie electro alternative band Air Traffic Controller performs. Tickets are \$10. Visit [www.iotaclubandcafe.com](http://www.iotaclubandcafe.com).

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## TUESDAY/MAY 24

**Lunch at the Beach.** 12-2 p.m. at Plaza on 19th, 1901 N. Fort Myer Drive. Enjoy your lunch outside with some music, games, and free giveaways before heading to the beach on Memorial Day Weekend. First 50 people get a beach towel. Captain Cookie will also be handing out free ice-cream sandwiches to the first 200 people. Free. Visit [www.rosslynva.org](http://www.rosslynva.org) for more.

**Bowen McCauley Dance Spring Fundraiser.** 6-9 p.m. at Clarendon Ballroom, 3185 Wilson Blvd. Watch "Capturing Grace," a documentary about dancing with Parkinson's disease. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$40 at the door. Visit [www.bmdc.org](http://www.bmdc.org).

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 25

**Lawn Chair Talk.** 6-8 p.m. at the Tiffany Gallery at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Pairing one artist and one entrepreneur to discuss their personal journey and best practices, each will speak for a half hour followed by a Q&A with both speakers. Free, but registration required. Visit [www.arlingtonarts.org](http://www.arlingtonarts.org).

## THURSDAY/MAY 26

**Line Dance Jamboree.** 1-3:30 p.m. at Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway. Line dance levels progress from beginner to improver/easy intermediate. Free. Call 703-228-0555 for more.

**Cheers for Children.** 4-7 p.m. at Siné Irish Pub & Restaurant, 1301 S. Joyce St. NPH transforms the lives of abandoned and disadvantaged children in Latin America and the Caribbean by supporting the homes,

healthcare and educational programs of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH, Spanish for "Our Little Brothers and Sisters"). Attend this event to help orphaned, abandoned and disadvantaged children. Find refreshments and a raffle. Free, but donations accepted. Visit [www.nphusa.org](http://www.nphusa.org) for more.

## SATURDAY/MAY 28

**Central Arlington History Tour.** 9 a.m. at Clarendon Metro Station, Wilson Blvd. Walk from 1 to 12 miles (1 to 8 hours) visiting parks and historic sites in Clarendon, Ballston, Glencarlyn and surrounding areas. Tour historic locations dating from colonial times to early 20th century. Tickets are \$2 for non-members. Call 703-243-0179 for more.

## SATURDAY-MONDAY/MAY 28-30

**American Parkour Beast Coast Jam.** All day at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. American Parkour's annual gathering of top parkour athletes from all over the world returns to Gateway Park. Tickets are \$10-94. Visit [www.beastcoast.americanparkour.com](http://www.beastcoast.americanparkour.com)

## MONDAY/MAY 30

**National Memorial Day Observance.** 8 a.m. at Arlington National Cemetery. Wreath-Laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns, followed by an observance and a prelude by the United States Army Band "Pershing's Own." Free. Visit [www.arlingtoncemetery.mil](http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil).

## TUESDAY/MAY 31

**Pet Therapy.** 10:15 a.m. at Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th St. Meet Zoe, a Yorkshire Terrier therapy dog. She is allergy free, does not shed, and enjoys people. Zoe does over a dozen tricks (jumps through a hoop, zigzags through a line of orange cones, goes through a tunnel, and more). This is followed by those who want to hold her and give her a treat. Free. Email [casb@gwu.edu](mailto:casb@gwu.edu).

## MAY 31-JULY 10

**"La Cage Aux Folles."** Various times at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Signature Theatre presents the story of the 20-year relationship between Albin, the lead drag performer of The Saint-Tropez Night Club on the French Riviera, and Georges, the club's owner, facing a test when their son announces his engagement to the daughter of ultra-conservative political parents. Tickets start at \$40. Visit [www.sigtheatre.org](http://www.sigtheatre.org)

## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 1

**Northern Virginia Bird Club Walk.** 8:30-11 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Join members of the Northern Virginia Bird Club for an informal walk through Long Branch and Glencarlyn Parks in search of resident and migratory birds. Experienced and beginning birders welcome. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them. Free. Call 703-228-6535.

**Summer Pruning of Shrubs and Perennials.** 1-3 p.m. at 2758 N. Wyoming St. Horticulture Agent Kirsten Buhls will demonstrate summer pruning techniques in the home landscape. Free. Call 703-228-6414 or email [mgarlalex@gmail.com](mailto:mgarlalex@gmail.com).  
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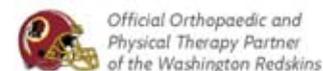
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**Wednesdays in the Garden.** 7-9 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. This series, taught by Arlington Food Assistance Center volunteers and VCE Master Gardeners, is designed to teach gardening skills to a wide audience. Topic for this session will be "Top 10 Vegetable Plant Diseases." Free. Visit [library.arlingtonva.us](http://library.arlingtonva.us) for more.

#### THURSDAY/JUNE 2

**Introduction to Citizen Science.** 7-8 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Explore Bug Guide, eBird, Project Budburst, iNaturalist, and more to find out how your outdoor excursions can contribute to a much bigger scientific snapshot of the natural world. Free. Call 703-228-3403 for more.

#### FRIDAY/JUNE 3

**Keeping Mini-Beasts.** 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Learn all about different animal's lives while caring for them over a month. At each session, you'll return last month's critters and learn about and receive new ones. \$30 fee covers all three sessions, additional \$20 materials fee for first time participants paid on-site. Call 703-228-3403 for more.

**Rosslyn Cinema: "E.T. the Extraterrestrial."** 5-11 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. Food will be available for purchase from Killer Tomato Pizza Food Truck and from 5 p.m. until the film starts, grab a glass of beer or wine at the Mobile Bar. Free. Visit [www.rosslynva.org](http://www.rosslynva.org) for more.

**Vintage Crystal: Wine in the Water.** 6-10 p.m. at Crystal City, 1750 Crystal Drive. Wine in the Water Park combines sips and sounds to create an ambient outdoor event featuring interesting wine varietals and live music in the neighborhood's signature Crystal City Water Park. ArtJamz is offering a free painting session at Wine In the Water Park. Free. Visit [www.crystalcity.org](http://www.crystalcity.org).

**Summer Night Hikes.** 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Fort C.F. Smith Park, 2411 N. 24th St. \$5 registration. Call 703-228-3403 for more.

#### FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 3-5

**"Cul de Sac."** 7:30 p.m. on Friday, 11 a.m. on Saturday, 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road. Encore Stage & Studio present a play about 4-year-old Alice Otterloop and her brother, Petey, who learn about friendship and the importance of being yourself in this world premiere play adaptation of Richard Thompson's comic strip, Cul de Sac. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for children, students, military, and seniors. Visit [www.encorestage.org](http://www.encorestage.org).

#### SATURDAY/JUNE 4

**Native American Spirits Campfire.** 7-8 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. This program will be filled with activities which may include stories, special animal guests, games, songs, and s'mores. Tickets are \$5. Call 703-228-6535 for more.

**Outdoor Lab Anniversary Gala.** 7-10 p.m. at NRECA Conference Center 4301 Wilson Blvd. The Outdoor Lab celebrates 50 years with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and dancing and more. Tickets are \$50. Visit [www.outdoorlab.org](http://www.outdoorlab.org) for more.

#### SUNDAY/JUNE 5

**Bilingual Walk.** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Learn about the animals there and then hike in the

park to explore local nature. Bring a drink and a snack. Free. Call 703-228-6535 for more.

**Cool Creek Critters.** 2-3 p.m. at Lubber Run amphitheatre, 200 N. Columbus St. Children 5-9 are invited to explore waterfalls and take a closer look at the critters that inhabit the creek. Free. Call 703-228-6535 for more.

**Champion Trees Bike Ride.** 2-4 p.m. at Bluemont Junction Park (at the Caboose), 744 N. Emerson St. Bring your own bike, water, snacks, and repair kit. Free. Call 703-228-6535.

#### TUESDAY/JUNE 7

**"Enriching Lives" Breakfast.** 8-9 a.m. at Army Navy Country Club, 1700 Army Navy Drive. "Enriching Lives" is a one-hour complimentary breakfast and fast-paced program designed to raise funds and awareness in the community about Linden Resources' workforce development programs which expand employment for veterans and people with disabilities. Free, but donations accepted. Visit [www.linden.org](http://www.linden.org).

#### WEDNESDAY/JUNE 8

**Wednesdays in the Garden.** 7-9 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. This series, taught by Arlington Food Assistance Center volunteers and VCE Master Gardeners, is designed to teach gardening skills to a wide audience. Topic for this session will be "Weeds, Mulches, Tillage." Free. Visit [library.arlingtonva.us](http://library.arlingtonva.us) for more.

#### FRIDAY/JUNE 10

**Rosslyn Cinema: "Beethoven 2."** 5-11 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. Food will be available for purchase from Chix N Stix Food Truck and from 5 p.m. until the film starts, grab a glass of beer or wine at the Mobile Bar. Free. Visit [www.rosslynva.org](http://www.rosslynva.org) for more.

#### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 11-12

## SPECIAL CONNECTIONS CALENDAR

Advertising Deadlines are the previous Thursday unless noted.

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# Task Force: Keep Fire Station 8 at Current Site

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reach her in a timely way.

Richard Lolich closed out the public commentary with a retrospective look at two years ago. People showing up at that first meeting said, "This isn't going to make any difference. This is just wallpaper." But those same people now saw this as a fair and open process. He cautioned those who would vote to remember they would be deciding on services well into the future since a fire station's life span is about 35 years.

In the final hour, members of the task force, all citizen volunteers, made their statements and cast their votes. There were comments by several on the task force who said they had

come to the first meeting believing a move to Old Dominion was the right answer, but voted against a move because the evidence was overwhelming that not only would a move not improve service to some areas in the north but as Arlington County changes, would very likely diminish service to the southern areas of Lee Highway. Some referred to the historical aspect of the station, and some said their decision, despite their residence in the Hall's Hill area, had nothing to do with the history, and everything to do with what made sense in the long term. One person abstained from voting because there were "such good arguments on both sides."

Rodney Turner said, at the end of the evening, that the task force had taken their

charge very seriously and he hoped the county could see how much effort had gone into addressing every issue.

The fact that the vote was to keep the station in its current site, he said, reflected the information the task force examined which clearly indicated the need for a fire station close to higher density populations. Turner was one of the members who advocated for an EMS team to respond to the emergency calls coming out of northernmost Arlington.

The next, and final, meeting of the task force on Station #8 will be held May 26. Residents can review the website at <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/fire-station-8/> and comment on the matrix of pros and cons for each location.

# Gearing Up for Bike to Work Day in Arlington

FROM PAGE 4

are functioning properly.

One of the classic questions posed by new bikers in the area is whether to ride in the streets or on the sidewalk. The answer is that cyclists can choose either. Both come with their own risks, it all depends on the comfort level of the rider. "There's no place in Arlington where sidewalk riding is prohibited," said Dunbar. "While we don't recommend it, if that is where you feel most comfortable, ride on the sidewalk. But you have to yield to pedestrians and ride at a pace where you can do so. That means slower riding, or at the pace people walk. You have to be hyper conscious of people coming out of buildings."

Even Dunbar, and experienced cyclist, says there are times when there's no choice but to ride on the sidewalk. "There are roads [where I ride on the sidewalk] if traffic is too heavy or aggressive," said Dunbar. "There are some streets I avoid, if I can. I won't ride on Glebe during the week, except for short sections."

Riding a bike through an urban environment presents a wider variety of dangers than bicycle trails. Ray Hayhurst, Complete Streets coordinator for Alexandria, said it's important to be cognizant of parked vehicles nearby.

"The number one source of bicycle injury is being doored," said Hayhurst, "that's riding too close to a parked vehicle and having the operator open the door into the bicyclist."

But many of the dedicated bike lanes throughout Arlington and Alexandria run alongside street parking.

"When on a bike path near a car, be a defensive cyclist and look into the car," said Hilary Orr, Alexandria's Complete Streets program manager. "Be aware that they might open the door on you. Anticipate their actions, because maybe they won't see you. Especially on bike to work day, that's something people driving their cars should also be aware of. Pay attention. There's more cyclists on the road. Everyone needs to be defensive, as a driver, biker, or walker. You're all sharing a public space; be kind and courteous to the newer riders."

Writer Preston Jones also contributed to this story.

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Sophomore midfielder Tyler Stowell and the Yorktown boys' lacrosse team lost to South Lakes in the Conference 6 championship game on May 13.



Yorktown junior Stevie Picot, left, fielded a ground ball and had one shot on goal during the Conference 6 championship game on May 13.

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## Yorktown Boys' Lax Falls to South Lakes in Conference 6 Final

**Patriots fail to hold early lead, finish conference runner-up.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

The Yorktown boys' lacrosse team fell short in the Conference 6 championship game for the second time in three seasons, but that hasn't dulled the Patriots' hopes entering the 6A North region tournament.

Yorktown grabbed an early 2-0 lead with a pair of goals by first-team all-conference attackman C.J. Stowell but failed to hold on, falling to South Lakes 8-5 on May 13 at Langley High School.

The Patriots lost their regular-season matchup with the Seahawks 9-4 on April 5 but entered Friday's contest having won eight of their last nine games. After jumping out to a quick lead, Yorktown trailed 5-2 at halftime.

"Kids were disappointed for sure," Yorktown head coach Greg Beer wrote in an email. "It was a pretty even game. Key was that we couldn't score with the man-up advantages that we had and they made us pay for every mistake that we made."

Despite the loss, Beer said the Patriots still have a legit shot at qualifying for states, which would require winning two games

in the region tournament.

In 2014, Yorktown lost to Langley in the conference tournament final, but bounced back to win a pair of games in the region tournament before losing to eventual state champion Robinson in the semifinals. The Patriots fell one victory shy of qualifying for states, however, as only the top two teams from the region qualified that year.

"It's easy to be focused," Beer wrote.

"The region is wide open and if we play to our potential, we have just as good a chance to make the semis (and qualify for states) as 7-8 other teams. The kids know that we still have games to play and we can still reach our goals."

South Lakes entered Friday's contest with a 12-1 record, having won 11 straight games, and took the next step in a memorable season by winning the first conference championship in program history.

How did South Lakes, a program with a 40-38 record during Craig Lunde's first six seasons as head coach, become a first-time conference champion riding a 12-game win streak into the region tournament?

"They did it the good-old-fashion way: a lot of hard work in the offseason, they trained on their own, they played fall lacrosse as a team when a lot of guys are play-

ing club and doing their own thing, so I think that was ... big," said Lunde, the conference Coach of the Year. "They had gone undefeated in the fall league, so I think that got them off to a winning start."

After coming from behind to beat Langley in the conference semifinals, South Lakes trailed Yorktown 2-0 in the first quarter on Friday after Stowell put a pair in the

"I think it's the offseason," Jung gave as a reason for South Lakes' success. "This year, everyone is just so focused on trying to win states. It's our mentality."

Hughes, a Mercer University commit and the conference Defensive Player of the Year, scored two goals for the Seahawks. Eric Ottman and Spencer Alston, each a first-team all-conference selection, and Chris Sherbert each scored one goal.

Senior goalie John Hughes, a second-team all-conference selection, had 14 saves for the Seahawks.

"Knowing that this is going to be our legacy," Jung said in reference to South Lakes winning its first conference title, "it's amazing."

Senior Stephen Glagola, junior Ethan Chase and freshman Jake Reilly each scored a goal for Yorktown.

Reilly, Chase and senior Matteus Jaramillo each had an assist.

Senior goalkeeper Mason Pollack, a first-team all-conference selection, totaled 13 saves for the Patriots.

Yorktown entered the region tournament as the No. 2 seed from Conference 6 and faced Osborn Park on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline.

"Need to continue to try and get better every day in all facets of the game," Beer wrote. "Always room to improve."

**"It's easy to be focused. The region is wide open and if we play to our potential, we have just as good a chance to make the semis (and qualify for states) as 7-8 other teams. The kids know that we still have games to play and we can still reach our goals."**

— Yorktown boys' lacrosse coach Greg Beer via email

net. The Seahawks weren't fazed, however and tied the score at 2 by the end of the quarter with goals by junior long stick midfielder Matt Hughes and senior attackman Tommy Jung.

Jung scored his second goal with 7:45 remaining in the second quarter, giving South Lakes a 3-2 advantage and putting the Seahawks ahead to play.

Jung, a first-team all-conference selection who will play at Babson College, led South Lakes with three goals.

### SCHOOL NOTES

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**Kerry Kuntz**, of Arlington, graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology (Rochester, N.Y.) in the fall 2015 semester with a degree in environmental science (Master of Science).

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

(Troy, N.Y.) student-athlete **Annaliese Drechsler**, of Arlington, a chemical engineering major, has earned recognition as part of the 2016 Liberty League Fall All-Academic Swimming & Diving Team.

**Samul Murphy**, of Arlington, received recognition from the Minnesota College Athletic Conference (MCAC) Southern Division.

Murphy was named to the All-South Conference Team. Murphy is a transfer first-year student in the Instructional Assistant program and plays as a forward for the team. Murphy averaged 10.7 points per game.

**Alexandra Zytek**, of Arlington, has been named to the dean's honor list at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Troy, N.Y.) for the fall 2015 semester. Zytek

studies computer science.

**Joseph Green** and **Bradley Trumpfheller** have been named to the dean's list at Emerson College (Boston, Mass.) for the fall 2015 semester.

**Natalie Soler**, **James Wanda**, and **Anna Wissler** were named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Lafayette College (Easton, Pa.).

**Clarissa Xue**, of Arlington, was named to the dean's list at Rochester Institute of Technology (Rochester, N.Y.) for the fall semester 2015-2016. Xue is studying in the computer engineering program.

**Jonathan Grisham**, of Arlington, was among 588 freshman cadets sworn into the South Carolina Corps of Cadets at The Citadel (Charleston, S.C.)

# Language Immersion for Young Children

**Experts tout benefits of an early start.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

**W**hen Martha Davis' daughter Alice was ready for kindergarten, she decided to enroll her in a Spanish language immersion program. Davis, who is the assistant dean for World Languages at Northern Virginia Community College chose Mt. Vernon Community School in Alexandria.

"I know personally the benefits of knowing a second language and I wanted my daughter to experience that," she said.

Davis, also a Spanish professor, says that the benefits of such immersion programs range from boosting cognitive functioning and confidence to accent acquisition and social skills development. "Speaking with a native or near-native accent significantly eases communication, particularly with



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**Martha Davis reads a book written in Spanish with her daughters, 6-year-old Alice (right) and 4-year old Jane. Alice is in a Spanish immersion program at Mt. Vernon Community School in Alexandria.**

people unaccustomed to interacting with non-native speakers," said Davis. "This in turn can help boost the confidence of the non-native speaker and can provide the encouragement needed to continue language study."

Numerous studies suggest the brain-boosting power of early exposure to a sec-

ond language as another benefit of immersion programs for young children, says Ana Lado, Ph.D., professor of Education at Marymount University in Arlington.

"Cognitively, kids who learn two languages in preschool and really young children tend to score better on abstract thinking all the way into high school," said Lado. "If you know that in one language there is one word for chair and it includes foot stool and sofa chair and lounge, and in another language you have three different words it makes your brain think more abstractly."

The sooner children gain exposure to a second language, the easier it is to acquire, says Davis who contrasts her daughter's feelings with those of some of her adult students, "who feel that speaking another language is strange or foreign," which impedes their language acquisition," she said.

"I have found that if students can iden-

tify themselves as a speaker of the language of instruction, regardless of their level of proficiency, they enjoy learning the language more and acquire it more easily," said Davis. "This year Alice has begun to sign her name 'Alicia' on her Spanish homework."

Local language immersion programs offer classes for children as young as 10 months old. They use songs and games to teach language in a way that is pleasurable for students. "Starting when they're young helps language develop organically and naturally," said Amanda Michetti of Language Starts, which offers classes to children in Alexandria, Fairfax, Arlington, Reston and Bethesda. "The classes are conversation based with a little bit of reading and writing."

Hilary Javier has three children, ages two, three and four, who take Mandarin Chinese at Language Starts. She wants them to be citizens of the world, and believes exposure to a second language is important in achieving that goal. "You don't have to translate anything into English," said Javier. "They really do understand from picking it up naturally in the immersion setting. There is this special window when they are young to expose them to different cultures they would not never been exposed to, even noticeable in their mannerisms in the classroom."

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# Clutter



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Either it's the cancer/seven-plus years of chemotherapy, or it's my age. Regardless, information retention and recall is not quite what it used to be. What goes in doesn't exactly come out, or if it does, it's somewhat after the fact. I wouldn't say it's embarrassing yet, and it hasn't led to any speech impediment-type of hemming and hawing. But it has led to something, other than this column, that is.

I haven't quite resorted to index/flash cards, nor am I avoiding human interaction as a way to minimize the awkwardness. I am still going about my normal business – or lack thereof, and wondering if time is on my side or has it been usurped by powers greater than me. And since there's no real definitive answer, I'll try to stop questioning whether what I think I'm experiencing is inevitable or am I, as any Three Stooges aficionado would appreciate: simply "a victim of circumstance."

Granted, I may not be the sharpest knife in the drawer, but if we're invoking utensils here, neither am I a spoon. I can accept the fact that in the knife category, I'm closer to a butter knife than I am to a steak knife; meaning I get the job done, probably with less haste, but likely with more waste. Nevertheless, the job gets done and more often than not, it's without further ado. And while I'm using *ado/adieu*, I don't feel as if this lack of recall/retention is indicative of me bidding adieu. However, it does give me pause about my status as a long-time (in the stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer world, when one's prognosis was originally "13 months to two years," seven-plus years is a long time) survivor. Maybe I'm simply experiencing what any person nearing the age of 62 does. It's not the cancer, it's dare I say/hope: middle age. Although I'll admit I may be on the downside of it, and approaching what I'll call "older" age (not "old" age).

But let's be honest here, when an oncologist advises you at age 54 and a half that your prognosis is at best two years and that he can "treat you but can't cure you," and that perhaps, "you should take that vacation you've always dreamt of," not only does your middle age (or what's left of it) rapidly disappear, so too does your "older"/"old" age.

Quite unexpectedly then, given your prior good health and no history of cancer in your immediate family, your mind/brain quickly gets overloaded with facts, figures, feelings and fears it had never considered before. Ergo the clutter. Not that there's a limited amount of space in your head for all this new/never-expected information, but it does seem to crowd out more familiar, less impactful stuff. At least that's my story/rationalization and I'm most definitely sticking to it.

But my reality is: I am stuck with it, unfortunately. No cure doesn't exactly conjure optimism. Nevertheless, as a long-suffering Boston Red Sox fan (until 2004, that is, when "the curse" was finally broken as the Bosox won their first World Series in 86 years), hope springs eternal, and so I remain ever hopeful. It's just that occasionally, I have difficulty remembering/articulating that hopefulness – among other things. No worries though. I know the information is still in my head, somewhere. I'm sure I'll get it out, eventually.

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and be praised as a community treasure," said Miller. "She has brought marginalized immigrant families and their most prized possession, their children, into the mainstream, and helped many of them go on to more advanced musical studies."

In the last show, Khambatta was troubled that she had no professional stage manager. Parents alone could not figure out when to get their children on stage. Yet somehow, "the kids did a fabulous job. They knew their lines, knew the right expressions and they knew when to go on," she said.

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specific start/end times for all pit stops at [www.biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org).

### SATURDAY/MAY 21

**Moving Millennials to Home Ownership.** 10 a.m. at Weichert Arlington, 4701 Old Dominion Drive. Millennial's looking for information on home ownership are invited to a seminar featuring feature topics such as down payment options, available programs, how to handle gifts/loans from parents or other relatives, the lending process and up-to-date market conditions. Complimentary consultations, as well as a continental breakfast. Free. RSVP at 703-801-8528 (cell) or [NBagley@weichertrealtors.net](mailto:NBagley@weichertrealtors.net).

**Caucus to Endorse School Board Candidates.** 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Washington-Lee High School, 1301 N. Stafford St. Arlington County Democratic Committee Unassembled Caucus to Endorse School Board Candidates. Visit [www.arlingtondemocrats.org](http://www.arlingtondemocrats.org) or more.

### MONDAY/MAY 23

**Primary Registration Deadline.** 5 p.m. Registration deadline to vote in the June 14 Arlington County Board Democratic Primary. Register online via [arlingtondemocrats.org](http://arlingtondemocrats.org).

**Registration Deadline — Do More 24.** There is less than one month to go before the start of Do More 24, the region's largest 24-hour, online giving day. This year's event will take place starting at midnight on Thursday, June 2, 2016 and will last for a full 24-hours. Participating nonprofits include organizations ranging from those with a focus on animal welfare to arts and culture, health and human services, and workforce readiness. Visit [www.DoMore24.org](http://www.DoMore24.org) for more.

**Public Comment Deadline.** The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) is seeking public comment on the multimodal components submitted for FY 2017 funding consideration as part of the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transform 66 Inside the Beltway Project. NVTC will accept comments by mail 2300 Wilson Blvd., Ste. 602, Arlington, VA 22201, email at [i66multimodal@nvtc.org](mailto:i66multimodal@nvtc.org), or phone at 703-688-2321.

### MAY 23-JUNE 6

**Click It or Ticket.** The Arlington County Police Department is reminding motorists to Click It or Ticket. As part of the national seat belt enforcement campaign, law enforcement agencies around the country will be stepping up enforcement ahead of one of the busiest travel weekends of the year. For more information on the Click It or Ticket mobilization, visit [www.nhtsa.gov/ciot](http://www.nhtsa.gov/ciot).

### TUESDAY/MAY 24

**Parent Information Night.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Barcroft Elementary School, Multipurpose Room, 625 S. Wakefield St. Girl Scout Troop parent information night and child-friendly activities. Adults team up to make Girl Scouting possible, become a Girl Scout volunteer. Free. Send daughter's name, grade, and parent's telephone number and email to Teresa Bartlett at [tbartlett18@gmail.com](mailto:tbartlett18@gmail.com). Visit [www.gscnc.org](http://www.gscnc.org)

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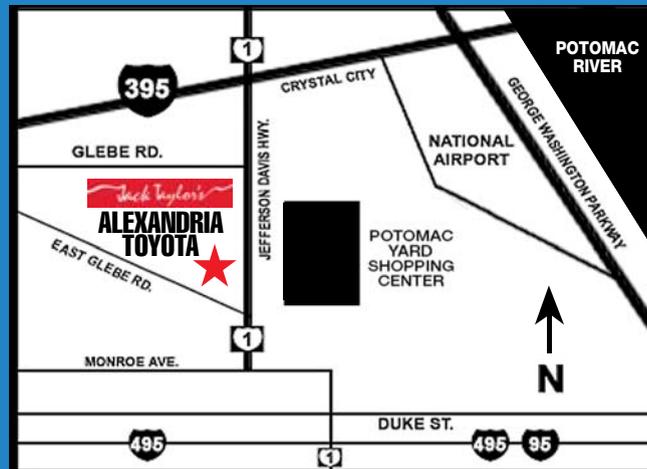
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