

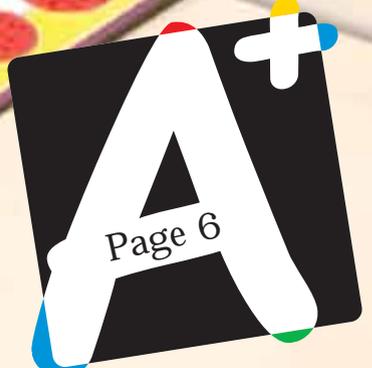


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# News

Notable incidents reported to the Vienna Police Department, July 8-13.

## INCIDENTS

**Burglary** - 600 Block Valley Drive, SE. July 7, 1:14 p.m. A resident called to report a burglary. The resident told arriving officers they watched a male subject go into a residence and take out "something heavy." The resident confronted the male subject who refused to speak with them and then fled the scene.

**Property Found** - 200 Block Maple Avenue, East. July 7, 9:54 p.m. A citizen turned in a wallet they found.

**Arrest** - ABC Violation - 500 Block Maple Avenue, West. July 8, 10:27 p.m.

While on patrol an officer observed a vehicle make a traffic infraction. When the officer spoke with the driver of the vehicle he observed an alcoholic beverage on the floorboard of the front passenger seat. All of the occupants of the vehicle were under the age of 21 years. A passenger of the vehicle attempted to deceive officers with a fictitious operator's license. The 18-year-old male driver of Madrigal Way, Vienna, was charged with possession of alcohol underage. He was issued a summons and released on his signature. A passenger of the vehicle, 18-year-old male subject of Fairview Drive, Fairfax was charged with possession of alcohol underage and possession of a fictitious

operator's license. He was issued a summons and released on his signature.

**Grand Larceny** - 200 Block Windover Avenue, NW July 8, 11:03 p.m. A resident called to report their son's bicycle had been stolen while visiting a friend's house.

**Domestic Dispute** - Mill Street, NE. July 8, 11:42 p.m. Officers responded to the listed area for a domestic dispute between a male and female subject. When they arrived they spoke with both subjects who stated no physical altercation took place. Both subjects agreed to go their separate ways and left the area.

**Assault** - 400 Block Yeonas Drive, SW. July 9, 5:14 p.m. A citizen reported they had been assaulted. The female subject

stated she went to a residence in an attempt to see a relative. She said when she arrived she attempted to knock on the front door when two male subjects came around from the side and assaulted her. Officers made contact with the two male subjects and an independent witness who stated the female subject wasn't assaulted, she was impaired and injured herself. All parties involved were explained the process of obtaining warrants.

**Vandalism** - 300 Block Charles Street, SE July 9, 11:57 p.m. A resident called to report their residence and vehicle had been vandalized. An officer arrived and found the resident's house and vehicle had been hit by doughnuts.

**Suspicious Event** - Michael's Store, 311 Maple Ave. East. July 10, 9:09 p.m. A female citizen wanted to report she believed she was being followed while out shopping. She stated an older male subject approached her asking her a bunch of odd questions. She stated the male subject then waited outside of the store waiting for her to leave. The incident was reported after the fact and officers were unable to speak with the older male subject.

**Petit Larceny** - Vienna Police Department, 215 Center St., South. July 11, 9:10 a.m. A citizen came to report a larceny. The female citizen said US currency and prescription medication were

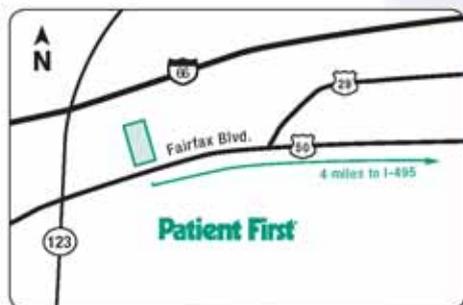
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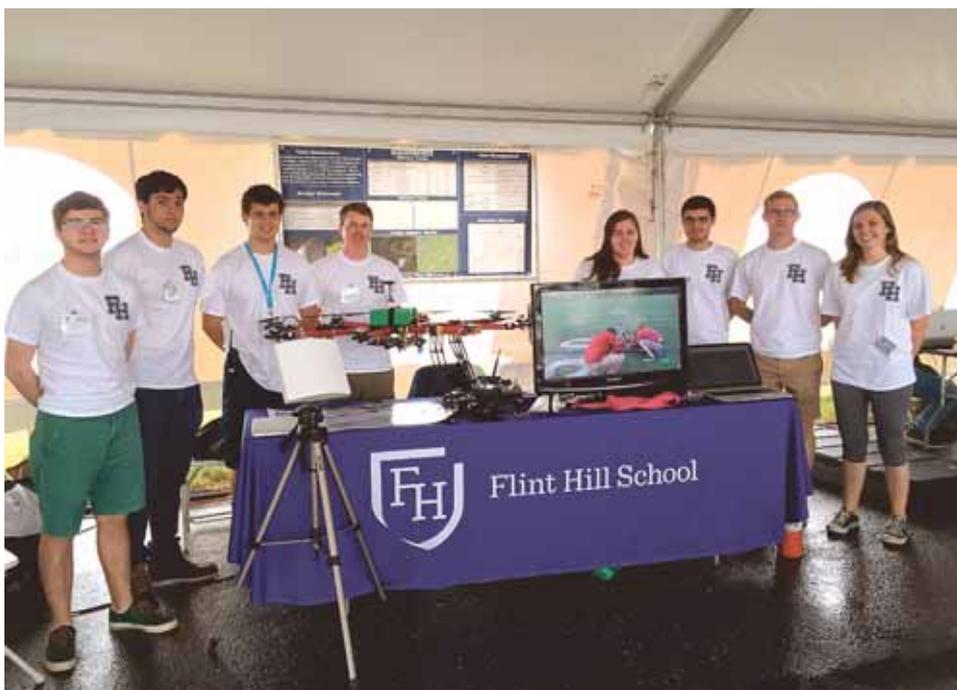


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Flint Hill School's Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Robotics team participated in the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) Student Unmanned Aerial Systems competition.



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Flint Hill School students designed, built and programmed an air vehicle capable of autonomous flight over a distance of more than three miles.

# Flint Hill Robotics Goes International

**Flint Hill robotics team creates air vehicle for international competition, competes with 42 university teams.**

By Marilyn Campbell  
The Connection

A group of high school students proved that they can hold their own against college students from around the world. Flint Hill School's Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Robotics team competed against teams from 42

universities from the U.S., Canada, Germany, Turkey, India and Israel in the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International Student Unmanned Aerial Systems competition in June. As one of only two high schools to participate, Flint Hill, edged out 21 other teams to be ranked among the top 50 percent of competitors at the event. "I am so proud of the team," said Mike Snyder, robotics and computer science teacher of Vienna. "They set goals at the beginning of the school year and achieved nearly all of them at this competition. The team worked incredibly hard this year and put in many hours above those required by the class. Their determination and hard work really paid off and they have set an incredibly high bar for the next team."

The teams were challenged to design, build and program an air vehicle capable of autonomous flight over a distance of

more than three miles.

"This process mirrors the same process used by companies and the military when developing new systems," he said. "Competitions such as SUAS require students to work with the latest technologies, which is an extension of our program at Flint Hill. This exposure has helped many of our students to compete for internships both with their peers and college-level students."

Team members include captain Gregory Benn of Great Falls; Cailin Mazan of McLean; Benjamin Fybel, Brady Culman and Giana Fiore of Oakton; Jack Moore of Fairfax and Ian Schmidt of Vienna. Vale Tolpegin of Vienna did programming for the team but did not attend the competition.

Snyder said the Flint Hill's robotics team spent time on the weekends and during class preparing for the competition. "They used the design process as they researched

and built a platform capable of carrying four pounds of equipment and flying more than three miles," said Snyder. "They decided on a large octo-copter as their platform. During an early flight test they discovered they had underpowered the UAV when it experienced a brownout, so they recalculated the UAVs power requirements and upgraded the power system. After that, the UAV was able to carry four pounds of equipment and fly for more than 20 minutes."

Snyder says that lessons the team learned in science, math and English classes are put into practice in competitions like SUAS. "I often see students eagerly reviewing math skills as they document the physics behind a system they are building," he said. "Collaboration skills are also critical to a team's success. The ability to balance individual goals with a team's goals is a skill students are required to develop in this process."

## Fairfax County School Board Elects New Chair, Vice Chair

The Fairfax County School Board has elected Sandy Evans (Mason District) as chair and Jane Strauss (Dranesville District) as vice chair for a one-year term. The chair and vice chair assumed office at the July 14 School Board meeting. They were elected by School Board members during the Board's annual organizational meeting.

Evans, who was elected to the School Board in March 2010, served as vice chair during the 2015-16 school year. She is the former chair of the School Board's School Health Advisory Committee and served on the Board's Transportation Task Force. Evans is a member of the steering committee of the Northern Virginia Healthy Kids Coalition; founding member of the Fairfax Education Coali-

tion; and co-founder of Start Later for Excellence in Education Proposal (SLEEP). She served as the legislation committee chair of the Fairfax County Council of PTAs and as president of the Sleepy Hollow Elementary School PTA, and is a former staff writer for the Washington Post. Evans earned her bachelor's in journalism from the University of Maryland-College Park.

Active in education for over 30 years, Strauss is a former elementary and preschool teacher. She obtained an M.A.T. from



Sandy Evans.



Jane Strauss.

Harvard Graduate School of Education and her B.A. in history from George Washington University. Strauss is past president of the Franklin Sherman PTA and the Fairfax County Council of PTAs and past chair of

the council's education and budget committees. She has served on numerous education and youth affairs committees including the FCPS Career and Technical Preparation Task Force, the Division Planning Committee, the Citizens Bond Committee,

and the Fairfax Framework for Student Success. A mother of four FCPS graduates, her Board service was from June 1991 to 1993 and from 1996 to the present. She served as Board vice chair in 2000 and Board chair in 2001 and 2011. In addition to the chair and vice chair, members of the Fairfax County School Board, whose terms run from 2015 to 2019, are: Jeanette Hough (at-large), Pat Hynes (Hunter Mill District), Tamara Derenak Kaufax (Lee District), Ryan McElveen (at-large), Megan McLaughlin (Braddock District), Illyong Moon (at-large), Dalia Palchik (Providence District), Karen Corbett Sanders (Mount Vernon District), Elizabeth Schultz (Springfield District), and Thomas Wilson (Sully District).

# Opinion

## Voting, for Former Felons and Others

**In a Democracy, we're best served by more voter participation.**

**T**oday, the Virginia Supreme Court will hear an expedited challenge to Gov. Terry McAuliffe's (D) restoration of the voting and civil rights of more than 200,000 Virginians who were convicted of felonies, served their time and completed any supervised release, parole or probation requirements.

The restoration of voting rights moves Virginia into the mainstream. Virginia had been one of four most restrictive states with lifetime bans on voting for those convicted of felonies. Fourteen states automatically restore voting rights once the individual's term of incarceration is over, and two states allow absentee voting from prison. Only 10 states have more restrictive policies than McAuliffe's order about voting for people who have been convicted of

felonies.

While the perception is that such a move will favor Democrats, in a Democracy, it's better for all when more people vote.

According to statistics released by the governor's office, 51.5 percent of those whose voting rights have been restored by McAuliffe's order are white; 45.9 percent are African American. Eighty percent were convicted of nonviolent offenses. Almost half had been completed both their sentences and supervision more than 10 years ago.

**Editorial**

McAuliffe said: "If we are going to build a stronger and more equal Virginia, we must break down barriers to participation in civic life for people who return to society seeking a second chance. We must welcome them back and offer the opportunity to build a better life by taking an active role in our democracy."

This action brings Virginia into line with 39 other states, with more than 20 states having less restrictive policies. For example, on Feb. 9, 2016, the Maryland General Assembly restored the vote to all convicted felons immedi-

ately upon their release from prison. Previously, people convicted of felonies in Maryland had to complete all parole and probation before they were able to vote.

In Virginia, such individuals still are required to complete their term of incarceration and their term of probation or parole before voting rights are restored.

**MEANWHILE**, for all Virginia voters, the deadline to register to vote for the Nov. 8, 2016 general election is Oct. 17. You can verify your voter status at <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>. This is especially important to do if you have moved or have not voted recently.

In person absentee voting begins Sept. 23. It's an important election, with Virginia playing a critical role in the outcome of the race for U.S. President. There will also be many important local issues on the ballot, along with the races for U.S. Congress.

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### Letters to the Editor

## Keeping Young Minds Engaged in Summer

To the Editor:

Summer means warmer weather and time for vacations. But it's also a time when the average student loses nearly two months of academic knowledge.

It's called summer slide. While two months may not seem like a big deal now, research has shown the effects of summer learning loss are cumulative. Meaning, children who aren't engaged at a young age while

they're out of school for the summer continually fall behind their peers, ultimately impacting their chances to earn a high school diploma and their chances – or desire – to continue on to college.

Knowing that less than 30 percent of the jobs today in the United States are designed for people with less than a high school diploma is alarming to me. Moreover, as a woman working in the technology sector I understand the importance of getting children excited about science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields early.

After all, STEM influences our daily lives. From the weather to smartphones to buildings, STEM is everywhere!

Just imagine – you commit to memory all the valuable information in order to make a presentation at work. Then take a brief vacation and when you return can barely remember enough facts to answer simple questions about your presentation. And because

you can't recall the information, you're passed over for promotions in the future.

Seems frustrating, right? It's no different for students heading back to school in the fall. Because they haven't used the knowledge learned during the school year, they lose it and become discouraged.

If at least a high school diploma is needed for the majority of in-demand jobs, the future workforce may in fact depend on us engaging children today so they can be successful tomorrow. Here are just a few ways to keep children engaged during the summer and maybe even spark a little STEM curiosity at the same time.

❖ **Discovery Education** – Connect the Dots - Discovery Education offers a wide variety of free family resources that provide high quality, relevant material for you and your children.

❖ **National Summer Learning Association** - The National Summer Learning Association is committed to ensuring that students receive quality science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education in their out-of-school time.

❖ **Global Digital Citizen Foundation** – Global Digital Citizen Foundation curates a list of customizable project-based learning activities organized by STEM subjects.

❖ **Project Lead the Way** – Project Lead the Way empowers students

to thrive in an evolving world and they've compiled a list of 20 simple summer STEM activities.

❖ **Children's Science Center** – Children's Science Center is a hands-on children's museum here in Northern Virginia, where children learn through play.

❖ **NOVA Play Labs** – NOVA Play Labs utilizes play as a way to teach STEM information to children ages 12 months to 14 years old.

So yes, while summer is a time for relaxing, it should also be a time to get ahead on the upcoming year and gain new experiences. If you have children, spend an afternoon at the park to make observations or visit a museum. If

## Taking Exception

To the Editor:

The Last week's Connection included a Letter to the Editor from Elizabeth Torpey Bradsher ("School Board Politics and Transgender Policy.") In this letter, Ms Bradsher noted that our current Springfield district representative to the school board, Ms. Elizabeth Schultz, "...has little hope in changing anything..."

I also believe that Ms. Schultz does not/will not have a significant impact on the school board. I differ with Ms. Bradsher on the reason why. I suggest all community members review the videos of work sessions and meetings of the

you don't have children, volunteer your time to read at your local library or make a book donation. I know at Cox, we recently partnered with Daniels Run Elementary School to donate books to the students who needed reading interventions. But it doesn't have to be a big commitment of time or money. Just know that time invested to keep young minds engaged this summer will pay off in the fall and the future. And that's a win-win.

**Kathryn Falk**  
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school board to see how Ms. Schultz interacts and communicates with her fellow school board members and staff. Ms Schultz does not communicate well, does not show respect to the board members, is antagonistic, and non-collaborative.

I am not commenting on her positions or initiatives. I am noting that she is not an effective member of the board, not because of politics, but because she does not have the skills or temperament needed.

**Michael Spatola**  
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## Historic Vienna to Host Civil War History Parlor Talk

On Sunday, July 24, at 2 p.m., Historic Vienna (the Freeman Store and Museum), 131 Church St., NE, Vienna, will host a Civil War history parlor talk presented by Vienna's own Edward T. Wenzel, based on his book "Chronology of the Civil War in Fairfax County: Battles, Skirmishes, Incidents and Events of The War Between the States Occurring in Fairfax County, Virginia, 1859-1862." Wenzel has been honored by the National Civil War Trust for his efforts to preserve the Ox Hill battlefield in Chantilly. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Chris Mackowski, of [www.EmergingCivilWar.com](http://www.EmergingCivilWar.com), wrote the following about the book:

"Ed's book is breathtaking in its scope, covering day-by-day the Civil War history of Fairfax County during the first two years of the war. With more than 50 maps and more than 350 photos, Ed's exhaustive study comes in at 618 pages. The index, totaling

another 200 pages, comes in its own volume. Some of the actions and movements covered include: Blackburn's Ford, First Manassas/Bull Run, Grigsby's Hill, Lewinsville, Dranesville, Second Manassas/Bull Run, Chantilly, Antietam, Fredericksburg, and Gettysburg. Plus there are entries related to secession, troop reviews, raids and reconnaissance missions, balloon observations, quartermaster activities, the flight of refugees and contrabands, the construction of fortifications, bridge burnings, and railroad incidents and wrecks. It is non-stop activity and action. Five years in the making (two and a half times longer than it took for the events to spool out in real time), Chronology of the Civil War in Fairfax County stands as an impressive monument all its own. This is national history written through the local lens, making it great fun for buffs to sift and sort and browse through."

### Crime

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stolen out of her purse. She wasn't sure where the actual larceny took place.

**Civil Dispute** - Wolf Trap Hotel, 430 Maple Ave., West. July 11 10:13 a.m. A citizen called to report they were unhappy with the way they were being treated by the hotel management. An officer assisted all parties involved and the citizen left the hotel without further incident.

**Service** - PNC Bank, 353 Maple Ave., East. July 12, 12:10 p.m. A

bank employee called stating they felt an elderly female subject was being scammed. The officer met with the subject and determined if there was a crime it would have occurred in Fairfax County's jurisdiction. The subject was referred to Fairfax County Police Department.

**Trespassing** - Whole Foods, 143 Maple Ave., East. July 12, 5:47 p.m. An employee of the listed business called to report a female subject was trespassing. The employee advised the female subject had been previously trespassed by store management. The female subject

was formally trespassed in MPO Vazquez presence and left the store.

**Shoplifting** - 7-11, 427 Maple Ave., East. July 12, 8:28 p.m. Officers responded to the listed business for a female subject who shoplifted alcoholic beverages. The officer made contact with the female subject who admitted to shoplifting the alcoholic beverages. The female subject agreed to pay for the alcoholic beverages. The store management didn't wish to pursue the matter criminally at this time.

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# Creating a College Packing List Sorting out the essential from the unnecessary.

By Marilyn Campbell  
The Connection

When a Chantilly family prepared to send their daughter to college, their process was threefold: packing up her childhood bedroom, setting up her college dorm room and getting organized in the process. They enlisted the help of professional organizer Jodie Campbell Jacobs of SOUPerior Organizing in Springfield. Jacobs discarded, preserved and streamlined, helping the family create a list of items that their daughter would need for college.

"I helped them clean out what they already had so they could get a better idea of what they needed to bring to school," said Jacobs. "I told her not to bring too much personal stuff. Going off to college is a new chapter in your life and you want to decorate the new space for the new stage."

Though it is the middle of summer, many families are preparing their rising college freshmen for a new school environment and the requisite lifestyle adjustments: sharing a cramped living space, awkward walks down a hallway to a shared shower and doing one's



College students move into a residence hall at Marymount University.

own laundry.

**A COLLEGE PACKING LIST** can help organize the transition, but students should find out before arriving on campus the items that are necessary, such as a microwave oven, mini-refrigerator, television, bed linens and laundry bags, as well as those that are questionable, such as extension cords, multi-plug adapters and toaster ovens.

"Students frequently arrive on campus bringing their pet, such as

a snake, turtle or dog," said Yolanda Gibson, D.A., associate dean of First Year Experience at Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia. "Unless you have an approved service animal, be mindful of your community and roommate. Also, most college campuses won't allow you to burn items, such as candles and incense."

Gibson, who is in the midst of coordinating new student orientations for Marymount, recommends that freshmen get a packing list

from their university or college and reach out to the person with whom they'll be living.

"Students often come to campus with televisions without consulting their roommate," said Gibson. "You don't want to have two televisions in a dorm room. Be sure to communicate with your roommate before moving in."

When it comes to deciding what goes on a packing list, professional organizer Susan Unger of ClutterSOS suggests starting with

a generic list, such as one created by one's college or a home merchandise store. "There's no need to reinvent the wheel, you can start with one of those and then personalize it to your own needs," she said.

One factor to consider when creating a packing list is the distance between one's hometown and their college campus, says Jacobs. "If you live within driving distance, for example, you can think seasonally and only bring what you need until your next visit home then swap out items," she said. "Don't bring a ton of sweaters that are going to take up space if you don't need them right away."

Organization is critical to managing a significant downsizing, such as moving out of family home into a shared residence hall, said Jacobs.

"Maximize the space you have," she said. "When it comes to sharing a dorm room or bedroom in an apartment, look at all the unused space that you normally look past, like the space under the bed."

Risers, for example, can elevate a bed creating space for stackable storage bins that hold items such as extra towels, sheets and clothing. "These things allow you to maximize every use of space possible

without causing a traffic jam," said Jacobs. "You can't build more space, but you can maximize the space you have."

Jacobs also advises resisting the urge to super-size. "You don't necessarily need the Costco size of shampoo, you can buy more whenever you need it," she said.

Think vertically advises Unger. "For example, use the backs of doors to hang a shoe organizer," she said.

These can be used for items other than shoes such as toiletries, snacks and school supplies. Consider using hanging shelves in your closet for the folded clothing. Use a double hanging rod to double your hanging space.

Use a shower caddy to corral all your bathing needs. "One of those shower items might be a pair of flip-flops since many students will have to share a communal bathroom."

Since dorm living means sharing a space, make sure all personal items are identifiable.

"Be sure to label everything, especially things like phone chargers since they can easily get mixed up," said Unger.

Both Unger and Jacobs recommend hooks that attach to a wall with an adhesive. "They can be re-

moved later with no wall damage," said Unger.

**ONE ITEM** that Jacobs says many people don't think about is a lockbox or safe that is fireproof and waterproof. "Keep documents like your social security card, certain medications and anything that you

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— Yolanda Gibson, D.A., Marymount University

consider valuable," said Jacobs. "Since most freshmen are going to live in a shared space, a lot of people will be going in an out of your dorm room or apartment, so it's great to have a space to put your lockbox where only you have access to it."

Jacobs suggests storing that safe

or lockbox in a place that is out of view and inconspicuous. "If someone goes looking, it's not the first thing they will find," she said. "You can put it on closet shelf under a stack of sweaters or under the bed in a storage bin."

Finally, not all shopping needs to be done in advance. "Our word of

advice is to wait to purchase some of the items until you get here," said Joey Allen, communication and events manager, Housing and Residence Life at George Mason University in Fairfax. "There is usually time on move in day and the days after to go shopping for items."



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## Five Charged for Trespassing While Playing Pokémon Go

Fairfax County Police Department offers safety tips.

Police responded to Keene Mill Elementary School, located at 6310 Bardu Avenue in Springfield, around 10:47 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13, for a report of an alarm. Officers found two men and three teenaged boys, ages 15, 16 and 17, inside the school. An investigation determined the suspects allegedly entered the building through an unsecured area. Further investigation determined they were playing the new Pokémon Go game and ended up at this location. Two 18-years-old Springfield residents were issued summonses for trespassing on school property and released. Petitions for trespassing on school property are being



Safety alert for Pokémon Go players.

sought for the juvenile suspects - according to FCPD Public Affairs Bureau.

Police ask the public to be mindful of locations when playing the game. The game leads players to common meeting places like churches, memorials and parks. However, not all locations and areas in the game are open to the public and not all property owners welcome Pokémon Go players on the property. Remember, be re-

spectful and adhere to all rules and regulations.

### Five Safety Tips on Playing Pokémon Go

The Pokémon Go app has become hugely popular since its release on July 6. However, there are safety concerns you should be

aware of if you are a player, parent of a player or just someone who sees Pokémon Go players out and about. Here are some police safety tips:

1. Stay Alert — The Fairfax County Police Department encourages everyone to stay alert and be mindful of pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers who may be playing the game. If you are playing, you should not be on your phone while driving and you should use common sense when walking. Be aware of your surroundings; recently in the D.C. region, people playing the game have been robbed.

2. Supervise Kids — You should become familiar with the game before allowing your children to download the app. Pokémon Go is a multiplayer game where users may run into other players in the real world as they search similar areas. Take steps to keep your kids safe.

You and your kids should discuss who they can interact with when

they go out into public to use the app.

Kids should never play the game alone but in a supervised group. Know when and where your kids are playing.

3. Don't Trespass — The game has a "lure module" that leads the players to various locations to win points and catch Pokémon characters.

These locations are called Pokestops. Pokestops have been found at public places such as libraries and parks.

But stops are also on private property, empty lots or even cemeteries. Players may not realize they are trespassing in restricted areas and may draw attention of law enforcement and residents. Please, don't trespass. You can catch Pokémon without going into or onto property.

4. Don't Enter Fire Stations — Please do not enter Fairfax County fire stations, including open apparatus bays. Firefighters and med-

ics respond to emergency calls 24 hours a day. At any given time, they may be called to an emergency and a distracted pedestrian causes a dangerous situation for responders and trucks leaving the station.

5. Play in the Parks — Fairfax County is thrilled that so many folks are coming to county parks to play. During your visit, take time to learn a little about the natural and cultural resources surrounding you using the trails map.

Playing the game requires you to frequently look at your phone, so take these precautions:

Be sure to keep looking around to see where you are, so you don't walk into a tree or a yellow jackets nest or bump into other people.

Pay attention to the time; parks close at dusk. (Staff will chase out the Pokémon then, too.) Please stay on the park trails even if the Pokémon don't.

# Faith

## Chabad Tysons Hebrew School Teaches Traditions of Judaism

Registration open for the upcoming year of 2016-2017.

By Rabbi Chessy Deitsch  
Director, Chabad Tysons  
Jewish Center

Chabad Tysons Hebrew School is a place where the joys, values and traditions of Judaism are brought to life. We feel it is essential that this experience be a positive, cheerful and enjoyable chapter of your child's maturing process. The goal of our school is to instill in the children feelings of pride and affection for their heritage. We believe this can best be accomplished in an atmosphere of joy and warmth.

Our school is a contemporary learning center that successfully caters to Jewish families from all walks of life. Our school welcomes every Jew, regardless of religious background or level of observance. It is for this reason that our school does not require any membership or prior affiliations as a condition for enrollment.

We focus on the beauty and significance of our heritage through discussions, workshops and hands-on projects. We emphasize Jewish values and ethics. Mutual tolerance and respect for fellow human beings are taught as basic principles of the Jewish faith.

Our program is designed to actively involve students, and to keep the children motivated and enthusiastic.

The curriculum is taught through a variety of mediums such as, games, drama, songs, arts and crafts, workshops and holiday celebrations.



Chabad Tysons Hebrew School will host holiday celebrations for students and their families.

celebrations.

Parents are regularly informed of their child's progress and the lessons covered in his/her classes. Through our weekly class summary we give the parents an opportunity to be involved in their child's Hebrew School experience.

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The Hebrew alphabet as well as the vowels and word formations were divided into 10 colored levels. The students start out as "White Aleph Champs", working their way up the colors of the rainbow to be a "Black Aleph Champ" like their teachers. Parents and teachers alike are amazed by the results. Students are motivated and have clear goals defined for them. Occasional Aleph Champ Award Ceremonies offer more motivation and recognition for student achievement. Learning to read Hebrew has never been so much fun.

The children discover & explore the Torah (Bible), the incredible history of the Jewish people and see its relevance in today's day and age. They are introduced to the characters and stories of the Bible. They are given an overview of Jewish history starting with cre-

ation to the giving of the Torah to modern day Israel.

Hands-on lessons on each Jewish holiday will fill the calendar as we proceed from Rosh Hashanah and the High Holidays through the holiday of Shavuot. The students will have a deeper understanding of each holiday, traditions and customs. Chabad Tysons Hebrew School will also host holiday celebrations for our students and their families.

Art projects are incorporated into our curriculum to add to the excitement for the upcoming holidays and Mitzvot. Our projects will have Jewish holiday and Mitzvot themes and will add a taste of Jewish life to the home.

We offer a variety of extracurricular activities such as special guests, Friday night dinners, Holiday celebrations, and Shabbat morning fun. These events will



The school curriculum is taught through a variety of mediums such as, games, drama, songs, arts and crafts, workshops and holiday celebrations.

Courtesy photos

allow our students to experience Judaism in its entirety.

Indeed, a child equipped with an education and a feeling for Judaism's beautiful teachings, traditions, and historical lessons is a child better equipped to face the awesome moral challenges of today's society.

**REGISTRATION** for Chabad Tysons Hebrew School is now open for the upcoming year of 2016-2017. Hebrew School begins Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Chabad Tysons Jewish Center, 2107 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna.

Ask about the first month free trial. Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 noon for ages 5 to 13 years. To schedule an appointment or to visit the Chabad Hebrew School, call 703-821-7770 or email Laya Deitsch at info@chabadtysons.com.

### School Notes

Send school notes to north@connectionnewspapers.com by noon on Friday.

**Madeline Dorr**, of McLean, is on the spring 2016 dean's list at the University of Maine-Orono.

**Dov Cohen**, of Vienna, received a bachelor of arts degree from The College of Wooster during commencement exercises in May 2016.

**Graham Liggan**, of Great Falls, has been named to the spring 2016 dean's list at Auburn University.

**Enas A. Musa**, of Great Falls, received a master of liberal studies from Fort Hays State University spring 2016.

**Robert Maffei**, of McLean, graduated from Manhattan College with a B.A. in Secondary Education in May 2016.

**Justin Cecil**, a 2012 graduate of Langley High School, received a B.A. in Psychology with a minor in theatre from the University of California Santa Barbara on June 11.

**Neal Daniel Dawson**, of Vienna, graduated from Averett University in May 2016 with a master of business administration degree.

Great Falls resident **Nikki Cheshire** graduated from Pennsylvania State University, summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in communications and magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in Spanish. She will attend Columbia University's School of Journalism in the fall.

**Katherine W. Cynkar**, of Great Falls, was named to the Rhodes College Honor Roll for the 2016 spring semester.

### Bulletin Board

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline for submissions is noon on Friday.

#### WEDNESDAY/JULY 20

**Vienna Board of Zoning and Appeals Meeting.** 8-10 p.m. Town Hall Council Chambers, 127 Center St. South, Vienna. 703-255-6341.

#### THURSDAY/JULY 21

**Real Estate Education Series.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. McEneaney Associates, 1320 Old Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Sponsored by Kathy Neal, SunTrust Mortgage on "Fair Housing - What is it? How did we get here and where are we going? Includes lunch provided by Seasons 52 Fresh Grill and Wine Bar. Free. 703-

790-9090. mcleanchamber.org.

#### TUESDAY/JULY 26

**Vienna Transportation Safety Commission.** 8 p.m. Town Hall, 127 Center St. South, Vienna. Studies intersections, traffic signs, speed limits, and other matters relating to street safety and makes recommendations to Town Council. 703-255-6382.

#### WEDNESDAY/JULY 27

**Volunteer Opportunities 55+.** Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Learn how you can make a difference in your community with ReServe, an innovative

nonprofit that connects continuing professionals 55+ with part-time assignments in nonprofits and public agencies. Free. 202-469-3477. reserveinc.org.

#### SATURDAY/AUG. 13

**Used Book Collection.** 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. SunTrust Bank, 515 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Sponsored by the AAUW McLean Branch. Also, bring your CDs, DVDs, software, children's book, records, and recent textbooks, in good condition. Proceeds benefit scholarships for women. aauwbookfair@gmail.com. 703-527-4206.

# Entertainment

Send announcements to [connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/](http://connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/). Deadline is Friday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged.

## ONGOING

**George Holmes: Landscapes and Illustrations.** July 1-31. The Frame Factory, 212 Dominion Road NE, Vienna. [theframefactory@gmail.com](mailto:theframefactory@gmail.com). 703-281-2350

**Evenings on the Ellipse.** 5:30-7 p.m. Thursdays through Aug. 25. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Fun music and good company. Paradise Springs and The Winery at Bull Run will be offering complimentary tastings of their premium reds and whites. If it rains, concerts will be moved inside to the Government Center Forum. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/>

**Paint the Town.** Sept. 6-Oct. 1. 115 Pleasant St. NW, Vienna. Vienna Arts Society members exhibition. [ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://ViennaArtsSociety.org).

**Bingo Night. Sundays.** 4 p.m. Flame Room, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St. S, Vienna. \$10. [www.vvfd.org/bingo.html](http://www.vvfd.org/bingo.html).

**Stories and Sprinklers.** 1 p.m. Wednesdays through Aug. 3. Vienna Town Green. Join Historic Vienna, Inc. for a good story and some water play each Wednesday afternoon. Free. 703-255-6360.

**"The Way I See It" Exhibit.** Aug. 2-Oct. 1. Vienna Arts Society Gallery, 513 Maple Ave. W, Vienna. Reston resident Bob Kaminski will showcase his work in abstract and representational styles. [ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://ViennaArtsSociety.org). 703-319-3971.

**"On the Street" Photography Show.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 2-Sept. 3. Vienna Arts Society, 115 Pleasant St. NW, Vienna. Annual photography show with judge Denise Silva. Meet the Artists Reception and Awards on Saturday, Aug. 6 from 4-6 p.m. 703-319-3971. [artcenter@viennaartsociety.org](mailto:artcenter@viennaartsociety.org).

**McLean Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-noon. Fridays from May 6-Nov. 18. Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. The market provides area residents an opportunity to purchase locally grown or produced products. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets).

**Gentle Yoga.** Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Emmaus United Church of Christ, 900 E Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Gentle Kundalini Yoga, one free introductory session, senior discounts. Ravi Kaur has 15 years experience teaching yoga. \$15 per



## The Town of Vienna will have a Big Splash party on July 31 on the Town Green.

session. [www.edimprovement.org](http://www.edimprovement.org). 571-213-3192.

off by a parent or guardian. Free. 703-255-5736.

### WEDNESDAY/JULY 20

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### SUNDAY/JULY 24

**South Bay.** 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre Green, Great Falls. High energy Pop, Rock and Alternative covers with their own unique spin. <http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-green/>.

**Satisfaction.** 5 p.m. McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd. The International Rolling Stones Show tribute band. Part of the Alden's Sunday Summer Concerts. Free. [aldentheatre.org](http://aldentheatre.org). 703-790-0123.

**Parlor Talk.** 2 p.m. Freeman Store, 131 Church St. NE, Vienna. Author of "Chronology of the Civil War in Fairfax County" Edward T. Wenzel, of Vienna, will give a talk. 703-938-5187.

### WEDNESDAY/JULY 27

**Stories and Sprinklers.** 1 p.m. Vienna Town Green. Join Historic Vienna, Inc. for a good story and some water play each Wednesday afternoon. Free. 703-255-6360. 703-356-0770.

### FRIDAY/JULY 29

**Teen Park Takeover.** 7-9 p.m. Meadow Lane Park, 400 Courthouse Road SW, Vienna. Tennis Court Dodgeball at Meadow Lane Park. Pop-up teen center fun for all registered Club Phoenix members, those in grades 6-10. Participants must wear sneakers and be dropped

### SATURDAY/JULY 30

**Dine and Create till 8.** 5-8 p.m. 262 M Cedar Lane, Vienna. Tweens and teens (ages 11-15) are invited to get creative with paint brushes and a canvas and then enjoy dinner with fellow artists. Pre-registration is required. Register in person at the address or via Webtrac at [viennava.gov](http://viennava.gov). \$30/\$38. 703-255-5736.

### SUNDAY/JULY 31

**The Morrison Brothers.** 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre Green, Great Falls. The premier country/rock act in the Washington D.C. area, soon to be a national contender. <http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-green/>.

**Still Surfin'.** 5 p.m. McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd. Beach Boys tribute band. Part of the Alden's Sunday Summer Concerts. Free. [aldentheatre.org](http://aldentheatre.org). 703-790-0123.

**Big Splash Party.** 1-3 p.m. Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. A non-stop fun event for the entire family. Includes giant water slides, slip n slides, sprinklers, moonbounces, water games, sno-cones, music, and raffles. Free. 703-255-6360.

### WEDNESDAY/AUG. 3

**"The Greatest Sports Heroes A to Z."** 2:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Performed by Bright Star Touring Theatre as part of the Summer Reading Program. For more information, 703-757-8560.



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# Before, During And Not Yet After



By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

It's a peculiar task to be writing ahead (for publication July 20, 2016), about something that has not happened, yet when this column ultimately does publish will have likely already happened. This "bassackward" perspective (and Colorado "Blue" run) refers to the CT Scan I had completed last Wednesday, July 13, results of which I will learn anywhere from two days from now (electronically) at the quickest to two weeks at the latest (when my next face-to-face appointment with my oncologist is scheduled). And yes, if you think two weeks is a long time (interminable comes to mind) to ponder your fate and the universe in which you hope to still live, it most definitely is. But given the nature of the medical system/appointment availability with which I have to work, I have limited say in the matter, a matter of crucial importance - to me.

However, after seven-plus years of it, I've gotten use to (I wouldn't say comfortable though) the process. Is it my preference to wait for fate and allow medical nature to take its course? Hardly. Have I been told (and experienced quite frankly), that if there is significant, time-sensitive, potentially life-changing information to relate, I will be informed much sooner than later?

Absolutely. (During the original diagnostic assessment of the migrating pain in my ribs.) Is there/has been there room for misinterpretation in the silence/lack of communication from one's oncologist when said oncologist has said he prefers to deliver bad news in person - not electronically and/or over the phone? Of course.

What if, and I found out after the "interminable" wait (which happened to me yesterday at my infusion, as a matter of coincidence) that my doctor is actually away on vacation during this post-scan week and the non-communication has nothing at all to do with "bad results wanting to be delivered in person?" Moreover, what happens to my level of expectation when the oncologist has good news to share about my scan and in turn breaks his own rule about wanting to inform me in person, generally, and e-mails me early with good news? Happiness, relief, obviously. But what happens on subsequent scans (like now) when he doesn't e-mail me early?

What if I didn't know he was on vacation or at a medical conference, as another example, which has also happened? I never know. Or has the doctor decided he wants to deliver all news in person to eliminate ANY possible misinterpretation of scans (which has also happened)? So does good news always travel fast, and bad news much slower? Not necessarily and not so consistently. Welcome to my cancer whirled.

All of this is fairly manageable (believe it or not), except that I know of lung cancer patients who have their CT Scans in the morning, and after lunch, have their appointment with their oncologist to discuss the results. Just like at my wife's bar: "Same Day Service." Unfortunately, that's not my day. My reality is quite different, and there seems little I can do about it. And consider that for yours truly - and any other patient waiting for scan results (mammograms comes to mind) - managing the anxiety seems the only reasonable action, rather than stressing about a results loop that likely will never change (maintaining similar behavior and expecting different results; I'm not insane. See July 13th column).

As you can read, my cancer-patient experience has been a combination of a roller-coaster ride, Ferris wheel and bumper cars; up and down and all around and getting smashed at any time. Without much amusement. However, if you don't find some joy in it, there will only be loathing. And that's no way to live your life, making a bad situation worse, especially as a cancer patient. Certainly communication and clarity matter; so too does peace and happiness.

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

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# Sports

## Oakton Divers Triumph in Third Meet

The Oakton Otter divers triumphed in their third meet of the NVSL Division 3 season, beating Highland Park with a final score of 48 to 24, and bringing their winning record to 1-1-1. Six Oakton divers placed first in their respective categories: Christina Angelicchio in freshman girls with a score of 58.2; Molly Kenefick in junior girls with a score of 93.4; Sarah Gurley in intermediate girls with a score of 143.30; Spencer Dearman in intermediate boys with a score of 121.55; Elana Colbert in senior girls with a score of 169.50; and Liam Klopfenstein in senior boys with a score of 189.20. Oakton also swept the top three places in junior girls (Claire Newberry, second; Molly Estes, third) and intermediate girls (Julia Sample, second; Ariel Klopfenstein, third). The other Oakton divers who placed were: Gabriella Mancusi (freshman girls, third); Jon Anthony Montel (freshman boys, second); Josh Shipley (junior boys, second); and Julia Powell (senior girls, second).



**Sarah Gurley (Oakton, intermediate girls).**



**Spencer Dearman (Oakton, intermediate boys).**

Photos by John Estes

## Hunter Mill Swim Team Competes in All-Star Relays

On July 16, the Hunter Mill Sharks (3-1) lost to host Hunt Valley, 249-171, in a division 2 meet. The single winners for Hunter Mill were Alexandra Dicks, Connor Dunne, Oliver Hau, Regan Hau, Giovanna Moriarty, and Alexander Rose. Hunter Mill Sharks who snagged double wins were Benham Cobb, Emma Riggle, and Hunter Guthrie.

The Hunter Mill Shark relay teams who went to All Star Relays on July 20, 2016: Girls Mixed-Age 200 Free (Alexandra Dicks, Emma Riggle, Riley DeLacy, Giovanna Moriarty); Boys Mixed-Age 200 Free (Benham Cobb, Alexander Rose, Michael Hynes, Jackson Ayers); Girls 9-10 100 Medley (Emma Riggle, Anna Chen, Reagan Laubner, Sydney Guthrie); Girls 9-10 100 Free (Sydney Guthrie, Anna Chen, Adira Asner, Emma Riggle); Boys 9-10 100 Medley & 100 Free (Alexander Rose, Oliver Hau, Chase Norman, Eric Mouritzen); Girls 11-12 100 Medley (Alexandra Dicks, Regan Hau, Grace Rose, Katharine Frothingham); Girls 11-12 100 Free (Katharine Frothingham, Anna Capobianco, Regan Hau, Alexandra Dicks); Boys 11-12 100 Medley (Ethan Norman, Aidan Michaud, Benham Cobb, Lars



Photo contributed

**The 9- to 10-year-old Hunter Mill Shark relay girls: Adira Asner, Anna Chen, Sydney Guthrie, Reagan Laubner, and Emma Riggle.**

Langenbach); Boys 13-14 200 Medley & 200 Free (Pieter Blindenbach, Michael Hynes, Ethan Asner, Ryan Breedlove).

## Faith Notes

*Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to [vienna@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:vienna@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday at noon.*

**Oakton Church of the Brethren** will have its Vacation Bible School, August 1-5, 9:20 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$20 per child; 40 family maximum. Online registration is open at [www.oaktonbrethren.org](http://www.oaktonbrethren.org). 703-281-4411. The church is located at 10025 Courthouse Road, Vienna.

**The Antioch Christian Church** offers a time of Prayer and Healing on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for anyone wanting encouragement and

healing through prayers. People are available to pray with you or for you. Antioch Christian Church is located at 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna. [www.antiochdoc.org](http://www.antiochdoc.org)

**HAVEN of Northern Virginia** offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. 703-941-7000 or [www.havenofnova.org](http://www.havenofnova.org).

**McLean Bible Church** Fitness Class at Body and Soul Fitness. Gain balance, energy and strength at 9:45 a.m. Mondays and Fridays. Free childcare for registered students. [bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org](mailto:bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org).

**St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church**, 1830 Kirby Road in McLean, holds a third Sunday service every month at 10:15 a.m. which allows children to play active roles in the music and as greeters and ushers. Traditional services are every Sunday at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m.

**Vienna Christian Healing Rooms** are open, every Saturday, 1-5 p.m., at 8200 Bell Lane. A team of Christians is available to anyone requesting prayer. Free and open to the public. 703-698-9779 or [www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com](http://www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com).

**Chesterbrook United Methodist**

**Church** is at 1711 Kirby Road, McLean. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for adults and children. 703-356-7100 or [www.ChesterbrookUMC.org](http://www.ChesterbrookUMC.org).

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna, is holding Sunday evening worship service in a less formal atmosphere and more intimate setting to help you get ready for the week ahead. Sundays, 6 p.m. Communion offered. No childcare. 703-938-2119 or [www.elcvienna.org](http://www.elcvienna.org).

**Centering Prayer Group** meets Fridays, 9:30 a.m. at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap

Road, Vienna. The hour includes a brief reading related to Centering Prayer, followed by a 20-minute prayer period. E-mail Martha Thomas at [mmthomas211@hotmail.com](mailto:mmthomas211@hotmail.com) or call the church at 703-759-3509.

**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax**, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, offers the Religious Exploration (RE) program for all children, from pre-K toddlers through high school seniors, emphasizing exploration of all religious traditions while developing a personal spiritual path. The RE program offers classes on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings. 703-281-4230.

## News Briefs

### Oakton Resident Leads Fairfax Bar Association

Richard Gray, of Oakton, is the 2016-2017 president of the Fairfax Bar Association.

He is a partner with Feldezman Tucker Leifer Fidell LLP in Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C.

"The practice of law is changing with technology driving efficiencies and people spending more time online, yet the practice of law will always be a personal business where relationships matter," said Gray.

Gray holds a juris doctorate



**Richard Gray**

from the New England School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts, a master of Arts in Psychology from George Mason University and a Bachelor of Science from Old Dominion University.

### Northern Virginia Family Service Expands Early Learning

Northern Virginia Family Service is expanding high-quality early learning opportunities for infants and toddlers in Northern Virginia by providing core operating support for the Early Head Start Child Care Partnership through a \$200,000 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The project is designed to improve the services provided to infants and toddlers through NVFS' community child care partners by providing targeted, professional development and mentor coaching to all center staff.

"By participating in the program, teachers will be better equipped to make objective observations of children's development, learning and skills," said NVFS senior VP of Programs Malinda Langford. "They will effectively use research-based developmental screening and assessment tools to gather information about children's physical, language and social-emotional needs. They will then be able to develop individualized learning plans for children in their care, and plan and implement the curriculum with activities and experiences that

are developmentally appropriate that can lead to lifelong learners."

The professional development component will operate in partnership with the Virginia Literacy Council's Excellence in Children's Early Language and Literacy (ExCELL), which includes classroom-based coaching sessions for teachers, assistants, directors, and other staff who interact with the children enrolled.

NVFS will also partner with Virginia Commonwealth University and the University of Virginia, respectively, to provide professional development and mentor coaching, and educate Early Head Start staff on classroom assessment tools to measure the quality of teacher-student interactions, classroom instructions and more. NVFS staff members will provide additional training regarding assessment tools for cognitive and social-emotional development.

NVFS offers home-based and center-based Early Head Start programs in Arlington, Loudoun and Prince William counties, and the city of Manassas.