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One Step To 'One Fairfax'

Agreeing on a policy to create opportunity for all.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Jeff McKay didn't mince words when discussing racial, social and economic inequity in Fairfax County.

"There are different opportunities in this county depending on where you live and depending on what school you go to," said the Lee District supervisor.

Hybla Valley Elementary in Mount Vernon is by many measures the most equity-challenged elementary school in Fairfax County. Fully 90 percent of students are poor, that is qualify for "free and reduced meals;" 48.7 percent of students are limited English proficient. While 80 percent of students are Latino, just 2.4 percent are white.

Less than four miles away, at Waynewood Elementary School, also in Mount Vernon, the story is different. There are very few poor students; just 2.1 percent qualify for subsidized meals. White students make up 87 percent of the students body; 1.8 percent are Black; 4.46 percent are Latino. Just 3.4 percent of students have limited proficiency in English.

On the other side of the county, many elementary schools in McLean, Great Falls and Vienna have a tiny percentage of poor children; less than one percent in some cases.

At Churchill Road Elementary School in McLean, there are almost no students poor enough to qualify for subsidized meals; 0.82 percent; just 8.8 percent of students are limited English proficient. 51 percent of students are white, 32 percent Asian, 2.47 percent Black and 7 percent Latino.

At Wolftrap Elementary in Vienna, there are also almost no poor students with just 1.22 percent poor enough to qualify for subsidized meals. White students make up 71.25 percent of students; 8.8 percent of students are Latino; 13.2 percent are Asian. Less than one percent are Black.

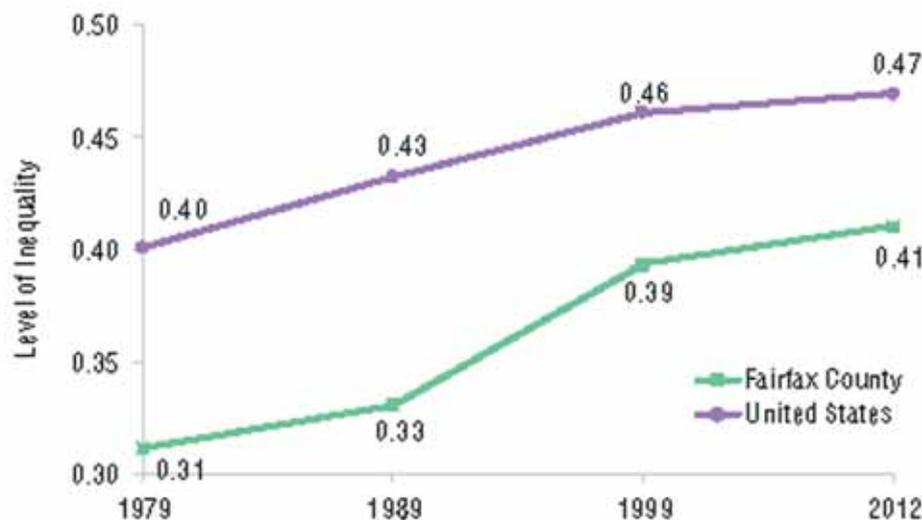
But in Herndon, at Hutchison Elementary, 78 percent of students are poor. The same percentage, 78, of students are poor at Dogwood Elementary in Reston.

THIS MONTH, the Board of Supervisors and the School Board passed a joint resolution called "One Fairfax: a community where everyone can participate and prosper." The idea is to address inequity in opportunities across the county.

"This puts it in writing, makes it deliberate and sends a strong message to our community that our leadership in this county believes strongly in equity, in social justice and in One Fairfax, where no matter where you are born, no matter what neighborhood you happen to grow up in, you have equal

Income Inequality, 1979 to 2012

Inequality is measured here by the Gini coefficient, which ranges from 0 (perfect equality) to 1 (perfect inequality: one person has all of the income).

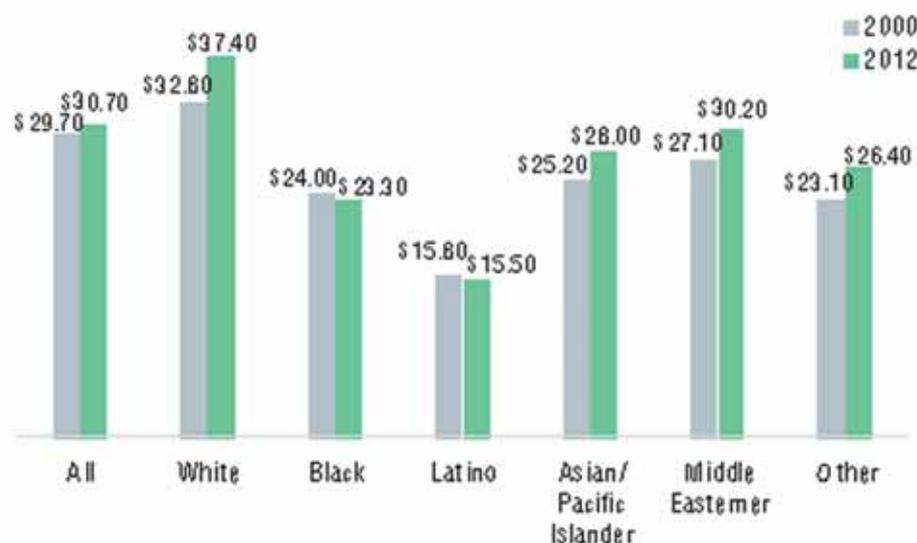


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SOURCE: IPUMS.

Median Hourly Wage by Race/Ethnicity, 2000 and 2012

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SOURCE: IPUMS. UNIVERSE INCLUDES CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONAL FULL-TIME WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS AGES 25 THROUGH 64.

opportunity to succeed," said McKay.

The policy passed by the two boards directs the development of a racial and social equity policy and strategic actions to advance opportunities and achieve equity that includes intentional collective leadership, community engagement, equity tools and infrastructure to support and sustain systemic changes, and shared accountability.

"We don't have the opportunities we need for all people in the county. And we talk about that in the context of everything from career and technical education, to preschool," said Braddock Supervisor John Cook.

"We have had community members who have worked for a long time to figure out how to bring this to the forefront of the board," said Hunter Mill Supervisor Catherine Hudgins.

"It's not only the right thing to do, it's the smart thing to do," said Dranesville Supervisor John W. Foust.

"I can think of no more important statement that we can make at this time, at any time, to our community," said McKay.

"You know if you don't have access to services you're not going to have outcomes for the child or adult," said Deputy County Executive Pat Harrison.

THE BOARD DEBATED the joint resolution at its meeting on July 12.

"If you don't have the right opportunities, you're not going to improve the outcomes. And that's the fundamental question we are asking ourselves here," said McKay.

"This all sounds really good, and the discussion is all really good. The devil really is in the details," said Springfield Supervisor

How do you define the lens of equity?... If we are defining equity as opportunity rather than outcome, it's a much easier thing for me to support."

—Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herryty

Pat Herryty (R).

"I think we need to do a better job at measuring the effectiveness of the programs and services. That's part of what I'm getting at," he said.

"How do you define the lens of equity?" he asked.

The last few years, the county implemented several initiatives to address disparities in a variety of areas including juvenile justice, education, employment, self sufficiency, health and child welfare.

In 2015, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Strategic Plan to Facilitate Economic Success. School leadership and community representatives "identified racial and social equity as an integral component to improving educational and life outcomes for youth," according to county documents.

"Linking people to opportunities including workforce development, education, employment and affordable housing helps ensure lifelong learning, resilience, and economic success," according to county documents.

Lynbrook Elementary and Sangster Elementary are both in Springfield, and are less than 7 miles apart. But the distance in demographics is massive. Lynbrook's students are 85 percent poor enough to qualify for subsidized meals and 72 percent of them are limited in English proficiency; less than 3 percent of students are White; 83 percent are Latino.

At Sangster, only 2.4 percent of students are poor enough to qualify for subsidized meals; only 3.6 percent are limited in English proficiency; two-thirds are White.

"Racial gaps in wages have grown over the past decade. From 2000 to 2012, White workers saw their median hourly wage increase significantly, while Latinos and Blacks experienced slight wage declines," according to county documents. "People of color earn lower wages than Whites at every education level. Wages rise with education, but gaps by race remain."

Hunter Mill Supervisor Hudgins says "it's taken a long time" to get this far.

"Now we have the harder part of putting the policy together and hoping it can work well throughout all of our agencies and all of our communities and in a way that the community can understand what we are trying to do."

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SPORTS

Golden Gun

Springfield's Ginny Thrasher wins Olympic gold in air rifle.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Before she left for the Río Olympics, 19-year-old sharpshooter Ginny Thrasher of Springfield was just looking to get experience in her first games. "I was looking more towards 2020 as a realistic option," she had said.

That timeline took a sharp turn on Saturday, Aug. 6, when Thrasher advanced to the finals of the women's 10-meter air rifle and went on to capture the gold medal.

It was the first gold for the United States in the Rio Olympics, and the first earned at the games overall.

Her final score of 208 bested Du Li and Yi Siling, the silver and bronze medalists from China.

Thrasher spoke to the media in a teleconference from Brazil, the day after she won gold.

"To have a final that was an honor to be a part of, win and stand on the podium and hear my nation's anthem was a very pride-instilling moment for me," she said.

"I think that the exterior of your life changes, but who I am doesn't change no matter what medals I win or how many medals I win," Thrasher continued. "I am excited that I get to enjoy all the outcomes that come with a successful Olympic Games. It's a really great opportunity for me to positively represent my country and my school."

Thrasher is a West Springfield High School graduate and rising sophomore at West Virginia University. She's competed in shooting at both schools. As a Mountaineer, Thrasher was the first freshman to win both air rifle and small bore individual NCAA titles earlier this year.

Small bore competition — three-position 50-meter — is Thrasher's second event at these Olympic games. She's scheduled to shoot in qualifying rounds on Aug. 11.

Thrasher began shooting five years ago after going on an inspirational hunting trip with her grandfather in Pennsylvania. She shot for the West Springfield rifle



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Ginny Thrasher of Springfield shows off her Olympic gold medal for Women's 10-meter air rifle with the games mascot.

team and took on a grueling training schedule, spending several hours, three-to-four days a week, at the Arlington-Fairfax chapter of the Izaak Walton League facility in Centreville.

"People see the three percent of your performance which is in the spotlight," Thrasher said. "What they don't see is the 97 percent when you are in the dark, working very hard."

Helping Local Businesses Add Nearly 600 Jobs

During the second quarter of 2016, the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority [FCEDA] provided services and resources to 38 businesses that are adding 585 jobs in Fairfax County. Many of these businesses are in technology sectors and professional services, and five are foreign-based firms using a Fairfax County location to expand in North America.

Through the first half of the year, the FCEDA has worked with companies adding more than 2,300 jobs.

The FCEDA works with companies ranging from global technology firms to startups, many of which are minority-, woman-, or veteran-owned. In the second quarter, ServiceSource, a non-profit that provides employment and support services to residents with disabilities, announced it would add 195 jobs.

"We are proud to do business in one of the most dynamic, diverse and economically strong counties in the nation," said ServiceSource President and CEO Janet Samuelson. "Our location also allows us close proximity to our valued federal and commercial customers."

Among other companies displaying significant job growth in the second quarter:

- ❖ Aerotek of Fairfax, which specializes in IT staffing, adding 70 jobs.

- ❖ Vectrus of Reston, offering support services to government and commercial customers, adding 30 jobs.

- ❖ 3Pillar Global of Fairfax, which develops customer-management software, adding 28 jobs.

"We are building a diversified, technology-based economy in Fairfax County, and we are proud to have employers that can take advantage of our strong economic base to provide job opportunities in a wide range of sectors and to residents of all skill-sets and abilities," said Gerald L. Gordon, Ph.D., president and CEO of the FCEDA.

The Fairfax County Economic Development Authority promotes Fairfax County as a business and technology center. The FCEDA offers site location and business development assistance, and connections with county and state government agencies, to help companies locate and expand in Fairfax County.

Click [here](http://www.fairfaxcountyeda.org/2016-business-announcements) <<<http://www.fairfaxcountyeda.org/2016-business-announcements>>> to see a list of companies that worked with the FCEDA in April, May and June 2016 and are adding 585 jobs to the Fairfax County economy.

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OPINION

Laser Focus on Safety

While Metro lapses can't be excused, it's much safer than driving; maintenance-related safety issues also plague area bridges and roads.

Intense scrutiny on the safety and maintenance record of the Washington region's Metro system is resulting in continuing revelation of lapses, and ongoing inconvenience with repair schedules shutting down entire lines and the end of late night service.

Reporting on Metro accidents, derailments and incompetent and/or inadequate maintenance might even lead commuters to choose to climb in their cars instead. Wouldn't it be safer to drive, if Metro can't get its act together to even inspect the tracks?

No, not even close.

Riding commuter rail is 10-30 times safer than driving, according to several studies, and even small increases in transit ridership result in significant decreases in overall commuting deaths

Public transit overall has lower crash rates

EDITORIAL

per unit of travel, reports Todd Litman in an analytical research paper, A New Transit Narrative, published in 2014 and cited by the National Center for Transit Research. Intercity and commuter passengers have about 1/20th the traffic fatalities per 100 million passenger-miles as automobile travel, he writes. Urban rail passengers have about 1/30th the fatalities as car travel, and bus passengers about 1/60th the traffic fatalities per 100 million passenger-miles as automobile travel.

"Transit travel has about one-tenth the traffic casualty [injury or death] rate as automobile travel, and residents of transit-oriented communities have about one-fifth the per capita crash casualty rate as in automobile-oriented communities," reports Litman. "People tend to underestimate automobile travel risks and exaggerate public transit risks."

Meanwhile, Virginia has 1,063 structurally

deficient bridges, according to the American Road and Transportation Builders Association, citing data from the U. S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration National Bridge Inventory, 2015. Maryland's number of structurally deficient bridges is 306, and the District of Columbia has 10 structurally deficient bridges, according to the same report.

In fact, a bridge used by 78,000 vehicles a day, including thousands of Northern Virginians commuting daily into D.C., the Memorial Bridge, is so corroded it has major weight restrictions, buses are not allowed to use it, and it would likely have to be closed within a few years, had Congress not recently allocated \$90 million to the National Park Service for emergency action towards a \$250 million rehabilitation project.

Risk and safety are complex issues. You're safer taking Metro than driving, much safer on a commuter bus. And one thing we do know, if you are riding in car, buckling your seatbelt makes you much safer.

— MARY KIMM

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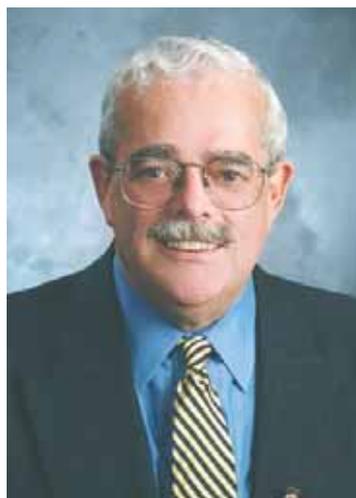
Responding to the Zika Threat

BY U.S. REP. GERRY CONNOLLY (D-IL)

Last week, for the first time ever, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was forced to issue a domestic travel warning to pregnant women planning to visit Miami, a popular getaway destination. This marks a sad milestone in our country's history. What was once seen as a threat from foreign travel has now reached our communities, jeopardizing our collective health and safety, especially that of newborns. To date, more than a dozen cases of the Zika virus have been traced to local mosquitos in Florida, which reports nearly 400 cases of Zika associated with foreign travel. There have been 50 reported cases of Zika in Virginia, all linked to foreign travel, as of early August.

Countless times, as a nation, we've come together to find cures when faced with similar health crises. American ingenuity eradicated Polio and slowed the Ebola epidemic. So, like many of you, I assumed Congress would meet this crisis head-on like it has done in the past. Surely we would expeditiously provide funding for this global disease. Instead, sadly, Congress adjourned for summer break.

Recognizing the urgent need to respond to the spreading Zika threat, the Obama Administration redirected close to \$600 million in



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existing funds as a stopgap measure for initial activities. However, that will not be enough to fully address the threat. I support the President's emergency request for \$1.9 billion in Zika-related funding. Unfortunately, a counter proposal offered by the House majority is insufficient and saddled with extraneous and divisive policy riders.

The consequences of Congressional inaction could be devastating. States and communities won't have the funding they need to fight Zika. State and local officials manage mosquito control and response operations. Here in Fairfax, we have consistently supported a program to trap and test local mosquitoes for viruses like West Nile and now Zika. Without additional funding from the federal government, we limit the ability of at-risk communities to sustain activities to reduce the spread of Zika once transmission begins.

Vaccine development may also be delayed. Creating a vaccine requires multi-year commitments from the government and private sector to reprioritize and spend money on research and development. The Secretary of Health and Human Services recently warned that, "Lack

of funding will delay or prevent the performance of clinical trials ... limiting the ability of manufacturers to make vaccines at the scale required to protect populations against Zika."

We also need to ensure that there is enough diagnostic testing capacity available across the country. This is especially critical now with confirmed cases of local mosquito transmissions. Swift, accurate diagnostic testing is foundational to our ability to track and respond to this threat.

I was among those calling on Congress to cancel its August break until we addressed this challenge. We cannot simply swat away this threat. With the recent diagnoses of local Zika transmissions in Florida, Congress should reconvene as quickly as possible to partner with our states and local communities in responding to this growing public health crisis.

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NEWS

Fairfax County Master Police Officer Rich Carlton, Sgt. J.T. Bryant, Bren Mar community watch volunteer Sue Hotto and Sgt. David Kroll celebrate National Night Out Aug. 2 at a block party in Alexandria attended by nearly 100 residents and local first responders.



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Block Party for Safer Community

Franconia District residents help county police take a bite out of crime.

BY MARTI MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Nearly 100 residents of the Bren Mar community in Alexandria braved the humidity and celebrated Franconia District National Night Out Aug. 2 by taking a bite out of crime with a huge potluck supper.

Children of all ages checked out fire trucks and police cruisers that blocked a cul-de-sac off Indian Run Parkway — which housed several tents and tables of food for first responders and the people they protect and serve.

It's a nice treat for Fairfax County Master Police Officer Allie Eggers and her colleagues to make non-emergency visits like this one to National Night Out events throughout the Franconia District.

"It allows us to get information out to the community," she says, and learn about quality of life issues — such as street parking — from residents.

Recent public outcry across the country over police shootings have encouraged Eggers and fellow officers to talk with local residents and help them understand some of the split-second life or death decisions law enforcement professionals must make in the line of duty.

She feels the negative perceptions some citizens have toward police officers will never change unless they "continue the dialogue."

Earlier in the day as he drove his cruiser along Franconia Road, FCPD Lt. Timothy Forrest said a pedestrian held up his hands in surrender as a "don't shoot" gesture made by thousands of Americans in protest of the fatal shooting of Michael Brown nearly two years ago by former Ferguson, Mo., police officer Darren Wilson. Eggers and Forrest encourage all people in the community to speak with them about general questions and concerns.

"We all know and protect each other," says Bren Mar resident Andriana Bolds, 18. Whenever residents have issues, they call their neighborhood watch leader Sue Hotto, who volunteers full time for the Franconia District Station.

Bolds — an incoming freshman at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. — states Bren Mar is a tight-knit community.

She has attended this neighborhood National Night Out block party for 10 years with her older sister, Angelica, 21. They enjoy touching base with their neighbors and meeting new people.

"It's cool to see the fire trucks," exclaims Angelica,

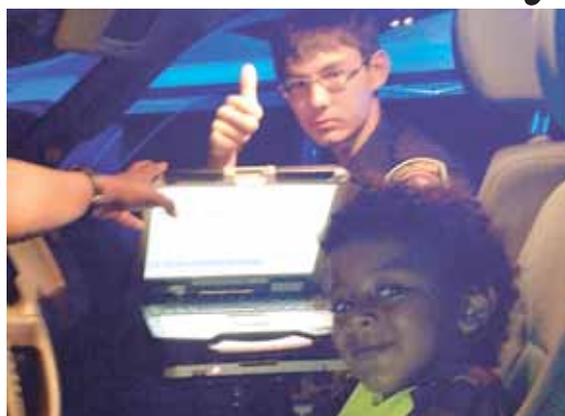


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Noah Berhan, 7, checks out a Fairfax County Police cruiser with youth Explorer Evan Hubbard, 16, Aug. 2 at the Franconia District National Night Out block party in the Bren Mar neighborhood of Alexandria.

a senior at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.

Local teens Yohannes Girma, 16, and Evan Hubbard, 15, are uniformed FCPD Explorers considering careers in law enforcement. At the Bren Mar block party, they said the youth program teaches them about leadership and community service.

"Being with cops is pretty fun," admits Hubbard. Girma agrees and believes events such as National Night Out "are awesome." He attended other National Night Out block parties Tuesday incognito as McGruff the Crime Dog.

National Night Out started out in 1984 with funds from the U.S. Department of Justice that were distributed to 400 communities across the country by the National Association of Town Watch.

Citizens held block parties the first Tuesday night in August to demonstrate their support for local law enforcement and show criminals they are not welcome in their communities.

"It used to be we left the porch lights on," recalls Hotto.

During the next two decades, the movement grew so much that NATW — a non-profit neighborhood watch association based in Wynnewood, Pa. — boasted 1,200 block parties this year in Minneapolis alone.

The main goal, according to NATW volunteer Allison Kostiuik, is to get neighbors together with their law enforcement officials in non-emergency situations to find ways to build safer communities.

Visit <https://natw.org> to learn how you can organize your own block party or carnival for next year's National Night Out.

For information on crime prevention and awareness, read the FCPD website at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police — including a section about "What to Do When You Are Stopped by Police."



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Tabitha Press of West Springfield sharing her creation with Brian Clark of Burke, volunteer mentor at home from school in Cleveland, Ohio for summer break. “Wish they had something like this when I was in school,” Clark said. Clark is majoring in computer science.



Ivelisse Figueroa, the assistant branch manager at Richard Byrd Library, watches the drag and drop coding project of Tabitha Press, 8, and sister Elissa Press, 10, residents of West Springfield, during the second session of Richard Byrd’s CoderDojo class.

Richard Byrd Library’s CoderDojo a Success

Program for children extended through October 2017.

BY ALEXANDRA TECCO
THE CONNECTION

More than three dozen children attended the second CoderDojo class held at the Richard Byrd Library in Springfield on Saturday, July 16. CoderDojo, one of the library’s newest programs, focuses on engaging children from 7-17 in coding and related soft skills like communication, collaboration and creativity. These two-hour lessons are held in a relaxed environment, suitable for all skill levels and learning styles. Although there were numerous projects being worked on, the children that managed to piece together the code to get a cartoon cat to meow, provided the most undisputable feedback of the program’s success. The relative quiet of the room erupted with a chorus of cats’ meows accompanied by children’s laughter.

CoderDojo’s purpose is to “give the children the tools, let them explore and get out of their way,” says Steve Trickey of Arlington. Trickey is the lead mentor of CoderDojo held at Annandale’s Northern Virginia Community College and is assisting Richard Byrd Library this summer by guiding the mentors through the program.

The CoderDojo program was developed in Ireland in 2011 and has spread worldwide. The teaching method, in practice, makes the adult mentors provide assistance rather than direction as the kids work and collaborate. The software, Scratch, was developed by MIT while the educational resources were developed by Harvard. It all comes together to present children with loosely-defined objectives to direct their work, allowing the room for creativity, interpretation and innovation.

THE SOFTWARE is capable of building a variety of projects from simple to complex and allows children to “... get immediate feedback in a fun way,” explains Bill Kevit, volunteer with The Friends, and a leader of bringing the CoderDojo program to the library.

Yet the system itself is user friendly. The participants included children with learning disabilities, children as young as six, mentors who had no experience coding and mentors who recalled coding when it involved room-sized computers and punch cards in addition to older children and mentor techies. Yet everyone was smiling, laughing and learning from the activities.

The reason many of the parents brought their children to the classes are similar. Fairfax resident Sheila Puschendorf summarized it, “trying to expose them to new technology...it’s the future in everything.” Puschendorf brought her 9-year-old daughter Sophia and 11-year-old niece Claudel Silva-Martins. The girls, prodded for what they were creating, “I’m gonna make him skydive,” said Claudel, never taking her intense gaze from the screen except to occasionally glance and see what her cousin was making.

The initial trial of the once-a-month summer classes, testing out interest in the program, has been an overwhelming success. Both classes filled within the first week of registration and had a waiting list. The day of the class calls hoping a spot opened up kept coming in, according to Ivelisse Figueroa, the assistant branch manager at Richard Byrd. The popularity and desire for the program has made the CoderDojo class a regular monthly opportunity available at Richard Byrd. The final class was scheduled for this August. However, the program has been extended through October 2017 on their website.

THE QUESTION now is “How do we meet the need? Right now we’re only touching a small percentage of those interested,” said Kevit. The once a month class has been booked solid so far. The library also received only 12 laptops for the program, hardware that will have to be shared across the entire Fairfax County Public Library system, according to Figueroa. While they hope to get more, the library encourages children to bring their own laptop in the meantime to allow them to save their work, but also to make sure there is enough equipment to go around.

The CoderDojo program at Richard Byrd is a step toward bridging the gap in tech knowledge, experience and access by the public at large. Figueroa envisions Richard Byrd Library growing into “technology hubs,” while their programs continue “increasing connections between technology and the library.”



Shawn McConnell, application developer at Andrews Federal Credit Union and volunteer CoderDojo mentor, observes as Burke resident father Ramiro Esquivel encourages his son Rayel, 9, and daughter Yelra, 7.



Judy Perry, President of The Friends of Richard Byrd Library, mentors Claudel Silva-Martins, 11, Sheila Puschendorf and daughter Sophia, 9, residents of Fairfax.



Steve Trickey, Lead Mentor of CoderDojo NOVA with his children visiting from California. Jane, 11, shows off the videogame she made. Sam, 7, was a mentor to the other kids.



Springfield residents Kaitlynn Suchoski, 8, and brother Tristan, 6, concentrate intently during Richard Byrd Library’s second CoderDojo class.

Stylish Solutions for Organized Homes

Practical and chic ideas for making a home back-to-school ready.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Before school begins later this month, taking the time to organize home and school supplies can take the stress out of the transition from a laid-back summer to a structured, schedule-driven school year. Local home design and organizational experts share ideas to help parents add practical organizational tools to their home without sacrificing their sense of style.

“Organizing your home to make this transition smooth can make all the difference in the world,” said Chuck Khiel, vice president of FRED Home Improvement in Bethesda. “Giving thoughts to how spaces around your home are used during the school year can help with this organization.”

Using space efficiently and creating designated spaces for items like backpacks, jackets, sports equipment and clothing will keep a home organized and prevent the back-to-school necessities from overtaking a home’s aesthetic. “For example, if you have a mudroom, specifying spaces for backpacks, shoes and sports apparel takes the guesswork out of where the kids should be storing their stuff when they enter your home,” said Khiel. “Consistently storing items in the same place will become a timesaver in the morning as the kids are getting ready for school.”

Small home decor items can add a sense of style and serve a practical purpose. “Get a decorative hook to hang their backpack up when you come in,” said Sallie J. Kjos of Grey Hunt Interiors in Chantilly. “It doesn’t need to look junky or kiddish. Keep in mind, you want it all to be functional for your kids, but flow with your home.”

From tests to homework, a new school year often brings an onslaught of paper, stacks of which can create an unsightly scene in a home. “Storage is key,” said Kjos. “Get some fabric-covered boxes with lids for your children to stack up next to their desk to put school work in that has been graded in case they need to refer back to it.”

A pegboard is another inexpensive accessory that can be used to organize piles of papers. “You can find them at a hardware store,” said Arlington-based personal organizer Bonnie Atwater of Organized for You. “Get them cut to fit



Fabric-covered labeled boxes can hold stacks of paper neatly on a bedroom desk.

into your particular space, like behind a door or over a desk. You can also paint them a bright color to add a touch of whimsy and put them in a spot that’s easily accessible.

Making items visible but tasteful can boost organization without creating a design emergency. “Dry erase calendars and storage cubes in bright colors can go in your kitchen, mudroom or any room that you want to serve as a command central,” said interior designer Cyndi Ibach of Elegant Interiors by Cyndi in Alexandria. “When school things are organized in a location where everyone can see them, everyone has access to important information.”

For school supply organization, Kjos suggests: “Instead of using pencil holders, get your mason jars out, fill with crayons, markers and pencil to make for a cleaner, more organized look.” Remember to add charging stations to your children’s desk or study area.

Keep school notices, permission slips and other forms of paper in plain sight without creating clutter. Take an old [picture] frame...and staple ribbon across it in whatever your decor colors are and use paper clips for your child to put up homework assignments, certificates, or other reminders,” said Kjos. “You can hang this above the desk.”

Kjos also offers an innovative way to organize lunch supplies for easy access. “One of my favorite organizing for school tricks is inside of my pantry door,” she said. “I use over-the-door shoe holders and put all their dried food for

lunch boxes in there to make packing lunches easier and to reduce all the boxes and clutter in my pantry.”

A neat, streamlined closet can



PHOTOS COURTESY OF SALLIE KJOS

Storing non-perishable food for school lunches in over-the-door shoe holders makes packing lunches easy and reduces clutter, advises Sallie Kjos.

also take some of the stress out of the morning mad dash to find shirts, socks and shoes. “Get a cute

“Organizing your home to make [the back to school] transition smooth can make all the difference in the world.”

— Chuck Khiel

decorative basket and stack their clothes for the week by outfits so you don’t have to do it every evening,” said Kjos.

If constructing new storage space is an option, consider dual-purpose units, advises Eric Tovar, president of Churchill Classics in Poolesville, Md. “Chalkboards and corkboards in other areas of the home provide a place to leave and read notes for each other so everyone is aware of daily activities.”



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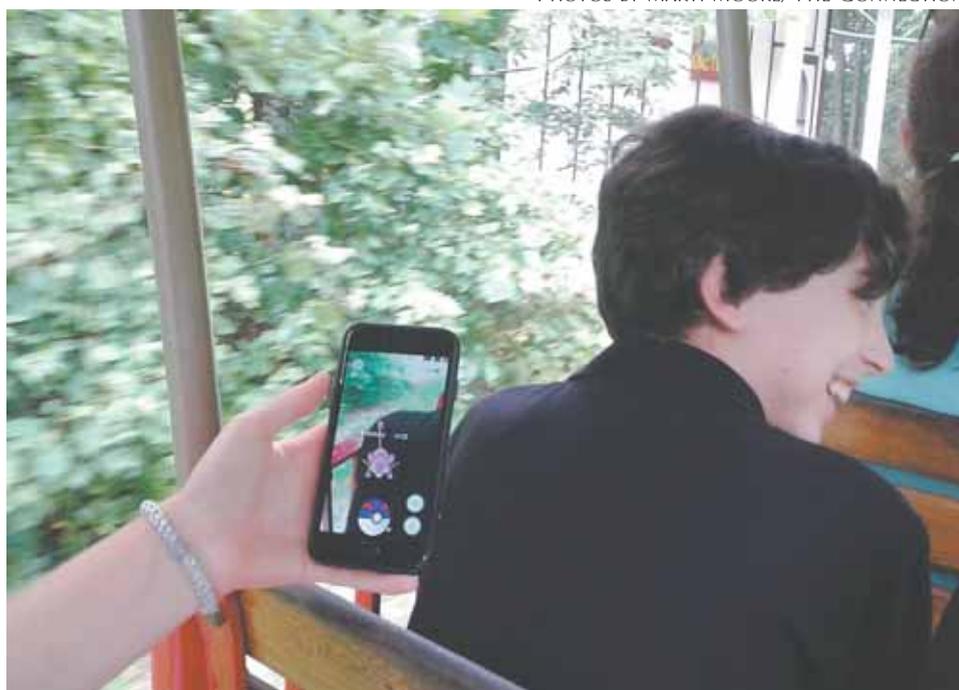
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Erin McNamara catches a Rattata Pokémon in a screenshot with Dylan Robertson Aug. 5 as the Clifton teens play 'Pokémon GO' aboard the miniature train that circles Burke Lake Park.



Supervisor Pat Herrity [R-Springfield], center, leads the first of many PokéQuests Aug. 5 in Burke Lake Park at a 'Pokémon GO' safety awareness event he co-sponsored with Fairfax County Police.

Locals Catch 'Pokemon Go' Fever in County Parks

Safety tips dispensed by crime prevention experts and elected officials at Burke Lake.

BY MARTI MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Trump and Clinton aren't the only characters to watch during an election year full of surprises. Since its July 5 launch, "Pokémon GO" has swept the nation at a feverish pace, capturing the public eye and providing voters with a fun alternative to watching speeches and popularity polls.

Local government officials urge players of this ridiculously popular smartphone game to pay attention to their surroundings while trying to catch nearly 150 animated pocket monsters called "Pokémon" and collect experience points for their Pokédex, which tracks their levels of achievement.

Fairfax County Supervisor Pat Herrity [R-Springfield] and Capt. Gervais T. Reed — commander of the Fairfax County Police Department West Springfield District Station — do not want their jurisdiction to be party to freak accidents that have occurred elsewhere in the country by distracted gamers with little or no situational awareness beyond their smartphones.

Inova crisis communications officer Tracy J. Connell, reports no recent injuries from local "Pokémon GO" accidents have been treated at the Fairfax Hospital emergency room. In an effort to maintain the status quo, both Herrity and Gervais held a "Pokémon in the Park" fair last week at Burke Lake Park to promote safe gaming habits.

FOR FIVE HOURS on a hot summer day, Herrity led several PokéQuests for groups of 25 or more game enthusiasts with his legislative aide Zach McCoy — who dressed for the occasion as the beloved Pokémon mouse called "Pikachu."

As participants focused on their smartphones and tablets, collecting grass and water-type Pokémon during their 15-minute power walks around the park habitat, they were protected by police escort.

"Nobody believes I got Snoopy" quipped Lt. Eli Cory. The only park visitor who didn't get the police officer's joke was an unsuspecting reporter who declared the "Peanuts" cartoon dog is not a Pokémon creature!

Cory says he looks forward to seeing future imitation games and can imagine people walking around the park with their smartphones held high playing an augmented reality version of the "Angry Birds" animated video game.

"We want everyone to be safe and be aware of their surroundings when they play Pokémon," Herrity said Aug. 5.

"Today, we're all about fun and safety," he adds, "and ice cream and train rides." Herrity and his staff distributed bottled water, ice cream and tickets to the park's carousel and "Pikachu-choo" miniature train that allowed passengers to play "Pokémon GO" as it circled the lake.

Each trek through the park began with a brief talk by West Springfield Master Police Officer Mike Stewart, who distributed useful crime prevention tips and warned gamers about some of the hazards of "Pokémon GO" — such as walking into other people and trespassing.

According to an FCPD report, two men and three teenage boys were found playing the game late at night July 13 inside Keene Mill Elementary School in Springfield. All were charged with trespassing on school property.

Despite pitfalls experienced by some ac-



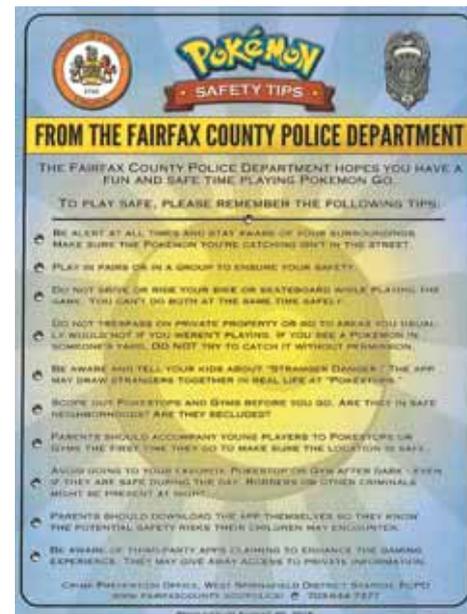
Jacquie Lambertson of Clifton captures a Staryu Pokémon in a screenshot of Clifton teens — from left — Erin McNamara, 18, daughter Keeler Lambertson, 13, and Dylan Robertson, 13, before the miniature train leaves the station Aug. 5 at Burke Lake Park, where they all played 'Pokémon GO.'

cident-prone gamers throughout America, "Pokémon GO" fans agree this smartphone app offers users a fresh alternative to sitting in front of the computer or television.

"I walk through my neighborhood now and I see parents with their kids where I normally wouldn't," Herrity observes.

He noticed late July is a downtime in the summer when kids have run out of things to do and their parents have run out of options.

"Then here comes Pokémon," Herrity exclaims, surrounded by more than 300 happy



Fairfax County Police encourages local residents to enjoy playing 'Pokémon GO' but recommends people follow these guidelines as they explore their communities and capture animated pocket monsters with their smartphone cameras.

children and their parents on a Friday afternoon. He believes the game provides good exercise for the whole family.

HIS EVENT at Burke Lake Park was inspired by his colleague, Supervisor Kathy L. Smith, [D-Sully] who held the first Pokéthon in the County July 20 in Chantilly to promote safe gaming practices.

"It was so successful, we wanted to replicate it in the Springfield District," said Herrity's communications director Erika Dyer — who outranks her boss at Level 16. Herrity said he reached Level 4 after leading his first PokéQuest of the day and worked hard the next four hours to catch up with his legislative sidekick.

CALENDAR

Send notes to the Connection at connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/ or call 703-778-9416. The deadline is the Friday prior to the next paper's publication at noon. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

ONGOING

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/performances/>

Storytime in the Park. Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-385-2712.

Wednesday Morning Tai Chi. 6:30 a.m. Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. At the pergola. 703-385-2712.

Rock the Block! 6:30 p.m. Every fourth Friday through Oct. 28. Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Come any way you can - walk, run, ride your bike or drive! You don't want to miss out on this brand new concert series! Food is available for sale. Bring chairs and or blankets to sit on. Kids - wear swim suits and bring towels. Enjoy the new spray pad. No Pets allowed except service animals. fairfaxva.gov.

The Farmer's Market at Springfield Town Center. May 7-Nov. 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Through November. Corner of Spring Mall and Loisdale roads, Springfield. Enjoy fresh baked goods, produce, vegetables & fruits, meats & cheeses, and a host of other vendors. springfieldtowncenter.com.

Color Me Happy. 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays July 18, Aug. 15. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Discover your inner Picasso. coloring pages from books designed especially for adults. Coloring pages, pencils and markers provided. Free. 703-978-5600.

Lovers and Madmen. June 18-Aug. 19. Epicure Cafe, 11104 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Features local artists. epicurecafe.org.

Fairfax Rotary Club Meeting. 12:15-1:30 p.m. Mondays. American Legion, 3939 Oak St., Fairfax. Meetings with luncheon and program. fairfaxrotary.org.

Plant Clinic. 9 a.m.-noon. Sundays till end of September. Lorton Farmers Market, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Conducted by Master Gardeners. Answer gardening question, identify plants and insects, soil tests, etc. fairfaxgardening.org.

Carolina Shag. Wednesdays. 6:30-10 p.m. Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Free lessons at 7:30 p.m. No partners needed. Dinner menu. \$8. Under 21 free. nvshag.org.

FUN-Exercise. Thursdays, noon-12:50 p.m. Grace Presbyterian Church Family Room, 7434 Bath St., Springfield. Inova certified exercise instructor leads a moderate level exercise class with music and current events conversation. Muscle, Balance, Strength Training using stretch bands and weights both standing and seated exercises. Instructor donation is \$5. Contact Chris Moore at moorefitt@yahoo.com or 703-499-6133.

Cafe Ivrit (Hebrew Cafe). Wednesdays. 8:15-9:15 a.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Shalom (Hello)! Did you always want to converse in Hebrew? Join Na'ama each week for conversational Hebrew. You will learn and practice Hebrew in a fun and interactive way while learning more about Israel! Free (we ask that you try to attend regularly). RSVP Naama.Gold@jccnv.org.

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THURSDAY/AUG. 11

Evenings on the Ellipse. 5:30-7 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The Sixth Generation (60s Rock). 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/performances/>.

FRIDAY/AUG. 12

Junior Club Championship. 8 a.m. Burke Lake Golf Course, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Junior golfers compete in the season-ending tournament. An 18-hole individual stroke tournament for all age divisions: 10 and under, 11-13, 14-17. \$35. Roberta.Korzen@fairfaxcounty.gov

SATURDAY/AUG. 13

Kidz Korner. 10:30 a.m. Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. A variety of children's activities and entertainment in Old Town Square. Mr. Skip. Free. <http://www.wkfairfax.com/>.

Christopher Leibig - Almost Mortal. 5 p.m. Barnes and Noble Fairfax, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade,

Fairfax. Meet local author and attorney Christopher Leibig and discuss *Almost Mortal* - his newest legal thriller. 703-278-8527.

Garden Party. 4:30-7 p.m. Historic Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Fundraiser to benefit the Historic Pohick Church Foundation, whose mission is the restoration and maintenance of the historic Pohick Church building, a structure that has survived since 1774. \$30. 703-339-6572.

Workhouse Brewfest. Noon-6 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Thirty Virginia craft breweries, 20 food trucks, and 16 bands on tap. \$15-\$75. <http://workhousebrewfest.org>

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 17

Pop Up Adventure Playground. 10 a.m.- noon. Pat Rodio Park, 3800 Keith Ave., Fairfax. Join in your neighborhood park this summer for LEGO, Games, Crafts, Coding, and more. Free. 703-385-7858 karen.lussier@fairfaxva.gov.

THURSDAY/AUG. 18

Evenings on the Ellipse. 5:30-7 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The United States Navy "Commodores" (Jazz). 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/performances/>

FRIDAY/AUG. 19

Family Fun Movie Nights. 7 p.m. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. "Zootopia." 703-385-7858.

SATURDAY/AUG. 20

LEGO Build. 4 p.m. Barnes and Noble Fairfax, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade, Fairfax. Calling all LEGO fans...come and build with us! Join us for speed-building contests, blind builds and much more! Best for ages 6 and up. 703-278-8527.

THURSDAY/AUG. 25

Evenings on the Ellipse. 5:30-7 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. A Tribute to Simon and Garfunkel. 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/performances/>

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Northern Virginia Community College's Medical Education Campus in Springfield appointed Dr. Robert (Bob) Wade as interim dean of nursing for a one-year term.

Wade has more than 20 years of administrative and nursing experience.

Prior to his experience at the collegiate level, he worked for several years as a charge nurse in the acute psychiatric care unit and later became a nurse manager at Central State Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. He also gained oncology/psychiatric experience as a clinical resource nurse for Clark Memorial

Hospital in Clarksville, Indiana.

In 2001, he began his career in education as an assistant professor and co-chair of the associate degree nursing program at Jefferson Community and Technical College in Louisville.

There, he mentored newly hired full-time faculty, taught classroom and clinical instruction, offered clinical/nursing training and supervised nursing faculty.

In 2006, Wade served as chair of the nursing department at St. Catharine College in St. Catharine, Kentucky and was responsible for the development and implementa-

tion of the RN to BSN program. There, he made significant progress toward accreditation through the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) in the areas of achievement of candidacy status, completion of self-study presentation and site visitation.

From 2009 until 2014, he was the dean of nursing at Campbellsville University, Campbellsville, Kentucky and worked on several committees to improve the overall quality of the nursing department and campus programs. He also served as dean of academic affairs and as

a visiting instructor for the nursing web-based program at Chamberlain College of Nursing-Tinley Park Campus in Tinley Park, Illinois.

Wade said he desires to provide leadership to the MEC's nursing faculty hoping to enable them to achieve student success.

"Students have to be happy, therefore faculty have to be happy," said Wade. "My main objective is to provide a voice for faculty members and to offer quality assistance for student success."

Wade holds a Ph.D. in Education with a specialization in Leadership for Higher Education from Capella



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Dr. Robert Wade, interim dean of nursing at NVCC-MEC in Springfield.

University; an M.S. in Nursing from Bellarmine University and a B.S. in Nursing from Spalding University, both located in Louisville, Kentucky.

"Dr. Wade comes to us with significant experience as a nursing faculty member and dean," said MEC Provost Dr. Anne M. Loochtan. "His leadership style will complement our nursing program and his experience will help him succeed at NOVA-MEC. We are very excited to welcome him to the MEC."

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Two Reports of Fox Bites in Springfield Area

A fox or foxes are still at large after two reports of bites in the Springfield area on Monday, Aug. 8, Fairfax County Police said.

Animal Protection Officers of FCPD first responded to an incident of an 81-year-old woman being bitten while in her front yard in the 8600 block of Kenilworth Drive around 10:33 a.m. The woman went to a hospital for medical attention.

Police said the second incident happened around 1:57 p.m. later that day. An 84-year-old man was mowing his lawn in the 5600 block of Ventnor Lane when police reported he "was confronted and bitten by a fox." The man also went to the hospital for treatment.

Animal Protection Officers have set traps for the animal or animals involved with the confrontations with humans, but have yet to bring anything in. It's still unknown, then, whether the foxes involved have the rabies virus.

Though the aggressive behavior observed in the foxes is one of the signs of rabies, FCPD said.

The Animal Protection Police are asking residents to keep their dogs on leashes when walking in public areas.

"If bitten or scratched by an animal, wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water and seek medical attention right away," the statement said.

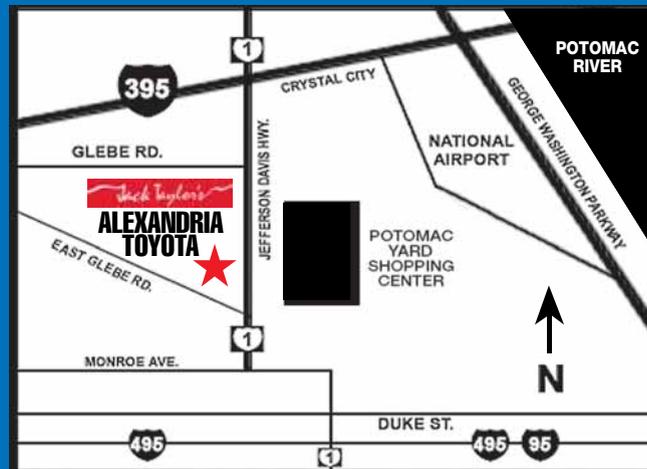
Animal bites, sick and injured animals should be reported immediately to the Animal Protection Police at 703-691-2131, TTY 703-877-3715.

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Caregiving Events

September is Older Virginians' Mental Health Month and the county is hosting three community presentations on caring for mental wellness. Presenters are licensed county therapists and specialists in older adult wellness resources.

❖ Tuesday, Sept. 13, 11 a.m. to 12 noon
Herndon Senior Center – free and open to members and nonmembers, 873 Grace Street, Herndon
Call the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging at **703-324-5411** for registration and ADA accommodations.

❖ Monday, Sept. 19, 1-2 p.m.
George Mason Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale

Call the Community Services Board's Public Information Line at **703-324-7006** for more information and ADA accommodations.

❖ Tuesday, Sept. 20, 1-2 p.m.
Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria

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Fairfax County is offering a new **Caregiver Support Group** the first Wednesday of each month beginning **Sept. 7, 10 a.m.** at Calvary Hill Baptist Church, 9301 Little River Tnpk., Fairfax. Find out more at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/caregiver.htm under Community Caregiver Support Groups or call **703-324-5489**, TTY 711.

Fairfax County is offering a free Chronic Disease Self-Management program **Sept. 12-Oct. 17 (Mondays), 1-3 p.m.** at The NeuroGrow Brain Fitness Center, 8280 Greensboro Dr., Ste. 240, McLean. Register beforehand or call **703-324-5489**.

Fairfax County's free **Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group** meets by phone on **Tuesday, September 13, 7-8 p.m.** We are having an open discussion on caregiving. Register beforehand at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices and click on Telephone Caregiver Support Group. Call **703-324-5484**, TTY 711.

The **Fairfax Commission on Aging** meets on **Wednesday, September 21** at noon at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Dr., Centreville. The public is welcome to attend and join in the comment period that begins each session. Find out more at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/coa.htm. Call **703-324-5403**, TTY 711 for meeting access needs.

Volunteer Opportunities

The **Northern Virginia Long Term Care Ombudsman Program** needs volunteer advocates for residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Contact Lisa Callahan at **703-324-5861**, TTY 711 or email Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The **Providence Community Center Senior Program in Fairfax** is looking for an **ESL Instructor** weekdays. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Lincolnia Senior Center in Alexandria** is looking for Instructors for the following classes: **Chinese Brush Painting, Tai Chi, Yoga/Mat work**, core and weights, and **Aerobics**. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Gum Springs Senior Program in Alexandria** is looking for a **Line Dance Instructor**, once a week. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Fairfax County needs volunteers to **drive older adults to medical appointments** and wellness programs. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Wakefield Senior Center in Annandale** needs **Front Desk Volunteers** and a **Qigong Instructor**. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

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Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

The following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

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TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$30,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 5.375 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

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In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.

The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

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Crosspointe coach Rachel Burnett, center, enjoys some shade under the Cruisers' team tent on a muggy Saturday morning at NVSL All-Stars, with 8-under swimmers Amanda Leith, left, and Anna Helms, right.



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Saturday, Peter Makin, center, of the Fairfax Frogs, added nearly two tenths to his own league record in the 100-meter individual medley, but still won the event handily.

Stars of Summer

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Northern Virginia Swimming League holds individual championships

Olympic swimming started with an expected bang in its opening weekend in Río, with Katie Ledecky and the men's four by 100 freestyle relay, that included Michael Phelps in the second leg, captured gold medals for Team USA. The day before the first finals events, Northern Virginia played host to its own local version of swimming championships, the Northern Virginia Swimming League individual All-Stars meet.

The meet was held Aug. 6 at the Little Rocky Run community pool in Clifton.

Though other leagues including Prince William, Colonial and Reston offer many communities opportunities for youth summer racing, none match the NVSL for sheer size and speed.

"It's the best of the best," said Crosspointe head Coach Molly Miller. Miller lives in Chantilly, while Crosspointe is based in Fairfax Station. Like most coaches present, Miller thought her swimmers were able to "rise to the competition and see some good swims."

AMONG THAT ELITE-LEVEL competition was Cassidy Bayer, a rising junior at West Potomac High School. Bayer finished third in the 100-meter Butterfly at the U.S. Olympic Trials earlier this summer, just missing a trip to Río.

Even with that type of talent, Bayer was still a fraction of a second off the NVSL record for the 50-meter fly.

Bayer's teammate on the Mount Vernon Park Gators community team Emily Makin did break a league record Saturday, going 34.84 seconds in the 11-12 50-meter breaststroke. The record was previously held by both Lindsey Ertter (1995) and Ashley Danner (2003).



Orange Hunt swimmers Carrie Morrison, left, and Olivia Masterson, right, meet with coach Chris Robitaille, center, before the 100-meter individual medley at the NVSL All-Stars meet on August 6.

Makin's coach Paul Makin [no relation] has been coaching in the NVSL since 1993, and with Mount Vernon Park for the last 11 years.

Paul said he and Emily "didn't have [the record] on the radar today, it was a surprise."

Like many summer league coaches, Paul also coaches for a more business-like year-round program. In his case, it's Nation's Capital Swim Club, of which Ledecky and Bayer are members.

In summer league and the NVSL, however, Paul said, he wants his athletes to "just swim, have fun."

"They control their own races," Paul continued, "not the clock."

Peter Makin [also not related to Paul] of the Fairfax Frogs community team was another highlight of the muggy early-August morning.

The previous week, he became the first NVSL male ever in the 13-14 age group to

break a minute in the 100-meter individual medley.

Saturday, Peter added nearly two tenths to his own league record, but still won the event handily.

"It felt good," he said after the race, smiling. "Not quite as good [as the previous week.]"

Peter described racing in NVSL All-Stars the same weekend as Olympic swimming kicking off as "pretty awesome." He'll be focusing on watching the men's sprint freestyle: the 50, 100 and 200-meter distances.

"I hope Nathan Adrian will take them," he said. Adrian is a favorite from the US, competing in the 50 and 100. He anchored the gold medal-winning relay along with Phelps on Sunday night.

Mike Fones of Fairfax is Peter Makin and the Frogs' head coach. He's returned to coaching after taking a 20-year break. This past winter season, he coached the



Olivia Masterson, center, of Orange Hunt swim team, won the 13-14 girls 50-meter breaststroke and 100-meter individual medley races at the 2016 NVSL All-Stars meet Aug. 6.

Robinson Secondary School men's and women's swim and dive teams to state championships.

"This really is a team," he said of the Frogs. "They compete as a team. You have 18-year-olds cheering for six-year-olds. Siblings with siblings. It really is a family."

Fast, slow, All-Stars or developmental meets, "It doesn't make any difference," Fones said. In his opinion, family and fun are the bedrock of summer league.

OTHER NEW LEAGUE RECORDS from Saturday include Blake Madsen of Poplar Tree in Chantilly. The 8 and under swimmer broke his own NVSL record with 19.77 seconds in the 25-meter breaststroke. He was the first to go under 20 in the league's history.

Jacquee Clabeaux of Greenbriar in Fairfax broke another Ashley Danner league record that's stood since 2007, going 31.62 in the girls 15-18 50-meter breaststroke.

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