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Fairfax Lawmakers' Last Call for Input

More than 80 speak at General Assembly public hearing.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

“We’re not letting teachers do their jobs,” was the plea from Jo Neuber of Vienna Co-chair of the organization Class Size Counts. Neuber thanked Del. Jim Lemunyon (R-67) for developing three class size bills for the 2017 session of the Virginia General Assembly, including HB1498. Neuber said she was in favor of putting a cap of 24 students in science labs.

Neuber was one of more than 80 Fairfax County residents who spoke directly to members of the Fairfax delegation to the General Assembly at a public hearing on Jan. 7 at the Fairfax County Government Center.

The General Assembly is set to convene in Richmond at noon on Jan. 11, when they will begin work on new or amended legislation for the Virginia Code.

The public hearing was the last chance local constituents had to voice their hopes or concerns for pending or potential legislation in person without traveling to the state capital, though most lawmakers have already all but finalized their legislative agenda for the session.

Education was once again an important topic for many speakers, beginning with Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova.

“Of the \$21 million in additional state

funding the county was expected to receive in FY2017, \$4.4 of that is already at risk due to the cancellation of funding for raises for teachers and other instructions personnel,” Bulova said. “We must get that funding back and we must make sure that funding for those raises is included in the FY2018 budget.”

Bulova and Fairfax County Public School Board vice chair Jane Strauss said the Virginia Retirement System rates were accelerated by one year last year, which increases the costs for FCPS by more than \$25 million in FY 2017.

“We ask for help in avoiding funding reductions to our local programs and services,” Bulova said, “and opposing restrictions on our local revenues.”

Several education advocates echoed Neuber’s call to reduce class size, and Bulova’s concern for competitive teacher salary levels.

Other topics with numerous speakers included legalization of marijuana for medicinal use; funding for disability services waivers; transportation and congestion reduction; funding for the court system; and the tax on toilet paper, adult diapers and some feminine hygiene products.

Holly Seibold of Vienna is founder and executive director of the group Bringing Resources to Aid Women’s Shelters that provides donated feminine hygiene products to who have insufficient access to them. She urged the delegation to support the “Dignity Act,” introduced by Del. Jennifer Boysko (D-86), that would make toilet paper, adult diapers and some feminine hygiene products tax exempt.

For more information on the General Assembly, to track a bill or find out who your representative to the assembly is, visit virginiaassembly.gov.

Sarah Pickford of Springfield spoke on behalf of the Springfield-based non-profit Brain Injury Services. Pickford urged lawmakers to oppose proposed cuts to state funding for the organization.



Teresa Elder of Springfield encouraged the delegates to support SB1027, which provides for pharmaceutical production of cannabis oil. She praised Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37), who she said went out of his way to better understand the situation of her son’s intractable epilepsy. “I encourage you to be open to hearing our voices, reasons for supporting this bill.”



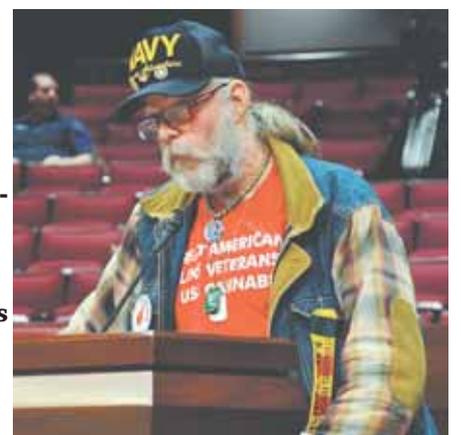
Teresa Champion of Springfield represented the Virginia Autism Project. Champion called for restoring the Medicaid waiver system and advocated for an advisory council to establish standards for treatment.



Warren Wheeler of Springfield represented the Convention of States Project. He advocated for HJ547, which would have Congress call a convention of the states to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution to restrain the federal government from abusing power.



Duke Dunn of Springfield represented the group Saving Our Society-Pulling All Communities Together and pushed for the legalization of medical marijuana. “It’s about wellness, it’s an herb, it’s natural,” he said. “You need to endorse it and help the people. It’s the will of the people, do it now.”



Two Strangers, One Kidney, a New Documentary

BY NATALIA MEGAS
THE CONNECTION

Sixteen years ago, Springfield resident Gennet Belay got the phone call that saved her life. She was one of three candidates for a kidney transplant and a few days later, became the lucky recipient.

"I was very happy," recalls the shy and humble mother of two who went on the transplant waiting list a year after she arrived from Ethiopia 12 years prior. Belay had been suffering from nephritic syndrome and her kidneys were only functioning at 10 percent. Her prospects were grim.

But it was a complete stranger from Falls Church, Harold Mintz, who donated one of his kidneys to Belay that piqued her curiosity.

"I wanted to know, who is this man?" she recalls. "It's easy to give clothes, and things. But it's not easy to give life."

Mintz grabbed headlines that year for donating his kidney to Belay and becoming one of the first living donors in an organ donation program organized by the Washington Regional Transplant Community (WRTC).

MINTZ AND BELAY'S subsequent meeting, organized after the donor and recipient agreed to it, only solidified their bond, a connection they now share for life, and a "rebirthday," Belay's term for the anniversary of the donation.

But Mintz had his reservations at first about meeting Belay post surgery, which he shares in a new short documentary, "1-800-Give-Us-Your-Kidney" by filmmaker Samantha Smith who chronicles their saga. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=avw4xRVvaBk>

"What happens if that person that got the kidney looks at me and goes, 'You're not what I thought you'd be,'" he ruminates. But all that worry and the commotion in the room faded away, says Mintz, when he entered and made a beeline for Belay's embrace. Belay, diminutive and soft-spoken and Mintz, tall and outgoing found at least one thing in common beyond their shared kidney. They had both touched each other's life.

"You can see love, the passion in him," Belay says about Harold. "You have to have passion to give life to other people."

Even though Georgetown University scanned Mintz's brain for a study years after the surgery to prove that altruistic donors brains are different from others, Mintz maintains, "I'm normal. Normal people have the ability to do outrageous, beautiful things," he says.

"I was struck by Harold's story," says Smith. "Just a look on Gennet's face, a moment of silence after Tsegaye [Belay's husband] contemplates whether he would donate like Harold did, the emotion Harold showed when talking about his father. Spending so much time with these characters in the editing room, I really fell in love



PHOTO BY CHRISTY KOSNIC
From left: Tom Shadyac, Harold Mintz, Gennet Belay, and Tsegaye Wolde at their premiere at the Washington West Film Festival in Reston.



PHOTO COURTESY OF HAROLD MINTZ
3. Susan Mintz, Gennet Belay and Harold Mintz at the Washington, D.C.'s Kidney Ball.

with their hearts... [The film] says so much about humans, our nature, and our relationships."

Mintz now lives in Malibu, Calif. in Paradise Cove, "the world's most expensive trailer park," he says, and works with his high school friend, Tom Shadyac, also a former Falls Church resident and currently a Hollywood movie director ("Ace Ventura: Pet Detective," "The Nutty Professor," "Bruce Almighty," etc.). But when asked about the day Mintz decided to donate his

kidney to a total stranger, he recalls how it wasn't a sudden decision. Life was leaving him "breadcrumbs," he says, that accumulated over time.

"When people hear that I donated a body part to a stranger, I oftentimes get the same response...*I could never do that.* I always tell people that if the events that happened to me had actually happened to them, then they quite possibly would have ended up on that surgeon's table," he says.

Mintz attributes his decision to donate to

events like donating blood in high school and reading a newspaper article about a North Carolina teacher who donated one of her kidneys to help save one of her student's life.

"I was just amazed that the teacher was willing to offer up one of her kidneys for someone who wasn't family. I couldn't get that out of my head..." he says. But it was losing his father at a relatively young age and a casual meeting in a New York mall that left a lasting impression on Mintz.

At 26, Mintz found out his father was diagnosed with cancer and five weeks later, he died. Mintz says doctors didn't have enough medical knowledge at the time to figure out how to save him but when he thought years later about the people that die everyday waiting for a new kidney, it was an eye-opening moment. "I totally get it if doctors don't know how to save someone. But to know how to save them but just not have enough parts? That was a big breadcrumb," he says.

Then, years later at a mall in New York, Mintz stumbled upon parents of a daughter with leukemia asking passersby for blood, hoping for a possible match for their daughter's bone marrow transplant.

"I had every intention of walking right by them on my mission to acquire confections and flowers...but I quickly noticed that everybody else in the mall was cruising right past them," he says, so he stopped. Mintz and his wife offered their blood but six months later, he found out via a news article that the daughter had died.

"I was devastated," he says. And to top it off, the parents thanked everyone who donated blood. "Not a statistic, not a number. But real people...that one left a mark."

THE EVENT that sealed the deal for Mintz to donate his kidney was a movie on a plane, "A Gift of Love: The Daniel Huffman Story," starring Debbie Reynolds as a grandmother who falls ill and sees her grandson donate an organ to her. At the end of the credits, there was a number: 1-800-Give-Us-Your-Kidney.

He jotted that number down but it wasn't until months later that he found it. He says, "Just out of curiosity, I called..."

"It wasn't until enough of these breadcrumbs were placed on some sort of internal scale that my mind shifted," he says. Recalling the moment he made his decision in the short documentary, Mintz ponders this: "If I don't give my kidney to somebody this week, will somebody die waiting for it?"

The answer was yes. In fact, with over 119,000 people currently waiting for a life-saving transplant, 22 people die each day, waiting. "Every 10 minutes another person gets added to the list," says Lisa Colaianni, WRTC's donor family advocate for the past 25 years. It was these statistics and her good health that compelled Colaianni five years ago to also donate an organ to a stranger,

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Life-saving Donation

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technically termed a non-designated donor. She donated one of her kidneys to a woman whose son was unable to donate because he wasn't a match.

Colaiani says she wanted to pay it forward and honor the families, the donors, those waiting, and recipients. "It's brought me more joy [in life]. We feel like we've done a good thing and this is good for your heart."

Colaiani adds that her donation led to another seven donations. The son who was unable to donate to his mother, donated instead to somebody else outside their family and another six recipients benefited.

"I continue to receive because giving that gift allows me to receive this love and warmth," she says.

Mintz concurs.

"I feel that when I share my story, when I tell others about it, it might just prove to be a breadcrumb in someone else's story...Every time I speak [about donations], I feel that I'm making a difference. Not a difference in numbers or statistics but a difference in another person's life. The ripples keep rippling."

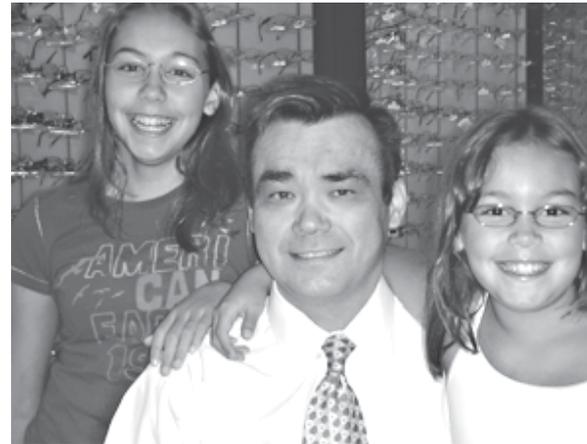
1-800-Give-Us-Your-Kidney is currently making its rounds at film festivals. It recently won the Audience Award at Napa Valley Film Festival. It also won the Audience Award at the Washington West Film Festival in Reston and Conscious Good Film Festival. <http://1800giveyourkidney.com/>



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Tom Shadyac, Samantha Smith, Hollywood producer Bruce Cohen, and Harold Mintz at the Washington West Film Festival in Reston.

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Republican Repeal Plan Promises Health Care Chaos

BY GERALD E. CONNOLLY
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (D-11)

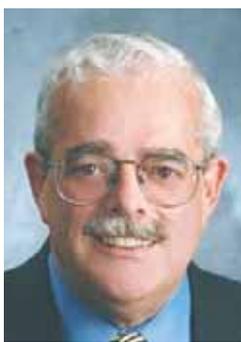
Over the course of a normal week, my office receives thousands of letters, emails, phone calls, and tweets from Northern Virginians. Each message is important to me, but recently one really caught my attention. It came from Liz Salter, a 29-year-old woman from Northern Virginia. Liz suffers from a rare genetic condition, Fabry Disease. Fabry Disease can cause intense pain throughout the body, kidney failure, and heart disease.

Every two weeks, Liz receives an enzyme replacement therapy to prevent her disease from progressing. Each treatment costs more than \$16,000, for a total of \$400,000 per year. Before the Affordable Care Act, someone like Liz had to worry

that her insurance company would impose arbitrary annual or lifetime limits on care, consigning her to bankruptcy or worse. Before the Affordable Care Act, someone like Liz had to worry that if she ever lost her job or chose to find a new job, she could be denied coverage due to her pre-existing condition. For Liz Salter, the Affordable Care Act means peace of mind.

COMMENTARY

"When the ACA passed and included the ban on annual and lifetime limits, it was such a relief because, at 29, I could easily reach these limits. Not being able to get these treatments could have a lifelong effect on my health," she told me. "I also was relieved that if I ever lost my job and needed to purchase insurance, I wouldn't have to worry about being denied due to a pre-existing



condition, as most insurance wouldn't want to cover me."

For Liz Salter and so many of our friends and neighbors, the Affordable Care Act means peace of mind when it comes to health care. Could we improve it to expand benefits to more Americans and continue to bring down the cost curve? Of course we could.

But that's not what the Republican Majority in Congress is about to do. What they plan to do is repeal it before even introducing a plan to replace it. This reckless approach would raise the deficit, hurt Medicare, bring chaos to the health care market, and put the health insurance of millions of American families in jeopardy.

Here in Virginia, thanks to the Affordable Care Act, 327,000 individuals have gained access to health care, the uninsured rate has

dropped by nearly one-third, and annual and lifetime limits have been eliminated for 2,974,000 people, including Liz Salter. Children can stay on their parents' plan until they turn 26 and more than 114,138 seniors have saved an average of \$1,015 on prescription drug costs. Make no mistake, all of that is at risk if Republicans repeal the Affordable Care Act.

It may have made good politics to demagogue the Affordable Care Act, but stories like Liz's are common throughout Northern Virginia and they demonstrate that our health care system is far better today than it was before we acted. I support improvements to the law including expanding Medicaid in states like Virginia, creating even more choices for consumers, and continuing to drive down the cost of care. But just repealing the law is no plan at all; it will just make America sick again.

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This new home office by Anthony Wilder Design/Build incorporates a custom-designed cord control system.

Organizing a Home Office

Design ideas for workspace order.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Whether located in a basement, spare bedroom or kitchen corner, one of the keys to creating a functional home office is organization. Local designers offer suggestions for styling a space that is both practical and aesthetically appealing.

“Start by thinking about how you would like to use your home office and plan accordingly,” said Megan Padilla, senior designer at Aidan Design. “Will it be a desk that easily converts to a homework station or craft area or a dedicated home office for the everyday telecommuter?”

Keeping office equipment out of sight will give the space a home-like feel, says Padilla. This can be accomplished by using storage solutions like printer drawers.

Practical home office organizational solutions include roll-out trays for computer accessories like printers and a wire man-

agement system above and below the desk for power cords and computer cables both on top of the desk, advises Chuck Khriel, vice president of Fred Home Improvement, a division of Case. “Create a Bluetooth operational office space,” he said.

“Organizing all of the smaller office supplies can be accomplished with a series of coordinated containers for tools such as pencils, scissors and markers ... or within drawers,” added Padilla. “Consider a mix of drawer heights to allow ample storage for smaller desk supplies as well as your typical file folders.”

Use open shelving to allow for quick access to frequently used items and book storage. “[It] can also make a smaller space feel more expansive,” said Padilla.

If a home office is in a spare bedroom, closets can be repurposed and organized to hide copy and fax machines, says Shannon Kadwell, interior designer at Anthony Wilder Design/Build.

“Add fabric bulletin boards in prominent locations and in a complementary color for visual appeal,” she said. “Custom built-ins make a huge difference as you can tailor the storage space to individual needs and create more functional spaces.”



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Storage solutions such as those in this office by Megan Padilla help make home offices aesthetically appealing.



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Focusing on Public Safety

BY SCOTT SUROVELL
STATE SENATOR (D-36)



On Wednesday, Jan. 11, the 2017 Session of the General Assembly Session will gavel in for a 45-day “short” session. I am looking forward to a very busy six weeks and would like to update you on my plans for session. I am introducing nearly 40 bills, but here are a few highlights.

First, lagging state revenues continue to limit legislative initiatives and create funding priorities. The Virginia State Police is hemorrhaging Troopers due to lagging pay and a planned two percent raise for teachers and state employees was delayed after anticipated revenues fell short. They will be a priority this year.

My number one legislative priority will be prohibiting drivers from having mobile phones in their hands while driving. Between Jan. 1 and July 1 of 2016, traffic fatalities in the United States were up by 10 percent — for the first time in 50 years. Most experts attribute this to distracted driving. Anyone driving our roads only has to look at the vehicle next to them to realize this is a problem that requires attention.

Second, I am hoping to focus on Potomac River water quality. The City of Alexandria plans to continue to discharge raw sewage into the Potomac River for an additional 20-30 years. Del. Dave Albo and myself are carrying legislation requiring the city to stop discharging raw sewage within 10 years.

Also, in my research about ongoing pollution from coal ash, I discovered that Virginia currently imports about 600 cargo containers of coal ash from China into Virginia every year. I am introducing legislation requiring investor-owned utilities to recycle at least that much coal ash from

dumps around Virginia every year so that we can start to clean up our coal ash dumps.

The Route 1 Corridor has a much higher incidence of pedestrian fatalities than any other road in Northern Virginia. I am introducing a “vulnerable user” bill which creates a lower criminality threshold and higher penalties for drivers who injure pedestrians and cyclists. Also, in an attempt to address the scourge of vehicles continuing to pass stopped vehicles on Sherwood Hall Lane, I am introducing legislation to make clear that bicycle lanes cannot be used by cars to pass other vehicles.

Once again, I am going to introduce legislation prohibiting school systems from requiring children to use electronic textbooks unless they provide them with portable computers. My bill passed the Senate last year and failed in a House Committee by one vote. Also, I am seeking to add computers to Virginia’s Start of School Sales Tax Exemption. On a \$700 computer, this would be worth a \$45 savings.

I am also introducing legislation to allow the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue licenses to all persons who file Virginia income tax returns and pass a driving test. In other states adopting these measures, there are fewer accidents and hit and run cases. Also, if more people file income tax returns, it could result in over \$500 million in new revenue to Virginia.

Finally, I am introducing legislation to require predatory lenders who make their loans over the internet to be licensed in the Commonwealth. Many lenders from outside Virginia or even the United States are making 200 percent plus interest loans in Virginia.

As the session progresses, I welcome your feedback. Please send me an email at scott@scottsuovell.org. Also, please come visit us in Richmond. It is an honor to serve as your state senator.



A Community Service Board Info Forum on Launch of New Opioid Recovery Program will take place on Tuesday Jan. 17 at the Merrifield Center 8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Fairfax starting at 7 p.m. Resolve to help those you love start their journey to recovery in 2017. Attendees will learn about: How to help someone confront and face the reality of an addiction, the assessment process, signs and symptoms of drug use, detox and treatment options.

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ONGOING

“Ispirazione Italiana” Inspired by Italy Dec. 17 - Jan. 16, Bodzin Art Gallery 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Watercolors by acclaimed artist and J member Judy Wengrovitz and special guest artist Eliana Strauss. sarah.berry@jccnv.org, 703-537-3075

Senior Line Dancing 1 - 2 p.m. Little River Glen Senior Center 4001 Barker Ct, Fairfax. Line Dancing is a gentle, social form of aerobic activity. Studies have shown it aids in warding off Alzheimer’s disease. No previous experience needed. Cost: \$5 per 8 week session. barbriba@hotmail.com 703-524-3739

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

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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, however we ask that you try to attend regularly. RSVP Naama.Gold@jccnv.org.

Smoke Free Bingo (with breaks for smoking friends). 7 p.m. Every Friday. Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Free coffee, entertaining callers, \$1,000 jackpot. www.fairfaxvd.com. 703-273-3638.

English Conversation Groups weekly at George Mason, Burke Centre, and Lorton Libraries Practice and improve your English. Day and start times vary. Visit: <https://va.evanced.info/fairfaxcounty/lib/eventcalendar.asp>

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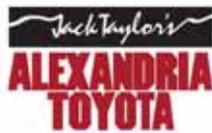
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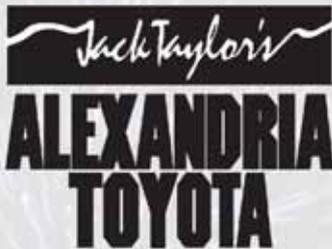
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OBITUARY

Virginia L. (Bostic) Bisson passed away peacefully with her family at her side on December 30, 2016 at INOVA Fairfax Hospital in Fairfax, VA. She was born on October 21 1934 in Centreville, VA to Orville and Dorothy Bostic. Virginia grew up in Centreville, VA and graduated from Fairfax High School in Fairfax, VA in 1953. After high school she worked with the Fairfax County Circuit Court, Department of Defense at the Pentagon, Fairfax County Public Schools and served as an employee for the High's Dairy Store and Hunter Hardware until her retirement in 2006.

Her greatest joy was her family and friends, especially her beloved grandchildren. Virginia was preceded in death by her parents Orville and Dorothy Bostic, her siblings, Orville Bostic Jr. Sherlock Bostic, James Bostic, Joyce Stephenson, Roger Bostic, Jonas Bostic, Ruth Lamb, Lois Shropshire, Larry Bostic, Betty Devinney and her spouses Frederick Bisson and Phillip Yarborough. Virginia is survived by her siblings Ann Turk of Herndon, VA, Robert Bostic of Centreville, VA and David (Teofilia) Bostic of Florence, AL and her children Jennifer Lowmar of Centreville, Va, Tim (Nathalie) Bisson, John (Sheila) Bissor of Warrenton, VA, Cindy (Jim) Draucker of Front Royal, VA and Robert (Sharon) Yarborough of Leesburg, VA and her grandchildren Jessica Lowman, Ben Draucker, Marie Bisson Austin Bisson, Matthew Yarborough, Kelley Yarborough, and her great-grandchildren Samuel Draucker and Skylar Draucker.

Services were held at Adams-Green Funeral Home on Saturday, January 7, 2017. Donations may be made to the Capital Caring Hospice Organization or to the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be left on the online guest book at <http://adamsgreen.com/1/Home.html>.

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Stories From Strawberry Park 10 - 11 a.m. Tuesdays in Mosaic - Strawberry Park 2910 District Avenue, Fairfax. Enjoy a live interactive performance each week taught by a group of unique storytellers. For ages 10 and under. Held outside in Strawberry Park. In inclement weather and October through April, storytime will be held in Angelika Film Center. Recurring weekly on Tuesday. Visit: <http://www.fxva.com/listing/mosaic-district/2326/>

FRIDAY/JAN. 13

D'Amore Duo - Classical Guitar & Oboe 8 p.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Dr, Fairfax. The Bonita Lestina Old Town Hall Performance Series. Founded in 1983 by the late Ray Abell, the Cathedral Brass performs sacred and secular works from all eras in support of the music ministry at Vienna Presbyterian Church. The group draws its membership from around the DC Metro area, and includes current and former professionals and members of the Service Bands. The Cathedral Brass is under the direction of L. Thomas Vining. 703-385-7858 www.fairfaxva.gov/culturalarts

Sabbath of Solidarity 8 - 9:30 p.m. Congregation Adat Reyim 6500 Westbury Oaks Court, Springfield. Let us join together - many faiths, with one goal - to reaffirm and share MLK's vision of social justice and equality. In solidarity we will demonstrate that mutual respect and understanding are values we cherish and uphold. www.adatreym.org/

SATURDAY/JAN. 14

Blanket Drive, 2017. Drop Off location: Outback Steakhouse, 6651 Backlick Rd/Springfield, from 11 a.m. to 5 pm. (Free Cocoa offered). Requesting: Blanket donations, new or clean used. Share the warmth - our community can make a difference. Blanket distribution date: Monday, Jan. 16, Martin Luther King Day (MLK). The blankets will be distributed to the homeless who are currently on the streets, in the D.C and Virginia areas first; any extra blankets will be given to the homeless shelters.

SUNDAY/JAN. 15

WVMGRS G-Scale trains at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum noon - 4 p.m. 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. The Washington, Virginia & Maryland Garden Railway Society (WVMGRS) members will have a G-Scale train display running at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. 703-503-9711 jmitulla@verizon.net www.fairfax-station.org

TUESDAY/JAN. 17

CSB Info Forum on Launch of New Opioid Recovery Program 7 p.m. CSB's Merrifield Center 8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Fairfax. All are invited to come to a free, open session to learn about a new CSB opioid dependency treatment group that starts in February. Resolve to help those you love start their journey to recovery in 2017. Attendees will also learn about: How to help someone confront and face the reality of an addiction, the assessment process, signs and symptoms of drug

BULLETIN BOARD

THROUGH JAN. 18

Community Forums on Superintendent Search. Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates (HYA), the firm hired by the FCPS School Board to conduct a search for a new superintendent to replace Karen K. Garza, will be holding ten community forums in January to allow Fairfax County residents to share their ideas and feedback on the characteristics they are seeking in a new superintendent. Meetings in our area include:

- **Monday, Jan. 9, 1 p.m.,** Gatehouse Administration Center, room 1600, 8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church, VA 22042.
- **Monday, Jan. 9, 7 p.m.,** South County High School, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton, VA 22079.
- **Tuesday, Jan. 10, 12:30 p.m.,** Virginia Hills Center Library, 6520 Diana Lane, Alexandria, VA 22310.



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'Murder on the Nile' on GMU Stage

Aquila Theatre presents Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Nile" at George Mason University, Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Performance Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017 at 4 p.m. Tickets: \$26, \$37 and \$44. Call 888-945-2468 or visit www.cfa.gme.edu Note: There will be a pre-performance discussion 45 minutes before the show.



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Mystery at Workhouse

Jason Krage, featured in the mystery 'Solitary Confinement' at the Workhouse Arts Center, W-3 Theatre, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Performances: Jan. 13-Feb. 12, 2017. Friday & Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$20 (students/seniors) -\$30 (general admission). Call 703-584-2900 or visit www.workhousearts.org

use, detoxification and treatment options, CSB's REVIVE opioid overdose reversal training, the important role of the CSB Peer Support staff. The number of people now facing heroin and opioid dependency has grown dramatically, and

the crisis has been labeled as a "public health emergency" in the Commonwealth of Virginia. According to most recent statewide data, the number of fatal opioid overdose deaths is expected to increase by 77 percent.

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

- **Wednesday, Jan. 11,** noon, Providence District Office and Community Center, multipurpose room 2, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax, VA 22031.
- **Wednesday, Jan. 11, 7 p.m.,** Mount Vernon High School Little Theater, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road, Alexandria, VA 22309.
- **Tuesday, Jan. 17, 1 p.m.,** Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds
- **Tuesday, Jan. 17, 7 p.m.,** Chantilly High School Lecture Hall, 4201 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA 20151. An online survey will be posted on www.fcps.edu on January 9, which will allow community members to submit their opinions electronically. Additional information on the superintendent search will be posted online as it becomes available. Interpreters will be available

at select locations to be determined.

SATURDAY/JAN. 14

Blanket Drive, 2017. Drop Off location: Outback Steakhouse, 6651 Backlick Rd/Springfield, from 11 a.m. to 5 pm. (Free Cocoa offered). Requesting: Blanket donations, new or clean used. Share the warmth - our community can make a difference. Blanket distribution date: Monday, Jan. 16, Martin Luther King Day (MLK). The blankets will be distributed to the homeless who are currently on the streets, in the D.C and Virginia areas first; any extra blankets will be given to the homeless shelters.



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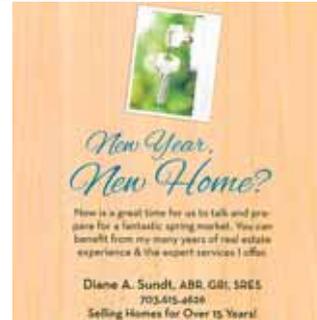


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