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(From left) are Murphy and Louisa Protzman and David and Cindy Meyer. (Murphy and Louisa are the Meyers' son-in-law and daughter).

David Meyer Is Elected Mayor Former councilman wins easily in high-turnout race.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

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The voting is over, the ballots have been tallied and David Meyer is the new mayor of the City of Fairfax. A 35-year City resident, he was currently serving in his fifth term on City Council and ran against fellow Council members Michael DeMarco and Ellie Schmidt.

They vied in a special election Tuesday, Feb. 7, to fill the post vacated by former Mayor Scott Silverthorne last August. Since then, former Councilman Steve Stombres has served as the City's interim mayor. The unofficial election results are expected to be certified by Friday, and Meyer will be sworn in next Tuesday, Feb. 14.

All three candidates had campaigned since the fall, and Meyer won easily in a contest that turned out not to be as close as many people had expected. Of the 3,901 votes cast, Meyer garnered 1,644; Schmidt 1,190 and DeMarco 943. There were 124 write-in votes. In a City of approximately 15,000 registered voters, that's about a 26-percent turnout.

A standing-room only crowd gathered at Historic Blenheim to await the results and cheer on their favorites. And by the time half the precincts plus the absentee votes were in, Meyer had already opened a 300-vote lead over his nearest challenger, Schmidt. He ultimately won by 454 votes. The final vote totals came in shortly after 8 p.m. – just an hour after the polls closed.

"We have a mayor, but we have no losers here," announced Commissioner of the Revenue Page Johnson, emceeding the election-night gathering. "All three candidates ran a forthright, honest and genial campaign."

Thanking her family, friends and supporters, Schmidt said, "We'll all continue to work together for this great community."

DeMarco said his son told him, "Dad, I still love you." He then thanked his family

FEBRUARY 7, 2017 SPECIAL ELECTION CITY OF FAIRFAX - UNOFFICIAL RESULTS								
MAYOR								
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	ABSENTEE	TOTAL
DEMARCO	92	135	138	193	211	87	87	943
MEYER	142	306	387	226	209	200	174	1644
SCHMIDT	163	265	172	253	111	136	90	1190
WRITE-IN	21	13	23	23	13	24	7	124

The election results on the TV screen at Historic Blenheim.

and everyone who'd supported any of the candidates, adding, "Congratulations to David; I will support you as much as possible."

ADDRESSING THE CROWD, Meyer said, "People care about this City." He also noted that the high voter turnout "in an off-year, nonpartisan election speaks volumes. People are hungry for progress, and it's time to move this City forward."

Acknowledging Stombres's efforts on behalf of Fairfax, Meyer said, "In a time of great leadership crisis, we looked to someone to provide calmness, leadership and maturity. [Now] it's time to collectively celebrate what's good about this City, and this election today was a great celebration of what a democracy is about."

Meyer's wife Cindy, daughter Louisa and her husband Murphy Protzman joined in the festivities. The Meyers' son Elliot was away, hiking the Appalachian Trail, but he helped with his father's campaign Website.

Happy about her dad's victory, Louisa – a 2008 Fairfax High grad whose birthday was

Feb. 7 – said, "It'll be a challenging venture for him, but he has a lot of new ideas to bring to Fairfax, along with lots of experience. It'll be a positive move forward for the City."

David Meyer said he was "never really certain how the voters would respond [to this election] because of all the uncertainty that's surrounded the City for the last six months. But I believe these results reflect a deep desire by the citizens to put the past behind us and get serious about addressing the challenges we have as a city. These include increased traffic on residential streets, underperforming commercial centers in different areas of the City and determining what is an acceptable tax rate for residential properties."

Furthermore, he said, "In the campaign, I made a commitment that we were going to address housing, including senior and affordable housing. I want to incorporate our affordable housing policy into our Comprehensive Plan and investigate the possibility of working with a nonprofit to develop an affordable housing project in the City.

We also need to improve our housing stock by revitalizing existing homes and having high-quality, new homes in the City."

AS FOR HIS MAYORAL WIN, Meyer attributed it to the fact that he spends a great deal of time with the residents and establishes relationships with them. "I get to know their personal histories and their dreams for the City, and I listen," he said. "I also ran a campaign right up the middle politically to bring in as many people as possible. And we're going to need all these people to develop consensus to deal with some serious challenges we're having regarding redevelopment, strengthening our tax base, housing and creating new centers where people can live and work."

Similarly, he said his first priority will be to forge a consensus on the Council, too, as to how to deal with these issues. "We have good, talented, knowledgeable and dedicated Council members, and my task is to make sure every voice is heard. And hopefully, we can work together to complete the Comprehensive Plan, jumpstart the Scout on the Circle project and do some long-range planning to address the future of Northfax."

Meanwhile, as the outgoing mayor, Stombres said, "I want to congratulate David on his victory and thank Ellie and Michael for their dedication to our community. I know the new mayor and council will work together in a collaborative way to deal with the challenges facing our community."

"It's so nice to live in a community where friends and neighbors can resolve differences in a positive manner because everybody has the best interests of the City at heart," he continued. "And I'm proud to be a resident of the City of Fairfax. I also thank my wife and family for their support while I had the honor of serving as mayor. I was thrilled to be mayor, but I'm even happier to turn it over to David."

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Two of the areas under review as part of the Virginia Department of Transportation's 2017 repaving schedule include Greeley Boulevard from Carrleigh Parkway to Old Keene Mill Road and Hillside Road from Rolling Road to Old Keene Mill Road.

Bicycle Improvements Proposed for Braddock and Springfield Districts

BY TIM PETERSON
 THE CONNECTION

Howard Albers of Springfield was encouraged by what he saw at the community meeting discussing proposed road striping changes in Braddock and Springfield Districts on Jan. 24.

The two areas under review as part of the Virginia Department of Transportation's 2017 repaving schedule include Greeley Blvd from Carrleigh Pkwy to Old Keene Mill Road and Hillside Road from Rolling Road to Old Keene Mill Road.

The meeting was held at Irving Middle School in Springfield.

Some of the ideas included shared lane markings, designated bike lanes and "climbing lanes," where bike traffic going uphill is in a protected lane while traveling downhill in the opposite direction it would be a shared lane.

"It will give a sense of safety to bicyclists, to have a designated lane," said Albers, who is an avid recreational biker and director on the board of the Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling.

Albers said Adam Lind, the Fairfax County bicycle program manager, did a good job at the meeting of explaining the benefits of the restriping, and how when VDOT repaves the road, it will have to put new paint down anyway.

"I don't see any downsides," Albers said. "It's a low-cost option for the county improvements to be put in."

VDOT says it plans to repave nearly 1,300 miles of roads in Fairfax, Prince William, Loudoun and Arlington counties through June this year.

For Albers a key component of the new lanes is their effect of narrowing existing car lanes to 11 feet. "Research has shown that will slow down drivers," he said. Along Greeley Blvd in particular, he said, the traffic calming would be especially helpful.

The proposed improvements would also improve access for bikers to the county park system and Gerry Connolly Cross County Trail.

Design completion is scheduled for April this year, with projects expected to go to construction this summer.

The entire presentation from the Jan. 24 meeting is available online at <http://www.slideshare.net/fairfaxcounty/hillside-rd-and-greeley-blvd-2017-vdot-repaving>.

A community meeting on proposed Lee District bicycle improvements is scheduled for Feb. 16 in the cafeteria of Groveton Elementary School, located at 6900 Harrison Lane in Alexandria.

For more information on the VDOT Northern Virginia Paving Program, visit http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northern_virginia/northern_virginia_paving_program.asp.

Deadline Reached for Civilian Review Panel Nominations

Supervisors to review applications before Feb. 14 meeting.

Jan. 31 was the final day for applications and nominations for Fairfax County's first Civilian Review Panel, one of two new forms of independent oversight for the police department.

The Board of Supervisors voted to establish the nine-member panel Dec. 6 last year, after it also created an office of the independent police auditor, which will review police use of force cases and police internal investigations.

The auditor will be a full-time position working for Fairfax County, while the panelists will be volunteers, and specifically review citizen complaints against police officers of misconduct or abuse of authority.

Those reviews would include accessing completed police department internal investigations of such complaints.

Between now and its Feb. 14 meeting, the

Issues Before Panel

Examples of citizen complaints against police officers that could be directed to the civilian review panel:

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- ❖ The reckless endangerment of a detainee or person in custody;
- ❖ Serious violations of Fairfax County or FCPD procedures.

Board of Supervisors will review the more than 90 applicants and nominees. Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) said they will discuss the applicants in closed session and potentially make the appointments then.

Once the panelists are selected, Cook said, the board will select a chair and make plans to convene the panel for the first time. They'll begin with writing their own bylaws.

Cook said the auditor may also be hired as soon as the 14th, at least ideally.

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OPINION

First Amendment Is Alive and Well

BY RONALD GOLDFARB

"Congress shall make no law ... abridging ... the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Having worked in D.C. and lived in Alexandria since 1961 when I came to work for Robert Kennedy in the Justice Department, I've experienced the First Amendment in real time action, by assembling and petitioning my government for redress of grievances.

In 1963 my wife and I stood near the Lincoln Memorial where Martin Luther King, Jr. pleaded to the world for civil rights for all people, and delivered his immortal "I Have a Dream" speech. About 250,000 people — black and white — peacefully gathered in the nation's capital to plead for President Kennedy to provide 19 million Afro-American descendants the right to vote, travel, and work.

Fears abounded. The D.C. police and FBI were present on the streets. There were altogether over 8,000 guardians of the peace. The federal government and many businesses were closed. Hospitals canceled elective surgery so all beds would be available for riot-related emergencies. Jails were emptied to provide room for predicted arrests. Judges were on around-the-clock standby.

These precautions were not necessary. The assembly was non-violent. People arrived from all over the world and marched with dignity. Many swarmed around the Reflecting Pool in

a field of humanity that ran all the way to the Washington Monument.

On that day we listened to the greatest orator of his time pleading for racial justice, claiming that the time had come "to lift our nation from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood," calling for "the fierce urgency of now," then urged on by Mahalia Jackson, departed from his prepared text and segued into his immortal plea, "I have a dream," that reverberates still in the hearts and minds of all decent people.

The New York Times called the event "the most impressive assembly for a redress of grievances in America's history." The Washington Post reported that the assembly was a happy combination of prayer meeting, picnic, and political rally, a crowd "united in a sense of brotherhood and common humanity." The next year, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was passed.

Unfortunately, many of the social injustices deplored on that summer day in Washington, D.C., have not yet been overcome. But Aug. 28, 1963, was a seminal moment in American history. It demonstrated the power and dignity of democracy in action.

In 1971, the scene was more fractious when my wife and I joined Vietnam War protests on the streets of Washington D.C., a gathering which was rougher and more proactive than the 1963 event. We were gassed, with many others, near Dupont Circle by police overreacting to the noisy protests. Eventually the public demonstrations worked. The war was ended, too late, but it might not have ended when it did without these public pro-

tests. Critics of the war hastened the end of it, and resulted in a president leaving politics.

In 1986, my wife, daughter and two human rights activist friends, the late Pat Derian and Rose Styron and their daughters marched on a sunny day near Congress in a sea of women who came from across the country to support the ERA. But this time their pleas were not successful in terms of reaching the goal that gave rise to that march. But peace prevailed and eventually the goals they asserted then have been advanced in major ways.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017, an estimated half million Americans filled the streets of Washington, as did huge crowds in other cities in America and around the world to claim rights they felt were disparaged by the Trump campaign and election. The Saturday crowds far surpassed Friday's relatively insignificant inaugural crowds. President Trump now argues about the relative size of his crowds — those applauding his election, and those crying out against it.

My children who attended here in D.C. and other locations reported a cheering good spirit, upbeat communal behavior, welcoming friendly law enforcement officials, filled bleachers, and an upbeat camaraderie.

Now what remains after people returned to their homes away from Washington, D.C. is the question: how does this experience change the future? Will the energy become harnessed into a movement that changes politics? We all ponder that question, bravo to the people who are trying.

COMMENTARY

Crossing Guard Appreciation Day Feb. 8

BY JOHN C. COOK
SUPERVISOR (R-BRADDOCK DISTRICT)

If you have lived in Fairfax County for any amount of time, you are surely familiar with the traffic situation here. Congested roads and long travel times lead to frustrated and fatigued motorists, who may not always yield to pedestrians at a crosswalk. In the morning and afternoon, the situation is compounded by school children going to and from school. To help keep us all safe, and keep traffic moving in an orderly fashion, the County hires crossing guards to assist students and pedestrians in crossing the street at appropriate intersections. The service these workers provide plays an instrumental role in promoting student safety, and we should be thankful for their service to our children and the community. Crossing Guard Appreciation Day is Feb. 8, and I hope everyone will go out of their way to thank a crossing guard. (In fact, you can thank them every day!) Our students and pedestrians depend on them, and the County would not be as safe without them.

Safety at intersections, and roadway safety as a whole, is one of my priorities both as your supervisor and as Chair of the Board's Public Safety Committee. In that regard, I have

launched and participated in several safety initiatives. First, to improve safety for both motorists and pedestrians, I developed the "Slow Down" safe driving campaign. This campaign aimed to reduce neighborhood speeding through extensive community outreach efforts, and part of that outreach involved assistance from residents. If you are interested in spreading the word, my office still has available for free the yellow "slow down" signs, which you can place on your lawn to get the message out.

Second, to combat the issue of distracted driving, I joined Kirk Cousins (Washington Redskins Quarterback) in support of the "Phones Down Touchdown" campaign sponsored by Transurban. This campaign raises awareness of distracted driving, primarily by discouraging texting on the road. A significant number of accidents are attributable to texting while driving, and other forms of distracted driving. By keeping people focused on the road, and not their phone, we can improve everyone's roadway safety.

Recently, the Board joined my call to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to increase from three to six times per year its mowing of roadway median strips. This high grass is not only unsightly, but creates visibil-

ity problems for motorists.

These initiatives are great ways to promote community engagement and safe driving awareness, but, are not enough on their own. You can join with us by focusing on your own driving, speed, and attentiveness behind the wheel. Encourage your neighbors to do the same. And thank your local crossing guards. They are out there every day - rain, snow, or shine - working to keep our neighborhoods safe. Thank you!

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Del. Eileen Filler-Corn presenting HB 2258 before the Health, Welfare and Institutions Committee's Subcommittee #3.



Retired Fairfax County Firefighter and Suicide Prevention activist Leigh Boswell testifying in support of HB 2258.

Suicide Prevention Bill Passes the House

Del. Filler-Corn bill requires a review of Virginia's suicide prevention policy.

On Tuesday, Feb. 7, HB 2258, introduced by Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) passed the Virginia House of Delegates. The bill would direct the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to report by Dec. 1, 2017, to the Governor and the General Assembly on its activities related to suicide prevention.

Filler-Corn first presented the bill before the Health, Welfare and Institutions Subcommittee #3 last week. "Suicide rates are on the rise," Filler-Corn stated before the subcommittee. "The time is past due to shine a light on suicide. We already have started that process with our strides forward on mental health care reform but we can and should do better." Retired Fairfax

County Firefighter and Suicide Prevention activist, Leigh Boswell joined the Delegate at the hearing. Boswell told the story of her friend and fellow firefighter Nicole Mittendorff, who died by suicide last year. She emphasized the importance of continuously trying to improve the Commonwealth's suicide prevention efforts.

The bill moved quickly through the legislative process. Members of the subcommittee voted unanimously to support HB 2258 last week. This was followed by unanimous support from the full Health Welfare and Institutions Committee. By Monday, the bill was read and engrossed on the Floor of the House of Delegates. HB 2258 passed on Monday by a vote of 97 to 0.

AREA ROUNDUPS

Bulova, Petersen to Host Town Hall Feb. 11

Del. David Bulova (D-37) and Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) are planning to host a legislative Town Hall meeting on Saturday, Feb. 11 at the City of Fairfax City Hall.

This week marked the "crossover" period when bills that have passed the Virginia Senate and House of Delegates head to the opposite legislative body for review and voting.

Expect Bulova and Petersen to give an overview of issues currently before the General Assembly. They're asking constituents to come prepared to share ideas and thoughts on community issues.

Bulova serves on the General Laws, Education, Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources committees, and is a member of the State Water Commission, the Joint Commission on Health Care and the Housing Commission.

Petersen serves on the Courts of Justice,

Education and Health, Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources committees.

The Town Hall is scheduled for Feb. 11 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Council Chamber of Fairfax City Hall, 10455 Armstrong Street, Fairfax, Virginia.

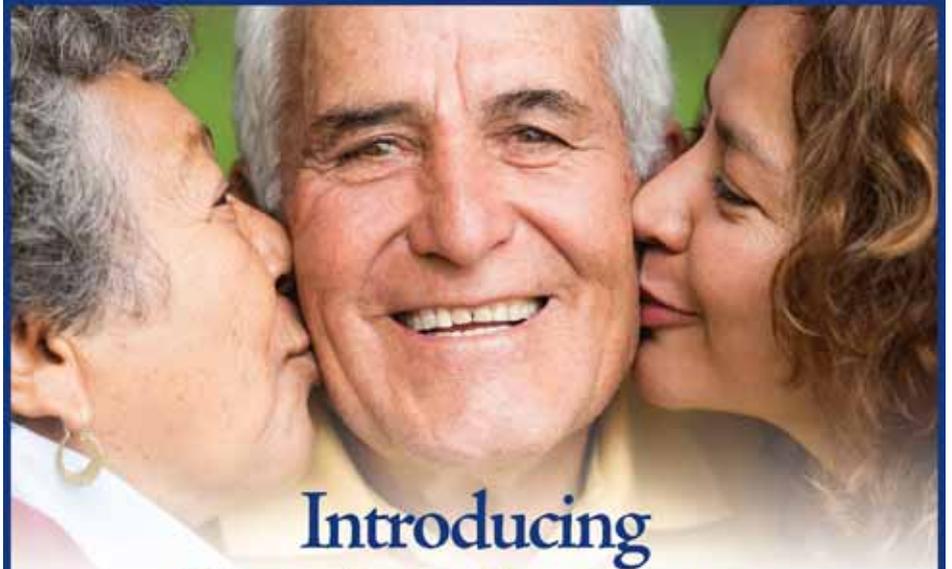
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Information about Del. Bulova's legislative agenda is available here: <http://myemail.constantcontact.com/David-s-2017-Legislation.html?soid=1101168976767&aid=3nv50jn9XSI>.

Sen. Petersen's Senate website with sponsored legislation is available here: <http://apps.senate.virginia.gov/Senator/memberpage.php?id=S76>.

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“We modernized it but maintained the integrity of the original features.”
— Betsy Rutkowski

Honoring the Past and Present

A home with both a rich history and modern conveniences is on the market in Fairfax.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

When Betsy Rutkowski purchased her Fairfax home, she was drawn to its rich history and the childhood memories which it evoked.

“It is made of stone and brick, which attracted us,” said Rutkowski, who is also an agent with Long & Foster Real Estate Inc. “I grew up in Pennsylvania in an area where the homes were made of stone and brick, and when my husband and I were looking to buy a home, we wanted something with that same feel.”

The antebellum home, named Aspen Grove, dates back to the 1700s. It was once owned by William Jefferson Sagar and his family who vehemently opposed slavery. In fact, during the Civil War, the Sagar family fled to New York seeking refuge from the fighting and unrest in Virginia.

During the war, the home was occupied by both Confederate and Union soldiers, and even sustained fire damage. The Sagar family spent years restoring Aspen Grove before selling it in 1920.

While Rutkowski has a great appreciation for Aspen Grove's storied past, she recognizes the sensibility of modernization. It is this notion that guided the decisions she made while renovating and updating the four bedrooms, three-and-a-half-bathroom house.

“It feels very modern even though it's historic,” said Rutkowski. “We modernized it, but maintained the integrity of the original features.”

The kitchen was designed with



The master bathroom in this Fairfax home features Carrera marble, radiant heated floors and a large, frameless glass shower.



The owners of this antebellum home in Fairfax updated it while maintaining its architectural integrity.

Carrera marble countertops, white-glazed, glass front cabinets, a cherry wood island, farm sink by Kohler and stainless steel appliances. Other amenities include four fireplaces, detailed moldings, built-in bookcases and heart-of-pine flooring throughout.

When designing the master bathroom, Rutkowski again chose Carrera marble surfaces, radiant heated floors and a large frameless glass shower. The first floor powder room is accessorized with toile wallpaper and marble floors, giving it an equestrian theme.

“We updated old lead pipes and old wiring,” said Rutkowski. “We've renovated the bathrooms and added a custom, claw foot tub in the master bath. “We added a flagstone patio and custom English gardens.”

Rutkowski says that she has hosted hundreds of charity events at Aspen Grove, but the most memorable occasion was her stepdaughter's wedding and reception. “It was wonderful. The outdoor entertaining space is phenomenal. We're able to entertain on the large front porch,” she said. “The inside has a good flow, which you might not expect from an older home.”

Rutkowski and her husband have decided that it's time to say goodbye to Aspen Grove. “We lived in London briefly and we got the urban bug,” she said. “We want to downsize and move into Washington, D.C. We have two grandchildren who live a mile and a half away from our home, but we're hoping to move to a place with Metro access.”

The home is located at 10212 Aspen Willow Drive in Fairfax and is on the market for \$1,075,000.

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(From left) Michael Pearce and Dinah Herring of The Wine House serve Italian dessert wine and chocolate cake at the Liquid Chocolate event.



L-O-V-E letters adorn the entrance to the City's Old Town Square.

Mmm, Mmm, Chocolate ... and Then Some

The 25th annual Fairfax Chocolate Lovers Festival was Feb. 4-5.



Ari Leitch, 5, dips a Rice Krispie treat into the chocolate fountain while mom Lindsay watches.



A professional chocolate sculpture.

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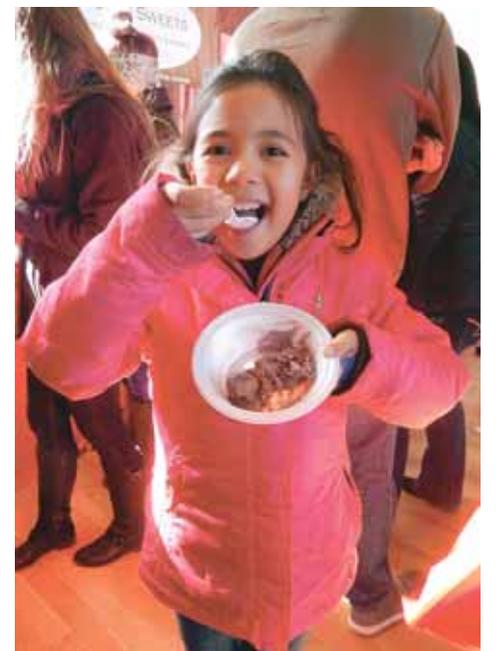
Valentine-themed cupcakes at the Chocolate Challenge.



Arash Behdad, 9, devours a marshmallow drenched in chocolate from a fountain.



Face-painted Sebastian Aguila, 5, liked his Kiwanis Club pancakes at the City fire station.



Kyra Coronado-Wager, 8, enjoying Sugar Mama's chocolate chip-raspberry ice cream.

CALENDAR

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THURSDAY/FEB. 9

Art & Lunch event at Old Town Hall 10:30 - 2:30 p.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Dr, Fairfax. The Fairfax Art League will be hosting an Art & Lunch event at Old Town Hall. Bring lunch and enjoy the company of other artists. Free and open to the public. New members welcome. Please visit the Fairfax Art League on Facebook or at www.fairfaxartleague.net or call 703-587-9481.

Artist Reception 7 - 9 p.m. Village Gallery, 3950 University Dr, Fairfax. The Fairfax Art League will be having a reception at the Village Gallery. Come enjoy refreshments, meet the featured artist and be a part of your local artist community. Free and open to the public. New members welcome. Please visit the Fairfax Art League on Facebook or at www.fairfaxartleague.net or call 703-587-9481.

FRIDAY/FEB. 10

"Three for a Song" - Ragtime Piano & Vocalists 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

SATURDAY/FEB. 11

Second Sunday Program - "African American Schools and Desegregation" 2 - 4 p.m. Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street, Fairfax. 703-385-8414.

Champagne and Chocolates 4 - 7 p.m. Gunston Hall Docent Association 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton. The event will feature a historic guided tour, Hors d'oeuvres, string quartet, raffle and live auction. \$40 per person. RSVP by Feb. 4. To RSVP, send a check payable to GHDA to Debbie Bullock at 5700 Barbemor Court, Alexandria, VA 22310. Questions about the event? Email Debbie a DBullock@verizon.net.

Beethoven's Triple 8 p.m. GMU Center for the Arts Concert Hall 4373 Mason Pond Dr, Fairfax. 2017 marks the beginning of our 60th Anniversary Celebration. The FSO rings in the new year by featuring the extraordinarily talented trio: National Symphony Concertmaster Nurit Bar-Josef; renowned cellist Amit Peled; and FSO audience favorite Alon Goldstein, who performed Beethoven's "Emperor" concerto with the orchestra last season.

SUNDAY/FEB. 12

Music at Messiah Concert Series: The Amelia Ensemble, at 3 p.m. at Messiah United Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Road, Springfield. Music at Messiah presents the Amelia Ensemble, a flute, piano and clarinet trio, performing music from around the world. The concert is free.

Table Top N Gauge Model Train Event at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum 1 - 4 p.m. The Museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. Museum members



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On Sunday, Feb. 12, at 3 p.m. — Music at Messiah at Messiah United Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Road, Springfield, presents the Amelia Ensemble, a flute, piano and clarinet trio, performing music from around the world. The concert is free.



The 13th Film Screening with Hans Charles will take place at the Johnson Center Cinema at George Mason University on Monday Feb. 13. The screening takes place from 4:30-7 p.m. The cinema is located at 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Free. cfuchs@gmu.edu, 703-993-2768 or fams.gmu.edu/events/6437

and children 4 and under, free; ages 5-15, \$2; ages 16 and older, \$4. www.fairfax-station.org, 703-425-9225. www.facebook.com/FFXSRR, [Twitter@FFXSTNRR](https://twitter.com/FFXSTNRR).

Song-catcher Cecil Sharp in Virginia 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. A multi-media presentation about the original "Song-catcher," English folk song collector, Cecil Sharp, and his discoveries in the hinterlands of Virginia in the early 20th century. Cost: Free. Information & Directions: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library or 703-293-6227 x6

MONDAY/FEB. 13

Funday Monday Storytime & Crafts 10:30 a.m. - Every Monday - Old Town Hall, 3999 University Dr, Fairfax. There will be music, movement, storytelling, performances, crafts, and more! It is open to children of all ages, however especially for those who haven't yet started school. Programs are free and open to the public, donations are gratefully appreciated. There is ample free parking in the downtown area, and stroller access at the rear of Old Town Hall on Main St. 703-385-7858 www.fairfaxva.gov/culturalarts

GMU Visiting Filmmakers Series: 13th with cinematographer Hans Charles 4:30 p.m. Johnson Center Cinema 4400 University Dr, Fairfax. sponsored by Film and Media Studies, Film and Video Studies, African and African American Studies, Women and Gender Studies, BSA, DKA, and University Life. 703-993-2768 <http://www.fxva.com/event/>

TUESDAY/FEB. 14

Valentine Day Sale at INOVA Fair

Oaks Hospital Auxiliary 8 - 3 p.m. Come and get your last minute gifts - balloons, flowers, candy and more! The sale will take place in the Hospital Atrium 3600 Joseph Siewick Dr, Fairfax.

Valentine's Paint Night 7:30 - 10 p.m. Paint Your Own Pottery, 10417 Main St, Fairfax. Couples, singles, friends and family come paint or do a mosaic to candlelight, complimentary coffee or tea and dessert. \$10 per person plus the price of the item you choose to create. Reservations required. MyFriend@createlikecrazy.com, 703-218-2881, <http://www.createlikecrazy.com/>

THURSDAY/FEB. 16

Friday Morning Music Club noon - 1 p.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Friday Morning Music Club, Inc. is a community of music lovers and musicians dedicated to promoting classical music throughout the metropolitan area. On the third Thursday of the month they host their performances at Old Town Hall. Free and open to the public. www.fimmc.org

SATURDAY/FEB. 18

Valentine's Day Banquet. Greater Zion Baptist Church will host Family Ministry 2017 Valentine's Day Banquet, 6:30—11 p.m. at Waterford Receptions at Springfield, 6715 Commerce Street in Springfield. Cost: \$50 per person. Contacts: Anthony and Terri Bazemore @GLZBC (703-764-9111); abazemore6@verizon.net; terrib6@verizon.net. Special features: Dinner Buffet, Music & Dancing. Payment deadline: Feb. 12.

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“Taj Express: Bollywood Musical Revue” — full cast.

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India’s “Taj Express: The Bollywood Musical Revue” at the Center for the Arts.

Where and When

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

Contemporary performing arts from India is heading to the Center for the Arts. It is the extraordinary music, dance and cinema associated with Bollywood, titled “Taj Express: The Bollywood Musical Revue.”

“Taj Express” will present an accessible performance that is true to the Indian culture, and celebrates the contemporary pop music and dance that is such an important part of the Bollywood film experience,” said Tom Reynolds, Director of Artistic Programming, Marketing and Audience Services, Center for the Arts.

“Taj Express” is a live performance with India’s high-energy pop music and dance and film excerpts rooted in the art of the Bollywood cinema. The production was created by choreographer Vaibhavi Merchant and director Shruti Merchant as a tribute to Bollywood blockbuster movies.

“There has been a great deal of interest in events that share Indian culture, both from the Indian communities around the Washington metro area, and from people who are not of Indian descent,” said Reynolds.

“Being part of a university with one of the most culturally diverse student populations in the country, we also continually look for performances that will help people of all backgrounds develop a better understanding of the traditions and art forms specific to a particular culture.” added Reynolds.

“Taj Express: The Bollywood Musical Revue” at George Mason University, Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Performances: Feb. 18, 2017 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 19, 2017 at 4 p.m. Tickets: \$50, \$43, \$30. Call 888-945-2468 or visit www.cfa.gme.edu. Note: Pre-performance discussion led by member of “Taj Express” 45 minutes before each performance.

Inviting patrons to “Taj Express” Reynold said, “We strongly believe that this will be a performance that will be, at its heart, enjoyable regardless of how familiar people are with the genre. The authentic, colorful costumes that are a part of the Bollywood tradition, the energy-filled dance, and the upbeat popular music will enhance the film excerpts.”

“Taj Express” is based on one of the great Bollywood films of the same name. The production weaves a tale of Varsha, an Indian journalist living in Europe. After traveling home to write a story about Bollywood and discovery “The Greatest Indian Love Story Ever Told,” Varsha is swept up in a glittery, joyful musical extravaganza all of her own. “Taj Express” has action, romance, comedy, a royal wedding Bollywood-style, and larger-than-life dance numbers set to India’s pop hits and its folk-music classics.

George Mason University has listed “Taj Express: The Bollywood Musical Revue” as one its Center for the Arts cultural passport events meant to introduce audiences to the world experience.

“Taj Express” will be like “no other we have had at the Center for the Arts, an amazing composition of film, live dance and music,” concluded Reynolds.



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Detectives have been searching for a missing 16-year-old girl and her 5-month-old baby boy. The girl, Lizzy Lizbeth Rivera Colindres of Springfield, and her son, Aidan David Castillo Rivera, were last seen on Jan. 14. Her mom reported her missing the next day and they were entered as missing juveniles. Initially, detectives believed Rivera Colindres left voluntarily with Aidan and their son's father, 18-year-old Jose Ivan Castillo Rivas, but new information suggests she and the baby might be in danger and left home out of fear of him — according to FCPD Public Affairs Bureau.

Lizzy Rivera Colindres is described as Hispanic, about 5 feet 6 inches tall and 125 pounds. She has long black hair with light-colored strips in it. She wears glasses.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective K. Mason (571-585-2378) or Detective M. Fox (571-489-1796) or the Fairfax County police at 703-691-2131 or you can contact Crime Solvers electronically



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FEBRUARY

Over-40 Softball League. A Fairfax-based league is looking for enough players to form another team. Players must be at least 40 years of age to be eligible. All games are doubleheaders - played on Sundays at Bready Park in Herndon between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. If interested, email skeduman@aol.com for more information.

"Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated (FCAC-DST) announces its annual scholarship application is now available on the chapter website: <http://www.fcacdst.org/applications.htm>. The completed application must be postmarked no later than February 17, 2017 and mailed to: Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 221224, Chantilly, Virginia 20153-1224."

SATURDAY/FEB. 11

Town Hall Meeting. Del. David Bulova (D-37) and Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) will hold a town hall meeting, from 9-11 a.m., at Fairfax City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St. in Fairfax. All are welcome to attend, hear about their legislative agenda, ask questions and share concerns.

FEB. 11 - 12, FEB. 18-19, AND FEB. 26

Loudoun Freedom Girls Basketball Tryouts. Tryouts to form girls' teams from 2nd grade through 11th grade for the 2017 season will be held the weekends of Feb. 11 - 12, Feb. 18-19, and Feb. 26. If you are interested in your daughter playing at a higher competitive level and developing into a great player, consider trying out. See www.loudounfreedom.com for the full schedule, how to register Contact loudounfreedomball@gmail.com

FRIDAY/FEB. 17

Scholarship Application. Deadline for Fairfax Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority scholarship applications. The application is available on the chapter website: <http://www.fcacdst.org/applications.htm>. The completed application must be postmarked no later than February 17, 2017 and mailed to: Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 221224, Chantilly, Virginia 20153-1224.

SATURDAY/FEB. 25

Community Tax Assistance Day. Deloitte presents its 10th annual Community Tax Assistance Day or Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Day (VITA) to serve qualified individuals and families. Deloitte employee/volunteers will assist families with 2016 Federal and state tax returns for households with a total income of \$54,000 or less. Translations services in Spanish, Korean and Vietnamese will be provided. In addition, American Sign Language interpreters will be available. Location is Fairfax SkillSource Center, Heritage Center, 7611 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. This event is presented in partnership with the Fairfax County Department of Family Services and Volunteer Fairfax. Appointments are recommended: e-mail taxday@volunteerfairfax.org or call 703-246-3896. Walk ins are welcome. Visit www.nvacash.org. On tax preparation day, clients should bring all pertinent documentation. For a complete list, visit www.volunteerfairfax.org.

FRIDAY/MARCH 3

Rising Above Fear. Burke Presbyterian Church Distinguished Speakers Series, with Omid Safi, director of Duke University's Islamic Studies Center, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Being Muslim in America: Between ISIS and Islamophobia. Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke, 703-764-0456. Tickets are available at <http://www.BurkePresChurch.org>. They are \$25 for Friday and Saturday sessions and \$15 for a single session. Tickets are limited.

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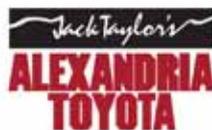
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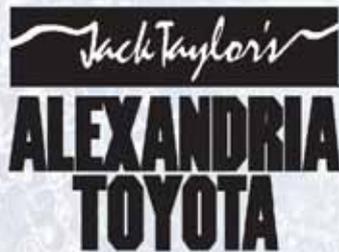
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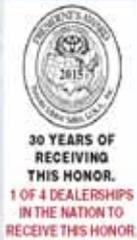
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