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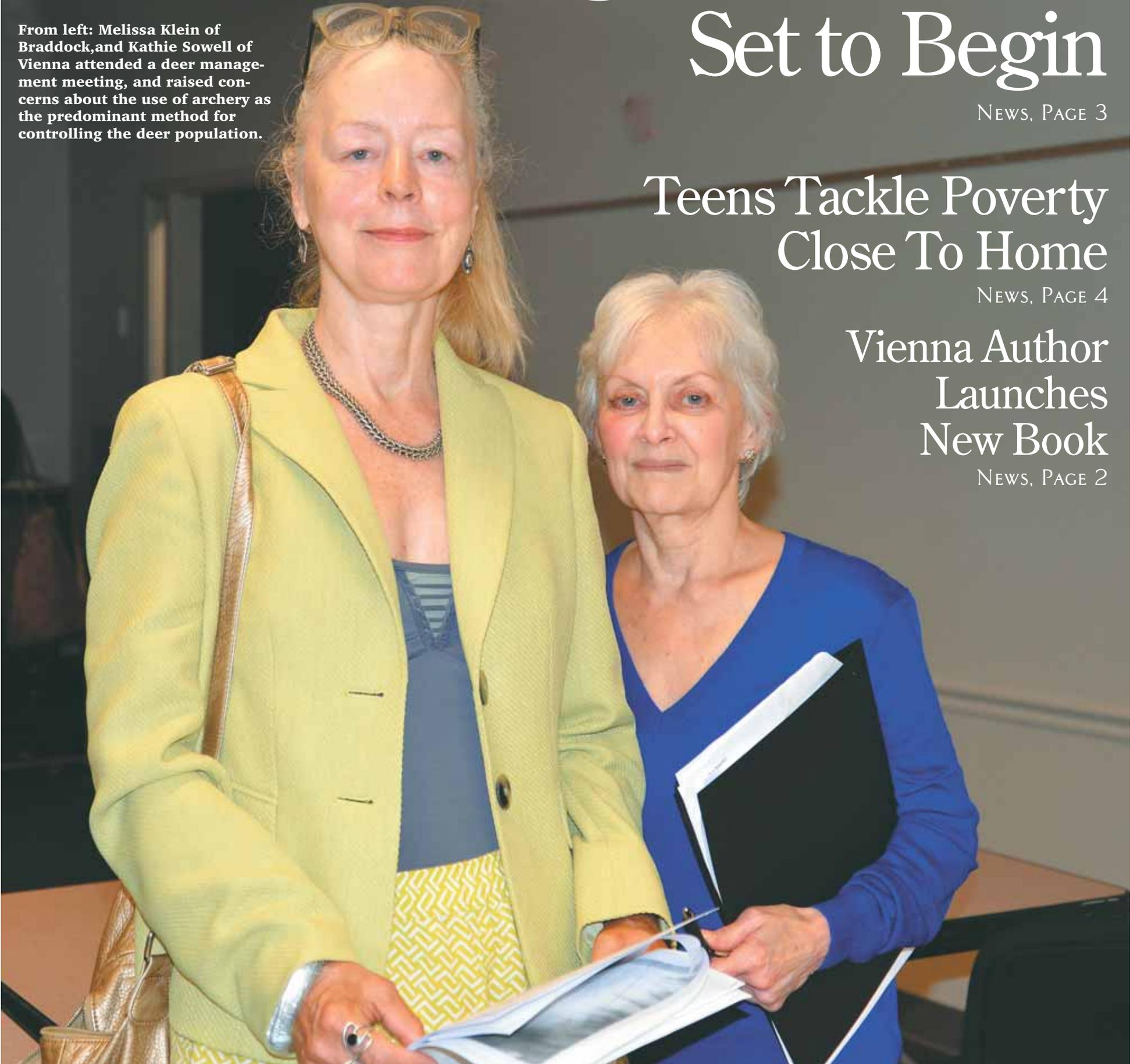
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## NEWS



### Vienna Author Launches New Book

Vienna author **Nan Kilmer Baker** with her new book, **"Naked Joy, Confessions of a Skittish Catholic from Idaho."** Baker moved from Idaho to Vienna in 2000 and raised her two children in Vienna. She was inspired by her mother, Hollywood sitcoms, and traveling the world to write this collection of essays.

#### WEEK IN VIENNA

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Founded in 2010, MSI is based in the Tysons Corner area. It emphasizes intelligence analysis, cybersecurity, enterprise architecture, systems engineering, and program management support. MSI has cleared staff deployed on four continents providing support to federal and commercial clients.

MSI has more than doubled its square footage on Jones Branch Drive in the last six months.

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**The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and the Jewish Outreach Institute** offer the Mothers/Parents Circle, an umbrella of

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## Deer Management Season Set to Begin

Deer population is “unsustainable” for the health of environment and safety of residents.

BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE CONNECTION

Counting the actual number of deer that populate Fairfax County might be an impossible task, but there are ways to calculate the impact that deer have on the community. That on-going data collection gives county officials the means to determine that the deer population is still “unsustainable for the health of the environment and the safety of our residents,” according to Katherine Edwards, Ph.D. Edwards is the county’s wildlife management specialist, and was one of three panelists who presented the details of the upcoming 2017-2018 Fairfax County Deer Management Program to a small group of citizens at a public meeting on Aug. 10 at the Government Center.

Joining Edwards to inform the attendees and to take questions and comments at the meeting were Sgt. Earit Powell with the Fairfax County Police Department, and Kristen Sinclair, ecologist III, county Natural Resources Branch, who is responsible for much of the data collection.

The presentation was divided into three major areas of impact by the wandering ruminants: safety concerns, health concerns, and ecological damage. It is within the first and third of these concerns that the numbers can best be gathered, analysed, and used to justify the county’s management program and aid in developing the best approach.

**ACCORDING TO STUDIES**, Virginia is considered a “high risk” state, ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in the nation in 2016 for the number of “Deer-Vehicle Collisions” (DVCs), with chances being 1 in 94 of involvement in such an incident. Police records between 2010 and 2016 record an average of 72 DVCs reported annually. A preliminary analysis of records from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) adds an estimated 1,500-1,600 deer which are picked up from roadsides in Fairfax County. Since it’s approximated that only about 25 percent of deer that are struck by vehicles actually die at the scene, it’s understandable that officials believe that the actual number of DVCs may be significantly higher than those reported.

Edwards and Sinclair told the attendees that the county is working to gather data from a number of sources that are now maintained separately to get the most accurate data.

Sinclair described the efforts to most sci-



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**From left: Sgt. Earit Powell of the Fairfax County Police Dept. manages the deer hunting operations. Katherine Edwards, Ph.D. is the county’s wildlife management specialist. Together with Kristen Sinclair, ecologist III, Natural Resources Branch, the three hosted the public meeting on the 2017-2018 Deer Population Management Program.**



FILE PHOTO

**Kristen Sinclair, ecologist III, county Natural Resources Branch, cited a study that deer are consuming seedlings and saplings, bushes, and shrubs, as well as “hindering the forest regeneration.”**

entifically measure the ecological damages being done by deer over-population, using hundreds of “browsing plots” throughout the both the county’s park system and in partnership with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. It’s an ongoing study, with data collected on a rotating basis over a number of years, to study the changes.

Deer aren’t just grazing in open parkland, said Sinclair. They are consuming seedlings and saplings, bushes, and shrubs, as well as “hindering the forest regeneration.” The plots show that the very structure of the forest is impaired, significantly changing the forest composition and leading to a loss of “ecosystem services like clean water and air. It ultimately destroys biodiversity.”

The Fairfax County Deer Reduction program was originally approved by the Board of Supervisors in 1998, but didn’t really get

officially underway and under intense supervision until several years later. Today’s program, said Edwards, is based on best practices for deer management and peer-reviewed scientific literature. The current state-approved control methods are archery, firearms managed hunts, and law enforcement sharpshooters and the program is now managed by the Fairfax County Police Department, with Powell in charge.

There are dozens of regulations relating to who may participate, how each form of reduction is managed, and how to best ensure the safety of the public and of the hunters, themselves. Strict recordkeeping is mandated. “A number of hunters were disqualified last year,” said Powell, “not because they did anything unsafe or against the rules in terms of the actual harvesting of deer. They didn’t keep the records that



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we require. So they were out.”

Powell also noted that in many cases, the hunt group leaders, or other hunters reported the failures of their peers, because “they want to do this right, safely, and be accountable.”

One man expressed concerns for himself and neighbors, as homeowners near deer hunting locations, but Powell insisted that there have been no reports of any injuries to citizens, only accidents to the hunters. “Mostly falls, or other injuries often typical of time spent in the woods.”

**THE ARCHERY PROGRAM** is the county’s number one method of deer population control, accounting for 95 percent of the 1,092 deer harvested last year by 627 sanctioned archers, working 18 designated archery clusters. The archers donated 44,881 hunt hours, but only 10.4 percent of hunting attempts resulted in deer harvests.

It is the use of archery as the mainstay of population control that caused some concern and pushback by the few residents in attendance.

Melissa Klein from the Braddock area said she understood the need for controlling the deer population, but felt like relying so heavily on archery “wasn’t a 21<sup>st</sup> century solution.” She and Kevin Rose, district wildlife biologist for the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries who was in the audience, entered into a bit of a debate on the use of birth control to reduce the numbers of deer. Both referred to a study in a controlled population of deer in Maryland, using the drug PZP. After some back-and-forth between the two, Rose ultimately stated that the experiment was a failure, in part because of the transient nature of the deer, as they moved in and out of areas and among herds, and because the “balance between births and deaths” is not being achieved by that method.

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# Teens Tackle Poverty Close To Home

**Catholic Diocese of Arlington sends 820 teen volunteers.**

BY SHIRLEY RUHE  
THE CONNECTION

**R**ory Cameron from Arlington took off with a fleet of mini vans on June 24 where he was headed for a week of WorkCamp with the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. Lily McIntire changed into her white shirt with the blue motto for this year “I Will Love” stamped on the back. She headed for the prayer circle before taking off on Sunday afternoon.

WorkCamp began 29 years ago with 18 teens in one parish. In 2017 there were 820 teens and another 400 adults working on 190 projects to make homes warmer, safer and drier for those in need. Kevin Bohli, director of the Diocese of Arlington’s Office of Youth Ministry, says the projects are always within the boundaries of the diocese, which includes 21 counties and seven cities in central and northern Virginia.

“We want our teens to understand you don’t have to travel a long distance to find poverty or to help those in need. Service begins right here at home,” Bohli said.

Cameron worked this year in a trailer park to build a new deck with a wheelchair ramp for an elderly woman who had trouble getting out. The first day they took out several big bushes and “our leader had us save all of the flowers and move them.” The next day they started building the deck. “Measuring was critical in building the framing for the deck so when the ramp is connected it would fit right,” he said.

Cameron says the teenagers get tool training before they participate in WorkCamp. “Each parish has its own individual tool training. It is a basic course — hammer, drill, nails.” But he says his dad has had him do projects for years so he is pretty good at building. “But some kids don’t know anything.”

Carolina Magro, from Alexandria, says she also did tool training. I could use a hammer but I’m not comfortable with power tools.

“We had a contractor watching us to supervise our projects step by step.” Cameron said, “They were very big on safety — always wear safety glasses, gloves, drink excessive amounts of water.”

McIntire says the first step was always to walk around the work site to spot any potential hazards like power lines or unlevel grounds.



Emily Madden

PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED



Teresa Nguyen, left, with crew

Magro, in her second year as a volunteer, says this year she had lots of small projects for a deaf couple including installation of new storm doors, refurbishing the garden, fixing the railing and the outdoor steps. Her project last year had been the floor for a playroom for mothers with young children. She says the women and children were living in a temporary situation because they were homeless or in a bad place. Magro says she had heard a lot about WorkCamp and her sister had done it. “It’s relational ministry and rewarding helping her and knowing her life changed.”

McIntire says this is her third year at WorkCamp. “The first year I didn’t know what I was doing but all the kids in the parish do WorkCamp.” She estimates they had 40-50 teenagers this year from her parish. “It is important to make lasting friendships, not just superficial. I got close with the crew. Every year I would go in with the mindset that it wouldn’t be as fun as the last year so

you work harder, but I had an amazing experience.”

Cameron says it was a joke in his family that his mom was going to make him go the first year and then he could go back if he liked. This is his third year; all three years he has been assigned to decking projects. “I like construction. It’s very fun and I like helping people.” He says the residents would come out and talk to them about once a day. “She had limited mobility but she seemed very thrilled with us.”

McIntire says that each day was pretty much routine starting with mass at 7 a.m. Emily Madden, a 4th year camper from Alexandria, said, “The bathroom lines are pretty long but that’s just a little sacrifice you do for the good feeling you have.” This is followed by breakfast. Cameron says they had breakfast each day with teenagers they knew but during the workday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. they were assigned to a group of teenagers from a different parish. “They like to have you get to know each other.”

On the way to the site each day there was a “devo,” a teen devotional leader who led the group in prayers during the car ride and lunch. Madden says they would have a discussion about what they were going to do that day, “tie in the Catholic aspect, make sure we were doing the work for the right reason.”

Teresa Nguyen says everyone in the crew had a role. Hers was to be the “dynamo” to keep up everyone’s spirits.

After they arrived at Madden’s site she says it was measuring space for the gutters and chop sawing the pieces until the lunch break — peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, fruit, snack and drink every day. Then back to work until 4 p.m. followed by a shower. Nguyen said, “They wouldn’t let you into dinner unless you had a shower. I can understand. It got pretty hot.” After dinner there was a program with a speaker or



**Teenagers at WorkCamp 2017 through the Diocese of Arlington’s Office of Youth Ministry hydrate during a break on their project to make houses safer, drier and and warmer for those in need in the central and northern Virginia area.**

musical performance “and one night I remember we had ice cream,” Nguyen added.

Madden said, “The program was one of my favorite things with lots of music. You got to be with your parish people and your new friends.” Madden says this is her 4th year of WorkCamp where she helped build a wheelchair ramp. “It was somewhere close to King’s Dominion. It was kind of funny, we passed King’s Dominion every day going to the site and coming back.” Next year Madden hopes to return to WorkCamp as part of the home base crew and when she is old enough as an adult leader.

Nguyen, also in her 4th year of WorkCamp, says last year she helped repair a wheelchair ramp “that had boards poking out and nails everywhere” so that the resident’s grandson could safely get out of the house.” On the last day the residents can come together with the crews and they pass around the microphone. “What really touched my heart was my resident came with her two grandchildren and said they were no longer trapped inside the four walls of their house and her little granddaughter could now play outside on the deck without her having to worry and her grandson could get his wheelchair outside.” Nguyen added, “We think they are letting us come inside their house and helping them, but they are really helping me.”

Bohli says he attended WorkCamp as a volunteer contractor in 1995. “The experience had such a strong impact on me that I left my position as a mechanical engineer for the government in 1997 and began to do youth ministry.” In 2001 he took over the diocesan office of Youth Ministry “and began running the very camp that had such a strong impact on my life.”

# FAITH

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**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax**, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, offers the Religious Exploration program for all children, from pre-K toddlers through high school seniors, emphasizing exploration of all religious traditions while developing a

personal spiritual path. The program offers classes on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings. 703-281-4230.

**Trinity United Methodist Church**, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. Sunday worship services are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for young adults follows the 10:30 a.m. worship services and for children at 9:30 a.m. Youth Group for grades 7-12 meets Sundays at 5 p.m. A 20-minute service of Holy Communion is held each Wednesday at noon. 703-356-3312 or umtrinity.org.

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**The S.P.O.T for Youth**, Wednesday's at 7 p.m. A place where youth can come together and pray, ask questions about the faith and receive mentorship. The spot is a ministry of First Baptist Church of Vienna, 450 Orchard Street, NW Vienna.

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# OPINION

## On Events in Charlottesville

What some representatives had to say about hate, bigotry and the deaths and damage that resulted.

### Gov. Terry McAuliffe:

"I convened an emergency cabinet meeting to discuss the next steps we, as a commonwealth, must take in order to begin the arduous process of healing our community and confronting the racism that stubbornly remains in our nation. The events of this weekend have only strengthened our resolve to combat hatred and bigotry, and I want Virginia to be a leader in the national conversation about how we move forward. I have directed my team to impanel a commission with representatives from community organizations, faith leaders, and law enforcement to make actionable recommendations for executive and legislative solutions to advance our mission of reconciliation, unity, and public safety."

### Sharon Bulova, chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors:

"The tragedy that took place in Charlottesville does not represent who we are as Virginians. I am incredibly saddened by the hatred and bigotry that was displayed and my heart goes out to the family and friends of the three individuals who tragically lost their lives. We must all do our part to set the tone in our own communities by exemplifying values of acceptance and kindness. As it is often said, 'Be the change you want to see in the world.' That is where we all have incredible power and influence every day in our communities."

### U.S. Sen. Mark Warner:

"Virginians mourn the life taken in this morning's events and reject this hateful violence in Charlottesville. We condemn the in-

tolerance behind it and those who would pass it off as a legitimate political movement. Those who traveled to Virginia to incite unrest don't understand the Virginia-born values that make our country great."

### U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine:

"Virginia has come so far in recent decades to put division behind us. ... It's sickening to see the displays of violence and bigotry that were brought to Charlottesville by white nationalists, which tragically led to injuries and at least one death today. This is not who we are. Charlottesville is a vibrant community that recognizes the deep scars from our past and has rejected hatred in favor of inclusion."

"The fact that people like David Duke cited the President to justify their views is a disturbing reminder that divisive rhetoric has sadly contributed to a climate where individuals who espouse hate feel emboldened. As they seek publicity through their hateful tactics, let's pull together — regardless of party, race or religion — to reject hatred in no uncertain terms and stand together."

### U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly:

"We banished hate a long time ago in Virginia. We must condemn this bigotry and not turn a blind eye to racism."

### U.S. Rep. Don Beyer:

"I join the great and passionate majority of Virginians who hold these values dear: abhorrence for racism and hatred, respect for law, and respect for one another. It is especially sad that this ugly incident occurred in the home of one of America's most treasured centers of

learning. The work of creating a more just and equal society will never end and we will re-dedicate ourselves to that in the days and weeks ahead."

### U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock:

"The Attorney General has done the right thing in opening a federal investigation that will have the full support of the Department of Justice. AG Sessions: 'The violence and deaths in Charlottesville strike at the heart of American law and justice. When such actions arise from racial bigotry and hatred, they betray our core values and cannot be tolerated.' "The neo-Nazi march and the hate and racism on display in Charlottesville are vile, have no place in Virginia, and are denounced by Republicans and Democrats alike in our great Commonwealth."

### Del. Marcus Simon:

"The scenes of white supremacist, racist neo-nazis marching proudly in Charlottesville along with heavily armed self-proclaimed militiamen chanting racist slogans and obscenely taunting counter-demonstrators are beyond disturbing. Virginia is better than this."

"Virginia's political leaders have the power to raise the level of discourse. To educate, inform, and enlighten with thoughtful discussion and debate. What's happened over the last 24 hours in Charlottesville is not happening in a vacuum and it's not an aberration. It's what happens when we demonize the other among us."

"What makes Virginia great is our growing diversity. Our openness to new and better ideas. Our willingness to accept everyone who comes here looking to build a better life, a stronger commonwealth and better world."

"We are better than the image that's being broadcast to the world today."

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Oakcrest Neighbors Raise Traffic and Safety Concerns

To the Editor:

Three and a half years ago, Oakcrest applied for and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BoS) approved (by just one vote) Special Exception Amendment 2009-DR-008. The community welcomes Oakcrest School to the neighborhood but continues to have significant concerns regarding traffic and safety. Specifics:

❖ After three and a half years, construction of the stoplight and turn lanes at the Hunter Mill/Crowell intersection is far from complete and won't be finished by the opening of the school on Sept. 6. This failing intersection (initially promised to be a roundabout in Oakcrest's original application) will be under even more severe stress after Labor Day.

❖ Oakcrest requested and the BoS approved a contingency plan for this eventuality — which insti-

tutes severe restrictions on the number of trips generated by the school during peak hours. We have requested but have not yet received information on how Oakcrest will implement a traffic plan meeting these restrictions until the stop light is operational. We'll be watching.

❖ When asked at the February, 2014 BoS meeting, Oakcrest indicated they would support a traffic policeman stationed at the entrance/exit on Crowell Road. However, the BoS did not codify this as a requirement, and it is unclear whether Oakcrest will provide this safety enhancement.

❖ Flashing lights warning of the school zone have been installed — but to my dismay, the lights on the westbound approach to Oakcrest are situated after, not before "dead man's curve" on Crowell. Oakcrest states the placement was approved

by VDOT. Seriously? Drivers will come around the curve at speed and then need to slam on their brakes during school hours to drop to 25 mph? Another environment ripe for accidents. What were Oakcrest and VDOT thinking?

❖ The neighborhood meeting stipulated by the BoS to be held prior to the start of school has not been scheduled. Oakcrest states it is waiting for Hunter Mill District Supervisor Catherine Hudgins' office to schedule. What is she waiting for? The first serious accident at the entrance to Oakcrest will be the fault of Oakcrest and the supervisors (including Supervisor Hudgins) who voted for this bizarre plan — over the more sensible plan originally agreed to by Oakcrest (roundabout at Hunter Mill and Crowell, entrance/exit on Hunter Mill). And the ultimate irony? A year after the February 2014 deci-

sion, Fairfax DOT staff reversed themselves (for the second time) and now support a roundabout at this intersection — and have documented this recommendation in the Master Transportation Plan for this corridor. Will chaos and traffic congestion increase after school opens and the stoplight is (finally) activated? If so, let's remember who brought it on.

Laddie Suk  
Vienna

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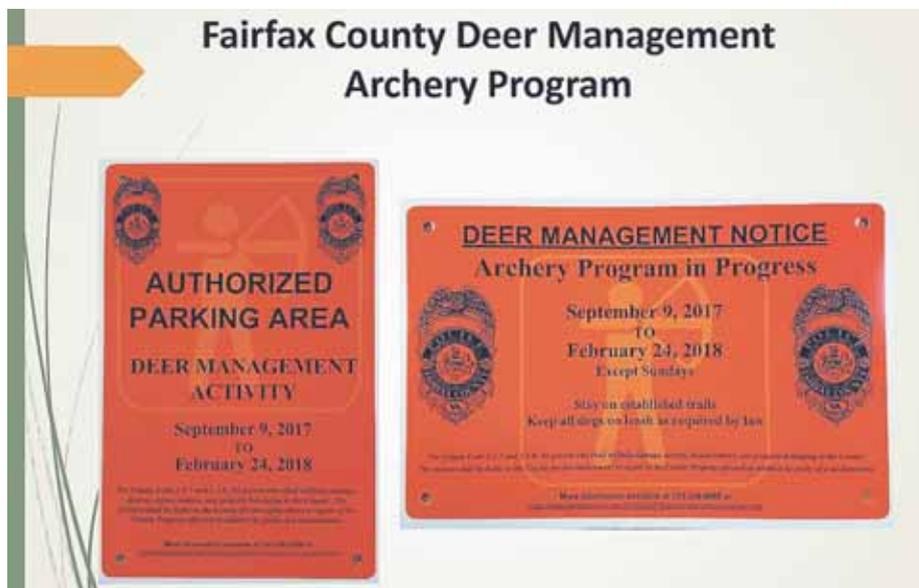
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## Managed Deer Hunts Begin Sept. 1

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Kathie Sowell of Vienna also shared some concerns, relating a particularly gruesome encounter with a deer, still mobile, but with an arrow through its eye.

Phil Church of Fairfax had similar objections. “The wounding rate for these animals is what bothers me.” Church also agreed that control of the population was needed, but questioned the reliance on archery, when it was “impossible to say how many of the deer wander off wounded, or how long it may take for some of them to die, or to be tracked by the hunter and finished.”

Church and others wanted to know why sharpshooting couldn’t be the more employed methodology, since

there was agreement that it would be “more humane.”

“Logistics and cost. That’s honestly the answer,” said Powell. Having paid law enforcement personnel off the job to handle the deer population is just not efficient or in the budget.

There were no easy answers forthcoming from the officials to the objections, but there were promises to continue to look for other methods, to review the program, and to consider public safety at all times.

The program will begin on Sept. 1, and run through Feb. 24, 2018. No hunting will take place on Sundays. To learn more about the program and to see which parks are included, go to the county’s website [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov), type in “Managed Deer Hunts” and follow the links.

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# Solar Eclipse 2017 Local experts offer instruction in safe viewing.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

## Details

**S**ome local science teachers went back to school recently for a lesson on the upcoming solar eclipse on Aug. 21 when a total solar eclipse cuts a path across the U.S. Instructors from Fairfax, Arlington, and other Northern Virginia counties attended a half-day workshop led by professor Harold Geller, Ph.D., of the Department of Physics and Astronomy at George Mason University.

During the event, which was sponsored by the Virginia Space Grant Consortium, teachers received ideas on teaching their students about the eclipse. “We tested the teachers’ knowledge,” said Geller. “They also worked in small groups to develop a lesson plan on the eclipse.”

Teachers also got a hands-on outdoor session on safe viewing of the sun and solar eclipse as well as a hands-on lesson on the moon’s phases. Geller said the lesson and safety precautions can be applicable to anyone with an interest in the event. “Everyone seems to know the date ... but many are not aware of the times,” said Geller. “They vary by location. In Washington, D.C. on 21 August 2017 the partial solar eclipse will begin at 1:18 p.m. The peak or maximum will be at 2:43 p.m. The partial solar eclipse will end here at 4:02 p.m.”

For more information, see <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/>.

For those who may be unaware of the specifics, Geller underscored the importance of understanding what a solar eclipse is. “Most simply, it’s the phenomena which occur when the moon gets in direct line of sight between the Earth and the sun,” he said. “In the D.C. metropolitan area, between 81 and 85-percent of the sun’s disk will be blocked by the moon.”

For those in the Washington, D.C. region who are wondering what will be visible, Geller said, “At the start of the eclipse, it will appear that a dark disk is blocking out the light from the sun. As we proceed to maximum, more and more of the sun’s disk will be blocked by the moon. Then, after the peak, less and less of the sun’s disk will be blocked by the moon.”

For those wishing to see the eclipse without leaving the Washington, D.C. region, “The best place to view the eclipse is in the path of totality, that is, wherever the shadow of the moon will totally block all the light from the sun,” said Geller. “Another very important factor is the weather. You should have a direct line of sight to the sun, no interfering clouds. So an open field, with no interference along the line of sight to

the sun between 1 and 4 p.m. in this area, would be best.”

Safety is a factor that Eric Bubar, Ph.D., associate professor of biology and physical sciences at Marymount University underscores.

“Never look directly at the sun, unless you can approved solar viewing glasses,” he said. “These might be hard to find at the moment. Most online vendors are sold out.”

For those considering using their sunglasses instead of eclipse glasses, Bubar offers a warning. “Your sunglasses are not suitable for viewing the sun,” he said. “No matter how dark, expensive or polarized they are, don’t use them. Polarization and UV blocking are great for decreasing the ambient brightness outside, but direct sunlight light can pierce right through and cause damage to your eyes. The only safe way to see the sun with your own eyes is through eclipse glasses or appropriate solar filters.”

“No one should ever look directly at the sun without proper protection,” added Geller. “Only special equipment should be used, whether looking directly at the sun or indirectly at the sun. Only a limited number of manufacturers’ products have been tested for safety. Make sure you are using one of these or that you use an indirect



PHOTO COURTESY OF HAROLD GELLER

**George Mason professor Harold Geller led a workshop for science teachers that included an outdoor session on viewing the Sun and the upcoming solar eclipse safety.**

method for observing the sun.”

Bubar recommends using the list of vendors certified by the American Astronomical Society. “Also, look at the glasses and make sure there are no holes or punctures in the viewing material,” he said. “Even a small crease or puncture can make them unsafe.”

Eclipse enthusiasts should not be fooled by glasses that appear similar to eclipse glasses that have been certified for safe viewing, says Bubar. “The material in solar filters can look a lot like aluminum foil but is completely different,” he said. “If you can’t find solar viewing glasses ... you can see it indirectly with a pinhole viewer.”

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# VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna Police Department from Aug. 4 – Aug. 10.

## INCIDENTS

**Domestic Assault** — Old Courthouse Road, NE July 26, 3 p.m. On Aug. 9 a resident reported that his juvenile daughter has become increasingly violent towards him and has struck him several times in the past. The last incident occurred on July 26 when she struck him in the face during an argument. The resident only wanted to document the assault; he did not want to pursue charges at this time.

**Animal Case – Quarantine** — Vienna Dog Park, 700 Courthouse Road, SW, July 30, 3:27 p.m. A citizen reported that her 6-year-old son was with his older sister when he was bitten on the arm by a dog in the dog park. The boy had been playing with the dog, described only as a white Pitbull mix. No information on the owner was obtained at the time of the incident. Attempts are being made by ACO Barker and the Fairfax County Health Department to identify the dog and its owner.

**Fraud** — Christine Salon, 113 Park Street, NE, Aug. 1, 10:43 a.m. The owner of the salon reported a fraud by false pretenses after someone gained access to their payroll account. This case is being investigated. **Suspicious Event** — 1000 Block Echols Street, SE between Aug. 3 at 11:50 p.m. and Aug. 4 at 2:36 p.m. A resident reported that an unknown person placed orders with a couple of restaurants to deliver several pizzas to their home.

**Suspicious Person** — Trousseau 306 Maple Avenue, West, Aug. 4, 9:47 a.m. An employee reported a woman loitering in front of their store. The woman has previously been disorderly in the store and the employees no longer want her on the property. The woman was advised to leave the store and that she may be charged with trespass if she returns.

**Grand Larceny** — 1000 Block Park Street, SE Aug. 4 between 6 p. m. and 8 p.m. A resident reported that an acquaintance had removed the disconnect plug from her outside heat pump unit.

**Grand Larceny and Credit Card Fraud** — 300 Block Arcadian Circle, SW Between Aug. 4 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 5 at 7 a.m. While visiting at a residence a citizen left her unlocked vehicle parked in a driveway overnight. Someone entered the vehicle and stole her purse, her husband's wallet, driver's licenses and various credit and debit cards. The citizen was notified that the cards that were stolen were used several times overnight, once being used at the Manhattan Bagel, 310 Maple Avenue, West. These cases are being investigated.

**Petit Larceny** — 300 Block Arcadian Circle, SW Between Aug. 4 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 5 at 7 a.m. A resident left her vehicle parked unlocked in her driveway. Someone entered the vehicle and took purses, her license and a credit card. (This was the same address as the previous Incident) This case is being investigated.

**Vandalism** — Stem Tree Education Center 220 Maple Avenue, West, between Aug. 4 at 8 p.m. and August 5 at 3:25 p.m. An employee reported the company van had been left legally parked in the parking lot. When they returned to the vehicle they found someone had damaged the passenger side window of the van.

**Vandalism** — Sports Clips 134 Maple Avenue, West, between Aug. 4 at 9 p.m. and Aug. 5 at 2 p.m. An unknown person smashed the tinted store front window at Sport Clips.

**Grand Larceny** — Cloud9 Vape 513 Maple Avenue, West Aug. 5, 12:52 p.m. An employee reported a customer had laid several items on the counter to purchase. As the employee was completing the transaction the customer grabbed the items and fled the store without paying for them.

**Arrest - Drunk In Public** — Southside Park, 1317 Ross Drive, SW, Aug. 5 1:16 p.m. Officers responded to the report of a woman who was attempting to drive her vehicle between the fields at Southside Park. They located the woman outside of her vehicle in the park. Upon the officer's interaction with the woman they detected signs of impairment and she was unable to explain how her vehicle ended up in the park. MPO Seitz arrested the 55-year-old woman from Kalorama Road in Annandale, Va. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with Drunk In Public.

**Domestic Dispute** — 600 Block Frederick Street, SW, Aug. 5, 1:40 p.m. A resident reported that her sister had come to her residence, acting disorderly and had a verbal dispute with her. The woman had

left the home before officers arrived. MPO Lose contacted the woman and advised her that her sister did not want her to return to her property.

**Arrest – Drunk in Public** — 200 Block Cedar Lane, SE Aug. 5, 7:55 p.m. A resident was driving in the parking lot of the apartments with her ex-boyfriend. The resident advised the man was drunk and they were arguing when he assaulted her. When she advised him that she was calling the police he threatened her, then got out of the vehicle and walked away. Officers located the man in the shopping center parking lot. Upon their interaction with him they detected signs of impairment and he became belligerent with the officers. MPO Shaw arrested the 34-year-old man from Belmont Street, NW in Washington, DC for Drunk In Public. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. The resident declined to pursue assault charges.

**Trespassing** — 400 Block Yeonas Drive, SW, Aug. 5, 9:09 p.m. A resident advised of an ongoing problem with their neighbor. Officers spoke to the neighbor advising him that the residents do not want him on their property and that he may be charged with trespass if he returns.

**Natural Death** — 900 Block Hillcrest Drive, SE, Aug. 5, 10:15 p.m. Officers responded to assist rescue personnel with an elderly man who was unresponsive. The man's wife advised she had gone to check on her husband shortly after he had gone upstairs in their residence. When she realized he was having a medical emergency she immediately summoned rescue. Attempts to resuscitate him were unsuccessful. The man was under treatment for some medical issues.

**Arrest – Drunk In Public** — Jammin Java 227 Maple Avenue, East, Aug. 5 11:36 p.m. Officers responded to a report of patrons acting disorderly at Jammin Java. An employee advised one of the men assaulted him. MPO Smith located the man in the parking lot and, upon his interaction with the man, detected signs of impairment. The 41-year-old man from Old Bridge Road in Amisville, Va. was arrested for Drunk In Public and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. The employee did not wish to pursue charges for assault; however the man was trespassed from Jammin Java.

**Lost Property** — 200 Block Maple Avenue, East, Aug. 6 between 10:30 a.m. and 3:46 p.m. A citizen reported losing medication and stated that it may have been stolen from her purse.

**Open Door** — 700 Block John Marshall Drive, NW Aug. 6, 6:45 p.m. Officers responded to a residence for an open garage door. Nothing appeared to have been disturbed and the officers were able to secure the door.

**Animal Case** — 500 Block Moorefield Road, SW, Aug. 7, 9:30 a.m. A small brown terrier was found running at large. ACO Barker was unable to locate the dog's owner. The dog was transported the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

**Found Property** — 100 Block Roland Court, SW, Aug. 7 9:37 a.m. A member of the homeowner's association reported a bike that had been left abandoned in the common area of the property.

**Animal Case – Quarantine** — 400 Block Park Street, NE Aug. 7 12 noon. An employee with a pest control company was working at a house when the resident's dog slipped out of the door and bit the man. The dog is current on its vaccines. The owner was advised of the 10 day quarantine process. **Trespassing** — Walgreens 225 Maple Avenue, East, Aug. 7, 4:05 p.m. An employee advised of two juveniles who were acting disorderly and refusing to leave the store. MPO Finelli spoke to the juveniles and advised them that if they returned to the store they may be charged with trespass.

**Vehicle Tampering** — 1200 Block Ware Street, SW Between Aug. 7 at 6 p.m. and Aug. 8 at 8:30 a.m. A resident advised someone entered her vehicle and rummaged through it. Some of her property was located on the ground outside of the vehicle.

**Grand Larceny** — 1000 Block Lynn Street, SW Between Aug. 7 at 8 p.m. and Aug. 8 at 6:30 a.m. A resident advised that he was alerted by his credit card company that a large purchase had been made on one of his credit cards. When he went to retrieve his wallet from his vehicle he discovered that someone entered his vehicle and stole his wallet that contained the credit card that was used in addition to other credit cards, his driver's license and other forms of identification. Additional transactions were also made on his cards. Officers located his wallet and some of its contents while investigating some abandoned property related to another vehicle tampering case. This case is being investigated.

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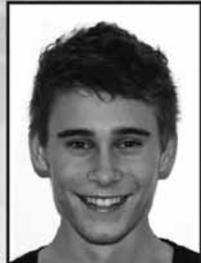
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**Volunteers Needed.** PRS is looking for empathetic and caring volunteers to make phone calls to older adults who may be feeling socially isolated. The commitment is one 3-hour shift per week for one year. Located in Arlington. Ages 21 & up. Intensive training provided. Learn more and apply: <https://prsinc.org/caring-volunteering/>. Questions? Email [lpadgett@prsinc.org](mailto:lpadgett@prsinc.org).

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](mailto:Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov). Also visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltombudsman/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltombudsman/).

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](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on Volunteer Solutions.

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## I Had a Dream



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Which apparently, according to my oncologist, is not unusual. In fact, he's had them, too. What I am referring to, in a general sense, are cancer dreams. The 'cancer dream' I had was my first. Actually, it was not so much a dream, with a beginning, middle and an end, as it was a fragment; a moment in subconscious time that provided (illuminated would be too strong a characterization) an opportunity to possibly see my future and prepare accordingly.

Before I share my dream, let me give you a bit of context relating to my cancer condition. I am nearly five months into my ninth year post diagnosis. I have stage IV non-small cell lung cancer, the terminal kind. Stage IV, if you don't know (and I certainly didn't know stage IV from stage left until my oncologist told me in late February 2009) means the tumors have metastasized (moved from its original location, which is rarely good) and are inoperable (which means surgery is not an option/recommended/reasonable). Ergo, the "13 month to two year" prognosis I was given and the associated 2 percent chance of survival beyond five years. To say then that cancer/my mortality is constantly on my mind is an understatement of epic proportions.

Given the unlikely still-living situation in which amazingly I find myself, I am regularly waiting for disappointing/discouraging health-related symptoms/news. With every five-week cycle of pre-chemotherapy lab work/24-hour urine collection and chemotherapy infusion, followed by quarterly CT Scans and semi annual brain and/or lower abdomen MRIs, I am at the mercy of results - which at this juncture rarely manifest themselves in any symptomatic/life-changing way. In short, I rarely know what the cancer is doing until my oncologist tells me. So far, mostly so good. As a result of this general lack of symptoms, I am always anticipating the day when I am not so lucky and wondering how it will happen/how I'll react when "the cancer," as "Forrest, Forrest Gump" said it, asserts its insidious hold. This was the dream fragment I had.

The only real symptom of my lung cancer/treatment shows up in my lab work: specifically my creatinine level, which measures kidney function. And kidney function, per conversations with my oncologist, is a major concern. The damage I've incurred already is irreparable and likely to get worse and a constant worry (I've recently had a "liquid biopsy" in an attempt to determine non-surgically the genetic mutation of my tumors which could possibly enable me to switch my chemotherapy to one which is not filtered through the kidneys). In the interim however, or until there is an "actionable" match, I am still preoccupied with this risk. The fear of dialysis/a kidney replacement weighs heavily on my mind.

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# CALENDAR

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## ONGOING

### Great Falls Farmers Market.

Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. Music, vendors, fresh produce, fresh prepared food, delightful bakery, spices from around the world, wild-caught fish, grass-fed, free-range meats, organic-fed poultry and eggs. Email [kathleen@greatfallsfarmersmarket.org](mailto:kathleen@greatfallsfarmersmarket.org) for more.

**Free Tai Chi.** Every Saturday, from 7:55-9 a.m., Introduction and Beginners' Practice, meet on the outdoor basketball court located directly behind the Dolley Madison Public Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave. in McLean Central Park, McLean. Call 703-759-9141 or visit [www.FreeTaiChi.org](http://www.FreeTaiChi.org) for more.

**The Golden Girls of Northern Virginia,** a senior women's softball league, is looking for players. Any woman over the age of 40 is encouraged to join. All skill levels are welcome. Play on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings in Vienna. Visit [www.goldengirls.org](http://www.goldengirls.org).

**First Sunday Jazz Brunch** 11-2 p.m. Recurring monthly on the 1st Sunday at Bazin's on Church 111 Church St N.W., Vienna. Enjoy brunch accompanied by the soft jazz sounds of Virginia Music Adventure. Visit [www.fxva.com/listing/bazins-on-church/1686/](http://www.fxva.com/listing/bazins-on-church/1686/)

**The Freeman Store & Museum** Wednesday through Sunday noon-4 p.m. 131 Church St. NE, Vienna. The Freeman Store & Museum is dedicated to Preserving and promoting Vienna's heritage through the identification, preservation, and interpretation of history significant places, events, and persons. [Historicviennainc.org](http://Historicviennainc.org)

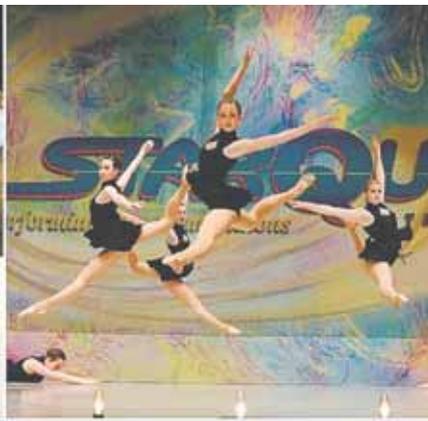
**Weekly Storytime.** Wednesday and Saturday. 11 a.m. Barnes & Noble, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Themes and titles vary. Free admission.

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

**Gentle Yoga.** Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Emmaus United Church of Christ, 900 E Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Gentle Kundalini Yoga, one free introductory session, senior discounts. Increase flexibility, improve breathing and health, reduce stress. Ravi Kaur has 15 years experience teaching yoga. \$15 per session. [www.edimprovement.org](http://www.edimprovement.org). 571-213-3192.

**Fishing Rod Rentals** 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Rentals available during visitor center hours. Fishing tackle and live bait are available for purchase. Reservations required for group rentals. \$6/rental (2 hour max). Valid driver's license required. Rod/reel combinations are perfect for beginners and children. A Virginia or Maryland freshwater fishing license is required for those 16 years or older. The park does not sell fishing licenses. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/)

**Colvin Run Mill** open 11 - 4 p.m. daily, closed Tuesday. 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Fairfax County's operational 19th century water powered gristmill, offers recreational and educational activities for all ages through daily tours, school programs and special events. Fees: \$7/adult, \$6 students 16+ with ID, \$5 children & seniors. Admission to park is free except for



**On Tuesday, Aug. 29 the Cuppett Performing Arts Center is having a dance open house, 4-6 p.m. at 135 Park St, SE. Beginner through pre-professional dance classes in ballet, tap, jazz, modern, lyrical, hip hop, acro and musical theatre. Visit [CuppettePAC.com](http://CuppettePAC.com) or call 703-938-9019.**

## TUESDAY/SEPT. 5

**Lecture on Downton Abbey.** 12:15 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. The McLean Woman's Club presents food and travel writer CiCi Williamson describing the food and its preparation on the 6-year show, along with the history of Highclere Castle, where the filming took place. Free. visit [www.mcleanwomensclub.org](http://www.mcleanwomensclub.org) or call 703-556-0197.

## SEPT. 7-9

**Quarterly Book Sale.** 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Tyson's Library, 7700 and 7704 Leesburg Pike. Large selection of books and media for all ages and interests. Visit [tysonslibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:tysonslibraryfriends@gmail.com) or 703-338-3307 for more.

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 15

**Chillin' on Church.** 6:30 p.m. at Church St., Vienna. Water games, Chump Change band playing rock. Visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) or call 703-255-6360.

## TUESDAY/SEPT. 19

**Antiques Road Show.** 10 a.m.-noon at Colvin Run Historic Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. To have an item evaluated, attendees must provide a picture and description of the provenance (how long it has been in the family, what is already known about it) by Aug. 31. Pictures and details should be sent to Yasha Arant at [yasha\\_arant@yahoo.com](mailto:yasha_arant@yahoo.com) or Yasha Arant, 104 Sue Ann Ct, Sterling, VA 20164. Visit [greatfallsseniorentercenterfsc.wildapricot.org/](http://greatfallsseniorentercenterfsc.wildapricot.org/) for more.

**Colonial Tobacco Harvest.** 1-4 p.m. at the Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Help the farm family harvest their tobacco crop. Gather the cut plants and hang on sticks to cure in the Tobacco Barn. Visit [www.1771.org](http://www.1771.org) for more.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 23

**Fun Fall Bazaar and Market.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Great Falls UMC Annual sale Shops, bake sale, books, silent auction, children's activities, Appraisal Roadshow, and BBQ dinner. Call Lois 703-759-2843 for more.

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 24

**Teddy Bear 5K and 1K.** 2-6 p.m. at Pimmit Hills Park, 7230 Idylwood Road. All proceeds from this event go to Falls Church-McLean Children's Center. Visit [potomac.enmotive.com/events](http://potomac.enmotive.com/events) for more.

## MONDAY/SEPT. 25

**Charity Golf Tournament.** 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Westfield's Golf Club, 13940 Balmoral Greens Ave., Clifton. Annual Family PASS golf to benefit the working homeless Families of Fairfax County. Visit [www.familypassfairfax.org](http://www.familypassfairfax.org) for more.

## SEPT. 29-OCT. 1

**Annual Used Book Sale.** Friday 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday noon-4 p.m. at the Spring Hill Recreation Center, 1239 Spring Hill Road, McLean. Hosted by the McLean Area Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) featuring the auction of a signed Washington National Max Scherzer shirt and cap. Visit [www.aauw.org/](http://www.aauw.org/) for more.



## Chillin' on Church

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**Cool off on this summer with Chillin' on Church, August 18, 6:30 p.m. at Church St., Vienna. Water games. Visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) or call 703-255-6360.**

some special events.

### Fundamentals of Watercolors.

Mondays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Arts of Great Falls, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. Artist Lorrie Herman will help students get comfortable working with watercolors and understanding this medium. Visit [www.greatfallsart.org](http://www.greatfallsart.org) for more.

**Still Life Painting.** Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Arts of Great Falls, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. Still life provides a great tool to hone skills. Recommended for students of all levels. Visit [www.greatfallsart.org](http://www.greatfallsart.org) for more.

**Evening Painting.** Tuesdays 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at The Arts of Great Falls, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. Jill Banks focuses on oil painting fundamentals with two sessions each of still life, landscapes, and portrait/clothed figure from a live model. Visit [www.greatfallsart.org](http://www.greatfallsart.org) for more.

**Intro to Jewelry Design.** Tuesdays 9 a.m.-noon at The Arts of Great Falls, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. JJ Singh teaches a class for anyone interested in exploring the world of metal clay and its design possibilities. Visit [www.greatfallsart.org](http://www.greatfallsart.org) for more.

## AUGUST

**Fairfax Family Golf Month.** At Oak Marr Golf Complex is located at 3136 Jermantown Road, Oakton. In August, parents pay for their 9-hole round of golf and accompanying children and teens (ages 8-17) will receive a round at no charge. This is also good at Jefferson District Golf Course is located at 7900 Lee Highway, Falls Church, and Pinecrest Golf Course, 6600 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf) for more.

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 16

**Climate Action Night.** 7-8:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd, Oakton. Sierra Club brainstorms ways for Virginia to create a healthy, sustainable planet by transitioning to clean energy.

Email [kelsey.crane@sierraclub.org](mailto:kelsey.crane@sierraclub.org), or call 703-438-6246.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 18

**Traveling Players at Madeira School.** 3 p.m. at Madeira School, 8328 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Traveling Players' youth ensembles will present a festival of four plays. Visit [www.madeira.org](http://www.madeira.org) for more.

**Chillin' on Church.** 6:30 p.m. at Church St., Vienna. Water games, Mudlark band playing rock and blues. Visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) or call 703-255-6360.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 19

**Teen Center Party.** 4-8 p.m. at Old Firehouse Teen Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. 27th Anniversary Block Party includes live music, air-brushed tattoos, street performances, an Old Firehouse Living History Exhibit, concessions and various amusements. Bring a bike to donate to Wheels to Africa, a youth-led nonprofit that collects bikes for children in need throughout Africa. Free. Visit [www.mcleancenter.org/teens](http://www.mcleancenter.org/teens) for more.

**Awards Reception.** 7:30 p.m. at the Vienna Arts Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW. "The Human Condition" judge Laura Goyer. Free. Call 703-319-3971 or visit [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org) for more.

## SUNDAY/AUG. 20

**Colonial Mill Demonstration.** Noon-3 p.m. at Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Demonstration on how grains were milled in years past. \$7 for adults, \$6 for students 16 and up with ID, and \$5 for children and seniors. Call 703-759-2771 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks).

**Capriccio String Quartet.** 4 p.m. at McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Road. Benefit for the McLean Baptist Church Community Missions Power Pack Program which provides weekend packs of food to alleviate



**Catching Eyes with Watercolor and Glass with Carole Choucair Oueijan, Oct. 6 -9 at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant Street, NW.**

hunger for student who receive free or reduced-fee meals during the week. Call 703-356-8080 or visit [www.mcleanbaptist.org](http://www.mcleanbaptist.org).

**Concerts on the Green.** 6-8 p.m. at Great Falls Village Centre Green. Vinyl Invention, a Great Falls based group that plays high energy rock and '70s favorites. Visit [www.celebrategreatfalls.org](http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org) for more.

## TUESDAY/AUG. 22

**Local Documentarian Lecture.** 7-9 p.m. at Great Falls Library Large Meeting Room, 9830 Georgetown Pike. Great Falls native Jenny Nichols is now behind the camera making wildlife documentaries, and recently tracked wild elk in Wyoming's Absaroka Mountains. She captured her experience with the elk in an award-winning documentary, which she'll show. Afterwards, Nichols will discuss the making of the film. Call 703-759-3839 for more.

## TUESDAY/AUG. 29

**Dance Open House.** 4-6 p.m. at Cuppett Performing Arts Center, 135 Park St, SE. Beginner through pre-professional dance classes in ballet, tap, jazz, modern, lyrical, hip hop, acro and musical theatre. Visit [CuppettePAC.com](http://CuppettePAC.com) or call 703-938-9019.

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 30

**Back-to-School Quote-Along Movie.** 7 p.m. at the Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road. The Alden begins a series of quote-along movies with a back-to-school viewing of "Mean Girls," Tina Fey's 2004 high-school comedy. Call 571-296-8385 or visit [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org).