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Helping Keep Homeless Warm this Winter

Hypothermia Prevention Program gearing up for 2017-2018 season.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

The first semi-cold snap just hit the region, but it's just a taste of colder days and wintry weather yet to come. It's also a reminder that some of people will be braving the season without the ability to simply turn the temperature up on a heating unit. In a region that is consistently described as having one of the healthiest economies in the country, there are still hundreds who are homeless in the Fairfax-Falls Church community.

Fairfax County and surrounding communities operate shelters for individuals and families year-round and serve a large clientele with their efforts, but when winter arrives, it becomes apparent that there are many more homeless throughout the area, and without the Hypothermia Prevention Program their lives would be in danger.

During the 2016-2017 season, Abby Dunner from the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness reports that at least 1,057 people utilized one of the shelters for at least one night.

THE PROGRAM is an integral part of the county's commitment to prevent and end homelessness, offering shelter – and more – during the coldest months of the year. The non-profits New Hope Housing (NHH), FACETS, Cornerstones and Northern Virginia Family Services operate the program under contract with Fairfax County, dividing their efforts and offerings into five service areas, with the help of some 44 faith-based communities who have volunteered not only their congregants to assist, but also offered their facilities as shelter venues during the program's season.

New Hope Housing handles the task in the South County Route 1 area, the Central area, including Annandale and Seven Corners, as well as within the City of Falls Church, in partnership with Friends of Falls Church Homeless Shelter.

In South County, NHH goes into high gear starting Dec. 1 with their overnight shelter program through the Ventures in Community Hypothermia Outreach Program (VIC-HOP) at Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church in Alexandria. An army of volunteers, many from faith-based agencies, assist staff with meal preparation and service for dinner and a to-go breakfast. NHH also offers housing assistance and employment skills at both shelters.

The City of Falls Church program will kick off on Nov. 15 and run through March 31, 2018 at the Falls Church Homeless Shelter at 217 Gordon Road. from 6 p.m.-8 a.m. daily. Like the South County facilities, case management services will be available, in addition to hot meals and a warm and safe sleeping environment.



On a day like this, many appreciate that Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church in Alexandria offers their facilities to the homeless during the Hypothermia Prevention Program Season through their Ventures in Community Hypothermia Outreach Program, with New Hope Housing coordinating the services for the region.

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Thousands of volunteers make the Hypothermia Prevention Program possible each year, offering a warm meal and a warm place to sleep. A cheerfully decorated lunch bag from some of the region's youngest citizens, can help warm the heart as well.

Contact Information

How to make contact in your area to receive assistance or to offer it:

- ❖ South County – www.newhopehousing.org.
- ❖ City of Falls Church – www.newhopehousing.org
- ❖ Central – www.newhopehousing.org
- ❖ North County – www.cornerstonesva.org.
To donate or volunteer, contact ❖ Susan Alger at Susan.Alger@cornerstonesva.org.
- ❖ Western/Central – www.facetscares.org.

In the Central region, from Dec. 1 through March 31, 2018, NHH operates their seasonal program out of the Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter (BCCS), starting at 4:30 p.m. Faith communities offer their facilities on a weekly rotation, enabling NHH to greatly expand the numbers they can assist. Clients can access meals, laundry, showers and cold-weather clothing and supplies at BCCS, before some are transported to a volunteering faith community for overnight accommodation in the care of NHH staff. Guests are then transported back to BCCS the following morning.

Cornerstones coordinates the efforts in the North County area, including Herndon and Reston, operating out of the Embry Rucker Community Shelter. The main Hypothermia Prevention Program opens at the North County Government Building on Dec. 1, where guests are directed after visiting the Embry Rucker facility. Case management, supplies, meals, showers, laundry, and even bus tokens are available to guests. During the 2015-2016 season, FACETS and their partners served 385 guests.

The Western and Central region, which includes Fairfax and Centreville, is operated by FACETS. Their prevention program begins on Nov. 26. Accommodations vary, as guests are hosted by various partnering faith communities. The first four weeks will be hosted at one site, then, beginning on Dec. 24, the program utilizes two community sites rotating each week. FACETS provides case management services at each location. FACETS also encourages community members to volunteer at a location, or to donate items like food and clothing. The organization offers volunteer and staff training sessions "with the goal of making sure everyone involved feels safe and confident in providing shelter to those experiencing homelessness this season."

IN ADDITION to offering accommodation and life skills services, the Hypothermia Prevention Program includes visits – at least once per week – to the venues by nurse practitioners from Fairfax County's Homeless Healthcare Program. Basic medical care can be offered onsite, and flu vaccines will be offered free of charge. Outreach personnel will also visit, helping to assist clients wishing to enroll into the Community Health Care Network's free clinics.

Renting Out Homes Through the Net

Proposed zoning rules would allow residents to operate short-term lodging as an accessory use of a home.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Nick Ploutis developed his backup plan during tough economic times when fewer people contracted him to paint their houses.

"It has saved me," said Ploutis of Springfield, a father of four who rented out his Alexandria property through a short-term rental platform. "Airbnb has helped me to pay my bills."

Fairfax County Planning Commission held a workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 1 to address issues associated with allowing short-term rentals, such as who can operate lodging, the number of days permitted, whether homeowners or occupants must be present during the rental period, fees and necessary permitting for registering homes for short-term rentals, and if a log of overnight adults guests must be maintained and available to county staff.

"I think a lot of [short-term rentals] are flying under the radar," said Dranesville District Commissioner John Ulfelder. "Technically, they are illegal right now."

Currently, short-term lodging is not a permitted use under the existing Zoning Ordinance.

Laurie Arrants, of the Mason District, expressed comfort that the county will examine this new rental industry before rushing ahead: "Adding risk associated with lodging into the residential communities is a huge paradigm shift," when local zoning code has protected residential areas from commercial activity, she said.

Right now, the county is considering limiting the number of nights in a range of 30 to 180 days annually; planners said they want the rentals clearly defined to be an accessory use, that the property's primary use will still be somebody's domicile.

Gail Henry of Fairfax asked why there would be a limit to the number of days residents could rent out home spaces. "I imagine there are many positives," said Henry, referring to widowers, military members, people laid off or underemployed, or trying to remain in an expensive county.

She voiced concern over a negative undertone she sensed in the county's initial discussions on the topic.

But planning commissioners have not taken any stand, said Planning Commission Chairman and Springfield District Commissioner Peter Murphy.

"No one on the commission is calling balls and strikes right now, we are simply asking questions," said Murphy, during the public workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 1.

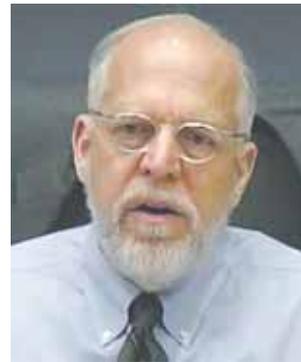
QUESTIONS CONCERNING parking, noise, and insurance liability dominated the queries from the planning commissioners



Julie Strandlie, Mason District Commissioner



Nick Ploutis, Springfield



James Hart, At-large Commissioner



Timothy Sargeant, At-large Commissioner



Don Hinman, Mount Vernon



Gail Henry, Fairfax

Proposed Standards

Related to Operation:

- Short-term lodging allowed as **accessory use** to the primary residential use
 - ✓ Limited to overnight rentals of not more than **30-180 calendar days/year**
 - ✓ Operator must be present during all rental period except for a maximum of **14-60 calendar days/year**
 - ✓ Limited to one contract per night
 - A log of all overnight adult guests must be maintained & must be available upon request by County Staff
- ✓ Indicates provision to be advertised with flexibility

FAIRFAX COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING

This chart shows a range of proposals for the zoning ordinance regarding short-term rentals.

to Department of Planning and Zoning staff during the two-hour meeting.

Liability insurance must be addressed, said Don Hinman, of Mount Vernon District, who spoke on behalf of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations. The federation advocates that homeowners (or residents) must be present when renting out

for short-term rental.

At-large Commissioner James Hart called the short-term rentals analogous to child care centers operating in people's homes.

He asked if inspections will be made, but county officials said they intend the responsibility to be placed on the homeowner or occupant hosting the short-term renter.

"It will be next to impossible for condo associations and HOAs to amend documents if theirs do not already prohibit [short term rentals]."

— Julie Strandlie, Mason District Planning Commissioner

Regulating, Permitting Short-Term Rentals

Fairfax County is moving forward with a process to permit and limit short-term lodging like Airbnb and other platforms. This would regulate who can operate short-term lodging, impose limits on the operation and develop a permit process for seeking approval of short-term lodging as an accessory use to the occupancy of a dwelling.

The county's Department of Zoning Ordinance process allows time to fine-tune additional language of short-term rentals; the county will advertise public hearings to give all residents an opportunity to voice opinion. The county conducted an online survey and have conducted several public meetings already, including last week's public workshop at the Planning Commission.

For more, see www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/short-term-rentals.htm and www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/shorttermrentals/shorttermrentals-calendar.htm.

"If we're approving a registry of these, maybe there's some expectation in the public that somebody at some point has checked to make sure there's a working smoke detector and that there's a fire exit that meets code," said Hart. "I hope that there's not a false sense of security by us approving a registry for these, that yes, you can sleep overnight there ... and we don't know if it's a firetrap or not."

Lee District Commissioner James Migliaccio would like to see "a more draconian approach" taken with violators.

"I'm looking to protect the neighbors a bit more," said Ellen Hurley, Braddock District Commissioner.

THE STRONGEST request came from Mason District Commissioner Julie Strandlie. She implored the county to conduct a survey of HOAs and condo associations.

"I think it is imperative that we do a survey to find out what our communities existing HOA and condo language says," said Strandlie. "It will be next to impossible for condo associations and HOAs to amend documents if theirs do not already prohibit [short-term rentals]."

At-large Commissioner Tim Sargeant said he has concerns for small HOAs that might not have the resources to pursue legal costs should the need arise.

"We're not precluding any HOA in any way from saying no?" asked Commissioner Hart.

"That is correct," answered Lily Yegazi, senior assistant to the zoning administrator.

SCHOOLS

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

Two hundred twenty-three Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students from 17 high schools have been named semifinalists in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program. Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST), which also serves as the Governor's Regional School for Northern Virginia, has 145 semifinalists. All semifinalists are eligible to compete for 7,500 National Merit Scholarship awards worth \$32 million, to be awarded in spring 2018. FCPS 2018 National Merit semifinalists are:

❖ Marshall High School: **Oliver Church, Donald Daniel, Mikayla Huffman, Isaac Karachunsky, Grant Martin, Holly Waters, Shaun Yu.**

❖ Oakton High School: **Bruce Bui, Kira Buttrey, Maggie Chen, Ethan Huang, Courtney Tern, and Jessie Yu.**

❖ South Lakes High School: **Rohan Chandra and Eshaan Sarup.**

Katherine Marie Hyland, from Vienna, was awarded an undergraduate degree in business administration, cum laude, from Longwood University (Farmville, Va.).

Amelia Ely, of Vienna, has completed freshman orientation and is prepared to enroll in the fall 2017 semester as part of the class of 2021 at University at Albany (N.Y.).

Amanda Kaitlyn Serpico, from Vienna, was awarded an undergraduate degree in political science, cum laude, from Longwood University (Farmville, Va.).

Anna P. Southworth, of Vienna, graduated from Boston University (Mass.) in September 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in human physiology.

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During the last week of each year, this newspaper devotes its pages to the creativity of local students and children. The results are always remarkable. It is a keepsake edition for many families. Even readers without children of that age spend time admiring and chuckling over the issue. The annual Children's Connection (including Children's Gazette, Children's Almanac and Children's Centre View) is a tradition of well over a decade.

EDITORIAL

We welcome contributions from public and private schools, individuals and homeschoolers. We publish artwork, poetry, essays, creative writing, opinion pieces, short stories, photography, photos of sculpture or gardens or other creative efforts.

We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent through email or delivered on CD or flash drive. Writing should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf). Artwork should be photographed or scanned and provided in jpeg format.

Some suggestions:

- ❖ Drawings or paintings or photographs of

your family, friends, pets or some favorite activity. These should be photographed or scanned and submitted in jpeg format. Photos of sculpture or larger art projects are also welcome.

- ❖ Short answers (50 to 100 words) to some of the following questions: If you could give your parents, family or friends any gift that didn't cost money what would that gift be? What are you most looking forward to in the upcoming year? What is one thing that you would change about school? What do you want to be when you grow up? What is your favorite animal? What is your favorite toy? What makes a good parent? What makes a good friend? Describe one of the best or worst things that ever happened to you? What is the best gift you've ever been given? Ever received?

- ❖ Your opinion (50 to 100 words) about traffic, sports, restaurants, video games, toys, trends, politics, etc.

- ❖ Poetry or other creative writing.

- ❖ News stories from school newspapers.

- ❖ Photos and text about activities or events.

To be published, we must have the full first and last name of the student artist/writer.

Identify each piece of writing or art, including the student's full name, age, grade and town of residence, plus the name of the school, name of teacher and town of school location. Home schoolers' contributions are welcomed. Please send all submissions by Friday, Dec. 1. The Children's Edition will publish the last week of 2017.

To send CDs or flash drives containing artwork and typed, electronic submissions, mark them clearly by school and hometown and mail the CD or flash drive to: Children's Connection (including Children's Gazette, Children's Almanac and Children's Centre View), 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

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Poll Favors Housing

Voters believe people who work in their community should be able to find a home there.

BY MICHELLE KROCKER,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
NORTHERN VIRGINIA
AFFORDABLE HOUSING ALLIANCE

The first-of-its-kind public opinion poll on housing was conducted recently by the Wason Center for Public Policy at Christopher Newport University to gauge Virginians' thoughts on policies and programs that address housing affordability in the Commonwealth. The poll was commissioned by the Campaign for Housing and Civic Engagement (CHACE), a statewide housing advocacy network led by the Virginia Housing Alliance and the Virginia Poverty Law Center.

A majority (54 percent) of respondents favor public sector investment in affordable housing at the state and local government level. That support includes maintaining and expanding the uses for the Housing Trust Fund, reducing

homelessness, facilitating "aging in place" modifications, and promoting energy efficiency in affordable housing.

A summary of some of the more salient points raised in the survey include:

- ❖ 82 percent of voters strongly believe that people who work in their community should be able to find a home there (economic diversity; access to opportunity);

- ❖ 56 percent of voters agree that housing affordability is vital to their community's economic success (economic competitiveness; diversity; access to opportunity);

- ❖ 58 percent of voters also believe that ending homelessness is an important government priority (access to opportunity);

- ❖ 89 percent of Virginians favor holding energy companies accountable by requiring them to meet energy saving goals for

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Getting Ready for Company

BY JOE FAY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF FACETS

The warm fall masks what's ahead: a cold winter that jeopardizes the lives of those who have no home. Despite the warmer than average temperatures, the annual community effort to protect and provide for Fairfax residents who are living in the woods, on the streets, in cars, and abandoned buildings is gearing up.

Since 2003, FACETS' Hypothermia Prevention and Response Program has provided a safe place to sleep and nutritious meals to men and women who are experiencing homelessness. This program is operated across Fairfax and Falls Church in partnership with the Fairfax County government and approximately 40 faith communities.

Planning starts months before as our team at FACETS, a nonprofit that opens doors by helping those who suffer the effects of poverty in Fairfax, meets with faith community and county partners on the logistics needed to serve hundreds of guests. Throughout the winter, each faith community partner takes a week when they open their



doors to provide shelter. In anticipation, churches and temples are preparing their facilities to welcome people in need during the cold months ahead — cleaning, getting supplies, and making fixes and upgrades. Other volunteers are

planning menus and meals to serve.

Over the years, the program has evolved from solely offering a safe haven to also offering life-enhancing programs. The cold winter means demand for our services goes up. It also means we have the opportunity to address these needs in a very personal way as more people come in from the cold through our hypothermia prevention effort. We use these interactions to connect even more people with housing solutions and critical services.

Last year, we served nearly 300 guests through the hypothermia prevention program. In addition, our case managers worked with 125 of these guests to connect them with health, housing, and job placement services as well as veterans and Social Security benefits.

In addition, we connected some

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WEEK IN VIENNA

Transportation Project Closes Oakton Community Park

The Fairfax County Park Authority has closed Oakton Community Park to all visitors effective Friday, Nov. 3. Oakton Community Park and all facilities including the playground, parking lot, and historic schoolhouse will be closed through April 2018 due to a transportation improvement project to be built by the Fairfax Utilities Design and Construction Division (UDCD).

The project consists of improvements at the intersection of Hunter Mill Road and Mystic Meadow Way in Oakton. Work includes, but is not limited to a reinforced concrete roundabout, concrete and asphalt

sidewalks, curb ramps, concrete medians, and curb and gutter work. The scope of work also includes storm drainage, site improvements, asphalt restoration, pavement markings and other associated work.

The work will be completed by Fort Myer Construction of Washington, D.C. Design work has been completed by the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT).

For more information about this project, contact Project Manager Qais Bashir at 703-324-5085. For information about the park contact the Park Authority Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department from Oct. 27-Nov. 2, 2017.

INCIDENTS

Grand Larceny – Beekman Place Antiques, 126 Maple Ave. East, Sept. 8 between 12 and 12:10 p.m. An employee reported some stolen artwork.

Animal Case 1 – Vienna Animal Hospital, 531 Maple Ave. West, Oct. 12, 11 p.m. A resident reported she was bitten or scratched on her right arm by a stray cat she had located. The cat was placed on quarantine at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

Animal Case – 900 Block of Moorefield Creek, Oct. 13, 9 a.m. A citizen reported a sick fox in the area. Animal Control Officer J. Barker located the

fox. ACO J. Barker determined that the fox was sick and euthanized it.

Grand Larceny – 400 Block of Macarthur Ave. NE, Oct. 17, 9 p.m. A citizen reported that someone entered an unsecured vehicle while it was parked overnight and stole her wallet. Assist Fire EMS – Domino's Pizza, 331 Maple Ave. East, Oct. 19, 6:14 p.m. A citizen needed immediate medical assistance. He was given CPR and transported to the hospital. He's expected to make a full recovery.

Grand Larceny – 1200 Block of Ross Drive SW. Between Oct. 24, 4 p.m. and Oct. 28, 6:45 p.m. A citizen reported that someone stole a bicycle from his garage.

Telephone Case – Navy Federal Credit Union, 820 Follin Lane SE, Oct. 25, 2:21 a.m. A citizen

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Vienna Girls Win Another State Cup

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U19 Girls Vienna Youth Soccer (VYS) Phoenix '99 had a dramatic, come-from-behind, 2-1 win over Herndon United in the Virginia Youth Soccer Association State (VYSA) Cup. This is Phoenix '99s second State Cup Championship in three years.

Phoenix '99 started strong with several unsuccessful scoring opportunities. However, Herndon gained momentum, scoring in the 16th minute, off a deflected corner kick that Phoenix could not clear. Phoenix struggled to find momentum and gain control of the game. Both teams had scoring opportunities as they continued to battle back and forth in a physical game. Finally, in the 45+ minute, Abby Fusca drove down the right side and crossed the ball to Rachel Jackson. Jackson pushed the ball out of the way of a Herndon defender, and drove the ball into the left corner of the net, tying the game seconds before the referee blew the whistle ending the half.

The second half continued the physical play all around with Phoenix '99 taking the early advantage. Both teams battled for scoring opportunities, with each team missing several good chances to take the lead. Shots either wide or over the crossbar seemed to

Rachel Jackson challenges Herndon defender as Cayla Davis (35) looks on.



Rachel McFaul hugs team captain Margaret Covey during post game celebration.



“This is the best team Vienna has ever had, and may ever have again.”

— Coach Michel Vanderhart

be the norm, and Phoenix '99 keeper Christina Larow made several key saves. Phoenix '99 countered a Herndon attack, working the ball up the field. Again, Abby Fusca drove up the right side and crossed the ball into the middle. A streaking Whitney Wiley got her left foot on the ball pushing it into the left side of the goal to take a 2-1 lead in the 76th minute.

Herndon pressed hard to even the game as Phoenix '99 went into defensive mode. Phoenix continued to counter, hoping to put the game out of reach. The Phoenix defense thwarted several Herndon attacks in the closing minutes. As the whistle blew to end the game, the Vienna players rushed to congratulate one another.

Coach Michel Vanderhart said after the game, “This is the best team Vienna has ever had, and may ever have again.” In addition to Phoenix '99s two VYSA State Cup Championships, they were Finalist last year and in 2011/12. The team has three US Youth Soccer Region I appearances including as the U12 2012 Finalist.

Phoenix '99 plays in the Virginia Premier League (VPL) and is two-time champions; the only Vienna team to do so. The team represented Vienna and Virginia in the National Premier League Championships the past two years. They were the finalist in 2017, the only Vienna team to ever compete for a national championship.

Doug Walls, the U19 Girls Age Group Coordinator, said, “It has been a privilege watching these girls grow and develop as soccer players the past 10 years. I look forward to seeing the impact they will make on our country and the world in the years ahead.”

Home LifeStyle

Light Up the Season Tastemakers create holiday trees, mantel-pieces, wreaths and a menorah for charity.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

Some local designers are collaborating with patients at Children's National Health Center to deck the hall for charity. The tastemakers are creating holiday trees, mantle pieces, wreaths and a menorah for a community fundraiser called "Light Up the Season." The Creative & Therapeutic Arts Services at Children's National worked with the Children's Health Board to pair designers with patients for inspiration.

"We were very excited to learn about Light Up the Season and be able to take part," said Nadia Subaran of Aidan Design. "Over the years we've been regular participants in the DC Design House, another charity event benefitting Children's National. However, with this event we got the chance to interact and collaborate with the children that these events benefit. It's been a much more hands on experience for us. And who doesn't love decorating holiday trees?"

Subaran, along with Megan Padilla and Kelly Emerson also of Aidan Design created a holiday tree design called "A 'Wimpy' Tree - A Tree in Cartoons," which was inspired by a patient named Wesley and his favorite book series, "Diary of a Wimpy Kid."

"Our tree will explore a black and white theme in keeping with the graphic novel genre," said Subaran.

The design team says that they used 2- and 3-D interpretations of classic Christmas décor combined with "striking graphic visuals, pops of color, and a good dose of wit, the tree will be both a throwback to a simpler time and on trend for young readers."

"A Guiding Light" is the name of the mantel design created by Kelley Proxmire of Kelley Proxmire, Inc. and inspired by a patient named Cheyenne. In creating her mantel, the designer said that she, "tied in biblical references to light, which are shown throughout the display, and incorporated Cheyenne's favorite color: red for a red, white and silver-

themed mantel."

Two sisters named Leilah and Ava were the inspiration for a tree design called, "A Colorful Family Christmas" by Annie Elliott and Christy Maguire of Annie Elliott Interiors. "When asked what they liked best about Christmas, the girls agreed that being together with their entire family was tops," said Elliott. "In that spirit, they inspired our theme, 'A Colorful Family Christmas.' Playing board games, reading stories, sitting around a fire and decorating the tree also are favorite family activities. You'll see all of these holiday traditions reflected in our tree's decorations."

"Leilah and Ava have many favorite colors, but a winner for both is teal," added Maguire. "Therefore, teal drives the tree's color palette, and other of the girls' favorites, purple, blue, and green, also are included."

Other area designers include Pamela Harvey of Pamela Harvey Interiors of Herndon; Josh Hildreth and Tara Price of Josh Hildreth Interiors of Reston and

Lisa Tureson of Studio Artistica in Oak Hill.

The holiday designs will be on display during a family-friendly community fundraising event to benefit Children's National at Four Seasons in Georgetown, Sunday, Dec. 3 from 1-4 p.m.

There will be activities for all

ages, such as holiday cookie decorating, ornament making, a visit from Santa and Children's National Dr. Bear mascot, musical performances and youth entertainers, silent auction, and light fare and libations. For more, visit childrensnational.org/lightuptheseason for more.



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Words Not Enough

Advocates demand local change on immigrant interactions.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County “is making money off the suffering” of the immigrant community, said Matt Bakker.

“Worst of all, Fairfax County through its Sheriff’s Office maintains a contract with ICE [U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement] to hold immigrants within the Adult Detention Center as if they were under federal custody,” said Bakker, who spoke on behalf of a coalition of advocates on immigration.

“They also act as informants and they tell ICE where to find the person,” said Diane Burkley Alejandro, of ACLU People Power.

“This is aiding and abetting,” she said.

Fairfax County has turned more than four times as many immigrants over to ICE in 2017 as they had by this time last year, including 100 people in September alone, according to Alejandro. Immigrants are often jailed when others would be cited and released, she said.

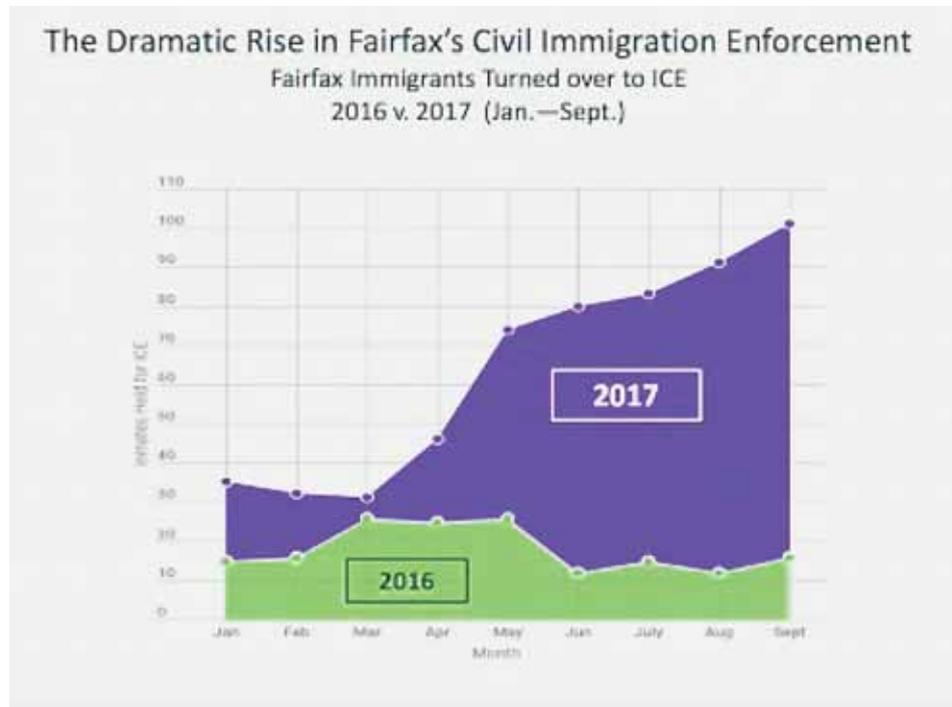
“These people end up in ICE custody through the police. Police send people to jails when I would be given a summons,” said Alejandro. “The Police and Sheriff admit they do not have to hand over a single person to ICE; they do it anyway.”

Six people waited more than eight and a half hours on Tuesday, Oct. 24, to speak before the Board of Supervisors during the public comment period at the end of its regularly scheduled board meeting.

“Current policies of cooperating with ICE are ripping holes in the fabric of our community. We’re better than this,” said the Rev. Alexis Vaughan Kassim, of the DMV Sanctuary Congregation Network.

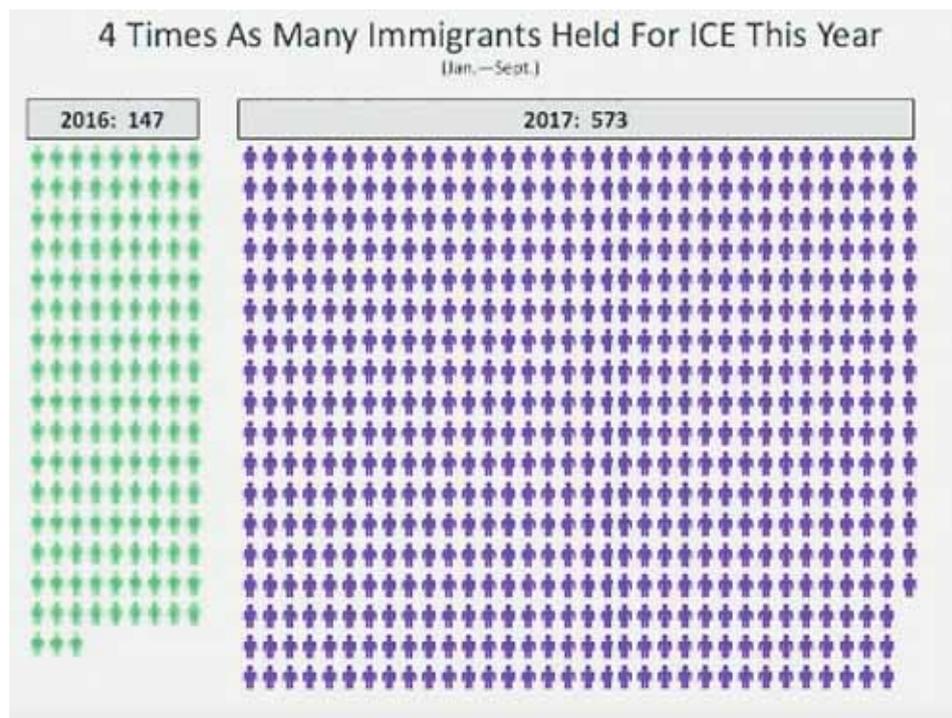
THE BOARD VOTED to adopt a resolution on April 4, 2017 pledging non-cooperation with federal government on immigration law except when serious criminal activity is involved.

“While immigration is a federal matter, Fairfax County does partner with federal authorities on serious criminal matters when required,” according to the resolution. “Whereas, we do not ask, nor do we have the resources for, our police officers to become immigration officials, nor for Fairfax County to assume the responsibilities of federal immigration officials.”



GRAPHICS FROM DIANE BURKLEY ALEJANDRO/ACLU PEOPLE POWER

An increase in civil immigration enforcement in Fairfax County occurred between 2016 and 2017.



Fairfax County has turned over four times as many immigrants to ICE in 2017 (573) as it did in 2016 (147).

Chairman Sharon Bulova stated in her Board Matter that same day: “Fairfax County is a welcoming and accepting com-

munity where residents of all backgrounds deserve to feel respected and safe. It is important that we, as local leaders, speak out

More

Immigrants in Fairfax County:
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2017/immigrants.htm

when our constituents are concerned regarding policies or practices that may affect them. We are a safe, diverse and caring community, and if that harmony is threatened, I believe we have a duty to speak out and clearly articulate our values.”

WORDS ARE NOT ENOUGH, the advocates said.

“County officials have assured us they will not collaborate nor enforce immigration law but recent actions put the lie to these assertions,” said Bakker.

“Fairfax by its actions has embraced ICE’s mission of ensuring the deportation of all undocumented immigrants whether or not they have committed a crime and the data will show that,” said Alejandro.

“Our demand is simple,” she said. “Equal justice and liberty for all. More specifically, the county needs to treat immigrants as they do all other people.”

“All of our faith traditions call us to stand up for the humanity of our neighbors, to resist labeling undocumented residents in our community as criminals and outsiders, and to oppose policies that lead to the detention and deportation of our families, friends and neighbors,” said Vaughan Kassim.

Being undocumented is not a crime, said Allie Boldt, senior counsel with Demos, which conducts analysis of how county policy must be strengthened to protect immigrant communities “who are facing unfair and terrifying policies at all levels of government.”

“The legal landscape allows the county to do a lot more to protect its immigrant residents who are represented here today. In fact, the Constitution even requires some of these changes,” Boldt said.

The 10th amendment protects county government from being forced to do the federal government’s bidding, she said. “What that means is if ICE asks the county government to do something, the county

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Diane Burkley Alejandro, ACLU People Power



Matt Bakker



Allie Boldt, DEMOS



Jorge Mendez, CASA

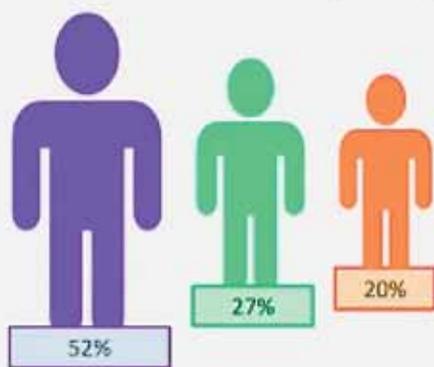


Govind Nair, Northern Virginia Ethical Society



The Rev. Alexis Vaughan Kassim, of the DMV Sanctuary Congregation Network

Who Are They?
Immigrants Held in Jail for ICE Pick up & Deportation



- PEOPLE ICE BRINGS TO ADC:** Fairfax provides temporary housing for immigrants ICE picks up (1) in raids or (2) from other jails.
- PEOPLE FOUND INNOCENT OR NO DAY IN COURT:** Fairfax turns over people to ICE (1) before they've had a trial (presumed innocent), (2) when found not guilty or (3) when their case dismissed.
- PEOPLE WHO SERVED THEIR TIME:** Fairfax turns over individuals who have served their time for misdemeanors or felonies with less than a 12 month sentence. (Those with more serious convictions are sent to Virginia State Prison to serve time).

“Who Are They?” Statistics on immigrants held in jail for ICE pickup and deportation.

Local Stance on Immigration

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can just say no.”

Boldt asked the county to end arrests and detention based on civil immigration matters, to restrict when and how information about a person’s immigration status is shared, to accept a wider range of identification documents, and to ban county contracts and agreements to perform and facilitate federal immigration law enforcement.

A DECLARATION was read in English by Bakker and then in Spanish by Jorge Mendez, representing CASA.

They requested that the county terminate any agreement with ICE, including agreements between ICE and the Office of the Sheriff; that the police department update its general order so “it protects our community rather than attack it;” that traffic and safety policing no longer lead to detention and deportation of immigrants; that the Sheriff’s Department no longer honors ICE requests to detain immigrants unconstitutionally; that the juvenile detention authorities no longer share information with ICE; and that county buildings, including schools and courts, be “safe spaces” that “forbid entry to ICE officers.”

“With this declaration we demand that all authori-

ties in Fairfax County end their agreement and voluntary and unnecessary collaboration with ICE. In place of your ineffective statements of support, we need policies that guarantee non-cooperation with ICE,” said Bakker.

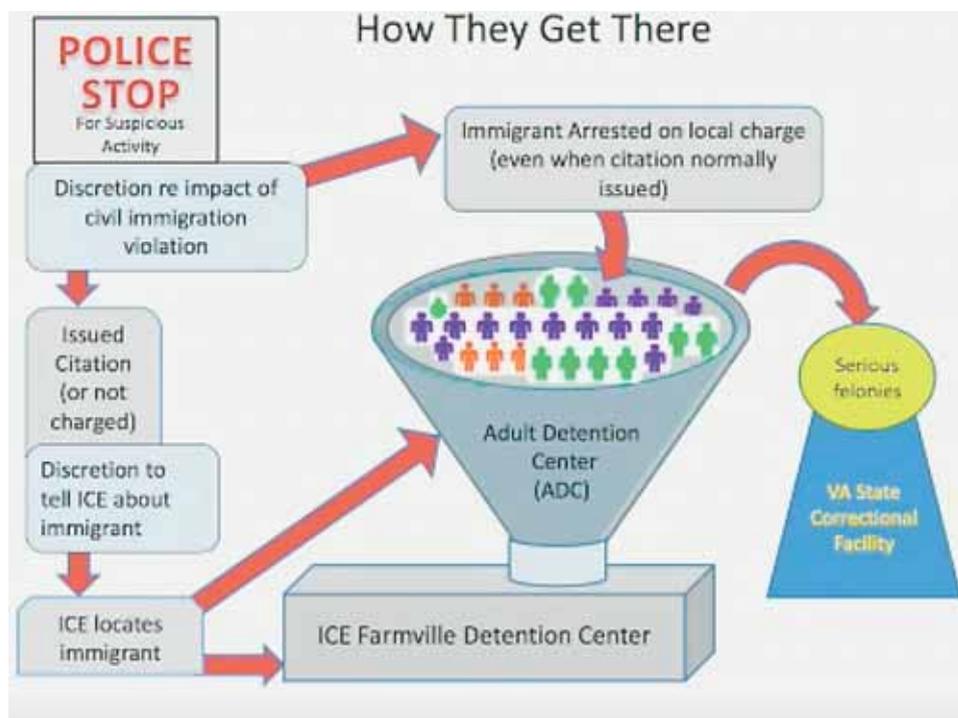
“An atmosphere of fear, intimidation, arbitrary detention and xenophobia is not compatible with the ethical basis of our ... community nor with the continued economic vitality and social progress with which Fairfax County has up to now been an exemplary model,” said Fairfax resident Govind Nair, of the Northern Virginia Ethical Society.

BULOVA THANKED thanked the speakers for their work, testimony and advocacy.

“This is a difficult time in our world and in our community and in this country,” Bulova said. The board is required to strike a balance “between making sure we continue to be a welcoming place, a tolerant place where people from all over the globe have felt comfortable coming to,” she said, and “making sure we are protecting the public.

“We do have issues of human trafficking and gangs that do require our cooperation. Everyone deserves to be safe.”

She said the board awaits response from the police chief. “We should be hearing back.”



“How They Get There:” Interaction with local police can land undocumented immigrants in ICE custody in a variety of ways.

GRAPHICS FROM DIANE BURKLEY ALEJANDRO/ACLU PEOPLE POWER

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Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

Broadway Exhibit. Through Nov. 18, various times at Broadway Galleries, 1025-J Seneca Road, Great Falls. Local photographer, Silvia Gonzalez Roman with a variety of work. Visit www.broadwaygallery.net.

Vienna-Wide Food Drive. Through Dec. 31, bring food contributions to Vienna Town Hall - 127 Center St. S; Vienna Arts Society-115 Pleasant St. NW; Bikes@Vienna-128-A Church St. NW; Caffe Amouri-107 Church St., NE; Evolution Fitness- 216 Dominion Road, NE; Rexall Drug Store-150 Maple Ave. W; Drs. Covell, Stack and Henon- 120 Beulah Road, NE; Patrick Henry Library (co-sponsored by Supervisor Cathy Hudgins) and the Vienna Community Center. Girl Scout Troop 2684 will be helping NEVCA by picking up the food. Sponsored by Committee for Helping Others. Call 703-281-7614.

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.

McLean Farmers Market, Fridays, through Nov. 17, 2017; 8 a.m. to noon, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Master Gardener Plant Clinic on site to answer questions about plants in your landscape

Fit for Life Classes. Wednesdays through Nov. 22, 11 a.m.-noon at Bruen Chapel United Methodist Church, 3035 Cedar Lane, Fairfax. Sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, to improve strength, balance and mobility for older adults, taught by instructor, Michele DeGarmo. \$5. Call 703-281-0538 or email eileentarr1@verizon.net

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 FreeTaiChi.org.

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

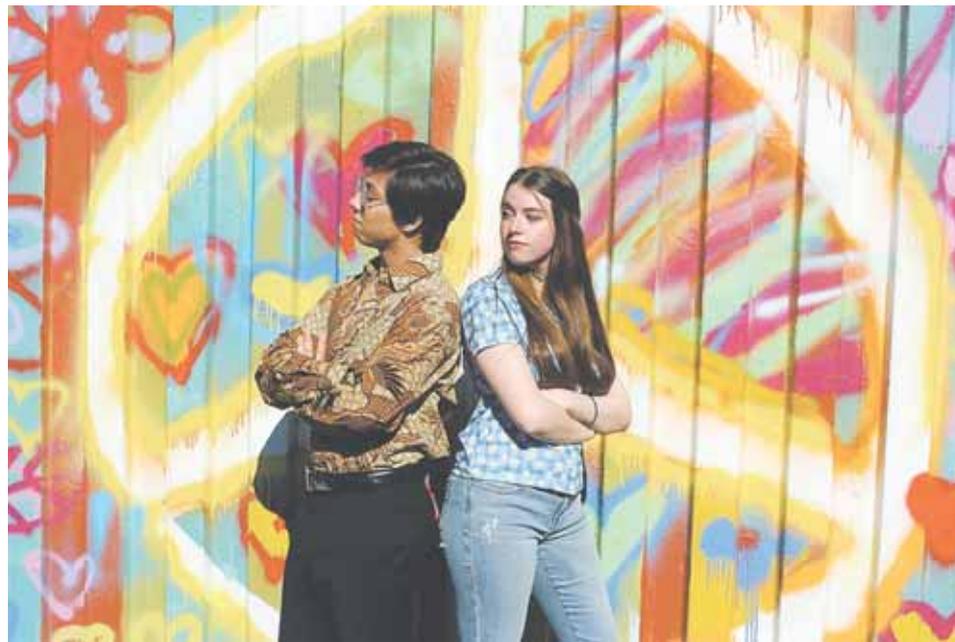
Weekly Storytime. Wednesday and Saturday. 11 a.m. Barnes & Noble, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Themes and titles vary. Free admission.

Bingo Night. Sundays. 4 p.m. Flame Room, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St. S, Vienna. \$10. www.vvfd.org/bingo.html.

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. 571-213-3192.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 8

Great Falls Historian. 7 p.m. at the



'Much Ado About Nothing'

Oakton High School Theater presents Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing," Nov. 9-11, 7 p.m. at Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road. \$10. Visit www.oaktondrama.org for more.

Great Falls Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Joan Wehner will speak about the purchase, restoration and transfer of the Schoolhouse to the Fairfax County Park Authority. \$5. Visit gfhs.org.

Astronomy Lecture. 7:30-9 p.m. at Turner Farm, 925 Springvale Road, Great Falls. Topics may include planets, open clusters, double stars, stellar color spectrum, globular clusters and galaxies. After class, view the objects that were discussed through the observatory's telescopes, if weather allows. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/turnerfarm/.

THURSDAY/NOV. 9

Wildflower Folklore. 1-3 p.m. at the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Alonso Abugattas is a well-known naturalist, environmental educator, and storyteller will present "Wildflower Folklore" at the Great Falls Garden Club meeting. Call 703-759-2367 or visit www.gfgardenclub.org.

Meet the Artists. 7-9 p.m. at the McLean Project for the Arts, 1446 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. "Nature as Prototype" exhibition by Yoko K, Adam Nelson and Gretthe Whittrock. "Nature as Prototype" runs through Dec. 23. Visit mpaart.org.

NOV. 9-11

Oakton High School Theater. 7 p.m. at Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road. Oakton High School Presents: Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing." \$10. Visit www.oaktondrama.org.

FRIDAY/NOV. 10

On Eagles' Wings Veterans Day 10K race. 10 a.m. at Grace Christian Academy, 3233 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Proceeds benefit Grace Christian Academy Scholarship Fund and Decorate a Vet. \$40. Visit www.gracechristianacademy.org/10K.

SATURDAY/NOV. 11

Fall Bazaar. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, 400 Center St., South. The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary is sponsoring this event with crafts, bake sale, holiday items. Email

dancers1023@aol.com or call 703-309-3468.

Bowman House Pottery Show and Sale. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Bowman House Arts and Crafts Center, 211 Center St. S. Pottery on sale from teachers and students from parks and recreation pottery classes. Visit www.viennava.gov.

Great Falls Veteran's Day Ceremony. 11 a.m. at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial behind the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike. The event will include a Marine Corps color guard, patriotic songs by the Langley Madrigals, and remarks by Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Timothy F. Ghormley. Call 703-248-0390 or email bruce@newdream.net.

TUESDAY/NOV. 14

Vienna Oakton Chapter of NARFE. 1 p.m. at American Legion Post 180, 330 North Center St., Vienna. The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will have Margaret Mensch of Arlington Ladies speaking. Call 703-938-9757.

Meet the Author. 7:30 p.m. at the Balls Hill Government Center 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Author and historian William Connery will address "Mosby's Raids on Civil War Northern Virginia." Call 703-356-8223.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 15

Meet the Silhouette Artist. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Barston's Childs Play, 1382 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Third Generation Silhouette Artist Karl Johnson will be on hand to create hand cut silhouettes. Call 703-448-3444.

NOV. 16-18

Christmas Craft Show. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Oakton Church of the Brethren's 24th Annual Christmas Craft Show is a three-day event featuring a wide variety of handmade creations and craft supplies for purchase, plus a soup and sandwich lunch and bake sale. Visit www.oaktonbrethren.org.

FRIDAY/NOV. 17

Meet the Artist. 10 a.m.-noon at the



Meet the Artist

On Wednesday, Nov. 15 meet Silhouette Artist Karl Johnson who has done celebrity silhouette's in his career including this one of J Lo. Johnson will be at Barston's Childs Play, 1382 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Call 703-448-3444 for more.

Dolley Madison Library, rooms 1 and 2, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave. Rachel Collins, a local watercolor artist and member of the National Watercolor Society, will be the presenter. Collins teaches classes at the Art League School in Alexandria, Va. and the Yellow Barn Studio in Glen Echo, Md. Call 703 653-9519.

Movie Double Feature. 3:30-10 p.m. at the The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road. Trip to AMC Tysons for two movies and dinner at the food court. \$35/\$25 McLean Community Center members. Call 703-790-0123, or visit www.mcleancenter.org.

Smart Driver Class. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Oakton United Methodist Church, 2951 Chain Bridge Road. The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna is sponsoring a refresher two-day driver course geared for drivers age 50 and older. \$15 for AARP members (bring AARP membership card) \$20 for AARP non-members. Call 703-281-0538.

NOV. 17-19

Big Sale, Small Works. Various times at the Vienna Arts Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW. A variety of art available. Call 703-319-3971 or visit www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 18

Peggy the Pint-Sized Pirate. 2 p.m. at the The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Live production with a pirate named Peggy. Free. Call 703-790-0123, or visit www.mcleancenter.org.

SUNDAY/NOV. 19

Turkey Trot. 8 a.m. Start and finish at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Dept., 400 Center St. S. Visit www.viennaturkeytrot.org/.

American Legion Breakfast. 8 a.m.-noon at Post 180, 330 Center St., N. Buffet includes omelets, blueberry pancakes, sausage, bacon and more. Adults \$9, children 12 and under \$3. Call 703-938-6580.

Peggy the Pint-Sized Pirate. 2 p.m. at the The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Live production with a pirate named Peggy. Free. Call 703-790-0123, or visit www.mcleancenter.org.

Emerging Artist Concert. 4 p.m. at Saint Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Oscar

Paz-Suaznabar, age 12, on the piano, and Julia Angelov, from Alexandria, play orchestra favorites. Visit www.amadeusconcerts.com.

TUESDAY/NOV. 21

Female Re-Enactors of Distinction. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Re-enactment, dramatic readings and various other educational programs in Civil War period clothing transport you back in time to share their stories. Email karen.emami@globalinfotek.com or call 703-938-6471.

FRIDAY/NOV. 24

Wagon Ride at Dusk. 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Sunset trip through the park. Call 703-759-9018 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/.

MONDAY/NOV. 27

Explore the Moon by Telescope. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Turner Farm, 925 Springvale Road, Great Falls. Explore the lunar surface is marked by craters and lava flows billions of years old. Call 703-324-8618 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/turnerfarm/.

SATURDAY/DEC. 2

Home for the Holidays Musical. 7:30 at The Falls Church Episcopal, 115 E. Fairfax St., Falls Church. Tysons McLean Orchestra performs with Melissa Mino. Call 703-893-8646.

STARTING DEC. 8

Watercolor Workshops with Joe Phillips. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Vienna Arts Society, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. Class each Friday until Jan. 1. Call 703-319-3971 or visit www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

SUNDAY, DEC. 10

Blue Christmas Service. 3:30 p.m. at Katie's Coffee House 760 Walker Road, Great Falls. A non-traditional service of remembrance and hope, brought to you by Great Falls Area Ministries. Call Carol Wright 703-582-1640.

FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com.

Mom's Group meets second and fourth Thursday of the Month, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road, NE, Vienna. Join the group for coffee and fellowship. The group meets in the Lillian Croy Room, near the Church Office. Childcare will be available just across the hall in the Childcare Center. If you are interested in joining the group, contact the Church Office at 703-938-6521 so that we can plan appropriately for materials and childcare.

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, has Sunday services at 8 and 10 a.m. with nursery care provided. In the summer, they offer musical, educational, outreach and fellowship ministries in addition to worship services, including an 8 a.m. worship service without music and a 10 a.m. worship service with nursery care. 703-759-2082.

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. www.jssa.org/growth-learning.

McLean Bible Church. Fitness Class at Body and Soul Fitness. Gain balance, energy and strength at 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free childcare for registered students. Email bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org.

Haven of Northern Virginia provides support, compassion, information and resources to the bereaved and seriously ill. To become a Haven volunteer, please call 703-941-7000 to request an orientation. Volunteers must complete a 30-hour training and commit to one year of service answering Haven phones (2.5 hours weekly). Next training is scheduled for fall 2017.

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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First Baptist Church of Vienna located at 450 Orchard St., NW, Vienna. Sunday services are held at 7:45 and 10 a.m. weekly. Wednesday Night with the Family service is held at 6 p.m. followed by corporate singing at 7 p.m. Bible studies take place Tuesday's at noon.

VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

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made some threats over the phone.

Abandoned Vehicle – 500 Block of Windover Avenue NW, Oct. 26, 6:26 p.m. A citizen reported a suspicious vehicle parked for several days. A ten-day tow tag was placed on the vehicle. During a follow up an officer noticed that the vehicle had been moved.

Suspicious Event – 200 Block of Cedar Lane SE, Oct. 26, 9:03 a.m. A resident reported a suspicious vehicle.

Juvenile – Vienna Elementary School, 128 Center St. S, Oct. 27, 4:24 p.m. A teen reported an ongoing bullying situation by other school peers.

Arrest – Hit and Run – Maple Avenue West / Nutley Street, Oct. 27, 9:52 p.m. During the investigation of a hit and run accident, a 30-year-old man from N Thomas Street in Arlington, Va. was arrested. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. A warrant for felony Hit and Run was issued and served. The man was remanded to the custody of the Fairfax County Deputies.

Arrest – Drunk in Public/Narcotics – Maple Avenue West / Nutley Street, Oct. 27, 9:52 p.m. During the investigation of a hit and run accident (Case#17-9662). An 18-year-old man from S Quebec Street in Arlington, Va. was arrested for being drunk in public. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Arrest warrants for Drunk in Public and possession of marijuana were issued and served. The man was remanded to the custody of the Fairfax County Deputies.

Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer – 400 Block of Yeonas Drive SW, Oct. 27, 11:25 p.m. A resident requested a police officer to assist with a trespassing that had just taken place. A police officer that was investigating the case was interviewing a suspect when he was suddenly assaulted by the suspect. The 54-year-old man from Yeonas Drive SW was arrested and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. A magistrate issued three arrest warrants (Assault on LEO, Trespassing and Destruction of Property). The man was being held without a bond until he saw a judge. The man was remanded to the custody of the Fairfax County Deputies.

Emotionally Disturbed Person – 100 Block of Kingsley Road SE, Oct. 28 9:38 a.m. A citizen requested police to assist with a domestic dispute

with his girlfriend. Once police arrived on scene they realized that one of the involved parties was in need of medical assistance. The emotionally disturbed person was taken to the hospital for treatment.

Grand Larceny – Oxanna Boutique, 448 Maple Ave. East, Oct. 28 between 3:10 p.m. and 3:40 p.m. An employee reported a shoplifting. This case is being investigated.

Suspicious Event – Rite Aid, 215 Maple Ave. West, Oct. 28 between 6:06 p.m. and 6:10 p.m. An employee reported a suspicious event.

Grand Larceny – Vienna Bargains, 132 Maple Ave. East, Oct. 28 7 p.m. An employee reported a stolen item.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated - Nutley Street NW / Marshall Road SW, Oct. 29, 2:22 a.m. During a traffic stop Officer B. Reedy detected the odor of alcoholic beverage on the breath of the driver. After the driver failed a series of sobriety tests he was placed under arrest. The 20-year-old man from Cedar Lane SE was arrested and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. A warrant for DWI (Driving While Intoxicated) was issued and served. The man was remanded to the custody of the Fairfax County Deputies.

Burglary – 200 Block of Paris Court SW Between, Oct. 29 10 p.m. and, Oct. 30, 6:30 a.m. A resident reported that some items were stolen from his residence. This case is being investigated.

Open Door Window – Marco Polo Restaurant, 245 Maple Ave. West, Oct. 30, 8:42 p.m. While on patrol an officer was checking businesses for open doors. He located an open door. The officer searched the inside of the closed down business and located an air gun and a large cutting instrument. The items were removed from the business.

Suspicious Event – 500 Block of Windover Avenue NW. Between Oct. 31, 4 p.m. and, Nov. 1, 8 a.m. A resident reported that someone entered her unlocked vehicle and rummaged through it. Vandalism – 100 Block of Lewis Street NW. Between Oct. 31, 8 p.m. and, Nov. 1, 7 a.m. A resident reported that someone egged the outside of her house overnight.

Suicide Attempt – Harmony Drive SE, Oct. 31, 4:33 p.m. A person took an excessive amount of medication in an attempt to commit suicide. The person was taken to a hospital as a precaution in a stable condition.

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OPINION

How To Handle 'Nightmare Scenario'?

BY STEPHEN R. RUTH

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We should fear Artificial Intelligence. Not in the future but now. Ask Sheryl Sandberg, chief operating officer of Facebook. She announced that her company, with its over 2 billion users, built software it cannot fully control. "We never intended or anticipated this functionality being used this way," Sandberg said, "— and that is on us." Facebook's operating systems had allowed Russian operatives to create accounts and ads aimed at influencing the 2016 U.S. presidential election. The gigantic network seems to have created systems that are ungovernable.

Facebook's problem hints at the extreme dangers lurking within Artificial Intelligence as it grows throughout the world. AI Experts are already talking about a "nightmare scenario," where nations' AI systems could ignite real-time conflicts. Consider, hair-trigger AI systems could eventually control several nations' military responses' and some error in any one algorithm could possibly lead to a nuclear catastrophe.

Between the Facebook case and the nightmare scenario is the immediate problem of millions of people losing jobs. Around the globe, programmable machines — including robots, cars and factory robots — are replacing humans in the workplace. Automation threatens 80 percent of today's 3.7 million transportation jobs, one U.S. government report estimated, including truck and school bus drivers, taxi drivers and Uber and Lyft drivers. Another report indicates AI is threatening aspects of the many different jobs, including call center operators, surgeons, farmers, security guards, retail assistants, fast food workers and journalists. A 2015 study of robots in 17 countries found that they accounted for over 10 percent of the countries' gross domestic product growth between 1993 and 2007. Consider, a major supplier for Apple and Samsung cell phones and computers, China's Foxconn Technology Group, is planning to automate 60,000 factory jobs with ro-

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their customers (sustainability);

❖ 61 percent of those surveyed are also willing to pay a 50 cent surcharge on their utility bill to help fund weatherization and energy efficiency programs (sustainability).

The CHACE campaign was planned to coincide with the November 2017 elections for all 100 members of the House of Delegates and the Governor's race. We applaud this effort and hope it's the beginning of a multi-year endeavor to speak more broadly

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guests with market-rate apartments or houses in the community, where they received rental subsidies and/or services that were tailored to their specific needs, including a caseworker to help ease the transition. Last winter, 34 hypothermia prevention program guests found a home through the interaction.

Fairfax has the second largest population in the region experiencing homelessness, a surprise for many who live in this county with so much abun-

bots, replacing its existing employees. Meanwhile, Ford's factory in Cologne, Germany, not only replaced human workers with robots but also on some jobs stations position robots beside human workers — they are called cobots.

But these employment issues, as troubling as they are, cannot compare to the dangers envisioned by Elon Musk and Stephen Hawking. They are among the dozens of thought leaders who signed a letter harshly condemning governments' increasing reliance on AI for military use. Their chief concern is autonomous weapons, another example of AI. The U.S. military is already developing armaments that do not require humans to operate them. These weapons are being created to offer battlefield support for human troops. Autonomous arms are dramatically easier to develop and mass-produce than nuclear weapons. They will likely to soon appear on black markets around the world, certain to be favored by terrorist groups. To quote from the open letter, the new autonomous weapons would be ideal for dark actions including "assassinations, destabilizing nations, subduing populations and selectively killing a particular ethnic group."

There are some economic optimists like MIT's Erik Brynjolfsson and Andrew McAfee, who feel that AI will eventually bring long term prosperity to the world, but even they admit that finding common ground among, economists, technologists and politicians is daunting. Obviously, it will be very difficult to craft legislation about AI without more agreement about its potential effects.

We should definitely be fearful of artificial intelligence, not just because it is clearly destined to affect the number of available jobs, including those in middle and even upper middle class domains, but because its potential military use can lead to a perilous future, if not controlled. As the open letter signed by Musk and Hawking concluded, "Starting a military AI arms race is a bad idea, and should be prevented by a ban on offensive autonomous weapons beyond meaningful human control."

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and frequently about the community and economic benefits of housing affordability to the Commonwealth. We urge all housing and community development organizations and individual housing activists to promote this survey and utilize the messages incorporated by the CHACE campaign. It is only through our collective efforts that we will move the issue of housing to a higher priority in local and state government planning and resource allocation.

See the full survey results at chaceva.files.wordpress.com/2017/09/chacesurveyreport.pdf.

dance. But we also have a caring, strong community filled with volunteers willing to give of their time and talents to make life better for all. These volunteers — who are cooking and cleaning to prepare for company that will arrive after Thanksgiving — are great hosts and an important part of our community's efforts to prevent and end homelessness.

To learn more or volunteer, visit us at www.FACETSCares.org.

Joe Fay is Executive Director of FACETS, a Fairfax-based nonprofit working to prevent and end homelessness.

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THURSDAY/NOV. 9

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Lecture: Saving, Investing and Avoiding Fraud. 7:30-9 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave., E., Vienna. Experts from the US Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) will teach how to be an informed investor, avoid scams and save effectively for retirement. Free. Email dsmit1@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-938-0405 for more.

SATURDAY/NOV. 11

SALT Fall Advocacy Training Conference. 9-11 a.m. at the Virginia International University, Conference Room (VD-301), 4401 Village Drive, Fairfax. Sister Simone Campbell, will be the keynote speaker on "21st Century Poverty: Needed Action." Del. Ken Plum will address "Advocacy is moving to the state levels, Are you moving with it?" and Gay Gardner, with Interfaith Action for Human Rights will speak to "Making Solitary Confinement Truly a Last Resort." Free. Visit the SALT web site at www.S-A-L-T.org.

MONDAY/NOV. 13

Community Meeting. 6-8:30 p.m. at the Oakton High School Cafeteria, 2900 Sutton Road, Vienna. Design Public Hearings on the Transform 66 Outside the Beltway Project regarding plans for the 22.5 mile corridor from I-495 to University Boulevard in Gainesville. Visit transform66.org for more.

DEADLINE NOV. 13

Apply for Fuel Assistance. The Virginia Department of Social Services is currently accepting applications for fuel assistance. To qualify for fuel assistance, the maximum gross monthly income for a one-person household must not exceed \$1,307. For a household of four, the maximum gross monthly income is \$2,665. Families and individuals can apply through their local department of social services office. To apply online or to check eligibility for services, visit the CommonHelp website at commonhelp.virginia.gov. Applications may also be submitted by telephone by contacting the Enterprise Customer Service Center, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. at 855-635-4370.

TUESDAY/NOV. 14

Community Forum. 7:30 p.m. at the Vienna Inn, 120 E. Maple Ave. Laurie DiRocco will host her quarterly "Mayor at Your Service" meeting. There will be a round table discussion about the history of the Vienna Inn with several panel members, including the Inn's original owners, Molly Abraham, as well as the current owner, Marty Volk. Visit www.viennainn.com/ for more.

THURSDAY/NOV. 16

Vietnam Veterans Chapter 227 Meeting. 7 p.m. at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane, Cedar Lane Shopping Center, Vienna. Gregory D. Foster, West Point graduate and Vietnam War veteran, will discuss senior U.S. military constitutional command responsibility. Visit www.vva227.org for more.

Police-Public Forum. 7-9 p.m. Heritage Human Resources Center, 7611 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. The forums will provide information on the panel as well as the Independent Police Auditor, the scope of their responsibilities, how complaints can be submitted, and how complaints will be investigated and processed. Another forum will be held Dec. 12. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/ for more.

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Infusion Schedule is all Fowled Up



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Previously, chemotherapy only had anecdotally-described memory loss: "chemo brain" as proof of a missing fragment. Recently however, clinical studies have confirmed the link. Yet, I still feel as if I haven't forgotten that I don't recall any prior infusions occurring on the day after Thanksgiving, as my next infusion is presently scheduled. If I remember correctly, and there are occasional disputes, this would be the first Friday after a holiday when I've needed to be local, and infused. And yes, the Infusion Centers are open for business on the weekdays following major holidays.

Having recently had my quarterly, post-scan, face-to-face appointment with my oncologist and survived the ordeal, we moved on from discussing the scan results to being examined to scheduling future appointments - including a brain MRI and CT Scan, and of course, my next infusion. And looking at the calendar, Nov. 24 is that next date. Generally speaking, per previous conversations with my oncologist, rescheduling my infusions by a week or two, here or there, had not been much of a problem (my oncologist is a strong proponent of quality of life), and pretty much up to me. However, as I've gotten older and presumably wiser - and well aware of my creatinine level/kidney issues, my current infusion schedule is what it is for a reason - protecting my kidneys. Moving the infusion up a week or back a week is not an arbitrary, Kenny-made decision any more, despite my holiday wish least. Sure enough when I asked my oncologist if he had any thoughts on my possibly rescheduling my next infusion to five weeks or seven weeks (vs. the current six weeks), he had a specific preference: five weeks. This would mean infusing the Friday before the following Thanksgiving Thursday (the effect of which would likely cause some eating challenges for yours truly - on my favorite meal of the year no less) rather than extending the infusion interval to seven weeks.

His thinking, as he explained it to us was: he didn't want me to wait any longer for my infusion/medicine than was absolutely necessary. Not that I don't realize how precarious my situation is but I am sort of going merrily along of late. His rebuke, so to characterize, to me about not extending my next interval to seven weeks reminded me yet again of the seriousness of my underlying diagnosis. The last thing one can do is take cancer's inactivity for granted. Even though I've been stable for four years since I was last hospitalized in August 2013, I do have an incurable disease: non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV, and I was initially characterized as "terminal," so hardly am I "N.E.D.", no evidence of disease.

So my next infusion date is up to me, just not as 'up' as I thought it was/has been. Either I can keep my original six-week interval infusion appointment as currently scheduled or I can advance one week to five weeks (my previous regular interval). Extending it to seven weeks is not recommended. According to my oncologist, this is good news. Since my creatinine level/kidney function has not appreciably improved while extending the interval from five to six weeks, shortening the interval back to five weeks is not a concern to him which means my kidneys are up to the challenge, which is very reassuring since kidney damage is permanent.

And even though waiting a seventh week for my next infusion might allow my kidneys more time to filter the chemotherapy a bit longer, it might also give the cancer some time to activate - and we certainly don't want that.

However, nothing lasts forever, and cancer cells in particular are pretty resourceful and often figure out what's being done to them and start doing something else which leads to different treatment. At the moment, the drug I'm infusing, alimta, is working miracles. Perhaps the next drug will be as successful, perhaps not; and that of course is the problem, the unknown.

What I do know is this: a definite is better than a maybe. If I infuse the previous Friday, I definitely won't feel like eating on Thursday. If I infuse on the Friday after Thanksgiving, maybe I won't feel like driving. So what! A bird in hand ...

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