



Volunteers for Stuff the Bus at the Shoppers Food Warehouse at Mt. Vernon Plaza along Route 1.



Volunteers for Stuff the Bus with collected food at the Shoppers Food Warehouse at Mt. Vernon Plaza along Route 1.

Stuffing the Bus in Mount Vernon

About 31 boxes of food and \$200 collected for United Community Ministries.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE GAZETTE

Some 31 boxes of food and \$200 was collected during a Stuff the Bus event held Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Shoppers Food Warehouse in Mount Vernon Plaza Shopping Center along Route 1. The Stuff the Bus initiative will be held for six successive Saturdays and a Monday through Feb. 24 at shopping centers throughout Fairfax County.

Danica Hawkins, United Com-

munity Ministries volunteer and community relations coordinator, said the pantries need to restock their food after the holidays. "Around Christmas, we have a lot of donations coming in; people donating their food — their material goods, money and their time — which is fantastic, but come February, we really see that tapering off and we really see a big drop in donations," she said. "So our goal right now is to make sure that we always have those stocks for the cold winter months."

Al Koroma, transportation plan-

ner with Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS), said the goal is to collect 3,000 pounds of food, which will go to the UCM food pantry here in Mount Vernon. They've been doing this since 2011.

"We're trying to get donations to meet the needs of needy families over here in Alexandria. Shoppers Food Warehouse has been very generous in letting us conduct a food drive over here. We have various volunteers from UCM as well as NCS (Neighborhood and Community Services) and community

members who are here to help us conduct this food drive," said Koroma.

Suzy Coffey, UCM board member, said in addition to restocking the food pantry at UCM, they're advocating for all it does for the community — for all the various

programs and how it relies on the community to be successful and to provide programs to those in need.

"What we're trying to do is spread the word of all the great things that UCM does," she said.

Those other programs include UCM's Stepping Stones, the UCM Early Learning Center, Forward Steps, the Progreso Center, and Healthy Families Fairfax.

Future Stuff the Bus Events

Join Fairfax County Government, Giant Food, Shoppers Food and Pharmacy, and MV Transportation as they collect food donations to assist the most vulnerable in the community. Each week a Fastran bus staffed by MV Transportation personnel will park at a different location and collect food donations. The hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- ❖ **Saturday, Jan. 20** - McLean Giant, Chain Bridge Corner, McLean, Benefitting Share Inc.;
- ❖ **Saturday, Jan. 20** - Fox Mill Giant, Herndon, Benefitting Helping Hungry Kids;
- ❖ **Saturday, Jan. 27** - Village Center at Dulles Shoppers, Herndon, Benefitting Cornerstones;
- ❖ **Saturday, Jan. 27** - Clifton Giant, Colonnade, Clifton, Benefitting WFCM;
- ❖ **Saturday, Feb. 3** - Herndon Giant, Elden Street Marketplace, Herndon, Benefitting LINK;
- ❖ **Saturday, Feb. 3** - Lorton Giant, Shoppes at Lorton Valley, Lorton, Benefitting Lorton Community Action Center;
- ❖ **Saturday, Feb. 10** - Fair City Mall Shoppers, Fairfax, Benefitting Britepaths;
- ❖ **Saturday, Feb. 10** - Annandale Giant, Columbia Pike, Annandale, Benefitting Annandale Christian Community for Action;
- ❖ **Saturday, Feb. 17** - Falls Church Giant, Falls Church, Benefitting Falls Church Community Service Council;
- ❖ **Saturday, Feb. 17** - Kingstowne Giant, Alexandria, Benefitting Koinonia Foundation;
- ❖ **Monday, Feb. 19** - Fair City Mall Shoppers, Fairfax, Benefitting Food for Others;
- ❖ **Monday, Feb. 19** - Cardinal Forest Giant, Springfield, Benefitting Ecumenical Community Helping Others;
- ❖ **Saturday, Feb. 24** - Vienna Giant, Vienna, Benefitting Committee for Helping Others.

— STEVE HIBBARD



A mix of volunteers at Shoppers Food Warehouse at Mt. Vernon Plaza from Fairfax County, Neighborhood and Community Services, Office of Public, Private Partnerships, and MV Transportation.

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Town Hall Told of 'Chaos-Causing Trump Effect'

Fairfax County NAACP hosts Town Hall gathering with Kaine.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE GAZETTE

U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine (D) spent almost two hours with area residents at a Town Hall-style gathering in West Springfield on the evening of Jan. 11, hosted by the Fairfax County NAACP and moderated by the organization's president, Kofi Annan.

Annan began: "From the outside, from our perspective, it looks like no one knows what's going on, it's chaos [on Capitol Hill]. How are things going in your view?"

The junior senator from Virginia since 2013, Kaine answered that in terms of the daily workings of the Senate, his response would be mostly unchanged from the last few years to this moment. "In our general work, more happens cooperatively than you think. A lot less happens than should. For example, Obama Care. We spent a year fighting to protect health care for 32 million Americans. Instead of repeal, we should have been working on improve, and we weren't."

But the real change today in Kaine's view is "the Trump Effect, not knowing, quite frankly what new surprise will come along."

Kaine spoke of the alleged vulgar remarks made by President Trump earlier in the day about immigrants and some of the countries from which they came. "I mean, you hear that and you just don't know what to say."

THIS LATEST CONTROVERSY, according to Kaine, makes the work being done to address the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Act (DACA) and immigrants in the country under Temporary Protection Status (TPS) that much more difficult.

"And then we didn't know that last week was going to be 'open season for offshore drilling week' around the country," Kaine added, saying that this decision was followed this week by an exception for the state of Florida. "Why Florida? Because we listen to Floridians and the Governor there opposed it. Well, so do we in Virginia."

Kaine admitted that the "Trump Effect" was chaos-causing and frustrating when there "is so much critical work on the table, like hurricane emergency relief and avoiding a government shutdown," but instead, he says, that work gets side-tracked. "Every week it's left hooks, curve balls and surprises."

Annan also asked the senator his opinion of racism in America, including "Why isn't the Ku Klux Klan categorized as a terrorist organization?"

"I don't know," replied Kaine. "To me, it is. I am not sure of the process, but you know, I now plan to find out."

Racism has long been a societal scourge, Kaine said, but that it was the election of Donald Trump and the actions and comments made by the Trump administration that "gave permission to express those rac-



Kofi Annan, president of the Fairfax County NAACP, moderates the Town Hall-style conversation with U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine (D), in a community room above Giardino Italian Restaurant in West Springfield.

Jung Bin Cho of Springfield works with NAKASEC – the National Korean American Service and Education Consortium. After the Town Hall meeting with U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine (D), Cho said he still wasn't satisfied with the senator's unwillingness to pledge a "No" vote on a budget continuing resolution "unless we have a clean DACA Bill."



ist views" basically with impunity. But he still sees good that may come from this new attitude of "taking off the mask."

"You know who and what you are up against. To really deal with a problem you have to know its dimensions." It is Kaine's belief that the exposure of the depth and breadth to which racism continues to exist will help bring focus to the issue and aid in the fight against it.

The attendees questioned Kaine and the topics were wide-ranging.

Nayely Lopez is a field employment specialist with CASA, an organization that works with low-income immigrant communities. She attended the session with Sookyung Oh, area director for the National Korean American Service and Education Consortium (NAKASEC), and Jung Bin Cho, also with NAKASEC. "Will you vote to approve the continuing resolution [to fund the government] if there is not a clean DACA bill before then?" she asked.

Kaine was unwilling to commit to her request. Despite being a "passionate advocate" for immigrants, he also said "I am an anti-shutdown person" and cited the damage done to the Virginia economy and many of its citizens because of the government shutdown in 2013. "I need to see the details of the bills being put forth before I can



Yasmeen Durrani and Naila Alan, both of Herndon, came to the meeting to ask what U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine (D) would do about the Trump travel bans. "Keep up the fight, work with those who oppose them," replied the senator.

make a decision. I think we are really close."

THE QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS kept coming — environmental protections and the effects of climate change, LGBT rights and the status of transgender persons in the military, protection against voter suppression, advancing opportunities for minorities at Governors Schools in Virginia (a program started in 1973 by then-Governor Linwood Holton who would later become Kaine's father-in-law), even the possibility of promoting programs like Fairfax County's Diversion First (aimed at diverting individuals with mental health issues to medical care versus the criminal justice system) on the national level.

Jorel Sabado of Springfield wanted to know how the senator's Catholic faith affected his political actions. "Of course, your values inform your decisions," replied Kaine, but added that it was not his job to



PHOTOS BY ANDREA WORKER/THE GAZETTE

U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine (D) speaks with Dr. Michelle Woody with the Fairfax County NAACP, the organization that hosted the Town Hall with the senator.



Jorel Sabado of Springfield wondered how the senator's religious beliefs affect his political work. U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine (D) replied that it was not the job of any politician

to impose his or her religious views or the rules of any religious organization on others. "Of course, my values help shape my actions and decisions, but my job is to represent all Virginians, not to oblige others to follow the rules of my religion."

make everyone follow the rules of his church. "That is not why we are elected."

Naila Alam from Herndon, and a member of the All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS) worries about the travel bans that have been in and out of effect and in the courts since President Trump first introduced them as an Executive Order January last year. Kaine vowed to continue to fight against them.

Asked to comment on the election of more Democrats to the Virginia Legislature, Kaine responded that it gave him a level of energy and confidence for his own chances in Virginia, it bode well for the expansion of Medicaid in the state, and that as a member of the Senate Health and Education Committee there was a synergy that could result.

Kaine is seeking re-election in November, and has already made campaign stops "in some areas of our state that are really suffering," but said that the Town Hall meeting wasn't about campaigning, but about keeping up a dialogue with all Virginians. "Hearing what the concerns are, and keeping people informed — that's practicing democracy."

Area Lawmakers Push for Menstrual Equity

General Assembly to consider bills providing feminine hygiene products in schools and prisons.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE

When a City of Alexandria woman was booked into the Fairfax County jail, she wasn't wearing white underwear, the only color allowed. It's not like she would be arrested on a shoplifting charge. So when the deputies confiscated her underwear she started worrying about what would happen when she started menstruating.

"They give you these pads after they have not given you any underwear, so there's really no place to hold the pads," she said. "If you start a menstrual cycle while you are in there with no underwear, they don't give you anything to protect yourself."

While she was behind bars in 2015, inmates were limited to two pads a day. She says they were the cheapest kind available, which means they were very thin and more than two were often needed. She said she heard some of the other inmates begging for more pads, but the deputies would not provide them.

"So I've had to sit on one pad for half of the day and then use the other pad to sleep through the night so that when I wake up in the morning I could get two more pads," she said. "It definitely makes you feel less than a person, like I'm not even worth a 50-cent pad."

HER EXPERIENCE in the Fairfax County jail is common say leaders of a nonprofit group known as Bringing Resources to Aid Women's Shelters — known by the acronym BRAWS. That's why they are pushing members of the General Assembly to pass a number of laws to provide "menstrual equity," a growing movement in state capitals across the country.

"It's not right to charge them, especially charging prisoners who really don't have much access to money at all," said Del. Kaye Kory (D-38), who has a bill that would require jails and prisons to provide feminine hygiene products on demand. "So it's

wrong. And we shouldn't do it."

Del. Jennifer Boysko (D-86) has two bills that work toward menstrual equity. One would add feminine hygiene products to the list of products that are exempted from sales tax during the annual back-to-school tax holiday. The other bill would eliminate the sales tax for these products altogether.

"A woman doesn't have a choice whether or not she wants to buy menstrual products," said Boysko. "And because she's taxed on it that's unfair and it's discrimination and so it's a parity issue and a fairness issue."

THE ISSUE HAS

been gaining steam for several years, although lawmakers are still trying to get their bills out of committee and onto the floor. Del. Mark Keam (D-35) has been working on this issue since 2016, and he says every year the effort gains more supporters. He's currently working on a bill that will require public schools to provide feminine hygiene products in restrooms.

"Boys may snicker and joke about it, but

the reality is that these are serious psychological as well as physical problems that girls have to deal with," said Keam. "I've talked to many young women who said this has happened to them and it's so embarrassing, and they can't study or focus on what's happening in the classroom."

Keam acknowledges that his bill would be an unfunded mandate for school divisions across Virginia. That's one of the reasons state Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) is taking a different approach — a budget amendment that would provide funding for groups like BRAWS to distribute feminine hygiene products to prisons and homeless shelters.

"It's an area that's probably been overlooked just because it's not a subject that people talk about often in public," said Petersen. "Really what we are talking about is more matching funds for the community, and we are basically coming late to the party."

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Braband Seeks 4.3 Percent Increase for School Budget

The following statement was released by Fairfax County Public Schools.

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Superintendent Scott S. Brabrand presented a \$2.9 billion Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Proposed Budget, with a focus on employee compensation, to the Fairfax County School Board at its business meeting on Jan. 11.

The FY 2019 Proposed Budget represents an increase of \$118.7 million, or 4.3 percent, over the FY 2018 Approved Budget.

"Our focus remains on achieving success for each of the more than 189,000 students in Fairfax County Public Schools," said Brabrand. "This is why 86 percent of our budget is allocated towards instruction and my number one priority for this budget is ensuring we have the best possible teacher in every classroom.

"This budget continues to support our multi-year effort to improve compensation for teachers," said Brabrand. "By dedicating an additional \$53.1 million to accelerate the enhancement of our teacher salary

scales and align salaries more closely to the market average, we can take another step toward making FCPS competitive in the teacher job market. Great teachers are a hallmark of this school district, and we need to ensure that they will remain a part of the FCPS family."

The proposed budget includes \$43.9 million for a step increase for eligible employees, and \$17.9 million for the implementation of nonteacher scales (school-based administrators, clerical, custodians, psychologists, social workers, and central office personnel), to better align FCPS support pay with the market. The FY 2019 budget also includes \$13.4 million for anticipated increases in health insurance.

"Since becoming superintendent in July, I have made it a priority to visit as many schools as possible," he said. "It is exciting and rewarding to watch our students and teachers at work. They are eager to share their efforts and successes with me, which reaffirms our dedication to keeping the focus on the students, the teachers, and the classroom."

FEA Responds to FCPS Proposed Budget

The following statement was issued by the Fairfax Education Association following the release of the superintendent's budget proposal.

The Fairfax Education Association (FEA) supports the concepts presented in the proposed Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) budget.

The Fairfax Education Association has composed a set of suggestions, our Proposal to Improve Public Education in Fairfax, which we have submitted to the administration of FCPS as well as the School Board.

The Proposal to Improve Public Education in Fairfax County can be found at <http://fairfaxea.org/plan/>. The proposal includes sugges-

The FY 2019 budget also includes \$15.8 million for enrollment growth and changes in student demographics.

The presentation of the FY 2019 Proposed Budget is the starting point of the budget process, which ends in May with the School Board's adoption of the Approved Budget. FCPS FY 2019 begins July 1.

The Fairfax County School Board will hold a work session on Monday, Jan. 22, and public hearings on the FY 2019 budget on

tions toward addressing overcrowding, professional autonomy, salaries, hiring practices, staffing, facilities, and schedules among other significant issues which could positively impact the overall FCPS climate.

Finally, FEA remains concerned that this budget does not address the troubling move on behalf of FCPS to truncate the potential salary advancement of our longest serving Instructional assistants and teachers with bachelor's degrees, nor does it promise to provide all FCPS employees a living wage. If we want to retain great educators as well as recruit new ones, we must honor the promises which were made to our most veteran staff.

Monday, Jan. 29 (and Jan. 30 and 31, if needed). An additional budget work session is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 1.

The School Board will adopt its Advertised Budget on Feb. 8 and present to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, April 10.

Information about speaking at a budget public hearing and a list of relevant budget dates, along with updates and budget news, is available at www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/budget/fy2019.

New Fees to Be Implemented for Student Transfer Applications

On May 25, 2017, the Fairfax County School Board approved a student transfer application processing fee of \$100 per student per year. The application processing fee applies to all student transfer requests (initial, renewal and high school curricular) based on criteria outlined in Regulation 2230 at

Applications available online Feb. 5.

www.boarddocs.com. The non-refundable application processing fee will apply for all transfers effective at the beginning of the 2018-19 school year and will be integrated and collected within the online student

transfer application.

For transfers effective at the beginning of the 2018-19 school year, the enrolling parent will submit transfer applications and pay fees online. The enrolling parent will ac-

cess the online student transfer application on the Student Transfer website and must have a Student Information System (SIS) Parent Account to submit the request. Payment is required at the time the application is submitted. The online student transfer application will be available beginning Feb. 5.

NEWS

Foundation Honors Mackie-Smith

RSVP Northern Virginia volunteer named Points of Light award recipient.

RSVP Northern Virginia volunteer Denise (Dee) Mackie-Smith of Alexandria has been selected as a Daily Point of Light honoree by the Points of Light Foundation.

Mackie-Smith helps those seeking affordable housing and employment in the City of Alexandria and along the Route 1 Corridor in Fairfax County.

She is a volunteer with and sits on the board of RSVP partner New Hope Housing Inc., a Fairfax County-based nonprofit whose mission is "to provide homeless families and individuals shelter and the tools to build a better life."

The Points of Light Foundation was created in 1990 as a nonprofit to promote the spirit of volunteerism as described by President George H.W. Bush in his inaugural address. "I have spoken of a thousand points of light, of all the community organizations that are spread like stars throughout the Nation, doing good," Bush said.

Points of Light's affiliate network consists of more than 200 volunteer-mobilizing organizations that share a common mission, goals and approach, according to the foundation.

In 1989, President Bush created the Daily Points of Light (DPOL) Award to recognize those who are taking direct voluntary action to solve serious social problems, locally and globally.

Mackie-Smith also serves on the board of the Alexandria Commission on the Aging. In 2012, she founded the Northern Virginia chapter of Les Gemmes and served two years as the group's national vice president. Les Gemmes is a nonprofit whose members support various community causes.

Since 1989, over 6,000 people have been honored with this award. Mackie-Smith is only the 6,164 person to receive the honor, according to the foundation.

In addition to her work with the homeless in the Alexandria area, she supports the RSVP program each week with her administrative skills at RSVP's headquarters at Volunteer Fairfax. Mackie-Smith has been with RSVP Northern Virginia for two years.

"Dee is one of the most dedicated volunteers I have



Denise (Dee) Mackie-Smith

had the pleasure of working with," said Nadia Hoonan, program manager of RSVP Northern Virginia.

As part of Daily Point of Light honor, Mackie-Smith will receive a certificate signed by President Bush.

RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) is the region's largest volunteer network for people 55 and older and provides individualized support to seniors seeking service opportunities in and around Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria.

"Whether it is helping at our office or helping those in need of affordable housing, Dee is always busy serving her community," Hoonan said. "She is truly deserving of this award. She is a real difference maker and her record of service speaks for itself."

The Daily Point of Light award is one in a string of honors Mackie-Smith has garnered for her volunteer work since completing a 37-year career in the federal government in 2011.

Mackie-Smith received the 2017 RSVP Northern Virginia Award from Volunteer Alexandria in October. She received a similar honor from Volunteer Fairfax at its annual Volunteer Service Awards breakfast in April.

RSVP volunteers enjoy flexible schedules, free accident and liability insurance while serving, optional mileage and meal reimbursement and are invited to volunteer group projects and social gatherings.

RSVP offers its volunteers more than 200 different opportunities across Northern Virginia including providing rides, support and meals to older neighbors, assisting local veterans in need and helping prepare communities for disasters.

To learn more about RSVP or to sign up for an upcoming orientation, email RSVP Volunteer Specialist Carly Hubicki at chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org or call the RSVP Hotline at 703-403-5360 or visit www.rsvpnova.org.

Temporary Closing for Mansion

Mount Vernon will remain open during scheduled restoration.

The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association (MVLA), the private non-profit organization that owns and operates George Washington's Mount Vernon, will close the Mansion from Jan. 22 through Feb. 4 for scheduled annual preservation work. During the Mansion's closure, the estate will remain open to guests and offer a 50-percent discount on admission tickets available at the gate or online at www.mountvernon.org/ticketing.

During the Mansion's closure, the preservation staff will transform the Central Passage's appearance by

applying a fresh coat of paint. The color of this space will change to better reflect its appearance in 1799, as informed by recent microscopic paint analysis. At the same time, Mount Vernon's archaeology staff will conduct excavations in the Mansion cellar to learn more about the architectural evolution of the building. The curatorial and collections teams will perform cleaning, research, and evaluation of the Mansion's historic furnishings.

As a private non-profit organization, Mount Vernon relies on ticket sales and donations to operate the 50-acre estate of George Washington. The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association does not accept funding from federal, state, or local government sources. The Association is the oldest national historic preservation organization in the country. It is directed by a Board of Regents, comprised solely of women, who represent nearly 30 states.



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OPINION

Working with a Full Agenda in Richmond

BY SCOTT A. SUROVELL
STATE SENATOR (D-36)



The General Assembly has reorganized, adding nearly 20 new members, and we inaugurated a new Governor on Saturday. The 36th District now overlaps with five new state delegates including four new women. I am looking forward to the new ideas and energy they bring.

This year brings a long session and a new two-year budget. The biggest news in Governor McAuliffe's proposed budget was about \$500 million of new education monies, a proposed funding solution for Metro, and \$170,000 to finally clean up a derelict barge in Belmont Bay.

While we need to fix Metro, Governor McAuliffe's proposed fix takes over half a billion dollars away from other Northern Virginia transportation projects and will seriously jeopardize the current timeline on U.S. 1 projects in Fairfax County and potentially Prince William County. I cannot support it as written and will work to find other revenue sources to solve this problem.

I have introduced approximately 60 bills this session. First, education equity is not being addressed in the Commonwealth. The Constitution of Virginia guarantees free textbooks to

students and our local school systems are violating this by mandating electronic textbooks without providing computers to all students. Likewise, our local systems are charging lower income families \$50 to \$350 fees to take online classes without providing computers — this puts less fortunate students at a competitive disadvantage and is not how public education is supposed to work. My bill makes both illegal.

Similarly, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology did not admit any students from 12 middle schools last year and perennially admits either zero to five students from eastern Fairfax and Prince William County's middle schools while admitting over 50 to 100 from two middle schools in the wealthier regions of Fairfax County. Its student population has virtually no students from lower income families. I have raised this issue for nearly nine years to no avail so I have introduced legislation requiring at least five, but not more than 15 children to be admitted from each middle school and requiring the free and reduced lunch population to be at least 50 percent of the Northern Virginia average (it would be about 17 percent).

I am carrying six bills addressing Virginia's coal ash problem. My bills prohibit Dominion from charging ratepayers to cap coal ash in place, give regulators more flexibility in per-

mitting, require Dominion to conduct and pay for homeowner well tests, and incentivize coal ash recycling so we can get it out of the ground and gone forever while making some jobs.

Predatory lending is back on my docket. My first bill limits interest rates on all consumer finance loans to 36 percent APR. I have also introduced legislation to prohibit car title and payday lenders from using open ended credit lines to evade Virginia's interest rate caps and consumer protections.

Texting while driving continues to plague our roads and I have reintroduced legislation to make Virginia a hands-free state. I have also introduced a bill allowing local government to designate some roads as off limits to services like Waze or Google Maps to reduce unsafe cut-through traffic which is becoming a real problem. I have also introduced bills to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and study the decline in arrests for driving while intoxicated.

I am hosting six Town Halls in Mt. Vernon, Kingstowne, Lorton, Occoquan, Woodbridge, Montclair and Stafford. Mount Vernon and Kingstowne are this Saturday at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Woodbridge is on Sunday at 4 p.m. Please see my website (www.scottsurovell.org) for more information.

Please take my constituent survey at www.scottsurovell.org/survey, come visit in Richmond or email me at www.scottsurovell.org if you have any feedback. It is an honor to serve as your state senator.



Ice Rescue Training

Even in the frigid cold temperatures training and preparation do not stop. On Friday, Jan. 5, the crew from Fire Station 11, Penn Daw, B-Shift were at Belle Haven Marina training on several different ice rescue techniques. Residents are cautioned to not use nearby ponds, lakes, or any type of waterfront that appear fully frozen to skate, or walk, on; appearances can be deceiving.

LETTER

Improve Bus Service

To the Editor:

The following open letter was addressed to Fairfax Connector.

During the Embark Richmond Highway public meeting two nights ago, I asked why there was no limited-stop bus service at the intersection of Richmond Highway and Boswell Avenue, even though the planners of the bus rapid transit system for the corridor thought the location important enough to designate that spot for a future station.

Background: FFX 159 and the REX serve the same stops along Richmond Highway between Sherwood Hall Lane and Penn Daw (where the 159 takes South Kings Highway to Huntington Metro South, while the REX continues on Richmond Highway to Huntington and thence to Huntington Metro North).

At present, the two services have stops at Sherwood Hall Lane, Arlington Drive, Lockheed Boulevard, Beacon Hill, and (I believe) in Penn Daw. The Arlington Drive and Lockheed Boulevard stops

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Sex Traffickers Convicted

Two men trafficked three minor victims throughout East Coast including Fairfax County. A federal jury convicted two Hyattsville, Md. men Jan. 10 of conspiracy to commit sex trafficking of minors, including by force, fraud, or coercion, as well as sex trafficking three minors, throughout the East Coast over the course of several months in 2016.

Ivan Duane Williams aka "Lucci," 28, and Dennis Ray Davis Jr. aka "Dee," 26, were convicted following a six-day jury trial before Senior U.S. District Court Judge T.S. Ellis III in the Eastern District of Virginia.

According to court records and evidence presented at trial, Williams and Davis recruited three underage girls whom they trafficked in multiple locations, including Atlanta, Ga.; Maryland; Northern Virginia; Richmond, Virginia; and Washington, D.C. The evidence presented at trial showed that Williams and Davis, working together and with two female co-conspirators in the sex trafficking ring, posted online advertisements of the victims, offering them for commercial sex with men throughout the region; reserved hotel rooms at which they and the victims would stay when traveling to engage in commercial sex acts; drove the victims to the hotels and other locations where the commercial sex acts would occur; and collected the money given to the victims by the commercial sex customers.

The evidence further showed that when two of the minors tried to leave the group,

the defendants resorted to violence, including threats, physical force, and brandishing firearms. Williams and Davis used the money earned by the victims to create rap music where they bragged about exploiting females, and to fund their day-to-day living expenses.

The victims were recovered after law enforcement with the Fairfax County Police Department and Henrico County Police Department responded in undercover capacities to online advertisements for the victims.

The FBI's Child Exploitation Task Force investigated the case with assistance from the Fairfax County Police Department and the Henrico County Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney Maureen Cain of the Eastern District of Virginia and Trial Attorney Jessica Urban of the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS) prosecuted the case.

This investigation was a part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and CEOS, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, visit www.justice.gov/psc.

CRIME REPORT

The following incidents were reported by the Mount Vernon District Police Station.

ROBBERY: 8600 block of Beekman Place, Jan. 11, around 9:30 p.m. A community member was confronted by two men who demanded money. One suspect was reported to be armed with a knife. There were no injuries reported and the case is under active investigation.

BURGLARY: 6000 block of Richmond Highway, Jan. 9, between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Someone entered the residence and stole electronics and jewelry.

JAN. 12

LARCENIES

2500 block of Parkers Lane, property from residence

7700 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business

7800 block of Richmond Highway, purse from vehicle

8700 block of Sacramento Drive, property from business

8700 block of Sacramento Drive, purse from vehicle

JAN. 10

LARCENIES

3100 block of Lockheed Boulevard, liquor from business

6300 block of Richmond Highway, gift cards from business

JAN. 9

LARCENIES

6200 block of North Kings Highway, wallet from business

JAN. 8

LARCENIES

8400 block of Frye Road, cigarettes from business

2300 block of Huntington Avenue, liquor from business

business

6100 block of North Kings Highway, cash from business

7700 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business

8600 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business

7500 block of Telegraph Road, wallet from business

STOLEN VEHICLES

8400 block of Sky View Drive, 2009 Ford Crown Victoria

JAN. 5

LARCENIES

2400 block of Midtown Avenue, bicycles from residence

6300 block of Richmond Highway, cell phone from business

6700 block of Richmond Highway, tools from business

7800 block of Richmond Highway, ring and watch from residence

7900 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business

STOLEN VEHICLES

3800 block of Colonial Avenue, 2017 Mercedes GLE350

JAN. 4

LARCENIES

8400 block of Frye Road, beer from business

2500 block of Parkers Lane, cell phone from school

6500 block of Quander Road, wallet from school

6200 block of Shields Avenue, purse from vehicle

JAN. 3

LARCENIES

7500 block Calderon Court, wallet from business

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New Building, New Governor, New Day

BY ADAM EBBIN
STATE SENATOR (D-30)



The start of a General Assembly Session always feels like the first day back to school, with the same faces in a familiar setting. But this year it feels like I've transferred to a whole new school with a new principal and lots of new classmates. We've moved into our temporary home for the next three years, the Pocahontas Building, on the southside of Capitol Square, while the former General Assembly Building on the northside is torn down and replaced.

RICHMOND REPORT

Last Wednesday marked Gov. Terry McAuliffe's final State of the Commonwealth, and Monday was Gov. Ralph Northam's first.

Those addresses bookended the Inauguration of Dr. Northam as our 73rd Governor. I've been fortunate to attend the ceremonies of all five of the governors I've served with, and participating in this process, fundamental to democracy, inspires a deepened appreciation of our Commonwealth's history and the great honor to be a part of it. Despite the cold and even a few snowflakes, I greatly enjoyed witnessing, once again, the peaceful transfer of power. Reflecting on the outgoing and incoming remarks from Governors McAuliffe and Northam, I was moved by two optimistic visions for the future: the belief in second chances and a call for hope.

In his Inaugural Address, Governor

Northam acknowledged our Commonwealth's complicated heritage: Virginia helped set the stage for the American Revolution when Patrick Henry, our first elected Governor, cried "Give me liberty or give me death" — while only half a mile away one of the largest slave markets in America was growing. Governor Northam said

that as Virginians we have a "responsibility to shape the future — to leave this place better than we found it." He called on us all to rise above the shouting and the shallow tweets from Washington and once again lead the way. With the party breakdown in both chambers nearly tied, Dr. Northam's Inaugural message must be realized: "If we work together today, tomorrow will be better for all of the Virginians who have placed their trust in us."

We welcomed 19 new members to the House of Delegates — 15 Democrats and four Republicans. The freshman Democratic class is as diverse as the Commonwealth itself. These talented and promising new delegates are majority female and include Millennials, a VMI alumna, two Latinas, the first Asian-American woman, a former news anchor, the first out lesbian, and the first openly transgender legislator in the United States. Our LGBT caucus now proudly includes five members. Other signs of progress include Governor Northam's majority-female Cabinet, and our new Lt. Governor, Justin Fairfax, who became only the second African-American elected to state-

wide office in our 400 year history. His first day presiding over the Senate was on Martin Luther King Day.

I've introduced 23 bills so far and intend to file up to seven more. Eight are on the topic of election reform, including no-excuse absentee voting (SB 602), which will be heard by the Senate Privileges and Elections Committee where I serve as a member. On the subject of gun violence prevention, I've introduced a bill to prohibit carrying loaded firearms while intoxicated (SB 2), universal background checks (SB 5), and a ban on bump stocks (SB 1). The urgency of banning bump stocks was further underscored by the brave testimony of Courtney Carroll, a survivor of the Las Vegas tragedy who lives in Richmond. I'm continuing my fight to decriminalize marijuana, this year with bipartisan support. Other topics I'm also pursuing include preventing sexual abuse of public and private school students; allowing a governor to serve two consecutive terms; and establishing an office to assist immigrant service organizations. I intend to co-patron a range of legislation including funding for Metro, redistricting reform, and a repeal of the misguided rate freeze that has provided millions in over-earnings for Dominion Power. I also look forward to assisting our new Governor's efforts to expand and strengthen the New Virginia Economy as we develop our new two-year budget.

While I will be working out of Richmond through mid-March, I will be home to attend Town Hall Meetings and build a community dialogue on the state issues you care

about most. A number of my colleagues will be joining me.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Mount Vernon

Saturday, Jan. 20, 9:30-11 a.m., Walt Whitman Middle School, 2500 Parkers Lane, with state Sen. Scott Surovell and Del. Paul Krizek.

Lee District – Mount Eagle

Saturday, Jan. 20, 12-1:30 p.m., Mount Eagle Elementary School, 6116 N. Kings Highway, with Del. Mark Sickles.

Lee District – Hayfield

Saturday, Jan. 20, 2-3:30 p.m., Hayfield Elementary School, 7633 Telegraph Road, with state Sen. Scott Surovell, Del. Paul Krizek and Del. Mark Sickles.

Alexandria

Saturday, Jan. 20, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Mount Vernon Community School, 2601 Commonwealth Ave., with Del. Mark Levine.

Arlington

Saturday, Jan. 27, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 16th Street S, with Del. Alfonso Lopez.

Please consider following me on Twitter @AdamEbbin, liking my facebook page at facebook.com/ebbincampaign, emailing your views to me at district30@senate.virginia.gov, and taking my survey at www.AdamEbbin.com/Survey.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 6

serve the two ends of the Mt. Vernon Square apartments, although it may be the case that the Connector cannot acknowledge its service to the north end of Mr. Vernon Plaza Apartments, as there is a fence blocking the connection between Dart Drive to the west and the end of Arlington Drive to the east, within the development's boundary. However, the residents of the complex have broken through the fence to provide a pathway on at least three occasions, as the route provides greatly eased access to transit.

Comment: The Arlington Drive and Lockheed Boulevard stops are only a third of a mile apart, even though the Sherwood Hall and Arlington Drive stops are 3/4s of a mile apart. Boswell Avenue is nearly in the middle between Lockheed and Sherwood Hall. And the BRT plan shows stops at Lockheed, Boswell, and Sherwood Hall, skipping Arlington Drive. I would not advocate removing limited stop service from Arlington Drive, as the stop is in fact well used. The BRT plan acknowledges that the commercial strip from Lockheed Boulevard to Sherwood

Hall Lane is already important along its whole length. There is significant bus ridership boarding and alighting at the stops at Woodlawn Trail and Boswell/Fordson Road from the 171, 150's, and 160's. If bus rapid transit planners consider the Boswell stop important enough for a station in 15 years, it is certainly important enough for a stop by the express buses that already run along the corridor.

Action: Please mandate that the 159 stop at either Fordson Road/Boswell or Woodlawn Trail, and advocate that the REX do the same.

Comment: Woodlawn Trail is closer to Shoppers, by far the biggest draw for bus passengers, in my estimation, but the crossing is dangerous, with no light at the intersection. In practice, I believe that people make a stop on their way home to the south. I very often see people walking through McDonald's parking lot to and from crossing Fordson Road to the west, even though that's also dangerous. Fordson Road is far too wide and the cars go through at over 30 miles per hour, since the "parking lanes" never in fact have anyone parked in them.

Larry D. Huffman
Alexandria

First Week in Richmond

BY BARBARA FAVOLA
STATE SENATOR (D-31)



It is always exhilarating and humbling to sit in the Chamber as the President of the Senate gavels an unruly body of 40 senators into order. On Jan. 10, Lieutenant Governor Ralph Northam did just that. The next day, Lt. Gov. Northam presided over the Senate for the last time. We wished him well and sent him off to be inaugurated as the 72nd Governor of Virginia.

HIGHLIGHTS OF MY WEEK

Transparency: Committee votes will now be recorded and live-streamed, so Virginians can hear the substantive debates on bills as they work their way through the process. Most bills, especially controversial ones, face their defeat in committee meetings. This long overdue bit of sunshine will enable Virginians to see for themselves how seriously lawmakers are tacking issues important to them. The link to view meetings can be found under the "Members and Session" tab of the virginia-generalassembly.gov website.

Education: Option for Four-Year Teaching Degree: I am proud to say that my bill SB 76 to enable prospective teachers to potentially gain a teaching degree in four years, rather than five, passed out of the Senate Health & Education Committee unanimously. This will reduce the oppor-

tunity cost of becoming a teacher, a factor that weighs heavily on prospective teachers who have incurred a large school debt, yet they have the desire to enter an important but low-paying profession.

Children & Families: Kinship Care Bill — My

bill (SB 44) provides support payments to relatives who are willing to offer kin in foster care a permanent home. It passed out of the Rehab and Social Services Committee but was referred to Finance. More than 75 percent of the cost of this kingship program, called "Fostering Futures" is born by the Federal Government. I really hope the money committees can find the \$45,000 to start this program.

On a lighter note, my bill to help small business that bake alcohol infused confectionery products obtain an ABC license, so they may continue to grow their businesses, passed out of committee, as well.

Your emails and support are crucial to the legislative process. It is an honor to represent you and to fight for our values.

The state senator represents parts of Arlington, Fairfax, and Loudoun.

New Year, New Order Local organizers teach methods for streamlining a space.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

With the holidays now a memory, local organizers are getting requests from those with overflowing buckets of ambition to create and maintain a clutter-free space.

“One of the first things to learn is that a few minutes spent on a few tasks each day can go a long way in maintaining order,” said Jodie Jacobs of SOUPerior Organizing. “Decide how important a clean, clutter-free space is to you and follow through on keeping it that way. Prioritize it like other important things in your life.”

One habit that Susan Unger of ClutterSOS teachers her clients to focus on simple things that can be done easily and frequently. “In general, I recommend keeping up with household duties on a daily basis so none of them become a bigger project,” said Unger. “For example, don’t leave dishes in the sink. Load the dishwasher after every meal and put all cooking and food prep items away so the counters are clear.”

Establishing a daily routine so that tidying becomes second nature is a technique that Unger uses in her own life and teaches to her clients. “I always make my bed first thing in the morning,” she said. “Having a neat bedroom is a great way to start the



Teaching children to put away toys at the end of the day can create a peaceful environment.



Small tasks such as putting away clothes each day can lead to an organized space.

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day.”

Also on her recommended list of daily tasks: apparel. “Be sure to put all clothes away on a daily basis rather than leaving them on a chair or the floor,” said Unger. “Clean clothes should be hung up or put in drawers and dirty clothes in the laundry basket.”

In fact, Unger tells clients to gather the entire family at the end of each day and spend 10 minutes tidying as a group. “Make a sweep of your house and determine which items need to be put in their proper place,” she said. “It makes for a less stressful and

more pleasant morning when you’re not waking up to clutter sitting around,” said Unger.

Deal with mail on a daily basis so it doesn’t pile up, advises Unger. “Immediately recycle or shred the junk mail and put bills, items to file and reading in an appropriate place.”

Whether it’s a small basket by the front door or storage boxes placed under a bed, one technique for tidiness is having a designated space for items. “Kids’ homework should have a landing place like a backpack,” said Jacobs. “The backpack should

go in a particular place, like on a hook. You have to figure out what works for your family.”

Keep bathrooms in order by adding over-the-door hooks to hold towels, suggested Todd Martz, Home on Cameron in Alexandria. “This might make the room appear smaller, but it [offers] a place to put towels,” he said. “Include a decorative bag on the door hook for toiletries so they’re out of the way.”

“Add an ottoman or coffee table with storage,” continued Martz. “Maximize the space next to a utility or laundry room by adding a ... shelf to hold blankets.”

Whether it’s once a week or once a month, schedule time to spend on organization projects and record it on a calendar, advises Jacobs. “Tie it to something that you already do and select a time that won’t be overrun by other events, she said. “If you know that every Sunday at nine o’clock, you always watch a television show, set aside that time to go through mail, pay bills and respond to invitations while you’re watching. That way, your time won’t get bumped for a soccer game or business meeting.”

One caveat that Jacobs offers her clients is, “Maintaining a routine doesn’t mean that you won’t slip up at times,” she said. “You have to hold yourself to realistic standards or you’ll get discouraged.”

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ENTERTAINMENT

LTA Presents 'Anne of Green Gables'

Turn-of-the-century musical of family who adopts a "boy" who is really a girl.

BY STEVE HIBBARD

The Little Theatre of Alexandria (LTA) is presenting the musical, "Anne of Green Gables," through Feb. 3. Based on the classic novel by L.M. Montgomery, this musical takes place at the turn of the century, when a family decides to adopt an orphan boy for help on their farm, Green Gables. The "boy" turns out to be Anne Shirley, who quickly charms her new home and community with her fun spirit and comical adventures.

Director Mike Baker Jr. said the LTA Board was looking for a family show so he suggested the original Broadway version of this musical. "In addition to one of the most popular mini-series on PBS, Lucy Maud Montgomery's story was enjoying a popular rebirth through the Netflix series, 'Anne with an e,'" he said. "I knew it would be a natural for LTA audiences young and old. Plus, the original 1965 version had not been done in the D.C. area for a very long time, if at all."

He decided to direct the show because it spoke to him on many levels. "Contemporary themes like child neglect, adoption, romance, friendship, and life in a small town, were all rolled into this wholesome, imaginative, breezy tale of a young orphan girl who rose from destitution to happiness in the farm country entirely by virtue of her pluck and personality. I felt it could not miss," he said. The show is essentially a 423-page novel in a little over two hours, he added.

He said some of the challenges were a horse, carriage, and endless theatrical drops. "But with a little imagination and mixed-media, this musically lush and youthfully energetic musical has reached fruition at LTA," he said. "It also features dance within dance, mixed vocal and dialogue sections, 10 different settings, a dozen legit voice parts, and a half-century of musical traditions. It was quite an undertaking."

In his first show with LTA, Aaron Eckloff



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Miss Stacey (Elizabeth Colandene; front center) takes her students on a field trip in LTA's production of "Anne of Green Gables."

is playing the role of Tommy Sloane, the brother of Charlie. "He is somewhat of a trouble-maker, who likes to occasionally torment his classmates and even his teacher," he said. "He gets to do some mischievous things, one of which involves a slingshot *wink wink*, which is very fun to do."

He said one of the challenges is the physical element of the show. "Our choreographer, Ms. Cristina, does not cut corners when it comes to dancing, and she prefers a more traditional and intensive style of dance, which looks spectacular, but has taken some getting used to and was a significant hurdle for me to get over," he said.

He added: "I hope that audiences will be impressed by the dance numbers, the singing, the humor, and overall just enjoy a story about a girl who is just a little different than everyone else."

Michelle Ballard is playing the role of Marilla, who shares her family's farm Green Gables with her brother Matthew. "Marilla, a stubborn woman with a strong moral compass, suffers no fools and sees no reason for frivolity in life. In her late 50s, she missed an early chance at romance and now 'dedicates' herself to the welfare of her brother and their beloved farm," said Ballard, who has been acting since high

school.

She says: "Marilla faces the task of motherhood late in her life, when habits are set and rules are hard to change. She's plunged into her new role with little experience and must open her mind to the daunting task of guiding Anne, her equally-stubborn and precocious new charge. Exploring her emotional upheaval has been fascinating."

Tony Gilbert plays the role of Matthew Cuthbert, a farmer who lives with his sister on their farm, Green Gables. "He is in his 60s and is slowly losing his ability to work the farm due to his age and a heart condition. A gentle man, he is very shy around women he is not well acquainted with. When he meets Anne he is taken by her from the moment they meet. When I started studying him, I liked him more each time I met him," he said.

He added: "Well, like Matthew, I am also in my 60s and not being a dancer, I find it more difficult to hop around than 20 years ago. This is also a much different role than I have been blessed with in my past, a lovable (I hope) old boy with a huge heart of gold and a sense of humor," he said. "One of the easiest parts of this role has been that Cassie Cope has made my job of adoring 'my little girl, Anne' effortless." Gilbert formerly played Judge Wilson in LTA's produc-

tion of "To Kill a Mockingbird."

Janet Cooper is playing a few different roles but the biggest one is a Blewett child. "The Blewett children live with their seven other siblings, and their mother who doesn't feed them a lot, and acts very poorly and cruel towards them. The poor Blewett children are quite frightened of their mother; they do what she tells them to, because they know if they don't, they'll suffer the consequences," she said.

This being her first show, she said some of my challenges were learning what scene she was in at what time, knowing who exactly she was playing, and learning all the songs and dances.

As far as audience takeaways, she said: "I hope they'll take away knowing the fact that sometimes in life you have to take risks, and sometimes even when something seems like it's really bad, it could turn out to be really good."

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The Little Theatre of Alexandria is presenting the musical, "Anne of Green Gables," through Feb. 3. Show times are Wednesday through Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$27 to \$32. The venue is located at 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria. Call the box office at 703-683-0496. Visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

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ONGOING

"Interlude: Unfinished Works."

Various times, through Jan. 21, at Target Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St., Studio 2. Target Gallery, the contemporary exhibition space of the Torpedo Factory, spotlights the artistic process in Interlude: Unfinished Works. Art

has been left unfinished, both intentionally and unintentionally, and creates a dialogue on what it means for art to be "finished." The exhibition features 21 artists from across the globe, including nine artists from the region. Visit torpedofactory.org/partners/target-gallery.

THURSDAY/JAN. 18

2018 Chairman's Reception. 6-9 p.m. at Alexandria Renew Enterprises, 1800 Limerick St. The



Author Visit

Visitors should dress in their fanciest ensemble (that's fancy for "outfit") as Hooray for Books! welcomes back Jane O'Connor. She will present and sign her final Fancy Nancy picture book, Oodles of Kittens. To secure a spot in the signing line, stop in, call 703-548-4092, or email order@hooray4books.com to purchase a copy of Oodles of Kittens. Recommended for children ages 3 and up. Saturday, Feb. 10 at 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Hooray for Books!, 1555 King St. Free admission. Visit www.hooray4books.com.

Alexandria Chamber of Commerce officially welcomes its 2018 Chairman of the Board, Gin Kinneman, at an evening reception at Alexandria Renew Enterprises. \$120 for members, \$140 for non-members. Visit www.alexchamber.com/.

Meet the Author. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Dwight S. Hughes discusses "A Confederate Biography: The Cruise of the CSS Shenandoah." \$15. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035. Air Force Band Concert. 8 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall,

ENTERTAINMENT

3 Tables to Reserve for Alexandria Restaurant Week

BY HOPE NELSON

With the holidays in the rearview, it's easy to feel like all the celebrating and festivity is over for a while. But take heart. Alexandria's Winter Restaurant Week returns for another go-round the week of Jan. 26-Feb.4, and with it come deals from eateries across the city. Here are few to make plans for.

Del Ray Café, 205 E. Howell Ave.

The cute little eatery, not half a block from Mount Vernon Avenue, sports a hefty, hearty Restaurant Week menu this winter. Take advantage of the café's \$35 three-course prix fixe menu and feast your eyes on a plethora of options. Whereas so many restaurants pare down their offerings for the week, Del Ray Café uses the time to show off many of its jewels, starting with the DRC salad, a wintry mix of mesclun lettuce with apple, caramelized walnuts, and a raspberry vinaigrette, among other first-course favorites.

Move on to the entrée and choose from the likes of jumbo lump crab cake, perched atop a bed of saffron polenta, or chip in a little extra cash and order the lobster risotto with lemongrass sauce. Vegetarians won't be left out in the cold; the organic pea and heirloom carrot risotto with mascarpone cheese is a feast for the senses.

For dessert, choose from profiteroles, chocolate mousse, or crème brûlée. Or – better yet – go with a group and try all three.

Hank's Pasta Bar, 600 Montgomery St.

Up for some Italian food? Hank's Pasta Bar has your number. The north Old Town restaurant is taking advantage of the \$35-per-person tasting menu to

offer a three-course showing of some of Hank's best. The popular spot tends to run on the pricier side, so the tasting menu offers quite the bang for one's buck.

For the first course, choose between the likes of lentil and sausage soup, meatballs with basil pesto, or a trio of crostini. Then select an entrée: with choices like fettuccine with clams in a white-wine sauce, bucatini carbonara and spaghetti squash marinara, there's something for nearly every palate. Finally, finish things up with a hearty winter panna cotta, tiramisu, or — for a taste of the tropics in the dead of the season — a slice of key lime pie.

Live Oak Restaurant, 1603 Commonwealth Ave.

Get in touch with your Southern side at Live Oak, situated smack-dab between Rosemont and Del Ray. The restaurant is making good use of its tasting menu for Restaurant Week, featuring a smattering of good eats that will certainly leave you fat and happy — and looking forward to your next visit.

Start off your culinary journey with the likes of fried green tomatoes — a classic — or deviate a bit in homage to the season with some butternut squash soup. (Coming with a gaggle of friends? Make someone order the deviled eggs — you won't be sorry.) Then move on to the main event, with a selection ranging from shrimp and grits to a cast-iron pork chop. Going meat-free? Good news: The vegetarian gumbo is chock full of okra and its allies, and includes some vegan sausage for left.

You'd be remiss not to order the buttermilk chess pie for dessert — but don't give short shrift to the strawberry shortcake, either.

Hope Nelson owns and operates the Kitchen Recessionista blog, located at www.kitchenrecessionista.com. Email her any time at hope@kitchenrecessionista.com.

CALENDAR

4915 East Campus Drive. Special appearance by tubist Patrick Sheridan. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/.

FRIDAY/JAN. 19

Winter Recital. 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S Pitt St. Join three Alexandria Symphony Orchestra musicians who are sponsored by the ASO's Adopt a Chair program for an evening of music and conversation. Enjoy a variety of solos from the classical tradition by Amy Horn (horn), Barbara Brown (cello) and Sara Stern (flute), and stay to mingle with the musicians. A reception with California wines and refreshments will be held in Norton Hall (adjacent to the sanctuary) following the concert. Adults, \$35; student, 10; youth \$5. Visit www.alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885.

History by the Glass. 7-9 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Enjoy drinks at the tavern, which historically served a wide variety of beverages, and learn about the history behind them. This series continues Jan. 19 with the Hot Toddy, where this popular historic drink along with other hot beverages will be served. Cost is \$50 per person. Price includes two drink tickets and light hors d'oeuvres. Tickets can be purchased through alexandriava.gov/shop or by calling the Museum at 703-746-4242.

The Late Shift: Brand New Day. 7-

Pinewood Derby Workshops

Old Town Ace Hardware is hosting the last in its January series of pinewood derby workshops for local Cub Scouts. On Jan. 21, the store will provide wood cuts, sandpaper, and work stations for Scouts to prep their derby cars. The store asks that participating Scouts trace their car designs on their woodblocks prior to arriving at the workshops. The store requests a \$1 donation per woodcut to benefit Boy Scouts of America and Children's National, the local Children's Miracle Network Hospital. Complimentary popcorn will be served during the event. 3-6 p.m. at Ace Hardware, 809 S. Washington St. Email amiller@acehardware.com or call the store (Monday-Saturday, 8-8; Sunday, 10-6) at 703-566-7040.

11 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St. Welcome 2018 with the first Late Shift of the year. Warm up with an indoor art market, live performances, and pop-up activities throughout the building. Dance into the night with a free silent disco, in collaboration with the City of Alexandria's Mobile Art Lab. The evening will also feature pop-up demonstrations in the Grand Hall, DIY art making, a welcome reception for Winter 2018 Post-Graduate Resident, Lyric Prince, and a selfie station. Visit torpedofactory.org.

Community Dance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Third-Friday Community Dance with the Mount Vernon Swing Band. Live music

conducted by Owen Hammett. Open to the community. \$4. Call 703-765-4573.

'80s All Night. 8 p.m. at Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. Come ready to dance for an "All '80s, All Night" flashback dance party. Before the dance party kicks off, there will be '80s classic videos being played during dinner and prizes will be given out for best dressed and "Name that Tune" winners. Call 703-548-8899 or visit thecarlyleclub.com.

SATURDAY/JAN. 20

Winter Tree Day. 10-11 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Take a walk in the woods to examine trees in their wintry state.

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Tea Tasting: A Tea for Each Continent. 10-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Sample teas from each of the seven continents of the world. \$25. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes or call 703-642-5173.

Family Owl Outing. 4:30-6 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park is located at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Whooo's Lurking in the Woods? Discover the secret world of owls in a weekend program this winter at Huntley Meadows Park. Presentation on owls, followed by a trail hike to hear or spot one of Huntley's resident owls. Age six to adult. \$7 per person, and children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows.

SUNDAY/JAN. 21

NOVA Community Chorus Auditions. 7 p.m. at the at the George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Contact Herb Levy at Herb@FocusMusic.org or 703-380-3151.

Celtic Duo, House of Hamill. 7 p.m. at George Washington's Masonic Temple, 101 Callahan Drive. Featuring Rose Baldino, fiddler, vocalist, and bandleader of Burning Bridget Cleary. Visit www.focusmusic.org.

On Kee. 8 p.m. at Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. On Kee has been providing smooth and jazzy live entertainment since 1993. \$25. Call 703-548-8899 or visit thecarlyleclub.com.

MONDAY/JAN. 22

Ballroom Dance Classes. 7-9 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Led by Gary Stephans, class focuses on the Fox Trot, Waltz, Tango, Swing, Salsa, Merengue, Rumba, Cha-Cha and Samba. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

SATURDAY/JAN. 27

Keck Collection Auction. 10 a.m. at The Potomack Company, 1120 North Fairfax St. More than 150 lots from the Keck collection and other special pieces will be offered, including an 18th century Italian painting, a pair of 19th century paintings after Jean-Honoré Fragonard and an important painting by Montague Dawson. Online auction follows on Tuesday, Jan. 30. Visit potomackcompany.com or call 703-684-4550.

U.S. Navy Band Concert. 7:30 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 4915 East Campus Drive. Concert will feature a wide variety of wind ensemble pieces including Short Ride in a Fast Machine, Symphonic Metamorphosis, and Stubernic Fantasy where 3 percussionists maneuver around a marimba. Free, no tickets required. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/ or www.navyband.navy.mil.

FRIDAY/JAN. 26

Scottish Celebration Burns Dinner. 6-9 p.m. at Sheraton Suites Old Town, 801 N. St. Asaph St. Join in a celebration of Scottish culture and support the film, "Why They Left: A Scottish Migration." Buffet dinner including chicken and haggis. Cash bar, professional portraits,

video of the film project, short talk on the story told in the film, t-shirts, Scottish magazines. Visit scottishmigration-film.com.

The James Brown Experience. 8 p.m. at the Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. Led by former James Brown drummer Robert "Mousey" Thompson, The James Brown Experience is all-star ensemble that faithfully performs the most popular songs by one of the greatest music legends of our time. \$30-\$35. Visit thecarlyleclub.com.

Earth Day Artwork Student Competition Deadline. The theme of Earth Day 2018 is Local Action, Global Impact. Students are encouraged to create an artistic design of the role they play in protecting the Earth. The selected artwork will be printed on Earth Day t-shirts, reusable shopping bags, posters, fliers, and advertising to donors, as well as posted on the Alexandria Earth Day website. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/recreation/earthday or call 703-861-8705.

FRIDAY/JAN. 26-SUNDAY/FEB. 4

Alexandria Winter Restaurant Week. In neighborhoods throughout Alexandria, Virginia, including Old Town, Del Ray and the West End, participating restaurants will offer a \$35 three-course dinner for one or \$35 dinner for two; select locations offering lunch from \$10-20 per person. Call 703-838-5005 or visit www.AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com.

JANUARY 27-MARCH 4

"Passages." Various times at Target Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St., Studio 2. Target Gallery's next exhibition, Passages,



Celtic Music

On Sunday, Jan. 21, listen to Celtic duo, House of Hamill. 7 p.m. at George Washington's Masonic Temple, 101 Callahan Dr. Featuring Rose Baldino, fiddler, vocalist, and bandleader of Burning Bridget Cleary. Visit www.focusmusic.org for more.

explores the lasting effects migration has on cultural identity from the perspective of immigrants and immigrant families from across the global diaspora. The juror for this exhibition was Adriana Ospina, curator of the Permanent Collection and Education at the Art Museum of Americas. Visit torpedofactory.org/partners/target-gallery.

SUNDAY/JAN. 28

Winter Wedding Showcase. 11 a.m. at the Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. Experience live music, talk with award winning professionals in the areas of floral design, cake design travel, event planning, and more. Gather ideas, taste free samples, fill gift bags and enter to win many exciting prizes. \$10. Visit thecarlyleclub.com/weddings.html.

Art of the Book - Calligraphy. 1-2 p.m. at Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane. Historic Huntley is

offering three classes this winter that delve into different aspects of book making. Register for any of the series. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/historic-huntley.

Pinewood Derby Workshop. 3-6 p.m. at Ace Hardware, 809 S. Washington St. Old Town Ace Hardware is hosting a series of pinewood derby workshops for local Cub Scouts. During select Sundays in January, the store will provide wood cuts, sandpaper, and work stations for scouts to prep their derby cars. The store asks that participating Scouts trace their car designs on their woodblocks prior to arriving at the workshops. The store requests a \$1 donation per woodcut. Complimentary popcorn will be served during the event. Email amiller@acehardware.com or call the store (Monday-Saturday, 8-8; Sunday, 10-6) at 703-566-7040.

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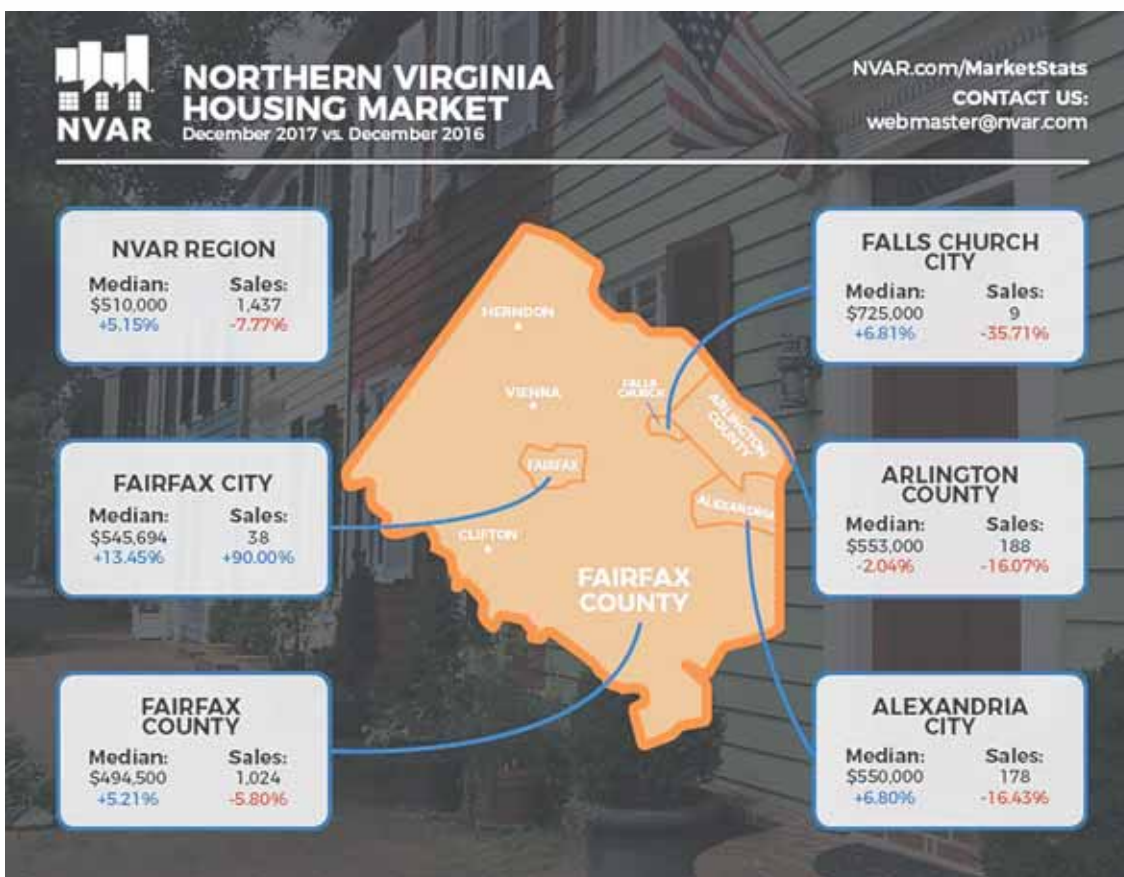
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December Home Sales Slip 8 Percent

“Our Realtor confidence level for a stable local market in 2018 is strong, despite the uncertainty about the tax situation” said Lorraine Arora, the 2018 NVAR Chairman of the Board and Weichert Realtors Fairfax Regional managing broker. “When we review the 2017 year-end sales data in our footprint (Arlington and Fairfax counties; cities of Fairfax, Alexandria and Falls Church), we increased sales by 4 percent. December sales slow during the holiday season, however the NVAR average sales price increased by 3.5 percent.”

Rob Wittman, an NVAR Board member and Redfin principal broker, said, “In December, a lack of available inventory contributed to lower year-over-year sales volume. Properties of all types saw increases in sales price signaling high demand in the absence of available inventory.”

According to the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors’ report, a total of 1,437 homes were sold in December 2017, a decrease of 7.77 percent compared

to December 2016 home sales of 1,558.

Active listings decreased by about 17 percent this month compared to 2016. This past month posted 2,386 active listings compared to 2,871 homes available in December 2016. The average days on market (DOM) for homes in December 2017 was 58 days, a decrease of about 9 percent compared to the 64 DOM in December 2016.

The average home sale price increased compared with last December, to \$591,005. This is 3.54 percent above the December 2016 average price of \$570,789.

The median sold price of homes this December was \$510,000, which was 5.15 percent above December 2016’s median of \$485,000.

The 1,090 new pending home sales in Northern Virginia in December marks a decrease of 9.69 percent compared with 1,207 pending contracts last year in December. Total pending sales in December were down by about 11 percent, to 1,487, compared with 1,678 pending contracts in December 2016.

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Plaintiff,
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DAVID EZEQUIEL RODRIGUEZ BARRERA
Defendant.

Case No.: 03-C-16-010819

NOTICE - ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The above plaintiff has filed a complaint entitled: Complaint for Custody and Request for Findings of Fact to Permit Minor's Application for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, in which she is seeking custody of Keiry Gabriela Rodriguez Beltran and findings of fact to permit application for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status.

Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit for Baltimore County, that the relief sought in the aforementioned Complaint may be granted, unless cause be shown to the contrary. Defendant is to file a response to the Complaint on or before 2/8/2018. Failure to file the response within the time allowed may result in a judgment by default or the granting of the relief sought, provided a copy of this Notice be:

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Seasons Gratings



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As a baby-boomer, I've transitioned from black and white television to color to "H.D." - and of course now to "Smart Television;" and within that evolution, so too has the variety, content and number of channels- and the "demand" that we consumers can make - from home, transitioned as well. And I don't suppose much of it could have happened without advertising and the revenue it has generated. Promoted by people, places and things. From sports heroes to celebrities to news makers to cartoon characters to puppets and on to anthropomorphic agents/avatars and other creative mouthpieces.

I grew up watching television - without a remote, not listening to the radio. I remember seeing "Mr. Clean," "The Jolly Green Giant," "Mr. Magoo," "Speedy" - from Alka Seltzer - among other iconic creatures of the creative, all of whom sent so many messages to so many consumers, ripe for the plucking. A brand new medium had arrived: television, and its audience was extra large and extra eager.

And even though these spokes-things were not exactly speaking from the heart (what heart?), they were speaking/symbolizing with conviction - and repetition. The impressions made on impressionable future consumers were incalculable. It launched a generation. Not the "Greatest Generation," mind you, but a generation nonetheless, prepped and ready to make its mark: in the drug store, the convenience store, the supermarket, the box store and now the on-line store. We are not merely what we buy, we are what and how we are advertised to.

Previously I had written a column about how I loathe the computer-generated characters which have been utilized on television in an attempt to capture consumers' interest. As soon as they appear on television, I switch rather than fight. For me, it's an immediate turn off, literally and figuratively. I am not listening to inanimate objects/creations tell an "animate" (yours truly) object what to do. And though I understand the humanity behind the message, as far as I'm concerned, the delivery system does not compute (an old-fashioned usage). Artificial spokes-things are not worth the computer screens they're drawn on.

What has brought this rant on is a new element in the artificially-intelligent world in which many of us are subjected: holiday greetings from a computer. Mass emails sent by manufacturers from whom as a consumer we've emailed, inquired, bought, sold, etc., wishing me a "happy, healthy, prosperous holiday/New Year," yada, yada, yada; click/delete. As fast as I can. Are you kidding me? It's not bad enough that as consumers we are regularly watching/listening to fake spokes-things on television, I am now being directly interacted with through my personal emails too. No. That's where I draw the line/terminate my attention span.

However well-conceived, I am not getting involved with what is in effect, a thing. Pre-programmed messages of this kind are the unkindest cut of all; "Et tu, Brute?" If you/your company can only treat me like a number - and not as a person, don't treat me at all. Don't think for a nanosecond that a holiday missive to a massive holiday audience carries any substantial weight. It doesn't. It provides the exact opposite: a greater wait until I respond. It's akin to be weightless in outer space. It's for bemusement. It serves no functional purpose. And though I can certainly appreciate how getting into thousands/millions of personal email accounts with one keystroke has an appeal, you risk squandering a previously hard-earned resource: goodwill.

You want me as a customer? Don't email me feelings. Email me facts and figures. You really want me as a customer? Then speak to me, really. Save your greetings; and not for next year either.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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-Werner Heisenberg

NEWS

Charged with Possession of Child Porn

Police seek more info on suspect.

A man was arrested Tuesday, Jan. 9 on 20 counts of felony possession of child pornography. The images were discovered on a device traced back to 29-year-old Jaeyoung Lee, who resides in the Fairfax County section of Alexandria. Detectives from Fairfax County's Child Exploitation Unit assisted by the Computer Forensics Unit conducted this investigation, which led to Lee's arrest. He is being held at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center without bond.



Jaeyoung Lee

While the investigation so far has not revealed that Lee had contact with any of the children in the images, detectives are asking anyone with information to come forward. If anyone believes their child or family member may have had contact with Lee, call Major Crimes Bureau at 703-246-7800.

Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by visiting www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org, or calling 1-866-411-TIPS. They can also be sent in via text by texting "TIP187" plus the message to CRIMES (274637). Text STOP to 274637 to cancel, or HELP to 274637 for help. Anonymous tipsters are eligible for cash rewards of \$100 to \$1000 if their information leads to an arrest.

BULLETIN BOARD

Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

THURSDAY/JAN. 18

The Match Game: Volunteering With Passion and Purpose. 10 a.m.-noon at Woodlawn Center at Woodlawn Elementary School, Entrance #7, 8505 Highland Lane. A workshop designed to help prospective volunteers match skills, hobbies and passion with volunteer opportunities in the community while learning about GrandInvolve - a volunteer experience that uses a volunteer's skills and experience to help students succeed in school. Email info@grandinvolve.org or visit www.grandinvolve.org.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 24

REVIVE Trainings. 3 p.m. at CSB's Gartlan Center, 8119 Holland Road, Alexandria. The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) will dispense free Naloxone at upcoming REVIVE trainings. Get trained with the skills and tools to administer Naloxone, a drug that reverses the effects of opioid/heroin overdose. Trainings are free, approximately one hour long, and are offered at numerous locations and times across Fairfax County. Advance registration is not required to attend training. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/news/2018/free-naloxone-revive-trainings.

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9509 Ferry Harbour Ct.
\$879,000
Many Updates!

Classic Southern Colonial. Unique opportunity, stately 5 BR custom colonial with classic old south style. Balconies overlooking front and rear grounds. Spec

Features include: porch, Hardwood floors, finished lower level w/ custom bar, & oversize 2 car garage. Gorgeous setting on level half acre lot on one of the area's premier streets!

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4PM



9424 Mt. Vernon Cir.
\$975,000
Completely Updated!

Better than new! Stunning updated home in area's premier waterfront community! Fabulous home has been renovated from top to bottom. Features include: 3

finished levels, 6 Bedrooms, 3.5 Baths, designer kitchen, hardwood floors, new HVAC, new windows, doors, and 2 car garage. Spacious screened in porch overlooks expansive rear yard. Unparalleled community amenities

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4417 Dolphin Ln.
\$649,900
Spacious Rambler!

Exceptionally spacious rambler in Yacht Haven Estates with expanded main level master suite with luxury bath. Gorgeous setting on

large level lot steps from Yacht Club. Features include: large room sizes, hardwood floors, 4 BR's, 3 Baths, thermal windows & finished lower level. Oversize deck overlooks expansive fenced rear yard.

ONE LEVEL LIVING



8307 Crown Court Rd
Incredible New Kitchen!

Just completed, brand new Chef's kitchen and custom lighting plan enhance this truly spectacular property. New kitchen features custom cabs, top line granite counter, brand new

appliances, and gas cooking. Other feats: 5 BR's, 5 BA's, high ceilings, two car garage and the most amazing pool and grounds you'll ever find at this price range!

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8709 Curtis Ave.
\$539,000
Recently renovated!

Gorgeously updated home on 2 lots on quiet cul-de-sac ready for you to move in! Inviting front porch leads you to dramatic open floor plan with tons of light. New

Kitchen, windows, light fixtures, updated baths, fresh paint and landscaping make this a rare opportunity! Huge yard, pond, and hot tub complete this serene setting.

NEW PRICE



9032 Mcnair Dr.
\$569,000
One Level Living!

Rare opportunity! Totally renovated rambler with oversize two car garage on gorgeous level lot in prime Mt. Vernon location! Recent major updated include: new

roof, thermal windows, hardwood floors, new kitchen, Located in quiet neighborhood surrounded by Mt. Vernon Country Club and Grist Mill Park! Nothing like it for close to this price!

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8807 Battery Rd
\$589,000
Excellent Deal!

Quaint setting backing to Ft. Hunt Park creates your own private oasis. Many impressive features including gorgeous kitchen which

opens into dining room area, many windows creates light filled living area and garage parking/storage. Back deck overlooks private wooded parkland. Great opportunity at a great price!

BACKS TO PARK



8745 Plymouth Rd.
\$829,000
Great Opportunity!

Rare opportunity to get into desirable Plymouth Haven at such a reasonable price! 4 level home has many updates including

impressive family room addition, upgraded windows, large master bath and closet. Home is surrounded by \$1.5+ million homes on a gorgeous half acre lot! This one won't last long!

GREAT POTENTIAL



5125 Remington Dr.
\$1,395,000
Virtually New!

Truly stunning custom home near river with seasonal water views from many major rooms. Exceptionally bright, open floor plan enhanced by dramatic high

ceilings on main two levels. 7,000 sq ft of luxurious custom features include spectacular custom kitchen with two islands, 5 BR's, including the most amazing master suite you'll ever see, 5 full / 2 half baths, top of the line

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