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‘Congestion Relief for Our Residents’

Details of the Route 28 widening project are presented.

BY BONNIE HOBBS

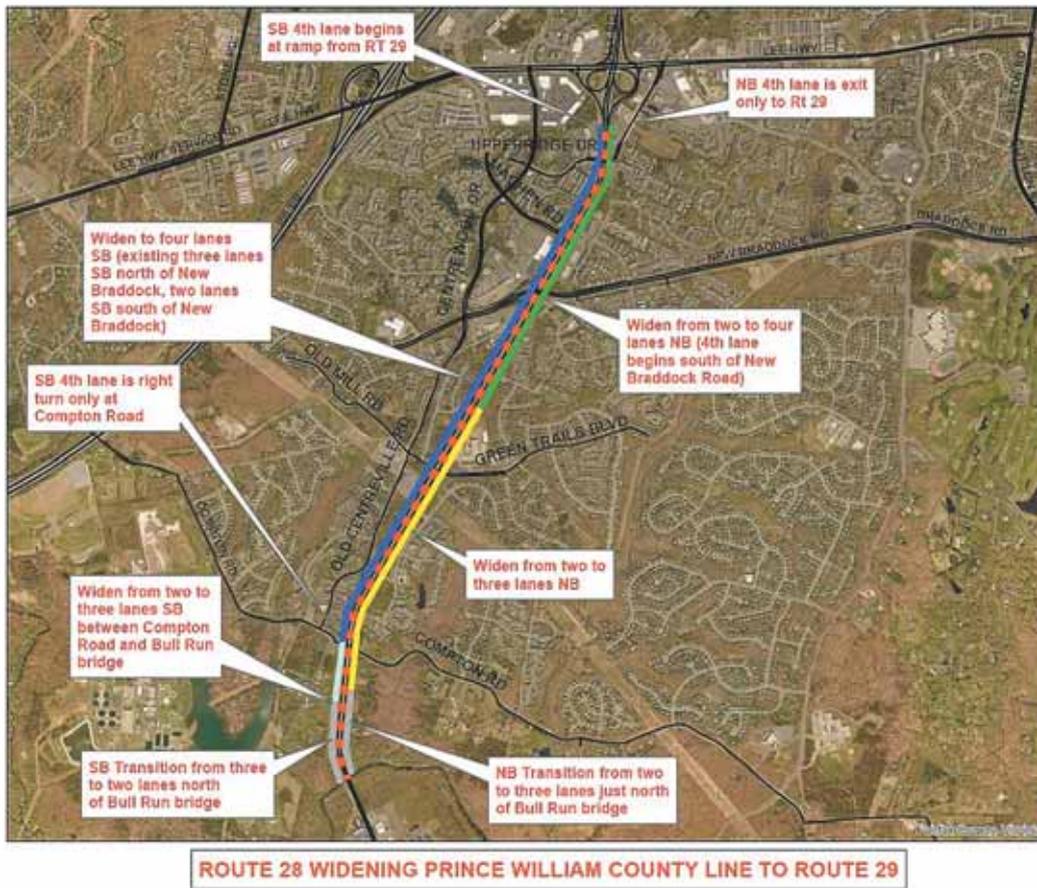
Anyone who’s driven on Route 28 in Centreville knows what a pain it can be during rush hour. But relief is on the way in the form of a multimillion-dollar widening project.

It’ll run for about 2.3 miles from the bridge over Bull Run to the interchange at Route 29 at the Prince William/Fairfax County line. It will add more through lanes to Route 28 and provide additional lanes on side streets to improve traffic flow.

It will also improve intersection operations, upgrade existing traffic signals and improve bicycle and pedestrian crossings. In addition, new, 10-foot-wide, shared-use paths will be created on both sides of Route 28. And local residents got to hear about the proposed plans during a recent, public-information meeting at Union Mill Elementary.

“This is an important project and ranks high in terms of congestion relief for our residents,” said Supervisor Pat Herry (R-Springfield). And Supervisor Kathy Smith (D-Sully) said both this project and the widening of I-66 will help people’s day-to-day lives here.

Todd Minnix, chief of the Design Division of Fairfax County’s Department of Transportation (FCDOT), also addressed attendees, presenting details of what’s proposed. “The purpose of tonight’s meeting is to show you what we’ve developed so far, tell you where



we think we’re going and get some feedback from you,” he said.

“In January 2014, the original scope was to widen Route 28 to six lanes from the Bull Run Bridge to the Route 28-/29 intersection,” said Minnix. “The county’s Comprehensive Plan envisioned eight lanes someday, with HOV lanes and a future interchange at New Braddock Road. But we don’t need eight lanes, the entire length of the project.”

So far, he said, FCDOT has done preliminary environmental studies and surveys and

has delineated some streams and wetlands in the project area. It’s also begun to do noise and air-quality studies, plus traffic analyses.

“Among the challenges, the elevation difference between northbound and southbound Route 28 will require median retaining walls,” said Minnix. “And the southbound road doesn’t meet current, sight-distance criteria.”

FCDOT examined the possibilities of having either six, seven or eight lanes on Route 28. “It’s still being analyzed,” said Minnix.

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The Route 28 widening project’s current, preferred, design concept is a hybrid of six, seven and eight lanes.

“But we think a 6-7-8-lane hybrid will work best. We’re building this for 2040 levels of traffic.”

Under the hybrid plan, there’d be three northbound lanes from the Bull Run Bridge to just south of New Braddock Road, four lanes from there northward, four lanes southbound from Route 29 to Compton Road, and three southbound lanes tapering to two lanes at Bull Run Bridge.

In addition, at the intersection of Ordway, Compton and Old Centreville roads, four design options are under consideration:

- ❖ Widen existing Compton/Ordway Road intersection with added lanes;

- ❖ Realign Ordway Road to align with Old Centreville Road with a traffic signal;

- ❖ Realign Ordway Road to align with Old Centreville Road with a roundabout;

- ❖ Extend Old Centreville Road to become a “T” intersection with Ordway Road with a traffic signal.

Improvements would also be made at all signalized intersections by adding turn lanes and/or one or more additional lanes on side streets. Doing so would eliminate split-phase, signal operations and improve overall intersection operations. Being considered are:

SEE WIDENING PLANS, PAGE 9



PHOTOS COURTESY OF BULL RUN REGIONAL PARK

Flooding Closes Bull Run Regional Park

Bull Run Regional Park was closed to visitors, Sunday, July 22, after some 6 inches of heavy rain, Saturday afternoon and evening, caused substantial flooding throughout the park. Parking areas and roads turned into lakes, and even the Atlantis Waterpark had to refrain from opening.

New Board Chair Leads Public Schools

Corbett Sanders reviews current educational issues.

BY GERALD A. FILL

Mount Vernon School Board Member Karen Corbett Sanders was elected chairwoman of Fairfax County School Board July 12 for the 2018-2019 school year.

Q: How do you feel about being elected by your peers as chair for the upcoming school year?

A: I am honored and humbled.

Q&A It is a great school system that prides itself on fairness and professionalism, and delivering a quality education to all our students. I intend to help make sure we continue the tradition of being one of the best public school systems in the country.

Q: What are your goals as chair?

A: One of my top goals is to get the School Board to coalesce around a Strategic Plan that we are now working on. Also, to make sure the Strategic Plan coincides with the budget and One Fairfax [policy].

Q: What is the School Board doing about improving school safety?

A: As you can imagine when looking at security we need to look at it in the context of what can we do to prevent an incident from occurring: from planning, type of personnel, and facilities. Following the Parkland, Fla., school shooting in February, the School Board requested that our Superintendent Scott Brabrand conduct an internal review of FCPS' security programs, policies, and practices. This was in addition to the Virginia General Assembly Committee formed to study and recommend school safety at the state-wide level by the House of Delegates and most recently by the Governor. Delegates Krizek, Sickles and Watts are on the House Committee and solicit ideas from school board members and FCPS staff. Delegate Krizek has put together an advisory round table to gather insights from local community members. Recent reports by the Secret Service and the Virginia Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee identify the school climate, threat assessments and early warning systems as the most important factors in preventing incidents of school violence. FCPS' security re-

Bio

Karen Corbett Sanders was raised in Fairfax County. She is a retired international business executive, a community advocate for health care and education and a past PTA president. She has served on international boards of directors and operating companies as well as the quality board of Inova Children's Hospital and the Dean's Advisory Board of Boston University's Wheelock School of Education. She was elected to the School Board in 2016 to represent the Mount Vernon Magisterial District. She served as vice chair during the 2017-2018 school year.



view had similar findings.

The review examined current security processes, opportunities for improvements to existing programs and structures, and consideration of new initiatives to further reduce risk in the short- and long-term. Along these lines, the security review focused on three key areas:

- ❖ **School climate and Mental Health Studies** have shown that a key component of preventing tragedies such as Parkland is creating a positive school climate. Mental health supports are essential in providing support to students that may be in crisis. The superintendent has recommended hiring 18 additional school-based mental health support staff members such as psychologists or social workers. All high schools currently have full-time psychologists and social workers. Additional staff would enable all middle schools and targeted elementary schools to have full-time mental health support.

- ❖ **Planning, and Personnel Training:** Hire additional staff members to improve training in all schools, such as enhanced lockdown drills, threat assessments (a structured process for identifying and assessing threats), visitor management procedures, including visitor management systems and protocols, and increase the frequency of school-based security exercises. In addition, table top exercises would be conducted annually. A tabletop exercise provides participants emergency scenarios to evaluate each school, such as a crisis management plan and response; at least one lockdown drill each year would be conducted during a lunch period and/or between classes; and grade level appropriate training scripts and videos would be provided to staff for use in the lockdown drills.

- ❖ **Physical Security:** Require all classroom doors to be locked at all times and to re-

TJHSST Admissions Statistics for Class of 2022

	Applicants	Percent	Admitted	Percent
GENDER				
Male	1,683	53.3%	278	57.3%
Female	1,477	46.7%	207	42.7%
Total	3,160		485	
ETHNIC				
White	870	27.5%	111	22.9%
Black	220	7.0%	10	2.1%
Hispanic	276	8.7%	23	4.7%
Asian	1,633	51.7%	316	65.2%
Multiracial/Other*	161	5.0%	25	5.2%
Total	3,160		485	
SCHOOL TYPE				
Public	2,996	94.8%	460	94.8%
Private/Home	164	5.2%	25	5.2%
Total	3,160		485	
Reduced Fee or Waived Fee Paid	336	10.6%	7	1.4%

SOURCE: FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

place outdated dual-keyed door locks initially and possibly additional cameras in middle and elementary schools in the future. All schools currently have locked doors with cameras at the entrance.

The recommended enhancements were presented to the School Board at its June 18 work session and consensus was reached to present the recommendations as part of the FY 18 year-end budget review scheduled for July 26, 2018. Public hearings on the budget review recommendations were held on July 12 and July 17.

In addition to the actions that should be implemented as part of the year end budget review process, the School Board requested additional information on a number of areas which include additional interior cameras for middle schools and elementary schools and where they would be located, the effectiveness of an options based approach to risk assessment in some instances, and a review of procedures for administrative buildings. Once the superintendent has completed the review and assessment of the items requested by school board members in the June work session, the School Board will have a second work session on the second report.

Q: The Opioid Task Force Report reflected an increase in abuse of prescription drugs in the county. What is the school system doing to tackle this problem?

A: I personally visit the schools and urge awareness by the teachers, parents and students about the long-term adverse consequences of prescription drug abuse as well as abuse of illegal drugs.

Also, the FCPS is working with our county partners to implement several recommendations of the County Opioid Task Force. The Board of Supervisors funded six substance abuse specialists for FCPS. In 2018-2019, the specialists will begin working in the Langley, South Lakes, Herndon, West Potomac, and Robinson Pyramids. These pyramids were selected based on 3 years of Youth Survey and discipline data. The specialists will tailor prevention activities to fit the needs of the school communities. Their

responsibilities will include assisting with substance abuse assessments, short-term early intervention counseling support and referrals to outside services. Additionally, the school system includes opioids and other substance abuse education issues in our health curriculum beginning in the early grades. We encourage parents to keep lines of communication open with their children, and engage them in conversations about substance abuse.

Q: Due to pending litigation affecting TJ admissions policy, you can't comment on the lawsuit. However, what can you say with respect to ongoing admissions policy?

A: The admission's policy has been debated and modified numerous times to address community concerns regarding the makeup of the school. This School Board recognizes the importance of having a diverse student body and staff and have emphasized equity of opportunity as a priority in our policy making and have asked the superintendent to set this issue as a priority in the implementation of the Strategic Plan. Included in my response is, at your request, the admissions statistics for the incoming TJ freshman class this fall. [See chart.]

Q: What would you like to say as you prepare for your role as chairwoman of the School Board?

A: As the School Board chair, I am enthusiastically looking forward to working with my colleagues in continuing the important work of supporting our students and teachers as we implement the FCPS Strategic Plan and the One Fairfax Policy.

Making One Fairfax a reality means every FCPS student has equity and excellence in their educational experience. The goals of the Strategic Plan provide a framework for ensuring that we inspire and empower students to achieve academically, make healthy choices, and are capable of making responsible and ethical decisions in our rapidly changing world. I want every child to love learning and experience joy in their classrooms.

Fairfax County School Board Budget

Overall, FY 2019 Budget is \$2.9 billion that includes an additional \$53.1 million as part of a multi-year plan to enhance teacher salaries, and \$43.9 million for a step increase for all eligible school employees. The district's cost per pupil is projected to be \$15,318 for FY 2019, fifth out of the 10 area school districts. Eighty-six percent of the budget is allocated to instructional programs.

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) provided ESOL services to English learners in Grades K-12, Level 1 to Level 5 in all FCPS schools and centers during FY 2018 at a cost of \$77.1 million (approximately 2.5 percent of the operating budget) to provide ESOL services to 27,572 students. An additional \$15.8 million is provided by state and federal grants.

Special Education: 26,730 students are projected to receive special education services in FY 2019. Special education is approximately \$537 million, or about 18.7 percent of the operating budget.

Projected FCPS enrollment this fall is 190,168 students.



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New Policy for Police in Fairfax Schools

BY MATTHEW DUNNE
FAIRFAX COUNTY COUNCIL PTA

The policy governing roles and responsibilities of armed police officers who patrol the hallways of every public middle and high school in Fairfax County is about to be improved, after a community panel submitted more than 50 pages of comments in a wide-ranging review.

Although universal agreement was not reached, the policy review, the first in several years, led to significant improvements, including establishing a bright line between school discipline and law enforcement.

COMMENTARY The revised policy is set to be voted on by the Fairfax County School Board this coming Thursday, and will take effect with the start of the school year on Aug. 28.

The policy review grew out of concern that the existing agreement between the Fairfax Police Department and the school board had led to disparate treatment of minority children. In response, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chair Sharon Bulova appointed an ad hoc committee of community representatives to provide input on the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the school system and the police.

Some parents and community members view armed police in schools, known as school resource officers (SROs), as a necessary safeguard against the many dangers in our world. While violent crime remains at historic lows, gun violence, sex trafficking and gang activity continue to threaten the safety and security of our children in school. From this perspective, SROs serve as the first line of defense.

Other parents and community members view SROs as the problem, not the solution. Dash cam, body cam, and cell phone videos have revealed a disturbing pattern of discrimination and violence against minority children across the country.

IN FAIRFAX COUNTY, there are conflicting reports on SRO interactions with students. However, data compiled by ACLU People Power show that approximately two-thirds of those arrested by SROs are African-American or Hispanic, even though these groups together constitute only one-quarter of the county population.

Similarly, two-thirds of students receiving suspensions are African-American or Hispanic, even though these groups together constitute only one-third of the student population.

Led by Communities of Trust Committee Chair Shirley Ginwright, the SRO review committee engaged in a thorough review of the MOU, starting with its first meeting on July 2. The process was at times contentious because the stakes were high and the time was limited. The parties had to bridge serious differences of opinion and understanding on SRO activities within three weeks. The committee members submitted dozens of comments, which were compiled into a matrix exceeding 50 pages in length.

The draft reviewed at the final meeting on July 19 committed Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) to “handle discipline within the school disciplinary process without involving SROs” and affirmed “that school administrators and teachers are responsible for school discipline and that law enforcement is not to be involved with disciplinary action.”

In addition, Fairfax County Police Department reaffirmed its commitment to resolve stu-

dent offenses through the school disciplinary process or restorative justice programs. These measures will help to deconstruct the so-called “school to prison pipeline.”

FCPD also committed to a significant expansion in the training provided to SROs, to include mental health training, crisis intervention training, disability awareness training, implicit bias/racial bias training, restorative justice techniques, and cultural competency training. With this training, SROs will have the knowledge and understanding to interact with an increasingly diverse student population.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS proposed a continuation of the review process in the coming months. In addition, committee members advocated for certain improvements to further strengthen the MOU, to include increased protections for immigrant students.

Among the organizations represented on the committee were the Fairfax County NAACP, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, the National Korean American Service and Education Consortium, the ADAMS Center, the Fairfax County Police Civilian Review Panel, the Fairfax Education Association, the Fairfax County Federation of Teachers, ACLU People Power, the Fairfax County Council PTA, the Special Education PTA, and the Fairfax Federation of Citizens Associations.

Both FCPS Superintendent Dr. Scott Braband and FCPD Chief Edwin Roessler attended each of the three meetings held on July 2, July 9, and July 19, demonstrating their strong commitment to soliciting community input on SRO activities.

Matthew Dunne is vice president of advocacy, Fairfax County Council PTA, and parent of three children in Fairfax County Public Schools. He is a member of the Mount Vernon District Democratic Committee. He can be reached at vp.advocacy@fccpta.org

Protect Immigrant Students from ICE

BY DIANE BURKLEY ALEJANDRO

Fairfax County is poised to improve its policy governing law enforcement in schools significantly, but the current draft fails to protect immigrant students, and must be changed.

COMMENTARY The matter is urgent because the policy on deployment of armed police School Resource Officers (SROs) to all public middle and high schools in the county is being considered at the School Board working meeting on Monday, July 23 and will be voted on at the Thursday, 7 p.m. Board meeting. It will be implemented with the start of the school year next month.

Those who support making schools off limits to immigration authorities should send emails to their School Board member and, most importantly, attend these upcoming meetings, which are open to the public.

Forced separation of immigrant youth from their families is not just happening at the border. Police in schools throughout the country are feeding information to federal immigration authorities about undocumented students.

Some examples:

❖ In Long Island, N.Y.; SROs sent informa-

tion to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) on undocumented students they couldn't arrest due to lack of evidence, leading to their arrest for deportation.

❖ The Boston school system was sued over its sharing students' info with ICE.

❖ A child in Durham, N.C. was arrested on his way into school.

Immigrant students in Fairfax public schools fear that it can happen to them, too. Students and school counselors have reported that many immigrants avoid reporting crimes against them, or stay away from school altogether.

Unfortunately, the draft agreement between the police and school system does not prevent them from helping ICE. The deficits in this proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the police and public schools are two-fold:

❖ The MOU gives law enforcement access to students and their information if they have a “warrant.” This can be read to include not just warrants issued by judicial authorities but so-called warrants issued administratively by ICE itself.

❖ Police are not prohibited from giving information about students to ICE if it is included in “law enforcement records” created by SROs. These records are not subject to FERPA, the

privacy law protecting student records. Even directory information on students is dangerous, because ICE can use addresses and other contact information to track down students and their families.

To remedy these deficits, ACLU People Power together with National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC) propose that the School Board amend the draft MOU to require that ICE have a criminal warrant or subpoena issued by a court in order to:

❖ obtain student information, including non-public directory information that could be used to locate household members

❖ interview or search a student, or

❖ arrest any student or their household members on school property.

Other progressive school systems across the nation (including New Haven, Philadelphia, Chicago and Los Angeles) have already addressed this concern.

It is time for Fairfax public schools to do so as well. If you agree, please make your voice heard.

Diane Burkley Alejandro is the lead advocate for ACLU People Power Fairfax. She was a member of the SRO Community Review Committee set up to provide input on the new MOU. This column first appeared in The BlueView, blueviewfairfax.com

LETTERS

Fighting for The Vulnerable

To the Editor:

In many ways, human and sex trafficking is the hidden scourge of our time. It's hard to talk about, but it's a real problem — even right here in our region. Congresswoman Barbara Comstock hasn't been afraid to take on this pressing issue. And her work is yielding results.

Comstock supported legislation that recently led to the seizure of the seedy website backpage.com. Backpage was known as a haven for human and sex trafficking, but under recently passed anti-trafficking legislation passed by Congress, the site was seized by federal law enforcement. The founders and operators now face dozens of indictments.

Shutting down Backpage is a significant action that will slow the growth of sex trafficking in the United States.

Comstock's record of accomplishment doesn't stop there. She's voted dozens of times to tighten our sex trafficking laws, protect victims, and direct more resources toward battling this monstrous industry.

This proven track record of fighting for the vulnerable is part of why I'll proudly support Congresswoman Comstock for re-election this year.

Miriam Munoz
Chantilly

A Winner For Seniors

To the Editor:

Congresswoman Barbara Comstock has a sterling record of protecting those of us with a few more sterling silver hairs. Rep. Comstock has been a consistent advocate for Medicare, voting countless times to protect seniors from Medicare cuts or changes to

Medicare that would have made us pay more out of pocket.

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For those of us who have been around the block a time or two, Comstock is a proven winner.

Robert Hartman
Centreville

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PET CONNECTION



We rescued Bailey, our Maltipoo, in March.

— THE MURRAYS, CHANTILLY



We have two beagle mix pups, Sully (age 3) and Zeke (age 2). Even though I work for Braddock District Supervisor Cook, I live in Oak Hill in the Sully District, so that's where the name comes from. Actually, every time I see former Sully District Supervisor Michael Frey, he never asks about me, only about my dog! Zeke was a rescue pup that we adopted last year and the two of them get along very well. And of course they were super excited that the Caps went all the way!

— LINDSEY SMITH, OAK HILL



Beagle mix pups, Sully (age 3) and Zeke (age 2).

— LINDSEY SMITH, OAK HILL

Shared Mission: Caring for Animals

Shelter and its Friends group encourages pet adoptions.

BY HANNAH ROSMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter (FCAS) takes in strays and owner-surrendered animals from residents, while also taking in animals from other shelters as space is available.

A county facility, it received just over \$500,000 from the Fairfax County budget last year, but that is not enough, so the Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter (FFCAS) raised more than \$200,000 for the shelter.

"Right now there's a little dog that came in with a broken leg and broken tail who's been hit by a car, and he's super sweet, but it's \$2,000 for his surgery and if the shelter chose to spend that much money on one animal they wouldn't have money to care for all the animals," said Executive Director of FFCAS Celia Flye. "That's why our organization was developed, so that we can raise money to help fund things like that."

The money they raise is much needed by the ever-growing shelter, which offers resources for prospective and current pet

owners. They provide low-cost rabies vaccination clinics throughout the county where people can get their dog, cat or ferret vaccinated for \$15 and Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Clinics, where people can learn how to humanely trap feral cats, and then bring them to the shelter to be spayed or neutered and vaccinated. FCAS offers free workshops, free trap loans and free surgeries on a weekly basis.

"A lot of times a barrier to people getting their community cats [i.e. feral colonies] spayed or neutered and vaccinated is the cost," Communication and Outreach Manager Amanda Novotny said. "Most places will have a \$20 or \$40 fee, and that can be a lot when you have 10 cats. It's just a chunk of money that you weren't expecting to spend, so we eliminate that complication. We make it so you don't even have to go out and buy a trap, which might cost \$80."

While the shelter itself is large, the organization is already growing out of its five-year-old building. They have space for 40 cats and 25 dogs and a couple dozen rabbits and guinea pigs on the adoption floor, and there is also room for 60 cats and a little over 80 dogs in the "back of the house

space." Despite that amount of space they are still frequently full and always looking for ways to get more pets into homes.

"We try to have adoption events every couple of months at least. Sometimes they'll be completely fee waived for all animals or it'll be something like half off cats," Novotny said. "We love them because adoption fees don't translate into any judgment on the care the animal will get in their home because it's just one transaction, but people who adopt a pet know that they're going to keep this animal for their whole life and so if we can help get a good pet into a good home no matter if it's 100 bucks or \$0 then that's the important thing."

FFCAS is also always working to get donations and make sure that the shelter can help all of the animals in their care as much as possible. To do so, they have two major events, a wine tasting and a golf tournament every year. Most of the money they raise from those events come from corporate sponsors.

FFCAS also spends a lot of time writing grants. Most recently, they were awarded a \$15,000 grant from PetSmart Charities to fund promoting senior pet adoption.

"A big thing about fundraising is that you really want to diversify where you're getting your finds from," Flye said. "You don't want it all to be business or individuals or grants from foundations. For example: events are a lot of work. You could spend the amount of time that you spend on an event writing a lot of grants and probably end up raising a lot more money, but you need to have that social touch to get people engaged."

They are not just looking for help in the form of money, though. FCAS is always looking for volunteers who are willing to foster animals, help in the dog, cat, or small animal rooms, do dishes or laundry, or, if they don't want to be hands-on involved with the animals, to do administrative work. But they are also just looking for vocal fans. They ask people to just tell their friends about the work they do, and spread the word about what a wonderful environment the shelter is.

"People message us and say, 'I would love to come, but it would make me so sad,' but I can guarantee you that people who visit our shelter don't leave sad," Novotny said. "It doesn't feel like a sad place, it feels like a happy place because of our amazing staff and volunteers."

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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board's Merrifield Center offers a new stand-up information kiosk. Part of a pilot project, the new feature aims to improve the customer service experience and decrease wait times

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Widening Plans for Route 28

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- ❖ Dual left-turn lanes on northbound Route 28 at New Braddock;
- ❖ Dual left-turn lanes on northbound Route 28 at Machen Road;
- ❖ Triple left turns from westbound New Braddock to southbound Route 28;
- ❖ Adding one lane on both westbound and eastbound Compton Road, eastbound Old Mill Road and westbound Old Centreville Road (at the north end of the project).

“We’re also proposing to close two medians on Route 28,” said Minnix. “We’d leave open the median cut at Bradenton Drive, but close the ones by E.C. Lawrence Park and at Darkwood Drive. And we’re proposing to leave a 32-foot-wide, grass median between intersections.”

Besides that, he added, “There’s federal money in this project, so we’re required to propose noise mitigation in neighborhoods where projected noise levels will exceed established criteria. But the residents need to say, in writing, that they want noise walls. And at least 50 percent have to vote affirmatively for them.”

Further adding to this project’s menu of choices, there are two construction options, as well. Design-Bid-Build is the standard process for implementing transportation projects. After the design is some 75-80-percent completed, right-of-way acquisition begins, followed by utility relocation and finalization of the design. Then the project is advertised for construction bids.

Design-Build provides for more-rapid progress by combining and overlapping the design, right-of-way, utility and construction phases. As a result, many of the tasks are done concurrently, rather than one after another.

“Design-Build is faster,” said Minnix. “We could complete the project two years earlier than with Design-Bid-Build. But the design builder could modify the design within the constraints set by the request for proposals. The costs are usually higher than with Design-Bid-Build, and the county must be



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Residents Margaret and Mike Volpe discuss with FCDOT’s Justin McNaul (on right) how the Route 28 widening will tie into the I-66 widening project.

prepared to use eminent domain for land acquisition, if necessary.”

For this project’s hybrid plan, the Design-Bid-Build option would cost an estimated \$90,500,000, and Design-Build has an estimated price tag of \$91,100,000.

So far, FCDOT has \$67,406,035 of that total and will be applying for more. It already received \$26 million from the NVTA (Northern Virginia Transportation Authority), \$8,576,035 in state Revenue Sharing funds, and \$32,830,000 in federal SmartScale funds.

When the project actually gets underway – which, assuming all the money comes through, could be 2020 – Minnix said night work is likely. “Signals and traffic must be maintained during construction,” he said. “And there’ll be no lane closures during rush hour.”

If all goes well, project completion is earmarked for 2023. “We’ll come back to you this fall,” he told the residents. “By that time, we should know where noise walls may go, how much right-of-way and easements we’ll need, how many lanes we’ll have and where they’ll go. Then we’ll hold another public hearing in spring 2020, and construction could start within 30-60 days of that hearing.”

CRIME REPORT

The following incidents were reported by the Sully District Police Station.

TREES DOWN: July 24, 8:54 a.m., trees fell at Popes Head Road at Beech Ridge Drive and Yates Ford Road at Evans Ford Road.

BURGLARY: 6400 block of Muster Ct., July 21, 9:31 p.m. A homeowner reported someone broke in and stole several items.

BURGLARY: 4100 block of Stonecroft Boulevard, July 16. An employee reported that someone entered the business overnight and removed property.

BURGLARY: 4100 block of Auto Park Circle, July 16. An employee reported that someone entered the business overnight and removed property.

DRUG POSSESSION: Lee Jackson Memorial Highway at Airline Pkwy, July 6, 5:09 p.m. Officers conducted a traffic stop after witnessing several open

containers. Upon further investigation and a search of the vehicle, Two individuals, both of Falls Church, were found to be in possession of cocaine. Both have been charged with drug possession.

ROBBERY: 13800 block of Braddock Road, July 4, 2:30 am. The victim was trying to find a ride home from a restaurant. He saw three men in the parking lot and asked them for a ride. The men closed in on his personal space and began to rifle through his pockets. Being outnumbered, he feared for his safety and he did not resist. The men took items from his pockets and left the area.

RECKLESS DISCHARGE: 12100 block of Queens Brigade Drive, July 4, 8:40 p.m. A witness called 911 after seeing someone firing a gun out of a red SUV into the air. Officers found the SUV and stopped it, finding a firearm and narcotics inside. The three boys who were inside of the SUV were arrested. Petitions for possession of marijuana,

possession of tobacco by a minor, and additional charges are being sought with juvenile intake.

JULY 23 — LARCENIES
4400 block of Barford Court, property from residence

14400 block of Chantilly Crossing Lane, cell phone from business
4300 block of Chantilly Shopping Center, wallet from business

14500 block of Eddy Court, license plate from vehicle
15100 block of Wetherburn Drive, property from residence

JULY 19 — LARCENIES
13800 block of Braddock Road, debit card from residence

4300 block of Chantilly Shopping Center, merchandise from business
5900 block of Fort Drive, wallet and sunglasses from residence

JULY 18 — LARCENIES
14100 block of Gabrielle Way, laptop computer, headphones and passport from vehicle

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SPORTS



Michael Hart swam butterfly and placed first in breaststroke.



Sarah Boyle placed first in backstroke.

Riptide Falls to Crosspointe

BY SARAH BLANSETT

The Virginia Run Riptide swam hard but lost in a close meet on Saturday, July 21 to the current division four leader, the Crosspointe Cruisers. In a closer-than-anticipated meet, the Riptide assumed the lead going into the relays but was edged out by undefeated Cruisers 219-201.

The Riptide came to Saturday's meet off a strong showing at the NVSL All Star Relays on Wednesday where they fielded six teams and the Boys 8 & Under Free Relay and Boys 8 & Under Medley Relay placed first. The team also celebrated their senior swimmers in an emotional send-off at the meet on Saturday that captured the many years of hard work and community spirit that goes into being a Riptide family.

The 8 and Under boys started the meet strong with three events sweeps. Ethan O'Connor and Ryan

Garcia came in first and third in the freestyle and Nicholas and Tyler Harris took first and third in the backstroke. Garcia, O'Connor, and Ben Herndon swept the breaststroke while Nicholas Harris, Desmond McDonough and Tyler Harris swept the fly. Quinn McCrea and Caitlin Do took first and third in freestyle, Mia Turner and Do finished one-two in the backstroke. McCrea and Anna Kim took home first and second in the breaststroke while Turner, Kiera McCrea, and Kim swept the fly.

The 9-10's saw Kevin O'Connor and Kamsi Anyalebechi take home second and third in freestyle, Anyalebechi also took third in backstroke with Ewan McDonough placing second, O'Connor and Mason Conlon place first and third in the breaststroke and Christopher Thompson took home third in fly. Anna Kelliher brought home third in the freestyle, Charis

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All smiles for Sully Station 2's Super Team (Noreen O'Connell, Tate Stamper, Yousuf Abu Jbara and Tyler Norris) along with coaches Scott Brown, Katie O'Brien and Caitlin Campbell.

Piranhas Kick Off Super Team Meet

It was a week to honor, remember and congratulate as Sully Station 2 Piranhas finished the last A meet of the season, held the Super Team meet and welcomed old and new at the 25th anniversary celebration.

This weekend's festivities kicked off with the annual Super Team meet as four little Piranhas shined in each of their events. Former Sully 2 Swim parent and official, Connie Gay, was the starter for the meet. Congratulations to Yousuf Abu Jbara, Tyler Norris, Noreen O'Connell and Tate Stamper.

Once again, in spite of the rain and competitive Forest Hollow team (249-167), the Piranhas saw several double-event winners: Michael Zhang (backstroke and butterfly), Alyssa Seng (breaststroke and butterfly), Ehma Stalfort (backstroke and breaststroke), Simon Campbell (backstroke and butterfly), Collin West (backstroke and butterfly), Faith Alston (freestyle and breaststroke) and Kellen Campbell

(backstroke and butterfly). Ella Ammons came through in blazing speed in freestyle to capture first place and earn an All-Star cut. The 15-18 girls had a sweep in freestyle with Alston, Karena Hall and Carly Logan grabbing the first three places. The 15-18 boys also swept the backstroke with Campbell, K., Anthony Kang and Brody Campbell securing the top three slots. Karena Hall captured first in her backstroke race. There were a number of first place finishes in breaststroke with Mark McClendon, Alyssa Seng, Hayley Norris and Brody Campbell leading their age groups. Delaney Kennedy continued her winning ways with a strong first place finish in her butterfly race.

Piranha swimmers continue to make strides and show gains with several 2nd and 3rd place finishes including Lucy Campbell, Mary Campbell, Dorothy Cervarich, Emily Fisher, Jacob Garcia, Anthony Kang,

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Roundtree took first in backstroke and butterfly.

The 11-12 group swam hard with William Whitton and Griffin Osterhout in a one-two finish in freestyle; Whitton and Davis Collingsworth did the same in backstroke with Collingsworth earning first in breaststroke with Sam Roundtree at third, and Osterhout and Ryan Friess placed first and second in butterfly.

The 13-14 races featured Jason Cheifetz taking second in freestyle, Jackson Blansett taking second in backstroke and butterfly, and Michael Hart placing first in breaststroke. Maddie Whitton swam for second in freestyle with Caitlin Kelliher and Isabelle Cogan taking second and third in backstroke and Cogan and Emily Jon doing the same in breaststroke. Kelliher also took third in the butterfly.

In the 15-18 age group, third place finishes were delivered by Bobby Monroe in freestyle, Anthony Tonthat in backstroke and Harry Schlatter in butterfly. The breaststroke was an exciting sweep with William Beamon, Thomas Beamon and Harry Schlatter swimming one-two-three putting crucial points on the board and giving the Riptide a lead in the meet for the first time since the freestyle event. Allie Hickey and Didi Pace placed first and second in freestyle, with Sarah Boyle and Chelsea Nguyen taking first and third in backstroke; Hickey delivered second in breaststroke and Boyle brought home first in the fly to keep the Riptide ahead in scoring going into the relays.

The relays were intense competition with brilliant swims by both teams that had the crowd on their feet. The 8 & Under boys and girls relays brought home first place as did the 11-12 Boys Medley Relay team and the 15-18 Girls Medley Relay team.

Piranhas

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Kennedy, Logan, McClendon, Morris, Norris, Carys O'Haimhirgin, Isaiah Quitugua and Harrison Saint Germain.

The Piranhas were victorious in four relays including 8 and Under Boys (Brandon Jo, McClendon, Connor Pond and Zhang), 15-18 Boys (Campbell, B., Campbell, K., Kang and Morris), 15-18 Girls (Alston, F., Hall, Kennedy and Logan) and the 18 and under Mixed Age Girls (Alston, F., Ammons, Norris and Stalfort, M.).

Outside of the pool, the Piranhas celebrated 25 years as a swim team on Saturday night at the Chantilly National Country Club. It recognized the current swimmers, as well as honored the first class of the Sully Station 2 Hall of Fame. Special awards were given to: Jacob Garcia (Best Rookie: Male), Carys O'Haimhirgin (Best Rookie: Female), Gabe Quitugua (Most Improved: Male), Alyssa Norris (Most Improved: Female), Max Morris (Piranha Pride) and Colin Brown (Coach's Award). Hall of Fame inductees included Nick Campbell, Eric Knight, Carli Molano and Chanele Molano.

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Phoning It In



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

For my next post-scan, face-to-face appointment with my oncologist, we won't in fact be seeing him face to face. Instead, we will be speaking with him phone to phone. This bothers or concerns me not in the least. "I only mention this in passing," ("The Exorcist," 1973) and as a topic for this week's column since I'm being CT-Scanned on Wednesday, July 25.

Typically, we would meet my oncologist in person a week or so after my scan to allow for proper reporting/interpreting of the scan. This appointment would have been made — or attempted to have been made, during the previous face-to-face appointment, three months prior. However, sometimes the computer program managing such scheduling doesn't provide the doctor's schedule so far in advance.

When this happens, the doctor/staff makes a note in the computer's margins, so to speak, to schedule me automatically when the appointments become available. Well, for some reason, that didn't happen this cycle. That became clear to me when, a few weeks before my presumptive appointment, I went online to see when my it had been "computerized." I noticed it hadn't. I immediately called oncology to make inquiries and to schedule this kind-of-important, post-scan appointment.

I spoke with one of the nurses — with whom I'm familiar, and explained my circumstances. She went on the computer, entered my member number and, if I understand the process correctly, typed in something like "next available appointment."

"Aug. 31," she said.

I said "What?! I usually see the doctor the week after my scan."

"That's the next available appointment," she repeated. (I'd mutter "incredible" to myself but I have some prior experience with such blips.)

Stammering as I gathered my thoughts, the nurse casually offered up the chance of a phone appointment. "Sure!," I said, (having received a similar offer once before).

The nurse said "How about Aug. 6?" 12 days post scan and much sooner than Aug. 31. (Normally we try to schedule the follow-up in-office appointment for the following Friday, 10 days after the Wednesday scan which ideally would have been Aug. 3).

"Perfect," I said, since I'm home on Mondays and my wife, Dina, coincidentally had already scheduled that day off from work. (The phone-appointment process involves putting the phone on speaker — so that all parties can participate, and exercising some patience. It's a little awkward but given the appointment unavailability, it's what we have to do.) Not stressing too much about this unexpected set of circumstances, I am now prepared to move forward and hope for the best — results.

The only semi concern I do have is what if the conversation, different than the previous phone-appointment conversation, involves some significant decision-making/discussing about Kenny's life treating forward. If the conversation is potentially life-altering, I'd rather look my oncologist in the eyes rather than hear his voice over the phone.

And, of course, being that there are very few guarantees in the cancer business, there is absolutely no assumption to be presumed that since I'm having a phone appointment that somehow that means all is well with yours truly. Hardly. I haven't even had my scan yet. It simply means that the doctor is already double-booked for the time frame in consideration.

However, on the totally-plus side: There's no 45 minute drive to and from. Once on site, there's no 15- to 20-minute wait in the reception area. Then there's no 10- to 20-minute wait/getting vitals in the examining room until my oncologist comes in. And finally, there's no 30- to 45-minute appointment with my oncologist since there's no physical examination and no ability as well to computer-review the actual scan. It's simply questions and answers. This all works perfectly well when the scan shows "stable."

But, what if?

I don't do "what-ifs." I do what I do until I'm told otherwise (that's why I'm a good husband). Moreover, I don't worry about things I can't control. My scan is in 10 days and it will show what it shows.

In the interim, I will hope for the best and await further instructions.

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

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Starlight Storytime. Every other Wednesday, 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Stories under the stars for ages 4-8. Wear pajamas and bring stuffed friends. Free. Call 703-830-2223 to reserve a space.

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One-on-One English Conversation. Various times at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Spend an hour with a volunteer tutor to practice conversing in English. Various times and days. Reservations are required. Call the library at 703-830-2223 to make a reservation.

ESL Book Club. Mondays, 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Meet and discuss a book chosen by group. Free. Call 703-830-2223 with questions and to reserve a spot.

English as Second Language Book Club. Mondays, 7-9 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Adults learning English meet to discuss a book chosen by the group. Call the library 703-830-2223 for book title.

Advanced English Conversation Group. Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Drop-in conversation group for adult English

as Second Language speakers who want to improve their skills. Call 703-830-2223 for more.

English Conversation Group. Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with a group of students and adults. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a space.

Farsi Conversation Group. Thursdays, 7-8 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Practice speaking Farsi with native speakers in this weekly drop-in conversation group. No registration required. Adults. Call 703-830-2223 for more.

English Conversation Group. Thursdays, 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with a group of students and adults. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a space.

Practice English Conversation Group. Saturdays, 3-5 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Drop in and enjoy casual conversation and learning for adult learners of English. Volunteer led program. Call 703-830-2223 for more.

ESL Book Club. Every other Saturday, 11 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Adults learning English are welcome to meet and discuss a book chosen by the group. To find out book title, call 703-502-3883.

SUNDAY/JULY 29

WVMGRS G-Scale Trains. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Washington, Virginia & Maryland Garden Railway Society (WVMGRS) members will have a G-Scale train display running at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org, www.facebook.com/FFXSRR, or call 703-425-9225.

SATURDAY/AUG. 4

Starlight Cinema: Little Mermaid. Gates open at 6 p.m.; movie starts at dark at Trinity Centre, 5860 Trinity

Parkway, Centreville. Starlight Drive-in Cinema brings the community together with features that appeal to both children and adults. The atmosphere is relaxed and informal. Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets and FM radio if you wish to sit outside. Children's games and rides. Free. To volunteer, call 703-814-7100.

National Night Out. 7-8:30 p.m. at E.C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Gather with police officers at a campfire in recognition of National Night Out. Sully District police officers will be on hand with squad cars and safety demonstrations. Enjoy some family time by the campfire. Call 703-631-0013 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence.

SUNDAY/AUG. 5

Dairy Days. 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Cost is \$7. Learn to churn butter, crank ice cream, milk a fake cow and play 18th century games at Sully Historic Site's celebration of "Dairy Days" in August. Call 703-437-1794 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site.

History Challenge Day. 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Choose from a selection of quizzes on a variety of topics for a chance to win a prize. Different versions will be available for all ages and groups and interests. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org, www.facebook.com/FFXSRR, or call 703-425-9225.

AUG. 6-10

Girls in STEM Camp. Chantilly Academy offers a new Girls in STEM camp, providing girls with an opportunity to experience the world of STEM with plenty of hands-on activities. For girls new to STEM, summer programs provide a fun way to explore unfamiliar subjects, and for girls already interested in STEM, these camps build on existing interests or knowledge. The camp is

open to rising 5th-8th graders. \$225 for the week. Visit chantillyacademy.fcps.edu/announcements/summer-camps-chantilly-academy.

SATURDAY/AUG. 11

Peaches & Cream Event. 1-3 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. In the 18th century, Sully was home to more than 1,000 peach trees. Learn about the history of peaches and their uses in this program at Sully. Cook in the historic kitchen using peaches, and hand-crank peach ice cream. Program for family members age 6 to adult. \$15 per person. Call 703-437-1794 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site.

Starlight Cinema: Early Man. Gates open at 6 p.m.; movie starts at dark at Trinity Centre, 5860 Trinity Parkway, Centreville. Starlight Drive-in Cinema brings the community together with features that appeal to both children and adults. The atmosphere is relaxed and informal. Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets and FM radio if you wish to sit outside. Children's games and rides. Free. To volunteer, call 703-814-7100.

SATURDAY/AUG. 18

Starlight Cinema: Lego Batman Movie. Gates open at 6 p.m.; movie starts at dark at Trinity Centre, 5860 Trinity Parkway, Centreville. Starlight Drive-in Cinema brings the community together with features that appeal to both children and adults. The atmosphere is relaxed and informal. Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets and FM radio if you wish to sit outside. Children's games and rides. Free. To volunteer, call 703-814-7100.

SUNDAY/AUG. 19

Table Top N Gauge Model Train Display. 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Table Top N Gauge Model Trains (TTRAK) will be on display and running. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org, www.facebook.com/FFXSRR, or call 703-425-9225.

FRIDAY/AUG. 24

Dairy Days. 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Cost is \$7. Learn to churn butter, crank ice cream, milk a fake cow and play 18th century games at Sully Historic Site's celebration of "Dairy Days" in August. Call 703-437-1794 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site.

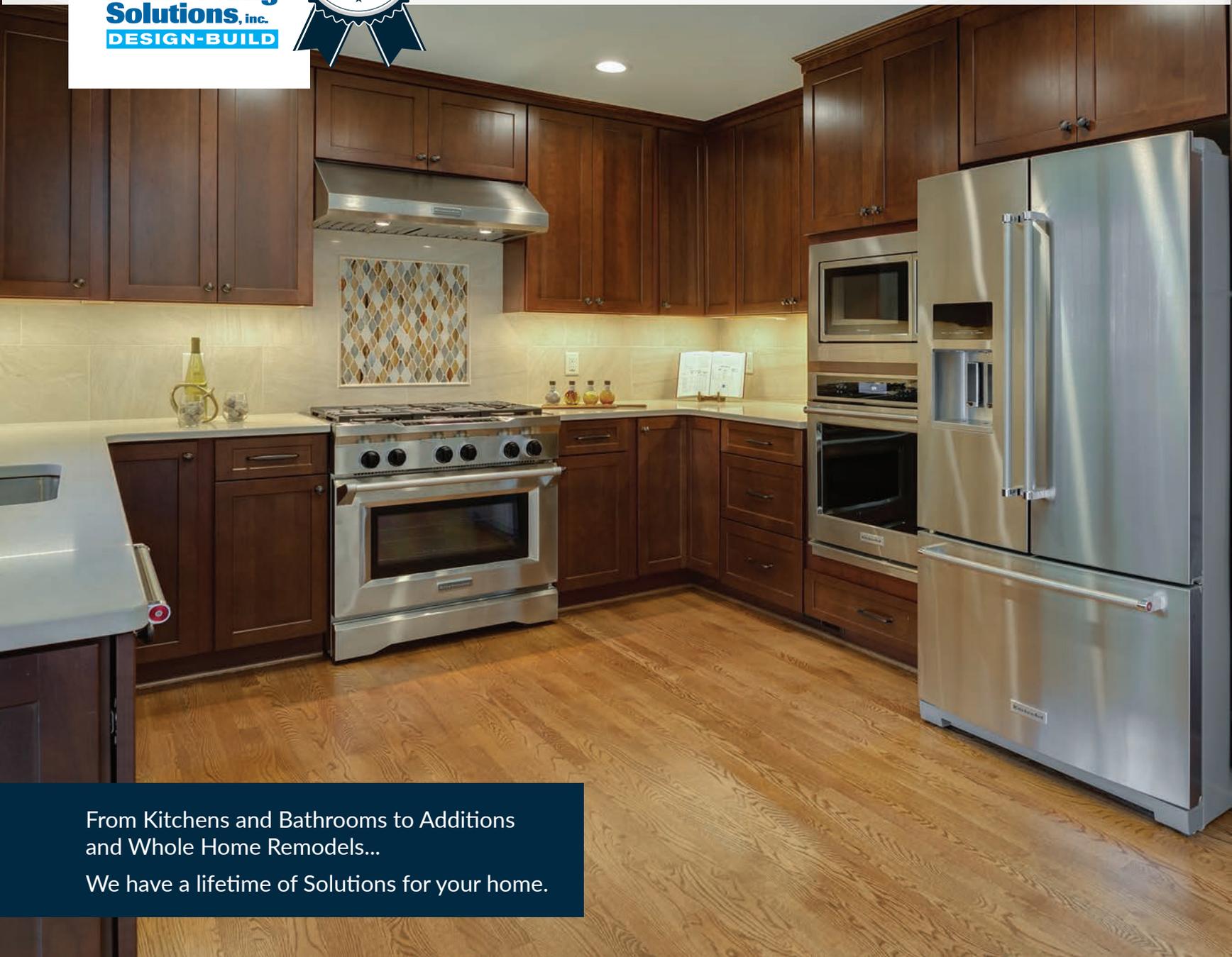
SATURDAY/AUG. 25

Dairy Days. 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Cost is \$7. Learn to churn butter, crank ice cream, milk a fake cow and play 18th century games at Sully Historic Site's celebration of "Dairy Days" in August. Call 703-437-1794 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site.

Starlight Cinema: Coco. Gates open at 6 p.m.; movie starts at dark at Trinity Centre, 5860 Trinity Parkway, Centreville. Starlight Drive-in Cinema brings the community together with features that appeal to both children and adults. The atmosphere is relaxed and informal. Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets and FM radio if you wish to sit outside. Children's games and rides. Free. To volunteer, call 703-814-7100.



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