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## 'Results vs. the Resistance' or 'Common-sense vs. Out-of-touch'?

Comstock and Wexton present stark choice for voters during first debate.

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**U**.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) charged directly at Democratic challenger Jennifer Wexton in her opening statement during the candidates' first debate Friday, casting Wexton as "the most left-wing state senator" who "wants to represent the resistance and who threatens economic growth and tax cuts."

Wexton, a former prosecutor and current state senator, shot back, calling Comstock a "political chameleon" who "paints herself as a bipartisan problem-solver" but "won't stand up for her constituents" against President Donald Trump.

"I fear how much damage can be done by this President and the Congress that enables him," Wexton said, emphasizing her bipartisan work in the Virginia legislature.

The 90-minute debate, organized by the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce and held in the National Conference Center ballroom in Leesburg, was attended by a record crowd of 550 members.

Frequently punctuated by applause and whistles from supporters on both sides of the aisle, the debate was the first faceoff in one of the most closely watched congressional races in the nation.

**VIRGINIA'S 10TH** Congressional District has been held by a Republican for 38 years, but Democrats believe demographic shifts in the sprawling district — which include sections of Fairfax and Prince William counties and all of Loudoun County — and growing opposition to President Trump, will lead to a Democratic victory. In the 2016 election, Trump lost the district by 10 percentage points while Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam, a Democrat, won the district by double digits in 2017.

Wexton has a record of bipartisan success in Richmond, where she passed more than 40 bills while in the minority.

But Comstock's supporters say she has demonstrated her ability to successfully navigate politics in the "Age of Trump" through her relentless campaigning, fast and furious fundraising, hands-on mastery of local issues and personal connections to people in her district.

"If there is a ribbon cutting or picnic, you can bet Barbara will be here," said Loudoun County developer David Garmand, who attended Friday's debate. "She sticks to what's important to the average business person."

Sidestepping direct support for Trump, Comstock credited her party for low unemployment, economic growth, increased defense spending and GOP tax cuts, saying those have benefitted Loudoun County.

"These are results to celebrate, not resist," Comstock said, to loud applause.

Comstock broke with Trump, however, on the key issue of imposing tariffs on U.S.



**U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) responds to questions from Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce panelists during 90-minute debate Sept. 21, at the National Conference Center in Leesburg while her challenger, state Sen. Jennifer Wexton (D-33) looks on.**

goods, declaring herself a "free trader" who has always "opposed tariffs."

Wexton agreed that tariffs hurt Virginia farmers and businesses. "President Trump needlessly and recklessly imposed tariffs that are hurting Americans," Wexton said. Regarding the administration sending bailout checks to farmers, Wexton said "They don't want a bailout from the government. They want to sell their goods on the open market."

As with their shared opposition to the tariffs, the candidates mirrored one another on several other issues.

Both said they oppose Congressional moves to expand service at Reagan National Airport at the expense of Dulles International Airport, which is located in the district. Both agreed that the opioid epidemic is a serious public health problem, and that addicts need to be treated, not just punished. Both expressed opposition to President Trump's proposed freeze on the pay of federal workers, thousands of whom call the 10<sup>th</sup> District home.

But when the candidates addressed immigration reform, the debate took a heated turn.

Comstock and Wexton both said they supported comprehensive immigration reform, including the expansion of programs enabling tech businesses to bring in skilled immigrants to fill cyber jobs.

"I do support having additional immigra-

tion," Comstock said. "But it needs to be legal and in a fair system. I have supported increasing H1B visas so we can get those high-quality workers."

"We need to address our immigration challenges in a bipartisan and comprehensive way," Wexton said, "but President Trump's divisive rhetoric and policies are only making that more difficult. Immigration is vitally important to our Northern Virginia economy; we have many tech businesses that rely on H1B visas and we have over 30,000 unfilled cyber jobs here in Virginia. Our farmers rely on seasonal immigrant laborers, and we need to make sure that they have them."

Wexton added that Republicans, who have controlled Congress for years, "have sat on their hands and put kids in cages." Her comment drew loud and sustained cheers and boos from supporters of each candidate, prompting an "order please" request from the event moderator.

**DIFFERENCES** between the candidates were also sharply defined on the GOP's tax reform bill passed last year. Wexton called it the "Trump-Comstock Tax Scam" which she said gives 80 percent of tax cut benefits to the wealthiest one percent of taxpayers and increases the annual deficit by a trillion dollars, instead of helping middle-class families. Comstock said she wanted to expand personal tax cuts and pursue more



**State Sen. Jennifer Wexton (D-33) shakes hands with U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) at the end of the candidates' first debate Sept. 21, at the National Conference Center in Leesburg. The candidates are vying for Virginia's 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District seat.**

small business tax cuts.

While both candidates touted their work supporting funding for the Metro system, Wexton said Comstock's proposals for Metro were so extreme they have failed to earn the support of any other members of Congress in the region. Wexton sharply criticized Comstock for voting against Metrorail's Silver Line expansion, "but that didn't stop her from showing up at the ribbon cutting."

The candidates also split over the Affordable Care Act. Comstock said "Obamacare was a totally partisan bill," calling it "deeply flawed." She said she did not support repeal, but instead would seek to fix the problems "piece by piece."

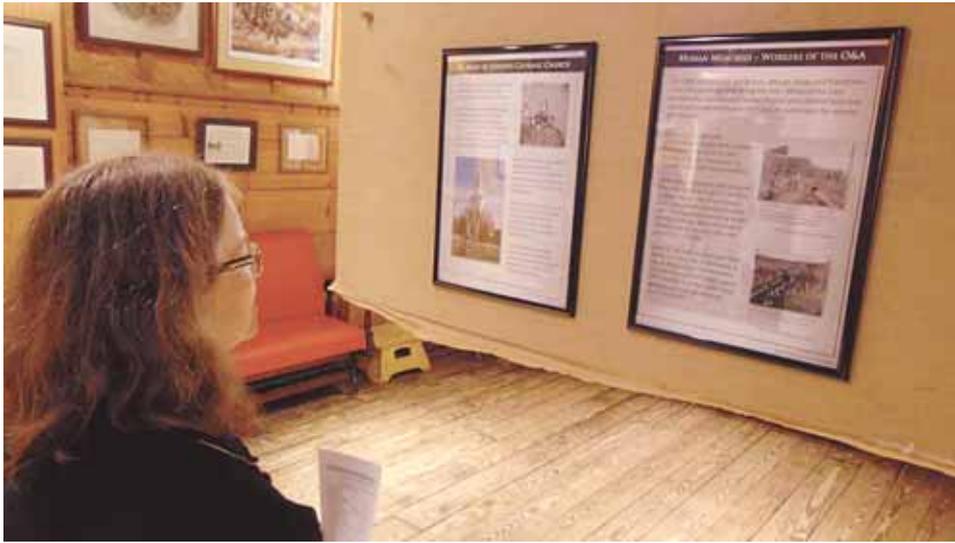
Wexton said there were steps the federal government could take to improve the system, but that "access to quality affordable healthcare is a right for all, not a privilege of the few" and that the Medicaid expansion she helped pass was providing "access to affordable healthcare to 400,000 needy Virginians."

In their closing statements, the candidates reiterated their campaign rhetoric:

"My record is one of getting results on your priorities with results, not resistance," Comstock said.

"[Republicans'] actions show that they have no interest in real solutions, only sabotage. Unlike them, when I go to Congress, I'll work across the aisle to find real solutions," Wexton said.

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PHOTOS BY STEVE HIBBARD/THE CONNECTION  
**Wendy Miervaldis of Basking Ridge, NJ, looks at an exhibit at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum.**



**Michael Chinworth, Vice President of the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, and Brian Slawski, Vice President of the Burke Historical Society, with artifacts from the special exhibit called “Memories of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad.”**

# Memories of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad

## Fairfax Station Railroad Museum has special exhibit on origins of the railroad.

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
 THE CONNECTION

A few dozen people attended the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum’s special exhibit called “Memories of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad” on Sunday, Sept. 23. With 17 poster displays, it also featured original artifacts from the railroad — coupling equipment, a drawbar spring, track pieces, an old brake shoe — as it explored the construction, operation, and legacy of the founding railroad of Burke and Fairfax Station, which was completed in 1854.

According to Brian Slawski, Vice President, Burke Historical Society: “Burke got its name because of the railroad. Basically, Silas Burke became a member of the Board of Directors for the Orange and Alexandria Railroad when it was being planned. He realized he wanted the railroad to come through his back yard so he could ship his produce from his farm into the market in Alexandria. He persuaded his neighbors to

give up some of their land to do the same, so they convinced the planners of the railroad to route it through what it became known afterwards as Burke Station, in his honor.”

He continued: “The railroad became the lifeblood of the community after that and passenger services were offered as well so people would benefit through the early 20<sup>th</sup> century — and now with Amtrak and the VRE using basically the same tracks, people from Burke are benefitting from that still.”

Michael Chinworth, Vice President of the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, added: “What we’re trying to do today in cooperation with the Burke Historical Society is have an exhibit that tells visitors about what still remains and the changes that railroad brought to the area. What kind of evidence there is of the old railroad and what it means for historic preservation.”

Chinworth said the existence of the railroad connected parts of Northern Virginia with one another, adding: “So, it certainly

didn’t hurt the emergence of Burke as a center for the county, as a more important location, as a town, as a city. The promoters of the railroad were looking to enhance their economic development. Alexandria was the terminus and Orange County was the Southern end.”

He said that Alexandria was an industrial area — a major seaport and everything west and south was agriculture. “So, the promoters of the railroad wanted to have a way for their goods and products to get out to the port so they could be sent to more distant markets and bring in benefits of the industrialized society to them. So, that was the intent (County Commissioner) Silas Burke had on his mind in promoting the station,” he said.

The station figured heavily during the American Civil War. It was the site of a massive evacuation effort during the Battle of Second Manassas (Bull Run) in 1862. The future founder of the American Red Cross, Clara Barton, tended to the wounded at St. Mary’s Church nearby and the depot.

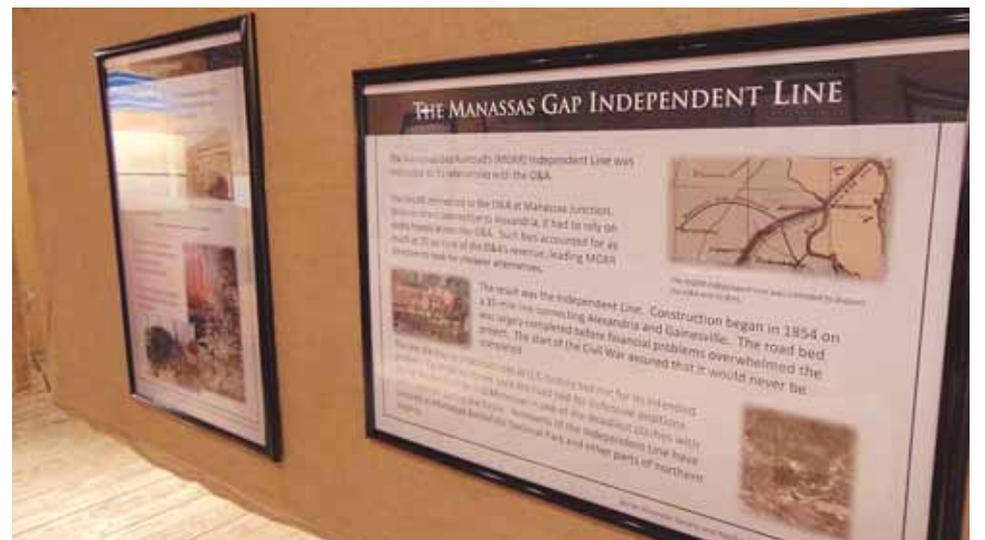
He said the exhibit was a one-time deal; parts of it will become part of permanent display at the museum. For more information, visit <http://fairfax-station.org>.



**Michael Chinworth, Vice President of the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum and Daniel Langstein, 14, of Springfield, a volunteer at the museum, show a model of a railroad car coupler.**



**Henry, 6, and Sloan Speidell, 3, color a train drawing at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum.**



**A train exhibit of the Manassas Gap Independent Line at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum.**

## Clifton Family Takes Part in DogFest DC

When asked why he decided to get involved with DogFest DC, Michael Kehoe and his family of Clifton said, "It just made sense to see what we could do."

As a three-time volunteer puppy raiser for Canine Companions for Independence, Michael is well-aware of Canine Companions' fundraising needs, and was one of the first to sign up and create a fundraising team.

With a goal of \$1,000, Michael is reaching out to friends and family to ask them to support the organization that provides trained assistance dogs to children, adults and veterans with disabilities free of charge. From opening and closing doors to picking up dropped items, these dogs enhance every aspect of their partners lives.

You can help make DogFest Walk 'n Roll DC a success by participating in this event on Oct. 13 at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St. in Reston. Create a fundraising page and share the story of you and your family pet.

There's even a spot for a picture. Then share your page with your family and friends... To learn more about DogFest Walk 'n Roll, visit: [www.cci.org/](http://www.cci.org/)



Susan, Zachary and Michael Kehoe with puppy Lennon.

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[dogfestwashingtondc](http://dogfestwashingtondc) or join on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/events/807715482757569/](https://www.facebook.com/events/807715482757569/)

The fun starts Saturday, Oct. 13 at 11:30 a.m. Admission is free, parking is free and the event is accessible.

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# 'E-Day' on the Horizon

County readies for Nov. 6 elections.

BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE CONNECTION

**O**n Tuesday, Nov. 6, voters will go to the polls to choose a United States Senator, representatives for Congress, Town officials in Herndon, and vote on several referendums.

The Fairfax County Electoral Board held a Media Briefing session on Sept. 17 to provide important information regarding the election process and voting in Fairfax County. With "E-Day" on the horizon, they want to help voters avoid any confusions or pitfalls that could cause unnecessary inconvenience or even the denial of their vote.

In-person absentee voting for the midterm elections began on Friday, Sept. 21, at the Fairfax County Government Center at 12000 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax and the first mailing of absentee ballots is scheduled to go out on the same date. The Office of Elections is ready, even as they continue preparations for actual election day action.

"Thank goodness we just got the ballots in," said Electoral Board Secretary Kate Hanley. "They came from New Bern, North Carolina!" a town particularly devastated by Hurricane Florence.

Election officials want to be sure that voters are ready to exercise their right to vote.

To that end, a voter information notice including a sample ballot, precinct locations and other pertinent information is being mailed to both active and inactive registered voters - but that won't do you much good if you haven't yet registered to vote.

Hanley reminds that the deadline to register to vote is Oct. 15. To be eligible to register, you must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of Virginia, and at least 18 years of age by the next general election. Voters will need to provide a valid photo ID to vote in person.

New registrants can obtain the voter application form from a myriad of places, including the Elections Office in Government Center, DMV offices, and public libraries. The registration application must then be mailed as instructed to the Office of Elections. Registrants can also apply online at [www.vote.elections.virginia.gov](http://www.vote.elections.virginia.gov). The County reports that 95 percent of voter registrations are now done electronically.

**VOTING** can be done in person on Election Day, by in-person absentee voting or via a mail-in absentee ballot. There are 20 valid reasons accepted to vote absentee in Virginia and several different time ranges that apply, depending on a person's circumstances. All of these requirements are clearly outlined on the [www.elections.virginia.gov](http://www.elections.virginia.gov)



**From left: Fairfax County General Registrar Gary Scott, Kate Hanley, Secretary of the Fairfax County Electoral Board, Board Chairman Stephen Hunt, and Vice-Chairman Bettina Lawton host members of the media at a meeting on Sept. 17.**

website. If voters determine they meet the absentee voting criteria, the application for the absentee ballot can be downloaded from the site and there is even a video on the site showing how to fill out the application.

"It's important to realize that the ballot itself is still mailed to you," noted Electoral Board Chairman Stephen Hunt. "Some people just keep hitting the 'Apply' button, waiting for the ballot to download. It doesn't work that way."

Hunt wants voters to plan for that and give themselves ample time to receive the absentee ballot, complete it, and send it back. As of Sept. 17, the County reports having received almost 8,000 mail-in ballot applications. The deadline to apply for a mail-in absentee voting ballot is Oct. 30 at 5 p.m., but that doesn't leave much time for your ballot to be received by Election Day. Mailed-in absentee ballots are counted on election night in the Central Absentee Precinct.

Regardless of how you plan to cast your vote, the first port of call should be that [www.vote.elections.virginia.gov](http://www.vote.elections.virginia.gov) website to check your voter status and to update your information if need be.

Hunt said that there have been instances where address changes or other incorrect information have caused problems for the voter. "Check everything in advance."

In addition to the Government Center location, registered voters can vote in-person absentee before Election Day at 9 other satellite locations: The Lorton Library; The Providence Community Center; the Governmental Centers of: Franconia, Mason,

McLean, Mount Vernon, North County (Reston), Sully, West Springfield

The Government Center Offices will be closed on Oct. 8 for Columbus Day. All locations are closed on Sundays and the hours for each are posted on the County website at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee).

Other than the deadlines, voting requirements, and where to find the necessary information, the Electoral Board members had a few other cautionary notes and reminders.

Some of those reminders were aimed at college students, possibly living away from home on Election Day.

Using George Mason University as an example, Hunt and Hanley said that even though there is a voting poll on campus, students cannot vote there if they are registered elsewhere in the Commonwealth.

"Several hundred denials have resulted from voters attempting to vote at a precinct different from where they are registered," said Hunt.

The chances of being able to race from the wrong polling place to the correct one in time are fairly slim. Mail-in ballots can be sent to any address, but in-person voting must take place where the voter is registered - still another good reason to check your information on the Virginia voter's website.

Also, said Fairfax County Information Officer Lisa Connors, "remind students to bring stamps!" Lack of access to stamps or a post office was reported as a problem when the County held a college intern

brainstorming session this summer.

Hunt also took time to assure residents that while there have been incidents of missassigned voters, every effort is made to avoid those mistakes, including close collaboration with the Department of Motor Vehicles, the County departments involved in geographic information systems, and "a lot of manual checking and double-checking." Hunt said that even one voter denied their voting rights because of clerical error "is one too many."

**THE BALLOTS** are printed with instructions and information in Spanish, Korean and Vietnamese. There are also translators on phone "standby" that can assist voters at the polls.

Also on hand at the meeting was Travis Potter, Acting IT Manager, and a handout was available on "Voting System Security." The Electoral Board assures voters that the County's voting systems have been "rigorously tested...and certified by the U.S. Assistance Commission and Virginia Department of Elections." No part of the certified system is

connected to the internet - no modems, no Wi-Fi capabilities to allow hacking. Elections results are never transmitted but instead, are called into the office.

It's also important to note that election night results are not considered "official" until County election officers review the machine tapes for every ballot scanner and compare that information with the results reported.

Before the briefing concluded, Secretary Hanley updated the media on the Board's position to move the June primaries to the third Tuesday in the month. The Board officially adopted this position in July, and sent a letter of recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, the Fairfax County School Board, and the members of the Fairfax Delegation to the General Assembly in August.

Hanley said, "165 of the County's 243 precincts are located in schools." Numerous reasons, not the least being the call for increased security at schools in recent times, have convinced the Electoral Board that for the June primaries, it is in the best interests of students and voters to move the date to when most schools have already finished the academic year.

"I think the recommendation is gaining traction," reported Hanley.

There's a lot of information involved in the act of casting your vote.

The Elections Office of Fairfax County is there to help on the web, by email at [voting@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:voting@fairfaxcounty.gov), in person, or by calling their offices at 703-222-0776.

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### VOTER REGISTRATION AND IDEVENTS

**The Fairfax County Office of Elections** (12000 Government Center Parkway Suite 323, Fairfax) is open daily during normal business hours to provide county residents the opportunity to register to vote or obtain a free voter photo ID if needed. Applicants will need to complete a photo voter ID application, have a photo taken and sign a digital signature pad. Call 703-222-0776.

The following events will also provide opportunity to register to vote and/or get a photo Virginia Voter card.

❖ Thursday/Oct. 4, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Leewood Healthcare Center, 7120 Braddock Road, Annandale.

### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

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**Docents Needed.** Sundays 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. Greet museum visitors and tell them about the exhibits, the museum and the its railroad and Civil War history. Ideal for those interested in railroads, the Civil War and Northern Virginia history. Training and orientation provided. Other volunteer opportunities are gardening, publicity and exhibit planning. Call 703-945-7483.

### THURSDAY/SEPT. 27

**Alzheimer's Educational Conference.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Waterford at Fair Oaks, 12025 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. The Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA)'s national Educating America National Tour, featuring AFA's free Concepts in Care educational conference, free memory screenings, and much more, comes to Fairfax. Program is open to families affected by Alzheimer's disease, caregivers, and anyone interested in learning more about Alzheimer's disease. Free. Visit [alzfdn.org/event/afa-educating-america-tour-fair-oaks/](http://alzfdn.org/event/afa-educating-america-tour-fair-oaks/) or call 866-232-8484.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Virginia Railway Express (VRE) will hold a series of public hearings to solicit comments on a proposed fare increase that will average approximately 3% over current fares. The VRE Operations Board will act on the FY2020 Budget, which includes the proposed fare increase, on December 21, 2018. If adopted, the fare increase would take effect the first week of July 2019.

See locations below to attend a public hearing near you.

Date and Time	Location
Tuesday, October 30, 2018 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Crystal City Marriott Jefferson Room 1999 Jefferson Davis Hwy. Arlington, VA 22202
Tuesday, October 30, 2018 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Burke Centre Conservancy The Commons CC 5701 Roberts Parkway Burke, VA 22015
Thursday, November 1, 2018 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Holiday Inn Capitol The House Room 550 C Street SW Washington, DC 20024
Thursday, November 1, 2018 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Stafford County Government Center Board Chambers 1300 Courthouse Road Stafford, VA 22554
Wednesday, November 7, 2018 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Germanna Community College Fredericksburg Campus—Room 105A 10000 Germanna Point Drive Fredericksburg, VA 22408
Thursday, November 8, 2018 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Union Station Starlight Room – Near Gate D 50 Massachusetts Ave NE Washington, DC 20002
Thursday, November 8, 2018 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Manassas City Hall City Council Chambers 9027 Center Street Manassas, VA 20110
Tuesday, November 13, 2018 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	VRE Headquarters Suite 202 1500 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314
Tuesday, November 13, 2018 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	PRTC Second Floor Board Room 14700 Potomac Mills Rd Woodbridge, VA 22192
Thursday, November 15, 2018 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Rappahannock Regional Library Room 2 1201 Caroline Street Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Visit [vre.org/publiccomment](http://vre.org/publiccomment) for more information. Written comments will be accepted through **Friday, November 23, 2018**. Written comments can be mailed to: Public Comment, 1500 King Street, Suite 202, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. Comments may also be submitted via email to [publiccomment@vre.org](mailto:publiccomment@vre.org) or via fax at (703) 684-1313. The public hearings are conducted in locations accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance or need to request a sign language interpreter, please contact Lucy Gaddis by e-mail at [lgaddis@vre.org](mailto:lgaddis@vre.org) or call at (703) 838-5433 or TTY (703) 684-0551 at least ten business days prior to the public hearing you're planning to attend. For information about the VRE Operations Board visit [vre.org/about/board](http://vre.org/about/board).



## Fairfax County Parkway Widening Fairfax County

### Public Information Meeting

Wednesday, October 3, 2018  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Presentation starts at 7 p.m.

Oak View Elementary School  
5004 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, VA 22032

**Find out** about plans to widen Fairfax County Parkway (Route 286) from four to six lanes between Route 29 (Lee Highway) and Route 123 (Ox Road). The proposed project design also includes an interchange at Popes Head Road and the future Shirley Gate Road extension, improvements to the existing trail in the Fairfax County Parkway right of way and construction of a new shared-use path to make the trail continuous within the project limits.

**Stop by** between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to view displays and learn more about the project and its preliminary design, including Popes Head Road interchange options under consideration. VDOT will hold a presentation beginning at 7 p.m. Project staff will be available to answer your questions.

**Review** project information at the VDOT project website ([www.virginiadot.org/projects](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects)), at the information meeting, or during business hours at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive in Fairfax. Please call ahead at 703-691-6710 or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

**Give your written comments** at the meeting, or submit them by **October 15, 2018** to Mr. Sitaram Kodali, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or email [meetingcomments@VDOT.virginia.gov](mailto:meetingcomments@VDOT.virginia.gov). Please reference "Fairfax County Parkway Widening" in the subject line.

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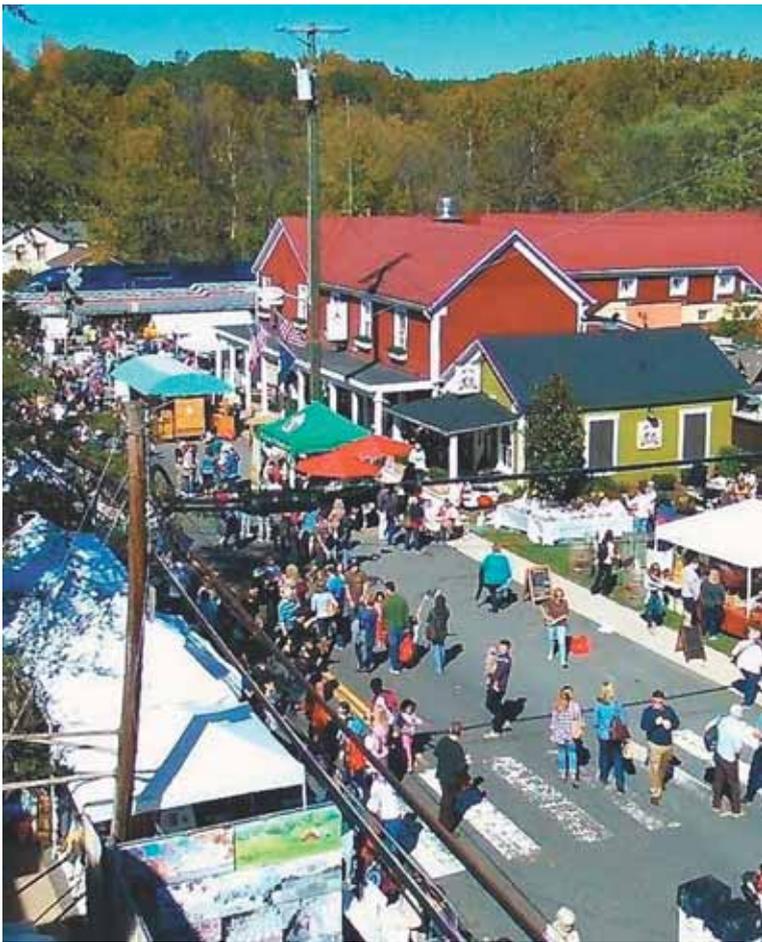
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An Aerial View of the Clifton Day Festival

## Clifton Day 2018

This year's Clifton Day will feature an outdoor marketplace with 150 vendors as well as live music, train rides, crafts, children's activities and great food. Sunday, Oct. 7, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Town of Clifton, 7144 Main St., Clifton. Admission is free. Parking starts at \$5 per car. The VRE will provide roundtrip train service to Clifton from all stops between Manassas and Rolling Road. The train ride to Clifton is free and the return trip costs \$5 per person (children under 2 ride free). Call 703-968-0740 or visit [www.cliftonday.com](http://www.cliftonday.com) for more.

## CALENDAR

Submit entertainment announcements at [www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/). The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

### ONGOING

#### The Sunday Farmers' Market.

Through Oct. 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 10500 Page Ave., Fairfax — one block from West and Main streets behind the Wells Fargo Bank and adjacent to the Historic Fairfax County Courthouse. Visit [www.fairfaxsundaymarket.com](http://www.fairfaxsundaymarket.com).

#### Saturday Community Farmers' Market.

Through Oct. 27, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at 10500 Page Ave., Fairfax — one block from West and Main streets behind the Wells Fargo Bank and adjacent to the Historic Fairfax County Courthouse. Visit [www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com](http://www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com).

#### Pop-Up Art show.

Through Dec. 16 at Gallery 57, 11899 Grand Commons Ave., Fairfax. Emerging Artists Initiative and the Peterson Companies are partnering to bring an artistic and creative facet to the Fairfax community. A new pop-up art gallery at Fairfax Corner Center will be exhibiting paintings and sculptors by four resident artists in the vacant retail space. Free. Email [director@eaiinc.org](mailto:director@eaiinc.org) or visit [eaiinc.org](http://eaiinc.org).

#### Farmers Market.

Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Springfield Town Center, 6699 Spring Mall Drive, Springfield. Visit [www.facebook.com/SpringfieldFoodworks/](http://www.facebook.com/SpringfieldFoodworks/).

#### Funday Monday

10:30 a.m., every

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

### FRIDAY/SEPT. 28

**Rock the Block: JunkFood.** 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Family-friendly free concert series, which features live bands, beer garden, and city restaurant vendor booths. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Free. Call 703-385-7858 or visit [www.fairfaxva.gov/rocktheblock](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/rocktheblock).

**Dessert on Broadway.** 7-10 p.m. at Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. "Dessert On Broadway" is an annual fundraiser for the Lake Braddock Chorus Department. The event will include desserts, performances and a silent auction. \$10 pre-sale, \$12 at the door. Email [jbach5050@gmail.com](mailto:jbach5050@gmail.com) or call 703-470-0026.

**B-I-N-G-O.** 7 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy free coffee, entertaining callers, a friendly atmosphere, \$1,000 guaranteed jackpot, treasure chest progressive raffles, and good food

# A Bucket List for Fall

Activities that will add spice to the season.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

When the leaves turn colors and the air is crisp, Caitlin Upton gathers her family and pulls out a whiteboard and a marker. She's careful to jot down all of the ideas, shouted in rapid-fire fashion from her three children.

"We always create a fall bucket list of things that we want to do as a family," said Upton, who is a mother of three children ranging in age from two to seven. "This year, the kids want to go on a hayride and pick pumpkins. It's not too original, but they love it and get really excited about it. It gives us something to look forward to during the week when we're so busy."

Creating a fall bucket list — a compilation of experiences or achievements that one wants to accomplish — is an important way to create lasting family traditions and memories, while enjoying all that the season has to offer. From hayrides to pumpkin-carving, fall ushers in enough family-friendly activities to create an overflowing list of activities that make the most of the season's bounty.

"The start of a new season is a perfect time to create bucket list, and during fall there are so many fun things to do," said Upton, a marriage and family therapist in Burke. "So often, people have ideas of things that they want to do either with their kids, their friends or just personal things, but never get around to them. It's important to write them down and commit to doing them. I write our list on a white board in our kitchen, but I keep it

short and attainable so we don't get overwhelmed. Carving out quality time to spend with family is important."

Foraging for vibrantly color fallen leaves in shades of orange and yellow is at the top of Bella Middleton's bucket list. Middleton, who is an art

instructor in Bethesda, gathers her two preschool-age children and collects leaves with the goal of turning nature into art. "Sometimes we do something as simple as taking branches with leaves that have turned orange and put them in vases that we display around the house. I mix pumpkins with leaves to create a centerpiece for the dining room table.

Making wreaths and collages is another project that Middleton does with her family. "This is really one of the most inexpensive and fun projects that you can do," she said. "My kids and I go to a park and gather fallen leaves. Then I get some construction paper and glue sticks or spray mount and let my kids attached the leaves to the paper in any way they want, then I display their works of art around the house. It's a great way to welcome the season."

Turning leaves into candle holders is another project that Middleton and her family enjoy. "You take leaves and glue them to the inside of mason jars and let them dry. You can attach the leaves with a craft glue called Modge Podge, which dries clear. Tie a pretty ribbon around the mouth of the jar and you have a beautiful decorative piece for fall."

Spending a day enjoying a scenic drive to Shenandoah, passing through the so-called Apple Trail, is must-do task for Arlington mother Camilla Kendrick and her family.

"It's a beautiful drive down. We stop and pick apples and then we come home and make apple doughnuts," said Kendrick, who works as a private chef. "They're messy, so the kids think they're fun to make. I also make apple cider doughnuts for some of my clients."

Taking a local fall foliage drive with her four children is something that Lauren Bickle puts on her bucket list each fall. "It's certainly not as breathtaking as the fo-

liage in some place like New England, but this area has a lot to offer," she said. "There's Great Falls of course, and then Mount Vernon and Arlington National Cemetery have some great colors. If you're up for a longer drive, Harper's Ferry in Maryland is fantastic for a fall day trip."

## Apple Doughnut Recipe

**Ingredients**  
2 cups flour  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 egg  
3 tablespoons buttermilk  
1/3 cup whole milk  
5 Granny Smith apples, cored and sliced vertically into three pieces to create doughnut shapes.  
2 cups olive oil for frying  
1/2 cup powdered sugar, for coating

**Directions:** Stir together flour, sugar, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt to create the batter. Gradually stir-in buttermilk, whole milk and egg. Coat each apple ring with batter. Heat the oil in a deep frying pan. Place the doughnut rings in the pan and fry on each side for three minutes or until golden brown. Drain doughnuts on a paper towel and allow to cool. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

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### SATURDAY/SEPT. 29

**Kayak the Marsh at Lake Accotink.** 7:30-9:30 a.m. at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. "Kayak Tour-Wildlife of the Potomac" is designed for participants age 13 to adult. Glide past bad eagle nests to get an early morning view of wildlife. No previous experience is required. A single-seat

kayak and life preserver are provided. \$31 per person. Boaters younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. This program will be canceled in the event of rain or unfavorable water levels. Call 703-569-3464 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink).

**Fall Art Lessons for Youth.** 9:15-10:30 a.m. at Woods Community Centre, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Instructor Carol Zeitlin teaches drawing and watercolor for children 8 and older. Visit

[www.czartlessons.com](http://www.czartlessons.com) or call 703-250-6930.

**Pohick Church Country Fair.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. The 73rd Annual Pohick Church Country Fair offers a day of outdoor fun and learning with historic colonial church tours, organ concerts, booths, free children's games, pumpkin painting, smoked pork barbecue, funnel cakes, homemade apple butter, live music, and more. Call the church office at 703-339-6572 or visit [www.pohick.org](http://www.pohick.org).

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**Fall Art Workshop for Teens/Adults.** 10:30-12:30 p.m. at Woods Community Centre, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Instructor Carol Zeitlin explores drawing, watercolor, Chinese Brush and portfolio development. Visit [www.czartlessons.com](http://www.czartlessons.com) or call 703-250-6930.

**Azalea Auction and Sale.** 1-4 p.m. at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway, Springfield. The Northern Virginia Chapter of the Azalea Society of America (ASA) will be holding its 11th Annual Public Azalea Sale and Auction. The Silent Auction starts at 1 p.m. followed by the live auction at 2:30. The plant sale will run 1-4. Contact Lars Larsen 703-505-5733 or Carolyn Beck 703-860-5676.

**Taste of the Vine.** 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Blenheim Civil War Interpretive Center, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Historic Fairfax City Inc. (HFCI) will hold its 10th annual fundraiser, "Taste of the Vine." Visit [www.historicfairfax.org/](http://www.historicfairfax.org/).

## SEPT. 29-OCT. 28

**The Rocky Horror Show.** Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m. (standard and VIP ticketing); Sunday, 5 p.m. (standard tickets only) at the Lorton Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton. The Rocky Horror Show is an unusual interactive theatrical experience, during which audience members may (voluntarily) sing-along with the cast and sometimes shout out jokes and/or use props during the performance. Some audience members wear costumes inspired by the production, too. Workhouse will provide props for attendees at no cost. No outside props are allowed. VIP tickets include access to a pre-show VIP lobby and preferred seats. Standard tickets, \$25-\$35; VIP tickets, \$50-\$60. Visit [workhousearts.org](http://workhousearts.org) for tickets.

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 30

**Civil War Book and Memorabilia Sale.** 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Come out and meet the authors and vendors at the inaugural Civil War Book and Memorabilia Sale. Additional vendors wanted. Admission \$5. Email [mayo5304@cox.net](mailto:mayo5304@cox.net) or call 703-389-1505.

**50+ Expo.** Noon-4 p.m. at Springfield Town Center, 6500 Springfield Mall, Springfield. This annual expo is designed for older adults and their families, featuring the winning works of the Beacon's Celebration of the Arts contest, as well as free health screenings (glaucoma, blood pressure, bone density and balance), fitness classes, flu and pneumonia vaccines, door prizes and entertainment for older adults and their families. Dozens of informative exhibitors — including government agencies, nonprofits and local businesses — will provide giveaways and helpful information. Free. Visit [www.thebeaconnewspapers.com](http://www.thebeaconnewspapers.com).

**Reading Circle Activities.** 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. "The Caboose That Got Loose" book will be featured. The Reading Circle will be held in two 45 minute sessions — one at 1:15, one at 2:30. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org), [www.facebook.com/FFXSRR](http://www.facebook.com/FFXSRR), or call 703-425-9225.

**Burke Historical Society General Meeting.** 3:30-5 p.m. at 6540 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Mary Lipsey, Fairfax County History Commissioner, speaks about Fairfax County men who served and died in the Great War, and about how the war was commemorated here and



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## LEGO Train Show and Craft Fair

The Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area LEGO Train Club will hold a special two-day display at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. In addition volunteers will hold science, technology, engineering and mathematic activities about railroads. Recommended for ages 8 and older. Local crafters will also be on the Museum grounds selling crafts. Please bring any unwanted LEGO pieces or sets to help support the LEGO Train Club's educational activities. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 6-7, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Museum members and ages 4 and under, free; ages 5-15, \$2; ages 16 and older, \$5. Call 703-425-9225 or visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org).

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## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 3

**Annual Golf Outing.** 11 a.m.-8 p.m. at Old Hickory Golf Club, 11921 Chanceford Drive, Woodbridge. Join Good Shepherd Housing for their annual Golf Outing. The championship layout at Old Hickory was designed by the architect for Gary Player, who also designed Raspberry Falls. \$625/foursome; \$160 individual. Visit [goodhousing.org/golf](http://goodhousing.org/golf) to register.

## WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 3-7

**Mickey's Search Party.** Times vary, at Eagle Bank Arena, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Disney On Ice presents Mickey's Search Party, bringing the magic closer to fans than ever before on the ice, in the air and in the seats. Tickets start at \$15, opening night; \$20, all other shows. Order tickets at 800-745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). To discover more about Disney On Ice, go to [www.disneyonice.com](http://www.disneyonice.com).

## THURSDAY/OCT. 4

**Hitchcocktober: Rear Window (1954).** 7 p.m. at Angelika Film Center — Mosaic, 2911 District Ave., Fairfax. Every Thursday night in October a classic film by Sir Alfred Hitchcock will be featured with a bonus screening of PSYCHO on Halloween. Tickets are \$10. Visit [angelikafilmcenter.com](http://angelikafilmcenter.com).

## FRIDAY/OCT. 5

**Cocktails by Candlelight.** 6-9 p.m. at George Mason's Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck. Kick-off the weekend at Cocktails by Candlelight event an after-hours event where visitors learn to make and sip on period cocktails in Gunston Hall's hearth kitchen. Converse and be merry around the fire with friends and loved ones, and enjoy a candlelit tour. Tickets are sold online ([bit.ly/2NhKLDk](http://bit.ly/2NhKLDk)) or at the door for \$35, \$25 for Friends of Gunston Hall. All attendees must be 21 or older.

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 5-6

**Madhaunter's Madhouse.** 7-11 p.m. at The Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Madhaunter's Madhouse haunted trail of terror returns to the Workhouse for a third year of scares. In 2018, screams will echo across the 55-acre historic Workhouse campus, built on the grounds of the once-abandoned and notorious DC Department of Corrections Lorton Reformatory. More information, tickets (\$20), and volunteer opportunities are available at [workhousearts.org/madhaunter](http://workhousearts.org/madhaunter).

## SATURDAY/OCT. 6

**Fall Fun with the Vienna-Falls Chorus.** 3-5 p.m. at American Legion Post #177, 3939 Oak St., Fairfax. Join for a musical afternoon as the chorus sings their newest repertoire and a few longtime favorite songs. There will also have concessions, raffles, cash bar and silent auction. \$10. Email [show@viennafalls.org](mailto:show@viennafalls.org) or visit [www.viennafalls.org](http://www.viennafalls.org) for tickets.

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**City of Fairfax Band at last spring's National Community Band Concert.**

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### Community Band Concert

WETA Host Richard Kleinfeldt and the City of Fairfax Band kicks off its 49th season with special guest Steven Hendrickson of the NSO on trumpet. Music by Holst, Sousa, John Williams and Julie Giroux. Saturday, Oct. 20, 7:30-9 p.m. at Fairfax High School Auditorium, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. \$15 adults, \$10 senior, students free. Call 571-336-CFBA (2322) or visit [fairfaxband.org](http://fairfaxband.org).

### CALENDAR

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**Paws for a Cause.** Noon-3 p.m. at Weber's Pet Supermarket, 11021 Lee Highway, Fairfax. 3K walk through the shady streets of Fairfax. Human and canine treats provided along the way. Paws for a Cause benefits Fairfax Pets On Wheels, Inc., an all-volunteer organization dedicated to providing pet visitation to residents of long term care facilities. \$20 before Sept. 20; \$25 after. Visit [www.fpow.org](http://www.fpow.org).

#### MONDAY/OCT. 8

**Columbus Day Boat Race.** 1-2:30 p.m. at Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. Reenact the historic sea-faring journey by building a mini-cardboard boat to float down the Pohick Stream. Supplies provided. Then head to the creek for a race complete with prizes for the winner and best decorated. \$10. Email [casey.riley@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:casey.riley@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call 703-451-9588.

#### TUESDAY/OCT. 9

**Burke Historical Society Lecture.** 7-8 p.m. at Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Learn the basics of Ancestry DNA and how it can be used to aid research. Visit [www.burkehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.burkehistoricalsociety.org).

#### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 10

**Paint & Sip.** 10 a.m. at Lorton Senior Center, 7722 Gunston Plaza, Lorton. Visit [lortonseniorcenter.org](http://lortonseniorcenter.org) or call 703-550-7195.

#### Film Screening: "In the Last Days of the City."

7:30 p.m. at GMU's Johnson Center Cinema, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. In downtown Cairo in 2009, Khalid (Khalid Abdalla), a 35-year-old filmmaker struggles to make a film that captures the soul of his city while facing loss in his own life. With the help of his friends who send him footage from their lives in Beirut, Baghdad and Berlin, he finds the strength to keep going through the difficulty and beauty of living in Cairo. Free. Visit [fams.gmu.edu](http://fams.gmu.edu).

#### THURSDAY/OCT. 11

**Hitchcocktober: Shadow of a Doubt (1943).** 7 p.m. at Angelika Film Center - Mosaic, 2911 District Ave., Fairfax. Every Thursday night in October a classic film by Sir Alfred Hitchcock will be featured with a bonus screening of PSYCHO on Halloween. Tickets are \$10. Visit [angelikafilmmcenter.com](http://angelikafilmmcenter.com).

#### FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 12-13

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#### SATURDAY/OCT. 13

##### Fairfax Lions Club Oktoberfest Food Sales.

10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Fairfax City Festival Food Court, University Drive and Sager Avenue, Fairfax. Fairfax Lions Club, of Lions Club International - "the world's largest service organization," welcomes all to their fundraiser at the Fairfax Fall Festival. All proceeds go to Lions Club charitable activities. Have fun; help those in need. Rain or shine. Free admission. Visit [www.fairfaxlions.org/](http://www.fairfaxlions.org/).

**Community Band Concert.** 1-2 p.m. at Old Town Square, 10415 North St., Fairfax. Main Street Community Band presents a fun and sometimes rollicking program of seasonal music suitable for the entire family. Featuring "Music for a Darkened Theater" and Eric Whitacre's "October." Free. Call 571-336-CFBA (2322) or visit [fairfaxband.org](http://fairfaxband.org).

**Second Saturday Art Walk.** 6-9 p.m. at Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Meet nearly 100 Resident and Associate Artists, creating art in the studios or exhibiting in the 12 campus galleries. Enjoy performances of dance, cabaret, comedy, big band, jazz, and theater. Indulge in classes in the art of mixology or cuisines from around the globe. Experience art exhibitions in nine galleries of the region's finest sculpture, painting, glass, ceramics, and fiber arts. Call 703-584-2900 or visit [workhousearts.org](http://workhousearts.org).

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**Mariachi Los Amigos performing at the 2017 Arts Awards.**

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### CALENDAR

#### THURSDAY/OCT. 18

**Hitchcocktober: Strangers on a Train (1951).** 7 p.m. at Angelika Film Center – Mosaic, 2911 District Ave., Fairfax. Every Thursday night in October a classic film by Sir Alfred Hitchcock will be featured with a bonus screening of PSYCHO on Halloween. Tickets are \$10. Visit [angelikafilmcenter.com](http://angelikafilmcenter.com).

#### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 19-21

**Madhaunter's Madhouse.** Friday-Saturday, 7-11 p.m.; Sunday, 7-10 p.m. at The Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Madhaunter's Madhouse haunted trail of terror returns to the Workhouse for a third year of scares. In 2018, screams will echo across the 55-acre historic Workhouse campus, built on the grounds of the once-abandoned and notorious DC Department of Corrections Lorton Reformatory. More information, tickets (\$20), and volunteer opportunities are available at [workhousearts.org/madhaunter](http://workhousearts.org/madhaunter).

#### SATURDAY/OCT. 20

**Trunk or Treat.** 5-7 p.m. at Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Get a jump start on Halloween by joining Franconia United Methodist Church for a family-friendly Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot. Wear a costume and enjoy fun and games for children from preschool to middle school. Free. Call 703 971-5171 or visit [www.franconiaumc.org/contact](http://www.franconiaumc.org/contact).

#### THURSDAY/OCT. 25

**Hitchcocktober: 39 Steps (1935).** 7 p.m. at Angelika Film Center – Mosaic, 2911 District Ave., Fairfax. Every Thursday night in October a classic film by Sir Alfred Hitchcock will be featured with a bonus screening of PSYCHO on Halloween. Tickets are \$10. Visit [angelikafilmcenter.com](http://angelikafilmcenter.com).

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**The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.** 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts-Concert Hall, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. Mark Twain's timeless classic sweeps us down the mighty Mississippi in this musical adaptation of Huck Finn. Our irrepressible hero helps his friend Jim escape to freedom while sharing hilarious, suspenseful and heartwarming adventures, all told with unforgettable, classically American music. Professional Artist in Residence, Thomas W. Jones II helms this journey. \$15 for students and seniors, \$30 for adults. Call 703-901-5941 or visit [cfa.calendar.gmu.edu/big-river-the-adventures-of-huckleberry-finn](http://cfa.calendar.gmu.edu/big-river-the-adventures-of-huckleberry-finn).

#### FRIDAY/OCT. 26

**Lorton Workhouse Ceramics Workshop.** 10:30 a.m. at Lorton Senior Center, 7722 Gunston Plaza, Lorton. Travel to the Lorton Workhouse Arts Center Visit [lortonseniorcenter.org](http://lortonseniorcenter.org) or call 703-550-7195.

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#### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 26-28

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#### SATURDAY/OCT. 27

**Transforming Lives Gala.** 6:30-11 p.m. at The Westin Alexandria, 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria. Since 1974, Good Shepherd Housing & Family Services has been reducing homelessness and enabling self-sufficiency by providing permanent affordable housing, emergency financial services, budget counseling and case management to working households in Fairfax County. \$175-\$250. Visit [goodhousing.org/gala](http://goodhousing.org/gala).

#### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 31

**Halloween Costume Contest.** 11 a.m. at Lorton Senior Center, 7722 Gunston Plaza, Lorton. Visit [lortonseniorcenter.org](http://lortonseniorcenter.org) or call 703-550-7195.

**Hitchcocktober: Psycho (1954).** 7 p.m. at Angelika Film Center – Mosaic, 2911 District Ave., Fairfax. Every Thursday night in October a classic film by Sir Alfred Hitchcock will be featured with a bonus screening of PSYCHO on Halloween. Tickets are \$10. Visit [angelikafilmcenter.com](http://angelikafilmcenter.com).

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# OPINION

## How We Can Bring Criminal Fine Reform to Fairfax County

BY SUPERVISOR JOHN C. COOK  
(R-BRADDOCK)



**C**riminal justice reform is about making sure that the criminal justice system achieves its goals and works equally for everyone. One issue being examined is whether assessing traffic and court fines and costs, regardless of ability to pay, and then punishing those who do not pay, is achieving any desired goal. Court fines and fees can be assessed for criminal or traffic offenses, such as speeding or parking violations. When someone receives a ticket or is ordered to pay a fine for an infraction, they also have to pay court and processing fees. This system is in place to deter people from committing these crimes, and also as a way to reimburse the cost of expenses associated with processing the cases and pay back to society for the cost of any damage caused by their actions.

For some, paying fines is not a problem. For others who are struggling to get by, it may be difficult or impossible to pay. The penalties for failing to pay fines and fees end up having a much greater impact on those in poverty than the rest of the population. If someone cannot pay their fine or traffic ticket, penalties for non-payment increase the amounts they could not pay in the first place. Overdue fines often go to collection agencies and the mountain of debt grows even higher, since a 17 percent collection fee can be added on to

**Almost one million Virginians have had their licenses suspended due to unpaid court fines and other charges.**

the existing balance.

Compounding the issue is that if someone fails to pay their fines, the state can take their driver's license away. The Legal Aid Justice Center found in January that almost one million (974,349) Vir-

ginians had their licenses suspended due to unpaid fines and other charges. Two-thirds of that group (638,003) had their licenses suspended solely because of unpaid fines. When the courts suspend driver's licenses for unpaid fines, those individuals are not able to legally drive to work. Many people choose to drive illegally on their suspended licenses so they do not lose their income. If they are caught, then even more legal fees are added to their debt and some have to serve jail time. This vicious cycle makes it impossible for the courts to ever collect their fines and for those who owe to meet their obligations. It also means that people are pushed out of jobs and potentially into applying for government benefits.

Fortunately, in Fairfax County there are several programs to help individuals avoid these escalating penalties. Defendants can enter into a monthly payment plan with a down payment due at the time of their conviction. If a monthly payment is missed, then the defendant will go into default, which could result in additional fines and/or jail time. Another option is to

defer the entire payment until a later date. Defendants may also be eligible for the Fines Option Program, which allows defendants to perform community service in lieu of paying fines and fees. Those who sign up for this option go to the Magistrate's office on a Saturday morning, sign in, and take a bus to the George Mason University campus to perform tasks such as picking up litter, landscaping, or painting. Work hours are credited at the rate of \$15 an hour toward payment of fines.

While we have some remarkable programs to assist those who cannot afford to pay off their fines, many people still fall through the cracks. We need to implement a new system to help determine a person's ability to pay before they go to trial. The judge and clerk's office need the ability to set fines that can actually be paid. We need further opportunities for the alternative of assigning community service with more flexible schedules for those who cannot make the Saturday morning sessions.

Fine reform cannot truly take place without significant changes by the General Assembly. However, the County can help in the process by assisting the courts in bolstering their programs and making them more effective. We defeat the purpose of fines if we cause people to lose their jobs and the ability to support their families. Alternatives are important to a more just system.

## Saving People, Places and Property; The Time is Now

BY SUPERVISOR DAN STORCK  
(D-MT. VERNON)

**C**limate change is happening and it has real impacts. I recently participated with U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine and Prince William County Chairman Corey Stewart in the Climate Crisis Forum sponsored by the Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions. With more than 400 attendees, the forum looked at climate change from the perspective of impacts on our communities, shorelines, health, national security and government action. As I have stated previously, climate change is affecting us all and while the County has put some policies and plans in place, we need to do more to lead the way. This is about saving people, places and property now.

A few examples of climate change impact we are already seeing are:

- ❖ Sea level rise has increased 10 inches over the last 80 years.

- ❖ This year, we experienced 44 days where temperatures reached or exceeded 90 degrees F. That's one more than last year's total and 8 more than the average we typically see each year.

- ❖ More extreme weather events from



**Pictured at the Climate Crisis Forum, from left: Dr. Samantha Ahdoot, MD, FAAP, Chair and Co-founder, Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action; Rev. Dr. Jean Wright; Major General Rick Devereaux, USAF (Ret.), Former Director of Operational Planning, Policy, & Strategy, U.S. Air Force Advisory Board, Center for Climate and National Security; Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mt. Vernon).**

snowmagedon to recent and regular torrential rains.

These impacts are important to us in the Mount Vernon District, and Virginia in general, for many reasons. Here are a few:

- ❖ While 29 percent of Virginia land is coastal, 60 percent of population lives on coast.

- ❖ A recent study showed more than 9,000 Virginia homes are at risk of tidal flooding by 2045 due to sea level rise.

- ❖ Low lying areas, like New Alexandria and Belle View, will increasingly be at risk of flooding just from high tides and onshore winds.

- ❖ Extreme heat is the leading weather-related cause of death in the United States and it puts strain on our energy grid.

- ❖ Heavy downpours in our area have increased 30 percent over the last 50 years.

- ❖ Experts have determined that a category 3 hurricane through our area would submerge the Belle Haven Marina through Belle Haven Shopping Center with three-plus feet of standing water.

While the County has taken steps to be good environmental stewards, like signing the Cool Counties Climate Stabilization Declaration, adopting a Countywide Energy Policy, Environmental Vision and Operational Energy Strategy, it is not proportional to the challenge we face. I did not support the recently adopted Operational Energy Strategy because the plan

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SPORTS

# Running Back Johnson Leads South County to Victory

Stallions beat Hayfield, snap two-game losing skid.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

With South County and Hayfield locked in a one-score game early in the second quarter, Stallions running back Tyler Johnson embarked on a 22-yard touchdown run that included a strong stiff-arm and a nifty cutback near the right sideline.

The rest, Johnson said, came from a higher power.

"I was just running and I made a move," the South County ball carrier said. "I used my speed and I used my stiff arm. After that, he came for contact and I just avoided contact, and God did the rest and let me through."

Whether powered by years in the weight room or the Man Upstairs, No. 25 tore through the Hayfield defense and helped South County snap a two-game losing skid.

Johnson carried 26 times for 163 yards and a touchdown, caught two passes for 36 yards and another score and the Stallions defeated the Hawks 36-6 on Sept. 21 at South County High School.

Johnson's touchdown run helped give South County a 14-0 advantage with 9:15 remaining in the second quarter. With less than one minute remaining in the opening half, Johnson caught a screen pass from quarterback Matt Dzieriski and scored a 17-yard touchdown, giving the Stallions a commanding 29-0 lead.

After opening the season with a 40-7 home win



PHOTO BY JON ROETMAN/THE CONNECTION

**South County running back Tyler Johnson totaled 199 yards rushing and receiving and scored two touchdowns during a 36-6 win over Hayfield on Sept. 21.**

over Langley on Aug. 24, the Stallions lost to a perennial Concorde District power each of the next two weeks, with each game taking two days to finish due to lightning suspensions. South County lost to three-time defending state champion Westfield, 24-12, on the road in Week 2, and fell to Centreville, 26-14, at home in Week 3.

**"He's one of those kids that wants to be great, whether it's in football or in life or in other things."**

— South County head coach Gerry Pannoni on running back Tyler Johnson

**AFTER A BYE WEEK**, South County came out against rival Hayfield on Friday and amassed 461 yards of offense, including 334 on the ground.

"It's tough because, when you lose games, no matter who you lose to, you have a little bit of self-doubt," South County head coach Gerry Pannoni said. "Our thing was just to try to come out ... and go back to basics. ... We think we're a good team. ... We think that we're a deep-playoff team, but we'll see."

Johnson was a major contributor to South County's success. Listed at 5 feet 6, 150 pounds, the senior is

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**SPORTS**

**Johnson Propels Stallions to Victory**

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not only an elusive back, he's a powerful runner, as well.

"I think he's one of the best players in the Northern Region," Pannoni said. "I think he's an under-recruited kid. He's a kid who wants to go to the Ivy League — smart as hell, he's almost a 4.0 (GPA) kid. He's a team captain, a team leader, he does the right thing.

"He's been coming to us since about seventh grade working out in the weight room. He's one of those kids that wants to be great, whether it's in football or in life or in other things."

South County opened the game with a 16-play, 78-yard drive that took 5 minutes off the clock and ended with a 5-yard touchdown run by Xavier Collins.

The Stallions led 14-0 late in the first half when Enrique Rivera-Lozano scooped up an errant Hayfield punt snap at the 2-yard line and took it in for a touchdown, helping give South County a 22-0 lead.

After a quick three-and-out by Hayfield, South County got the ball back on its own 20 with 1:07 on the clock. The Stallions marched 80 yards in 46 seconds and took a 29-0 lead on Johnson's 17-yard receiving touchdown.

Hayfield's lone touchdown came on a 53-yard pass from Charles Soper to Rayjuon Pringle with 6:58 remaining in the third quarter.

South County's final touchdown came on a 32-yard pass from Dzierski to freshman receiver Brock Spalding with 10:33 left in the fourth quarter.

Dzierski completed 9 of 16 passes for 127 yards and two touchdowns and threw two interceptions while leading the Stallions' up-tempo offense. He



PHOTO BY JON ROETMAN/THE CONNECTION

**Head coach Gerry Pannoni and the South County football team improved to 2-2 with a 36-6 win over Hayfield on Sept. 21 in Lorton.**

also carried 14 times for 33 yards.

"Matt did a good job," Pannoni said. "We put a lot of pressure on him to try and speed us up. We wanted to go fast. We felt like the last two games, I'm not sure if we did or not. I felt like we went faster tonight, I still think we can go faster. I think it's an advantage for us because we practice fast as hell and their kids were gassing, I can tell you that."

**THE VICTORY** improved South County's record to 2-2. The Stallions will travel the next two Fridays, starting with a contest against Madison at 7 p.m. on Sept. 28. South County will open its Patriot District schedule on Oct. 5 against Woodson.

"They definitely have heart," Pannoni said about the Stallions. "They've got the desire to improve. We've got to take each week one at a time. The rest of the schedule is tough as hell, but we'll figure it out."

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**Mystics at Home in Fairfax**

The Washington Mystics hosted the Seattle Storm in game 3 of their first ever WNBA Finals on Sept. 12, 2018, at EagleBank Arena in Fairfax. Down 0-2 in the series, the Mystics



**Natasha Cloud #9 of the Mystics drives to the basket while being defended by Jordin Canada #21 of the Storm in the third quarter.**

were in desperate need of a win to avoid being swept. The Storm were too much for the Mystics and won 98-92 to claim their third WNBA title since 2004.

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# BULLETIN

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**Gentle Yoga.** 12:30-2 p.m. at Sentara Surgery Specialists Comprehensive Breast Center, 8988 Lorton Station Blvd., Suite 103, Lorton. This yoga protocol is facilitated by Pat Fitzsimmons RN, C-IAYT, E-RYT 500, an instructor specifically trained to work with cancer patients who will adapt traditional yoga practices to meet the physiological and psychological needs of cancer patients. No registration required. It is recommended that participants dress comfortably and bring a yoga mat, towel(s), and water. Visit [www.sentara.com](http://www.sentara.com) for more.

**Public Information Meeting.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Fairview Elementary School, 5815 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. The Virginia Department of Transportation is holding a public information meeting on plans to widen and make other improvements to about five miles of the Fairfax County Parkway (Route 286) between Route 29 (Lee Highway) and Route 123 (Ox Road). There will be a presentation at 7 p.m. VDOT staff will be available to answer questions. View [www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/ffx\\_co\\_pkwy\\_widening.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/ffx_co_pkwy_widening.asp) for more.

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 28

**Google Classroom 101.** 10 a.m.-noon at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 100, Dunn Loring. Start the school year off by attending this workshop to learn how Google Classroom works and what parents need to know. Visit [www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center](http://www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center) to register.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 29

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## Storck

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as presented does not go far enough to ensure the County's role as a regional leader or to advance cost savings, real climate change initiatives or resiliency planning. I strongly believe the County needs to move forward quickly to adopt a Community Climate Action Plan and a Resiliency Plan. As a County, we can do far more, and adopting more aggressive goals will result in significant cost savings and a faster return on our investment for both our environment and our budget.

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## Woe I'll Never Be



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not on hold with the Oncology department today. Not elbowing Twinkle or Biscuit off my writing tablet as I sit and write this week's column. And not going hungry from the previous Friday's infusion (a week plus has passed so the worst side effect of the treatment has passed).

In general, aside from waiting for my upcoming CT scan on Sept. 26, I am glad that soon I can get on with my life.

You'll note I didn't say fate. That word has too negative a connotation. And my nature, as you regular readers know, is as a positive/glass half full kind of person. So, as I approach this next milestone, I view it not so much as a millstone but more so as just another rock that hopefully leaves me not in a very hard place.

The pre-existing cancer diagnosis is already hard enough. But after living with it for so long and enduring as many rounds of chemotherapy, side effects, lab work, diagnostic scans, 24-hour urine collection and all the associated anxiety surrounding a "terminal" diagnosis as I have, one, at least this one, has learned to live with the miscellaneous demands.

It's not to imply that doing so is easy, but not doing so is so much more difficult. To that end, which ultimately won't be my end, assimilating the good, bad and the incredibly worrisome into some sort of mental spreadsheet seems the only logical pursuit.

Either you learn to take it in stride or you'll die not trying.

And since dying, so far as we know anyhow, is so much less appealing than living, I'm striving to balance my equilibrium and never get too high or too low no matter the news. (Yes. I'm a Libra so balance is very much a part of my process.)

That's not to say that there aren't incredible pressures and challenges that us cancer patients have to manage, it's more that to say that laughing in the face of death is not a sign of weakness but more so a sign of enlightened strength.

Part of that strength is respecting the process with which cancer patients are all too familiar and moreover, and most importantly, understanding and respecting what we don't have control over. There's an element of letting go which enhances one's quality of life and minimizes obstacles as well.

Doing what you can and not fretting about what you can't, in addition to keeping an open mind, combines to smooth out the rough edges and to focus on the path ahead. The 'path ahead' being the goal.

I remember that exact philosophy being expressed by my oncologist at the original Team Lourie meeting back in late February 2009. When it was suggested that my mother's smoking of Chesterfield King cigarettes in my youth or my dalliances in college in the '70s might be relevant/have had an impact on my lung cancer diagnosis, my oncologist would have none of it.

Retrieving fragments of history and/or assigning blame for less-than-ideal behavior was irrelevant to him. His concern was not the past, it was the present/future. We were to be looking/planning ahead and treating forward.

And so here I sit, very much having been treated forward.

At present, I am my oncologist's prize cow, a stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer survivor, alive and reasonably well nine years and nearly seven months into an initial "13 month to two year" prognosis. After hearing that grim prognosis, I never would have imagined that in August 2018, I'd still be alive.

But here I am. Not a victim of my own circumstances.

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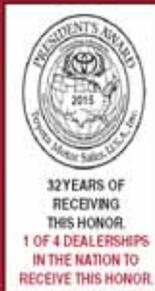
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