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## Public Weighs in on Budget Priorities

**Schools, market rate adjustments, affordable housing dominate public response.**

BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE GAZETTE

**O**n Thursday, April 12, at 4:27 p.m., Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chair Sharon Bulova brought down the gavel that ended her last Budget Public Hearings — a circumstance not lost on many of the 150 or so speakers who addressed the board over the three days of public testimony.

Most of the speakers, even those who attended to express objections to County Executive Bryan Hill's Advertised Fiscal Year 2020 Budget, took part of their precious allotment of speaker's time to thank Bulova and fellow retiring board members John Cook (Braddock), Cathy Hudgins (Hunter Mill) and Linda Smyth (Providence).

The proposed budget was presented to the board by the county executive on Feb. 19, without seeking any increase in the current residential tax rate of \$1.15 per \$100 of assessed property value. Even without a tax rate increase, the average homeowner's tax bill would still rise by approximately \$150, since the average residential assessment would increase by almost 2.4 percent because property values are increasing.

Since then, there have been numerous town hall budget meetings



PHOTOS BY ANDREA WORKER/THE GAZETTE

**Showcasing their support for a 2.5 percent Market Rate Adjustment for county employees: Dozens testified at the budget public hearings, expressing disappointment that only 1 percent for the MRA was included in the Advertised Budget by County Executive Bryan Hill.**

around the county, allowing residents from the nine magisterial districts to hear more and ask questions of county staff and their own district supervisors.

**THE PUBLIC HEARINGS** began on Tuesday, April 9, around 4:30 p.m. just after regular board business was concluded. Over the course of three days, there were dozens of pros and cons argued in regards to the overall budget of \$8.86 billion.

Representatives from unions, councils, organizations, civic associations,

social services, nonprofits, parks, environmental groups, and private citizens came before the board. Most were there to bring light to their cause and to request additional financial support, or reconsideration where funding had been cut or reduced.

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Board chair Karen Corbett Sanders was the first speaker of record, providing lengthy testimony describing the achievements of the school system and its importance to the welfare of the county, thanking Hill for a budget that includes the FCPS full funding request, and urging the board to vote their approval when the final budget comes before them on May 7.

The \$2.35 billion transfer to the school system, up more than \$86 million over last year, comprises almost 53 percent of the county's general fund budget. The total number of students in the school system for 2018-19 was 188,018, about 1,000 students fewer than projected.

Kevin Hickerson, president of Fairfax Education Association

(FEA), and Kimberly Adams, the president-elect of FEA, were pleased that the budget included the full amount of funds requested, to include wage increases for teachers, but expressed concern that the funds would not allow such increases for support personnel.

The Fairfax County Council of PTAs also supported the Advertised Budget and applauded the new era of collaboration between the FCPS School Board and the county, but urged the board to "think into the future." In her testimony, Council President Jane Miscavage said the needs of the county's schools were only growing, especially in the areas of "special education where we face a shortage of teachers, in mental health issues among our students,

in the areas of safety and security and in the need to reduce class sizes, to name just a few." Miscavage says that today's budget responses are promising, but will fall short of future needs. "The time to plan is now."

Miscavage and her colleagues offered their assistance "in any way we can. Put us to work, let us share the load. We are a large organization with a large network with other PTAs. Tell us how we can help you."

Others who support the school's piece of the budget pie asked for funding beyond wages, reporting that schools in the county need physical improvements and upgrades to maintain the premier status of education that is conducted within their walls.

Tina Williams with the Federation of Teachers urged the board to find the means to fund universal Pre-K, and to restore pay rates for substitute teachers.

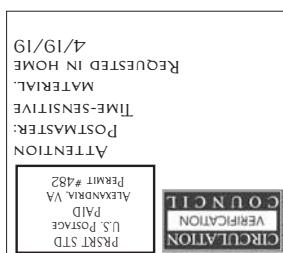
**ARTHUR PURVES**, representing the Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance, presented an argument against the monies directed toward the FCPS, saying that school and other county employees earn more than the average private sector worker in the region and "without such a generous pension and benefits package."

Purves questions why the school system needs \$114 million more to "serve 1,000 less students in the coming year." He presented several statistical charts to defend his statements that Fairfax County schools "are not providing the edu-

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**It was all paws on deck at the Fairfax County FY 2020 Budget Hearings. Jamie accompanied Dr. Amrit Daryanani to advocate for Animal Control officers, who are "sworn officers, with the same training as other police personnel and who face equally emotionally charged situations. They need a living wage to live here in Fairfax County where they work," said Daryanani.**



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**Cub Scouts and volunteers build garden beds from wood planks.**



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**Scouts transported soil from the parking lot to the garden and filled each bed.**

## Cub Scouts Build Vegetable Garden for Students

**C**ub Scouts Pack 888 built a Learning Production Garden on March 30-31 for Hollin Meadows Elementary School (HMES), a Title I school located in the historic Hollin Hills neighborhood in Alexandria.

Pack 888 includes girls and boys, ranging in age from five to 11 years old, most of whom attend Stratford Landing Elementary School, but also attend other elementary schools in the area. The Learning Production Garden is a 7,000-square foot enclosed courtyard at HMES that students, from pre-K through Grade 6, will use to grow vegetables and fruits as part of the outdoor education program. Students at the school will care for and cultivate the garden to grow food that will eventually be served in the school's cafeteria. The students hope to eventually grow enough produce to provide food for needier students during the summer, and to set up a summer farm stand to sell and invest back into HMES's Outdoor Education Program.

But first, the empty school courtyard had to be transformed into a working garden

space. The Cub Scouts, with the assistance of their Den Leaders and parent volunteers, built 20 garden beds from wood planks, then shoveled and carted a mountain of soil from the school parking lot to the courtyard. The Scouts filled each bed and raked and prepared the soil for planting. Finally, each Cub Scout planted the first tiny plants in the garden.

The Cub Scouts will return on April 25 to plant milkweed, a plant that attracts pollinators like butterflies and bees, which are critical to a successful produce garden.



**Scouts plant the first vegetables to be grown at the HMES Production Garden.**



**The Cub Scouts receive a lesson about why plants need pollinators like butterflies and bees, and the types of plants that attract pollinators.**

## Protestors: 'Resign Ralph!'

BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE GAZETTE

**M**uch of the immediate furor over the scandals that surround Virginia's top elected officials, which saw Gov. Ralph Northam and Attorney General Mark Herring facing backlash over blackface incidents and Lt. Governor Justin Fairfax accused of sexual misconduct, seems to have died down.

For weeks after a photo in Northam's 1984 yearbook surfaced in February, identifying him as one of two men in the picture

— one in blackface and one dressed in the robes of a Ku Klux Klansmen — the governor was the target of local, national, and even international news cycles and ridiculed by late night talk show hosts. The story only grew when Commonwealth Attorney General Herring admitted to having worn blackface for a costume event in college.

The third hit to Virginia's "Big 3" elected officials came quickly thereafter, with Fairfax being accused by first one woman, and then a second of conduct tantamount to sexual harassment.

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**Kofi Annan, president of the Fairfax County NAACP, addresses the group of protestors calling for the resignation of Gov. Ralph**

**Northam. "He needs to step aside. He has done great harm to the Democratic Party and to Virginia. He refuses to acknowledge what he did — we still don't know the real truth about the photo — but remaining in office only continues the harm and keeps us from healing and moving forward."**

**Fairfax NAACP and others gather to demand resignation of Northam.**





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## 20,000 EGGS @ MOUNT VERNON HS

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# Washington Community Church Hosts 'The Biggest Easter Egg Hunt' on April 20

*Join Washington Community Church as it distributes 20,000 eggs during a free family-friendly event at Mount Vernon High School*

Washington Community Church, a non-denominational church located in the Mount Vernon area of Alexandria, will host 'The Biggest Easter Egg Hunt,' complimented by face painting, juggling, inflatables and prizes. Over 20,000 candy-filled eggs will blanket the Mount Vernon High School football field at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 20 at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road in Alexandria.

The Biggest Easter Egg Hunt is free and open to the community; everyone is welcome to attend this family-friendly event. Children, through age 12, can register to participate. Admission is free and

complimentary on-site parking is available.

"We are very excited for The Biggest Easter Egg Hunt in Alexandria," said Pastor Steve Bradcovich, Senior Pastor, Washington Community Church. "This will be

an awesome day for the entire family and we can't wait to spend it with you!"

Children will receive baskets to collect eggs at registration. They will hunt for eggs according to age groups, with

the youngest children participating first.

After the hunt, prizes including stuffed toys, Nintendo Switches and bicycles will be distributed through a raffle drawing.

**"This will be an awesome day for the entire family and we can't wait to spend it with you!"**

*— Senior Pastor  
Steve Bradcovich.*

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# NEWS

## Alice's Kids Aids California Students

### Purchasing yearbooks for students who lost school in fires.

**A**lice's Kids, a charity that provides targeted financial assistance to children in need, has donated \$2,880 to help 180 eighth graders at Paradise Intermediate School purchase yearbooks. The vast majority of the students lost not just their school but their homes last November the Camp Fire that engulfed Paradise, Calif.

"When they told us that most of the children could not afford the yearbooks, we thought it would be a worthy expenditure of funds that would make these kids feel a little bit better about themselves," said Ron Fitzsimmons, the executive director of Alice's Kids.

On November 8, 2018, the students' lives were changed forever when the Camp Fire destroyed the town of Paradise. In December, the school was relocated to the Chico Mall for three weeks of online learning and then to the former Orchard Supply Hardware store.

Alice's Kids normally responds to requests from teachers and social workers who have identified a child with a specific need. Over eight years, they have paid for prom tickets, summer clothes, soccer cleats and other items that will enhance their self-esteem. In this case, however, Alice's Kids approached the school to see if there was anything they could do for these children who suffered so much trauma.

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Alice's Kids is a 501c3 organization that served 894 children last year in 26 different states.

### Free Vessel Safety Check

Whether you own a powerboat, sailboat, jet ski, or paddle craft, increase your chances of enjoying a mishap-free season on the water this year with a free Vessel Safety Check from the Coast Auxiliary's Mount Vernon Flotilla on Saturday, April 27 at the Mount Vernon Yacht Club, or Saturday, May 4 at the Alexandria City Marina. Boat owners can also schedule a Vessel Safety Check for other days and other locations by contacting Steve Rybicki at [sjrybicki@gmail.com](mailto:sjrybicki@gmail.com) or telephone 703-887-0415. During the Safety Check, a Flotilla examiner will discuss the purpose of specific marine safety equipment, clarify various federal and state regulations, explain nautical safety procedures, and answer boating related questions. Learn more about Vessel Safety Checks by visiting <http://www.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=054-25-08&category=vessel-examinations>.



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## NEWS

# George Washington Chapter Celebrates 65th Anniversary

The George Washington Chapter celebrated its 65th year on April 13 at the Mount Vernon Country Club in Alexandria, with more than 70 compatriots and guests in attendance. The chapter was chartered on April 2, 1954 with 14 members. The chapter today has more than 250 members and continues to grow.

Chapter Vice President Jay Henn served as master of ceremonies. The event began with a Junior ROTC Bronze Medal presented to Cadet 1LT Tyler Herod, a student at Mount Vernon High School. The SAR Law Enforcement Medal was then awarded to Officer K.C. Webb with the Fairfax Police Department. Two new members were inducted by President General Warren Alter: John Easely and Michael West.

During the ceremony, guests were serenaded by Sgt. Don Francisco, fifer at the Mount Vernon Estate. After luncheon, greetings were brought by SAR President General Warren Alter, Virginia Society SAR 2nd Vice President Jeff Thomas, and by Kate Waller Barrett DAR Regent Claire Bennett.

The guest speaker was Holly Lynn McKinley Schmidt, Virginia DAR Historian, whose topic was "Children of the American Revolution-Training Tomorrow's Leader."

The Sons of the American Revolution was founded in 1889 which also marked the 100th anniversary of George Washington



PHOTOS BY PAUL WALDEN

**Sons of the American Revolution  
President General Warren Alter  
addresses the meeting.**

taking the oath of office of the President of the United States. The charter was established by an Act of Congress and signed on June 9, 1906 by SAR Compatriot President Theodore Roosevelt. It consists of 50 societies with more than 500 local chapters, several international societies with more than 33,000 members. All members have proven descent from either someone who provided military service during the Cause for Independence, or provided material or financial support to the cause. Patriot an-



**More than 70 people attended  
the celebration of the chapter's  
65th anniversary.**

cestors are both male and female. The objects of the society are to be patriotic, historical and educational.



**The anniversary cake**

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# OPINION

## Be Part of the Solution

Recycle wisely; help in upcoming cleanups.

BY PAUL KRIZEK  
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)



**O**n April 22, we will celebrate Earth Day 2019. Some of the best things we can do to take personal responsibility for our own consumption is to recognize the areas in our lives where we are the most wasteful and work to alter those habits. Not only is this healthy for the planet, but it also helps to save a lot of money in the long run.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in 2012, Americans generated close to 250 million tons of trash. Unfortunately, only about one-third of that amount made it to recycling. In 2018, the EPA reported that the recycling rate increased from less than 7 percent in 1960 to 35 percent. Recycling also creates jobs. For every 10,000 recycled materials, nearly 16 jobs and \$760,000 in wages are supported. There are many things that we can do to continue this upward trend. The most essential thing is to understand what can and can't be recycled, and how to prepare these materials.

Materials that can always be placed in recycling bins include bottles (not glass though anymore), jugs, and cartons, cans, cardboard, and paper. Before these materials are placed in bins, they should be empty and clean. There

is no need to bag any recyclables; it is easier to process these items if they are placed directly into the bins. Materials that should never be placed in curbside recycling bins include plastic bags, cell phones, diapers, food, foam, clothing, cables/lights, wrappers, shredded paper, and glass items.

Many of these materials that cannot be recycled curbside can be recycled in other ways. Plastic bags can be dropped off at many grocery stores with plastic bag receptacles, cell phones can often be donated at electronics retailers, and clothing can be delivered to secondhand shops or other retailers who participate in garment recycling programs. For a variety of reasons, glass placed in curbside recycling bins is processed as waste; however, clean glass bottles and jars delivered to purple containers at recycling drop-off centers located around the county are crushed and used in county projects.

What are some easy ways that we can all incorporate environmentally friendly actions into our daily lives?

Invest in reusable items. Our society is largely a "throwaway culture" that is based on convenience more so than on sustainability. A lot of the disposable plastic that we throw out makes its way to the ocean, which harms marine life and creates hardship for those who rely on the ocean for their food and livelihoods. Replacing plastic water bottles with reusable bottles (which come in so many different shapes and sizes), disposable utensils for reusable ones,

paper or cloth towels for dish towels (we cut up old clothes for dish towels), and plastic grocery bags with reusable canvas bags, to name a few, go a long way to reducing waste and the amount of nonbiodegradable material in our landfills and oceans.

Shop secondhand. Trash created from old clothing is one of the largest contributors to pollution. Textiles are not 100 percent disposable, so the clothing that gets thrown away can remain in landfills for over 200 years. Opting to shop for pre-worn clothing can help minimize the amount of textile waste.

Get active. Whenever you notice trash accumulating on the side of the road or in other public places around your community, clean it up. Earth Day is a great time to gather friends and family and participate in a community clean-up project in a local park or along a waterway. It's too late for the Little Hunting Creek clean up that took place on April 13, but the Senator Surovell-Krizek annual creek clean up is happening on May 11 at 9 a.m. at Janna Lee Bridge and Fordson Road across from Momma's Kitchen. There is also the MV-Lee Chamber Highway Cleanup of Jeff Todd Way April 27 from 8-10:30 a.m. meeting at the Candlewood Suites at 8 a.m. Congratulations to all the volunteers that cleaned up sites along the creek in Stratford Landing, Riverside Estates, First River Farms, Gum Springs, Col. Byers Park, and White Oaks Park.

Earth Day might only come once a year, but that doesn't mean you can't keep up these sustainable habits throughout the year to continue to make your community, and the world, a cleaner and more eco-friendly place for yourself and for the generations to come.

### COMMENTARY

## Make Space for All People

To the Editor:

The following testimony was presented to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

**G**ood afternoon board members and staff. I am testifying on behalf of the South County Task Force for Human Services. Our organization has advocated for affordable housing, health care, human services, and equity in the Lee and Mt Vernon

Districts, especially along the Route 1 corridor, since

**COMMENTARY** 1975. I am also chair of the NAACP Housing Committee, and served on the Affordable Housing Resource Panel this year.

Our community's biggest issue is existential.

For nearly 40 years we have held the vision of a Route 1 corridor where residents could thrive. Over the next 20 years that may happen ... but sadly they could be entirely different residents.

Most of our current corridor residents will be forced out of Fairfax County if gentrification, compelled by market forces, prevails as it has in Arlington and Alexandria.

My specific budget recommendations will follow, but first I will present an idea of how the county could prevent this.

I call it One Fairfax Development.

County, state, and federal taxes put billions

into large infrastructure projects such as Route 1 widening, Embark, and Metro expansion.

It is assumed that taxpayers will benefit from these projects. Nearby property owners benefit from rising land values, developers benefit from new sites near transit, commuters benefit by getting to work faster, the county benefits from increased taxes from new development.

But some taxpayers are harmed by new development. Which ones? Repeatedly, low and moderate income renters are harmed — not a little but a lot — because their homes are replaced by higher-rent units that they cannot afford. Given the overall high rents in the county, they end up moving out of the county — thus losing county schools, services, and amenities and facing long commutes back to their jobs in Fairfax. Even now many county workers cannot afford to live in the county.

Data from many cities and counties show that as an area gentrifies it also loses diversity.

Under One Fairfax Development, we must commit to being a community that has space for people of all income levels, races, and ethnicities.

When we develop infrastructure, we must analyse the winners and losers from the OneFairfax viewpoint and add components to the original development package to make

sure we are not destroying the fabric of the community.

Affordable housing must be part of new development the same way parks and schools are.

Studies project a need for homes for 15,000 additional low to moderate wage families in the next 15 years, yet our blue ribbon housing advisory panel recommended that we try to accommodate only 5,000 of them.

Would we do that with schools? If we project that 15,000 new students will live in Fairfax in the next 15 years, would we plan to build classroom space for only 5,000 of them?

Affordable housing is not charity; It is a way to keep our community whole.

Regarding the FY2020-21 budget, our recommendations are summarized here:

### In FY2020

Sorry but the "strategic plan" you got from the Affordable Housing Resource Panel on housing is not a strategic plan. It is just a list of recommendations and it is imperative that you direct the Departments of Planning and Development and Housing and Community Development to actually develop a strategic plan in FY2020 out of these recommendations and that they create a meaningful dashboard and indicator metrics to show the public both

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The man was described as black, 19 to 25 years old, 5'11" to 6'2", 160 to 200 pounds, wearing black sweatpants, white sleeveless tank top and a black beanie hat.

**DWI CRASH:** Richmond Highway/Collard Street, April 12, 10:48 p.m. A car was traveling northbound on Richmond Highway at Collard Street when it went off the road, struck a pole and flipped over. The driver, a 24-year-old man from Alexandria, was charged with driving while intoxicated and driving on a suspended license. All lanes of Richmond Highway were shut down from 11:30 p.m. until 11:19 a.m. while crews repaired the pole.

**APRIL 16**  
**LARCENIES**  
2800 block of Beacon Hill Road, beer from business  
4400 block of Groom Bridge Way, ring and documents from residence  
6300 block of Richmond Highway, bookbag from vehicle  
7300 block of Richmond Highway, wallet from location  
8700 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business

**APRIL 15**  
**LARCENIES**  
4300 block of Amblewood Road, wallet from vehicle  
8100 block of Bianca Place, wallet from location  
8300 block of Brockham Drive, property from residence  
6000 block of Fort Hunt Road, debit card from

vehicle  
3100 block of Lockheed Boulevard, beer from business  
5700 block of Metroview Parkway, headphones and sunglasses from vehicle  
2500 block of Parkers Lane, cell phone and cash from location  
7800 block of Richmond Highway, briefcase from location  
7900 block of Richmond Highway, cash from business  
7900 block of Richmond Highway, vacuum from business  
8100 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business  
8500 block of Richmond Highway, headphones from location

## APRIL 12

### LARCENIES

3100 block of Lockheed Boulevard, merchandise from business  
3200 block of Memorial Street, license plates from vehicle  
2500 block of Parkers Lane, cell phone from location  
6300 block of Richmond Highway, cell phone from location  
8700 block of Richmond Highway, cash from business  
3300 block of Southgate Drive, tools from vehicle  
5800 block of Woodlawn Green Court, license plate from vehicle

### STOLEN VEHICLES

7900 block of Audubon Avenue, 2005 BMW X5

## APRIL 11

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Opportunities for community service and/or religious education are some of the reasons that parents might consider switching a child from public to private school.

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## Making the Leap from Public to Private School

**Signs that a public school isn't meeting your child's needs.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

Elizabeth and Kent Hillegass noticed that their 6th grade son's grades began to drop while the number of times they received notices from the school regarding his misbehavior had increased. He was also having challenges socially.

"He was really unhappy, the other kids made fun of him, he didn't have any friends and to top it off his grades were awful," said Elizabeth. "I would lie awake at night crying because I felt helpless."

After a series of neuropsychological tests, the Hillegasses learned that their son had ADHD. The testing psychologist advised them to see an education consultant who helped them determine that a quiet school environment with small class sizes would best suit their son's needs. The Hillegasses ultimately decided to send their son to a private school with a student-teacher ratio of 10 to 1.

"We've always been supporters of public education, but the class sizes and noisy environment were too overwhelming for him," said Kent. "It was like he was lost and unable to focus when he was at school. He couldn't sit still and pay attention in classes and was always getting into trouble, which made him feel ostracized, like he was the bad kid in school."

A parent's decision to move a child from public to private school can be based on factors that run the gamut from smaller class sizes to tuition that can cost as much as \$50,000 annually. Although it's a choice that should not be taken lightly, there are signs that it might be time to make the change if it's possible, say education consultants.

"I suggest to parents that they focus on the needs of their child, not on the prestige that they think a private school holds or the sticker on the back of your car that lets everyone know that your child attends a certain school," said Kim Hardy who was the education consultant to the Hillegass family. "There's a range of factors that parents should take into consideration."

The first, advises Hardy, is whether their child is

happy and well adjusted. "If a child is bored or frustrated at school, not just because their grades aren't good and they've given up, but there are also cases where students are making straight As without much effort and are bored because they aren't being challenged."

When the accommodations that a school can offer don't meet the needs of one's child, that's another clue that a change is necessary, suggests Arlington-based education consultant Rita Fetter.

"Some children need to be in a classroom with a low student teacher ratio so that teachers have time to redirect students who have trouble staying focused," she said. "Other students need a lot of exercise and outdoor activity to release energy so that they can focus better in class. Public schools may not be able to offer that."

The Heights in Potomac, Md. builds activity and exercise into each school day including outdoor recess and a challenging physical education program that not only releases energy, but teaches important life skills.

Fetter says some parents make the change because they want specialized opportunities that a public school might not offer.

"If religious education is important to a family, that is certainly one reason to leave a public school," she said. "If a family wants their child to be involved in public service beyond what is required to graduate, they might choose a private school that has community service built in to the curriculum."

One such school is St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School (SSSAS) in Alexandria, Va. "Our school offers religion classes and weekly chapels," said Mandi Sapp of SSSAS. "We also have a ton of service-learning opportunities that students ... do throughout the year, including global service trips offered in Middle and Upper School. We have done a lot of work with ALIVE (ALEXandrians InVolved Ecumenically) in Alexandria."

If a child is unhappy and asks repeatedly to change schools, Fetter believes that is a reason to give serious consideration to academic switch.

"At the end of the day, parents have to take a long, hard look at their child and their family," Fetter said. "They have to find the best school for their family, not the one that's most prestigious or most popular. Does what the school offers as a whole align with your family's values and your child's needs. Whether it's public or private, that's what a parent must determine."

# NEWS



Jim Fowler, with his wife Patty, right, and mother-in-law Eileen Samuels, celebrates his retirement from the Alexandria Police Department April 1 at Fiona's Irish Pub in Kingstowne. Fowler served 25 years on the force, the last 12 on the motorcycle squad.

## Fowler Retires After 25 Years

**Police motorcycle veteran to create custom bikes.**

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
THE GAZETTE

Surrounded by family, friends and fellow officers, Jim Fowler celebrated his retirement from the Alexandria Police Department April 1 after 25 years serving the City of Alexandria.

Fowler spent his last 12 years as part of the APD motorcycle force and the crowd gathered at Fiona's Irish Pub in Kingstowne wished him well on his newest venture, Slick Sledz, a custom motorcycle building company.

"My time with the department has been incredible," said Fowler. "But now I'm looking forward to spending more time on Slick Sledz."

Fowler spent six years serving in the U.S. Coast Guard as a weapons specialist. His last duty station brought him to Alexandria, where he joined the APD in 1994. He is involved with various veterans' organizations, particularly those serving disabled veterans.

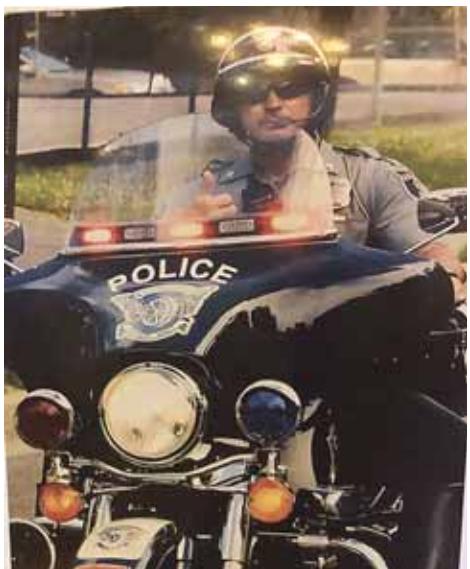
Fowler holds a bachelor's degree in Administration of Justice from George Mason



Officer Jim Fowler, right, in an undated photo with Col. Gregory Gadson, then the Garrison Commander of Fort Belvoir. Fowler retired April 1 after 25 years with the Alexandria Police Department.

University but his love of motorcycles led to his creating Slick Sledz, a business he started in 2015 while still serving full time on the force.

"Now that I can spend more time with Slick Sledz, I hope to see it continue to grow," said Fowler, who is a certified Harley Davidson technician. "I can't thank my family and friends enough for all their support."



Officer Jim Fowler served 12 years on the motorcycle squad before retiring April 1 after 25 years of service with the Alexandria Police Department.

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Jim Fowler, left, with Alexandria Police Department Officer Bennie Evans at Fowler's retirement party April 1 at Fiona's Irish Pub in Kingstowne. Evans is wearing a hoodie from Fowler's new business venture, Slick Sledz, a custom motorcycle building company.

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# Commit to the Spirit of One Fairfax

To the Editor:

The following April 11 testimony was addressed to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

**A**s community-based organizations and county residents concerned with the availability of housing that is affordable to families with low or moderate incomes, including some of our most vulnerable community members, we are here to testify about housing affordability, the unmet housing needs of Fairfax County residents, and the recommendations of Phase I and Phase II for the Communitywide Housing Strategic Plan.

Not since 2005 has Fairfax County undertaken such a comprehensive analysis of housing affordability for low and moderate income households, and we applaud this effort. Housing costs have spiraled out of control for an increasing percentage of the county's population because wages have not kept pace with rents.

According to the Phase I report, "between 2010 and 2015, the average rent in Fairfax County increased 17 percent and typical home prices for single family homes, townhomes and condominiums were up 15, 23 and 27 percent respectively. Over the same period, the average household income in the county increased by only 10 percent and for many low-wage workers, income did not increase at all."

According to Zillow, the average rent for a 2-bedroom apartment in Fairfax County is \$2,300 a month, and the average home purchase price is \$548,800. As stated in the Phase I report, "according to the most recent American Community Survey, 44.3 percent of renters (more than 55,000 households) and 22.9 percent of homeowners (more than 60,000 households) in Fairfax County spend more than 30 percent of their income on housing" – 30 percent being the HUD standard for affordability.

The Strategic Plan analysis indicates that over the next 15 years, the county will need 15,000 units of affordable rental housing. This number is in addition to the current affordable housing shortage of 31,000 units. These significant numbers have impacts on real people – working families who struggle to pay their rent and put food on the table for their families. No one in Fairfax County should have to make that kind of choice.

While we support the recommendations from the Housing Strategic Plan Phase I and Phase II workgroups, given the tremendous shortage of affordable housing in the county, we urge the board to act now to make investments in housing in the upcoming FY2020 budget. In addition, we ask that the board expand upon what has been recommended in Phase II by the Affordable Housing Resources Panel. Specifically:

- Include a substantial down payment into the Housing Trust Fund in the FY2020 budget;
- Beginning in FY2021, approve an annual appropriation of \$50 million for the county's Housing Trust Fund. These funds would provide public investments in new housing production; housing preservation; a rental subsidy program; and affordable



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Affordable housing supporters at a Fairfax County budget hearing.

homeownership — goals identified in the county's Housing Policy in the Comprehensive Plan.

New housing production funds will begin to address the significant shortage of new affordable homes, providing the essential public sector financing for developer partners that indicates the county is ready to tackle this critical need. The county's investment will leverage private capital from experienced developers who will build more affordable homes in our communities.

Preservation is critical to maintaining the county's existing affordable housing stock and is an important strategy for county-wide housing policy. Thousands of families living in older, market-affordable apartments located near inner parts of the county like Seven Corners, Bailey's Crossroads and the Richmond Highway corridor are at risk of losing their homes if redevelopment, which has been approved for all of these areas, moves forward. With the announcement of the Amazon headquarters, the threat of displacement is real for these households.

Preservation funds, in coordination with creative zoning tools that allow appropriate density and regulatory flexibility, can provide meaningful incentives for both private sector and nonprofit developers to extend the life of existing affordable housing stock, or redevelop these sites with no net loss of affordability, creating new mixed income communities.

Rental subsidies help address the challenge of providing housing for those with extremely low incomes, persons with disabilities, chronically homeless persons and others who need support to sustain their housing, and who may be ineligible or waitlisted for existing programs. While the cost-burden situation is problematic for any household that pays more than 30 percent of their income in housing costs, it can be-

come a crisis for those households with extremely low-incomes, and those with fixed incomes. By 2022, it is estimated that there will be 20,000 senior households with incomes less than 50 percent of the area median income and 10,000 disabled households.

The Fairfax County Community-Wide Housing Strategic Plan and its Ten-Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness call for the creation of housing options for vulnerable populations, but the county's existing programs do not provide sufficient supports for these families.

We urge the board to expand the existing rental subsidy program to provide appropriate and long-term housing supports for specific target populations whose housing needs are not being met by existing local programs. With long-term rental subsidies, affordable housing developments can incorporate these households as a percentage of total project.

The decline in ownership opportunities reflects current owners remaining longer in their homes, rising land costs, and limited housing stock to purchase. Communities around the country are trying to address "Missing Middle" housing, which refers to both an affordable price point and exploration of new housing types (duplexes, triplexes, and other infill housing types) that are compatible in scale and style with single family homes. Another best practice is land banking through a community land trust (CLT). The CLT retains ownership of land (through 99-year renewable ground leases), and sells the housing units on that leased land at affordable rates. Homeowners on CLT land are legally bound by deeds and covenants (the legal "how" it remains affordable) to sell their home to another income qualified family, which preserves the home's affordability for generations to come. Low and moderate income families

benefit from CLTs through equity built by owning the home, and future residents will have the opportunity to own a piece of their neighborhood. Most CLTs are established and governed by nonprofit organizations, but seed funding is required.

Staff capacity must be increased in the appropriate agencies to support the level of affordable housing production that will ensure for the increased financial resources. We support the recommendation of the Phase II workgroup for at least three positions that will provide additional coordination, expertise/capacity in development, preservation and sustainability. We especially like the idea of a "housing in all policies" manager to coordinate with planning and regulatory/development agencies.

In closing, we note that the shortage of resources to address homelessness, affordable housing and preservation has had a disproportionate impact on people of color in Fairfax County. Investment in these communities to effect real change that creates healthy, diverse neighborhoods with equal access to opportunity is the true test of the county's commitment to the spirit of One Fairfax.

We appreciate the opportunity to speak to these issues and thank you for consideration of our recommendations.

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## ONGOING

### **Art Exhibit: "No Comfort Zone."**

Through April 28, gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. The "No Comfort Zone" exhibit reflects people, places and things that are in and/or out of their comfort zone. Visit [DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits](http://DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits).

### **Photography Exhibit: "Ranch Life."**

Through May 5, daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursdays, 2-8 p.m. at Multiple Exposures Gallery, The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St., Studio 312. Sandy LeBrun-Evans visited Eaton's Ranch in Wyoming last year and was enamored with the lifestyle and how easy it was to forget the troubles of the world and to get lost in the past. Visit [www.multipleexposuresgallery.com](http://www.multipleexposuresgallery.com) or call 703-683-2205.

### **Art Exhibit: "Bugs. Or Kafka on Prozac."**

Through May 5, gallery hours at The Art League, 105 North Union St., Studio 21 in the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Megan Partridge's "Bugs. Or Kafka on Prozac" takes a closer look at these tiny creatures that are often overlooked. The artist imparts each arthropod with a personality as distinct as their biology, from the bedraggled bug aptly named Hangover Cricket to the speeding blur in Super Bee. Exhibitions are free and open to the public. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) or call 703-683-1780.

### **Juried Show: "East Meets West."**

Through May 19, gallery hours at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St. Ikat weaving, Batik, Sashiko embroidery, Shibori dyeing, hand stamping, and other Eastern techniques and clothing styles are integrated with Western designs and techniques. Themed work will be eligible for recognition by the jurors. Non-themed work will also be exhibited. Free admission. Call 703-548-0935 or visit [www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com](http://www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com) for more.

**Kathryn Coneway Exhibit.** Through May 31, at Huntley Meadows Visitor's Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Coneway's mixed-media art combines collage and photographic transfers, and it expresses her observations of nature. She uses mulberry paper to create a ground of color and texture. A



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Attendees at the 2018 block party celebrating their love for their pets.

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reception will be held Sunday, March 10 from 2-4 p.m. Students from Kathryn Coneway's winter class at Huntley Meadows will also display work. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows).

### SATURDAY/APRIL 20

**Mount Vernon Flea Market.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at 8717 Fort Hunt Road. Flea market will take place the third Saturday of every month (through September). Refreshments available for sale. Admission is free. Visit [mountvernonfleamarket.wordpress.com](http://mountvernonfleamarket.wordpress.com) for more info.

**Boundary Stone Bike Tour.** 9:15 a.m. at Entrance to East Falls Church Metro Station (under I-66 on Sycamore Street). See 12 historic D.C. boundary stones in Arlington, Alexandria, and Fairfax County on this 35-mile tour. The pace will be leisurely with many stops with easy-to-moderate difficulty and a few long

uphill climbs on bike trails and paved streets. Bring lunch, water, and any type of bike. No reservations necessary. Sponsored by Center Hiking Club ([www.centerhikingclub.org](http://www.centerhikingclub.org)), \$2 for non-members. Contact Bernie Berne at 703-243-0179 or [bhberne@yahoo.com](mailto:bhberne@yahoo.com).

### Hamilton's BFF & Frenemies Specialty Tour.

10-11 a.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St. Inspired by the musical Hamilton, hear about Washington, Lafayette, Jefferson, Madison, and Burr, who all came to the tavern, and delve into the issues they faced and how their choices impacted local citizens. This specialty tour is offered every Saturday in April. \$15 per person, \$12 for museum members. Call 703-746-4242 or visit [www.alexandriava.gov/shop](http://www.alexandriava.gov/shop) for tickets.

### Floral Design Workshop - Spring Bulbs.

10-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. (16-Adult) Enjoy spring colors indoors with a beautiful spring bulb flower arrangement. Learn about the special conditioning and design considerations of working with bulbs from certified designer Betty Ann Galway as she leads participants through creating this spring bulb design to take home. Materials provided for \$30 supply fee. Program fee is \$39/person. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/) using code 245.F4BB or call 703-642-5173.

### Raptor Rapture.

10 a.m.-noon at Belle Haven Park, GWMemorial Parkway. Youngsters of all ages can see big birds called raptors (owls, hawks) up close when the Friends of Dyke Marsh, Secret Gardens Birds and Bees, the National Park Service and the Monarch Teachers Network "host" these birds. These birds were injured and rehabilitated. They cannot survive on their own in the wild. No pets, please. Free. Visit [www.fodm.org](http://www.fodm.org).

### The Biggest Easter Egg Hunt.

10 a.m.-noon at Mount Vernon High

School, 8515 Old Mt Vernon Road. Washington Community Church, a non-denominational church located in the Mount Vernon area, will host The Biggest Easter Egg Hunt, complimented by 20,000 candy-filled eggs, face painting, juggling, inflatables and prizes. Children, through age 12, can register to participate. After the hunt, prizes including stuffed toys, Nintendo Switches and bicycles, will be distributed through a raffle drawing. The Biggest Easter Egg Hunt is open to the community; everyone is welcome to attend. Visit [wcchurch.com](http://wcchurch.com) for more.

### Walking With Washington Tour.

2-4 p.m. at Ramsay House, Alexandria Visitor's Center, 221 King St., Alexandria. Explore important sites associated with George Washington in his hometown of Alexandria. This guided walking tour of historic Old Towne covers significant people and events in Washington's life and in American history, with stops at Ramsay House, Market Square, Carlyle House, Wise's Tavern, Duvall Tavern/Charles Lee House, Gadsby's Tavern, Washington's townhouse, The Lord Fairfax House, the "Light-Horse" Harry Lee house and Christ Church. Free. Visit [washingtonbirthday.com](http://washingtonbirthday.com) or call 703-379-7460.

### "Elegant Easter" Floral Arrangement Workshop.

4-6 p.m. at Bon Vivant Cafe + Market in Del Ray. Participants will create their own unique floral centerpiece for their holiday festivities. Intended for teens to adults, but children are welcomed as guests or helpers at no cost. \$49, includes all instruction, materials and fresh flowers/greens. Tickets are available through Eventbrite.

### Country-Western Dance.

7-9:30 p.m. at Lincoln Senior Center, 4710 North Chambless St. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association will hold a dance with lessons, 6-7 p.m. and open dancing, 7-9:30 p.m. A DJ provides music. Couples and singles of all ages

welcome. Admission for members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. Visit [www.nvcwda.org](http://www.nvcwda.org) for more.

### APRIL 20-28

**Architecture Week.** Enjoy exclusive tours of recently completed buildings, participate in sketching and virtual reality workshops, visit an architecture school, see an exhibit of award-winning buildings designed by local architects, tour architecturally significant historic churches with expert architects, and build a 'Scrap City' or participate in an architectural scavenger hunt. Visit [www.ainanova.org](http://www.ainanova.org) for more.

### APRIL 20-JULY

**Living Legends of Alexandria: African American Activists.** Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Living Legends of Alexandria: African American Activists highlights the work of African American men and women who have made important contributions to the growth and productivity of the City of Alexandria. Call 703-746-4356 for more.

### MONDAY/APRIL 22

**Eco-City Report Card: Is Alexandria Cleaning Up Its Act?** 7:15 p.m. At The Hermitage Auditorium, 5000 Fairbanks Ave., Alexandria. Part of the Agenda: Alexandria program, which falls on the fourth Monday of the month, begin at 7:15 p.m. Programs are \$5 each or free with your \$35 membership, payable on-line at [www.AgendaAlexandria.org/sign-up](http://www.AgendaAlexandria.org/sign-up) page or at the door by check or credit. All are invited to a pre-program dinner if desired. Dinner is 6:45-7:15 p.m., prices starting at \$32 with reservations by the Friday prior to the program. Visit [www.Agenda:Alexandria.com](http://www.Agenda:Alexandria.com).

### WEDNESDAY/APRIL 24

**Denim Day.** The City's Sexual Assault Center (SAC) is sponsoring displays, workshops and events around the community to raise awareness of sexual assault and support survivors. The SAC invites the community to show their support for survivors of sexual assault by wearing jeans on Denim Day. For more information and a full list of events and activities, visit [alexandriava.gov/SexualViolence](http://alexandriava.gov/SexualViolence).

### FRIDAY/APRIL 26

**Family Splash Night.** 6-9 p.m. At Chinquapin Park Rec Center and Aquatics Facility, 3210 King St., Alexandria. Featuring John Adams and Patrick Henry Schools schools. Enjoy swimming, a floating obstacle course, games, relays, refreshments, music, diving for prizes and more. Different schools are featured at each event but all are welcome. Admission is \$4 per person upon entry. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation) for more.

**Play: "Yet I Stand."** 7 p.m., at the Lee Center, Kauffman Auditorium, 1108 Jefferson St. The City's Sexual Assault Center (SAC) is sponsoring displays, exhibits, workshops and events around the community to raise awareness of sexual assault and support survivors. "Yet I Stand," is a presented in partnership with Friends of Guest House, the City of Alexandria Domestic Violence

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## SATURDAY/APRIL 27

**Garden Day Craft Sale.** 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Stop by historic Carlyle House during Alexandria Garden Day to tour the museum and purchase crafts by local artisans. Visit [www.carlylehouse.org](http://www.carlylehouse.org) or call 703-549-2997.

**Project Discovery Walkathon.** 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. At Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. Come join the fun at the 23rd annual Project Discovery Walkathon. Based at T.C. Williams High School and the Minnie Howard 9th Grade Center, Project Discovery prepares and motivates low-income and first generation college-eligible students to access opportunities in higher education. This Walkathon is the spring fundraiser and all proceeds go to the program. Free. Visit [alexandriava.gov/ProjectDiscovery](http://alexandriava.gov/ProjectDiscovery).

**Native Plant Sale.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the parking lot at 1701 N. Quaker Lane. Plant sale hosts 10 vendors from three states selling native perennials, shrubs, and trees for sun or shade. Free admission. Call 571-232-0375 or visit [www.NorthernAlexandriaNativePlantSale.org](http://www.NorthernAlexandriaNativePlantSale.org).

### Watercolor Workshop – Color Theory

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. (16-Adult) Understanding color is essential to creating work that captivates the eye and evokes certain moods or emotions. Through a series of exercises lead by artist Dawn Flores, learn to understand tints, shades and tones, the color wheel, complementary colors, warm and cool colors and color schemes. Make useful charts and swatches that can be used for future reference. \$93/person. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/) using code F91.8B8F or call 703-642-5173.

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**Becoming American.** 10 a.m.-noon Alexandria's History Museum at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Carefully curated, Becoming American is a selection of documentaries representing a selection of diverse immigration experiences drawn from both the past and present. Each of the sessions is moderated followed by discussion after the viewing. Light refreshments will be available. This program is designed for adults, high school students may attend with an adult. Free, pre-registration is required at [shop.alexandriava.gov](http://shop.alexandriava.gov).

**Community Pet Fair.** 10 a.m.-noon in front of the Ruby Tucker Family Center at 322 Tancil Court. The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA) will hold a free Pet Care Fair, offering rabies and other vaccinations and other services at no cost for pets in Alexandria's underserved communities. Residents can also take advantage of basic grooming and nail trims, pet food, behavioral advice and more. Dogs must be on leash, and cats must be transported in carriers. Visit [alexandrianimals.org](http://alexandrianimals.org) for more.

**Earth Day Celebration.** 10 a.m.-2



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**Metro School of the Arts (MSA) student Emily Gross with MSA instructor Charlie Abel.**

## Spring Ballet: Coppelia

Coppelia is a charming, humorous ballet of infatuation, deception, and finally a love that prevails. Dance along with Swanilda and Franz as they find their way to love and "happily ever after." Sunday, April 28 and May 5, 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. at Metropolitan School of the Arts, 5775 Barclay Ave., Alexandria. \$12. Visit [www.metropolitanarts.org](http://www.metropolitanarts.org) for more.

p.m. at the Lenny Harris Memorial Fields at Braddock Park, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. The City of Alexandria will host the 26th Annual Alexandria Earth Day and Arbor Day celebration. This family-friendly event includes the ninth annual Upcycling Showcase, where students from Alexandria City Public Schools will present unique fashion items and other upcycling creations based on the event theme, "Climate Change - Take Action." Admission is free, and food and beverages will be available for purchase. Visit [alexandriava.gov/EarthDay](http://alexandriava.gov/EarthDay) or call 703-746-5592.

**Bus Tour: "From Slavery to Freedom."** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon. This special bus tour begins at Mount Vernon with an exclusive viewing of Mount Vernon's Lives Bound Together exhibition, on slavery at George Washington's plantation.

Afterward, visitors will walk to Mount Vernon's Slave Cemetery for a site talk by archeologists, followed by a lunchtime lecture (box lunch provided). Guests will board a bus to Alexandria and visit Freedom House Museum, then on to Alexandria's Contraband and Freedmen Cemetery Memorial. The tour will conclude at Mount Vernon at 4 p.m. The tour will go rain or shine and has extended periods of walking over uneven terrain. \$40. Get tickets at [shop.alexandriava.gov](http://shop.alexandriava.gov).

**Celebrate Historic Garden Week.**

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Five of Old Town Alexandria's finest private homes and gardens will open to the public, as part of Historic Garden Week in Virginia, the oldest and largest house and garden tour in the nation. This walking tour features private townhomes and secluded gardens located along the tree lined streets of Alexandria's historic district, refreshments and a marketplace at the Athenaeum, and is just steps away from Old Town's fine dining and boutique shopping. \$45 in advance at [www.vagardenweek.org](http://www.vagardenweek.org) or at the Alexandria Visitor Center at Ramsay House (221 King St.). On the date of the tour, \$55 at the Athenaeum (201 Prince St.) and at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House (323 South Fairfax St.). Tickets will not be sold at individual tour homes.

**Spring Open House.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at EMMAvet Veterinary Urgent Care, 1628A Belle View Blvd. EMMAvet and the Belle View Shopping Center welcome the community to their Spring Open House for a clinic tour, raffle prizes, food from Primo, and exclusive deals from many of Belle View Shopping Center neighbors. Well-behaved and leashed dogs are welcome. Free. Call 703-373-3774 or visit [emmavet.com](http://emmavet.com) for more.

**Spring Benefit Concert: "Kindred Spirits."** 3 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Celebrate connections, including friendship, kinship, sisterhood, and even

frenemies. This event will feature Sopranessence's arrangements of music from popular operas & operettas such as Hansel and Gretel, The Mikado and Mozart's Così fan Tutte; audience-favorite musicals like Miss Saigon, Cinderella, Wicked, and more. Proceeds support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Through Friday, April 26: \$20; \$10, ages 12 & under. All tickets \$25 at the door. Visit [ourconvergence.org](http://ourconvergence.org) for more.

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## SUNDAY/APRIL 28

**Britain on the Green.** 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton. The 22nd Britain on the Green show will feature two hundred British cars and motorcycles, music, food trucks, youth activities, and admission to Gunston Hall and grounds. \$10 adult; \$5 children 6-18. Visit [www.capitaltriumpregister.com/bog/](http://www.capitaltriumpregister.com/bog/) or call 703-522-6571.

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## APRIL 29-MAY 26

**The "Weekends" Kiln Club Show.** Gallery hours at Scope Gallery, 105 North Union St., ground floor Studio 19 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Artisan creations are as unique as that match made in heaven, ideal as an anniversary gift, engagement congratulations or to commemorate the hoopla of getting hitched. Capture a moment in clay, recall a scene with ceramics and upgrade important goings-on with Scope Gallery. Call 703-548-6288 or visit [www.scopegallery.org](http://www.scopegallery.org) for more.

## TUESDAY/APRIL 30

**Rare 1792 Gold Coin on Display.** In the Donald W. Reynolds Education Center, at George Washington's Mount Vernon. On the 230th anniversary of George Washington's first inauguration, visitors will have the opportunity to view the 1792 Washington President gold eagle pattern coin, the earliest gold pattern proposed for U.S. coinage and the only gold coin with this design. This unique piece, on loan indefinitely from a private owner, will remain on view as part of Mount Vernon's educational experience for its more than 1 million annual visitors. Visit [mountvernon.org/1792coin](http://mountvernon.org/1792coin).

**Twilight & Tipple Tours.** 6-9 p.m. at Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond Highway. Experience Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House by twilight. This tour series is a rare chance to see one of Wright's houses illuminated against a night sky. Grab a drink, included in the price of the tour ticket, and walk through the

house on a leisurely, open house style tour with plenty of time to take stunning photos. \$35. Visit [www.woodlawnpopeliegh.org/](http://www.woodlawnpopeliegh.org/) for more.

## THURSDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 2-4

**Sailing on String.** Thursday-Friday, 10:30 a.m.; Saturday, 10 and 11:30 a.m. at The Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. Arts on the Horizon produces original work exclusively for children ages 0-6 and their families. Follow two curious explorers on a voyage into a world made of string. This gentle, engaging performance features object transformation, movement, live string music, and captivating design. Best for children ages 0-2 and their families. Sign interpreted performance May 11, 10 a.m. \$7. Visit [www.ArtsOnTheHorizon.org](http://www.ArtsOnTheHorizon.org) or call 571-549-1270.

## FRIDAY/MAY 3

**UCM Give From the Heart Gala.** 6 p.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. Hosted by The Friends of UCM, the 2019 Gala is also part of UCM's 50th Anniversary Celebration. The theme for the yearlong celebration is "50 Years of Neighbors Helping Neighbors." Honorary Co-Chairs are U.S. Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA) and Mrs. Addy Krizek, both former UCM Board members. \$200. RSVP at [www.ucmagency.org](http://www.ucmagency.org).

**Fostering the Future Gala 2019.** 7 p.m. at Hummingbird, 220 South Union St. The Fund for Alexandria's Child hosts its Annual Fostering the Future Event — Captain's Night. This annual fundraiser supports the work of The Fund in providing life enriching opportunities for children in foster care and those at risk of abuse and neglect. Join for an evening of live/silent auction items, an oyster bar, hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, music and dancing. Nautical or cocktail attire. \$100. Visit [www.FFAC2019.givesmart.com](http://www.FFAC2019.givesmart.com) for tickets.

## MAY 3-11

**Old Town Cocktail Week.** Take part in Alexandria's growing craft scene and enjoy specialty cocktails at restaurants and attend more than 20 events at boutiques, historic sites, restaurants and more. Old Town Cocktail Week is presented by Old Town Business with support from the King Street Corridor Initiative. Old Town Cocktail Week kicks off with Art on the Rocks on May 3, presented by The Art League at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, and culminates with a Meet the Makers Virginia Spirits Tasting Event on May 11 at Gadsby's Tavern Museum. Admission varies depending on the event; visit [OldTownCocktailWeek.com](http://OldTownCocktailWeek.com) for details.

## MAY 3-JUNE 2

**Art Exhibit: "Sacred Feminine."** Gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. This show explores female energy, the power of life and birth; it connects that energy to ideas, expressions, dreams, life and all of existence. Tap in to your Sacred Feminine and channel the goddess. An opening reception takes place Friday, May 3, 7-9 p.m. Visit [DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits](http://DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits).

## SATURDAY/MAY 4

**Ribbon Roses Workshop.** 10 a.m.-noon at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. (Adults) Roses made of ribbons make beautiful and enduring gifts. Hear snippets of ribbon history while crafting a ribbon

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rose. Supplies included and refreshments served. Class meets at the Historic House. \$28/person. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/) using code AC9.3578 or call 703-642-5173.

**Pillars to Pavers.** 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. This walking tour will explore the streets of Alexandria with stops to highlight how buildings have been preserved and reused for future generations to enjoy. \$35. Call 703-548-1789 or visit [www.leafendallhouse.org](http://www.leafendallhouse.org).

**Grand Opening.** Noon-6 p.m. at School of Rock Alexandria, 3260 Duke St. Family fun and kid friendly event. Discounts on programs and camps. Regional School of Rock House bands will be performing live. Ribbon cutting and guitar smashing ceremony. Free trial lessons. Raffle. Food and fun. Free. Call 571-376-ROCK or visit [Alexandria.schoolofrock.com](http://Alexandria.schoolofrock.com).

**New Musical Reading: Ponzi.** 2 p.m. at Nannie J. Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. A first reading of the new musical Ponzi, with music and lyrics by Lois Cescarini. Weary of war and want, people were anxious to believe their fortunes would soon change for the better. Enter one Charles Ponzi, with his signature smile and cock-sure confidence, ready to take anyone's hard-earned money and turn it into gold. No tickets required; free will donation.

## SUNDAY/MAY 5

**Spring Ballet: Coppelia.** 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. at Metropolitan School of the Arts, 5775 Barclay Ave., Alexandria. Coppelia is a charming, humorous ballet of infatuation, deception, and finally a love that prevails. Dance along with Swanilda and Franz as they find their way to love and "happily ever after." \$12. Visit [www.metropolitanarts.org](http://www.metropolitanarts.org) for more.

## MONDAY/MAY 6

**Mouse in the House.** 10-11 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Adapted from the book "The Mouse of Amherst" by Elizabeth Spires, Mouse in House reveals an unlikely friendship between a lively mouse and reclusive 19th-century poet Emily Dickinson. Free. Call 703-933-1111 or visit [www.janefranklin.com](http://www.janefranklin.com)/mouse-show.

**Garden Sprouts Spring-Nature Playgroup.** 10-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. (3-5 yrs.) Preschoolers enjoy nature-themed toys and puzzles while parents chat. Explore monthly topics with games, songs, activities and a garden walk. The May topic is worms. \$8/child. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/) using code EDA.9A9B or call 703-642-5173.

**TUESDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 7-11**

**Sailing on String.** Tuesday-Friday, 10:30 a.m.; Saturday, 10 and 11:30 a.m. at The Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. Arts on the Horizon produces original work exclusively for children ages 0-6 and their families. Follow two curious explorers on a voyage into a world made of string. This gentle, engaging performance features object transformation, movement, live string music, and captivating design. Best for children ages 0-2 and their families. Sign interpreted performance May 11, 10 a.m. \$7. Visit [www.ArtsOnTheHorizon.org](http://www.ArtsOnTheHorizon.org) or call 571-549-1270.

## THURSDAY/MAY 9

**Garden Tour & Tea.** 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green

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An Eastern screech owl is one example of the raptors visitors can see up close.

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**Archaeology After Dark: Fort Delaware and the Alexandria VCP.** 6:30 p.m. at The Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St. Lab Manager Kevin Bradley introduces the Alexandria Veterans Curation Program (VCP) and its unique mission to serve military veterans and rehabilitate at-risk United States Army Corps of Engineers archaeological collections. He will highlight the program's preservation efforts of the Fort Delaware Civil War prison camp collection. \$12/person; \$10 FOAA/OHA members. Visit [www.foaa.info/events](http://www.foaa.info/events).

**Audubon at Home.** 7:30-9 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. The Potowmack Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society presents Audubon at Home. For membership and other information, visit [vnps.org/potowmack/](http://vnps.org/potowmack/).

## FRIDAY/MAY 10

**Garden Talk-Purple Plants to Punch up the Garden.** 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. (Adults) Punch up a garden with purple. Whether a warm or cool color garden, purple makes a great accent. Extension Master Gardeners show how to incorporate this color into a garden all year round with flowers, foliage, and fruits. \$10/person. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/) using code 9E2.831B or call 703-642-5173.

## SATURDAY/MAY 11

**WPHS Car Show.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. Open to all vehicle makes, models, years. People's Choice awards for favorite overall, engine, and "Diamond in the Rough." Free admission for spectators; show participants, \$20. Music, raffle, concessions, event t-shirt available. The is the largest fundraiser held for WPHS PTSA All Night Grad Celebration. Sponsors for the event are also needed. Visit

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Carefully curated, *Becoming American* is a selection of documentaries representing a selection of diverse immigration experiences drawn from both the past and present. Each of the sessions is moderated followed by discussion after the viewing. Light refreshments will be available. This program is designed for adults, high school students may attend with an adult. Free, pre-registration is required at [shop.alexandriava.gov](http://shop.alexandriava.gov).

**Pillars to Pavers.** 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. This walking tour will explore the streets of Alexandria with stops to highlight how buildings have been preserved and reused for future generations to enjoy. \$35. Call 703-548-1789 or visit [www.leafendallhouse.org](http://www.leafendallhouse.org).

**Container Gardening for Food, Fun and Beauty.** 10:30 a.m.-noon at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Learn to grow edible and ornamental plants in containers on a porch, deck, balcony or patio. This workshop will cover soil, containers, maintenance and selection of suitable plants. This class is offered by Extension Master Gardeners. Free. Advance registration requested at [mgnv.org](http://mgnv.org). Questions? Call 703-228-6414 or email [mgarlalex@gmail.com](mailto:mgarlalex@gmail.com).

**The Alexandria Kinderchoir Performance.** Noon at the La Bella Strada Festival, 100 E. Windsor Ave. The Alexandria Kinderchoir, founded in 2015 as The Del Ray Kinderchoir, is Alexandria's only children's community choir, with choristers now heralding from across the city. The non-profit is celebrating its growth with a name change, coinciding with a move to Convergence for its larger rehearsal and performance space. Visit [www.alexandriakinderchoir.org](http://www.alexandriakinderchoir.org) for more.

**Family Fun-Mothers in Nature.** 12:30-1:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. (5-Adult) Learn all about mothers and babies in the natural world. Butterflies, frogs, and even flowers have amazing life cycles. Take home a flower and its baby (a seed) and watch the life cycle unfold. \$8/person. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/) using code DDC.2F8D or call 703-642-5173.

**SUNDAY/MAY 12**  
**Mother's Day Tea.** 1-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. (Adults) Chef and food historian Nora Burgan highlights culinary traditions associated with mothers and Mother's Day. Enjoy cooking demonstrations for chocolate-dipped strawberries and strawberry shortcake – just like Mom used to make. A special afternoon tea menu tops off the festivities. Favor bag included with tea. Programs are

by reservation only. Call 703-941-7987, TTY 703-324-3988. \$48 (program + tea); \$18 (program only).

#### MONDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 13-19

##### National Public Gardens Week.

Come by Green Spring Gardens and celebrate National Public Gardens Week with tours, displays, programs and annual Spring Garden Day plant sale highlighting some of the interesting and exciting plant and history projects that Green Spring has to enjoy. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring) or call 703-642-5173.

#### TUESDAY/MAY 14

##### Simpson Garden Stroll.

10-11 a.m. at Simpson Park Gardens, 420 E. Monroe St. Join in the first stroll of the year at Simpson Gardens. Tour the gardens' demonstration beds that feature waterwise gardening, scented plants, plants that attract pollinators, plants that prefer shade, and plants that illustrate the use of structure and texture. Extension Master Gardeners will be in the garden to answer questions on sustainable gardening practices. Free. Call 703-228-6414 or email [mgarlalex@gmail.com](mailto:mgarlalex@gmail.com).

#### TUESDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 14-18

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#### SATURDAY/MAY 18

##### Mount Vernon Flea Market.

8 a.m.-1 p.m. at 8717 Fort Hunt Road. Flea market will take place the third Saturday of every month (through September). Refreshments available for sale. Admission is free. Visit [mountvernonfleamarket.wordpress.com](http://mountvernonfleamarket.wordpress.com) for more info.

##### Green Spring Garden Day and Big Plant Sale.

9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. The Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia (MGNV) and the Potowmack Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society will be joining over 40 vendors selling plants at Green Spring Gardens. There will be a bake sale and food trucks. This event is hosted by Friends of Green Spring Gardens (FROGS) and proceeds help purchase plants for the gardens and support educational efforts at Green Spring. Free. Visit

[www.friendsofgreenspring.org/](http://www.friendsofgreenspring.org/) programs-a-events/spring-garden-day-2019 or call FROGS at 703-642-5173.

**Becoming American.** 10 a.m.-noon Alexandria's History Museum at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Carefully curated, *Becoming American* is a selection of documentaries representing a selection of diverse immigration experiences drawn from both the past and present. Each of the sessions is moderated followed by discussion after the viewing. Light refreshments will be available. This program is designed for adults, high school students may attend with an adult. Free, pre-registration is required at [shop.alexandriava.gov](http://shop.alexandriava.gov).

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#### SATURDAY/MAY 25

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#### SATURDAY/JUNE 8

**Floral Design - Contemporary Pavé Arrangement.** 1-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. (16-Adult) Certified Floral Designer Betty Ann Galway shares techniques for constructing and balancing a beautiful, contemporary, pavé floral arrangement of grouped flowers. Pavé design groups flowers in a grid, like a paver, for a gorgeous, modern effect. Make and arrangement to enjoy at home. Later, reuse the container to practice. Materials provided for \$30 supply fee. Program fee is \$39/person. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/) using code 9C6.A2DC or call 703-642-5173.

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**NAACP Fairfax County Chapter**, Kofi Annan, Chapter President

**New Hope Housing**, Pam Michell, Executive Director

**Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance**, Michelle Krocker, Executive

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**Northern Virginia Family Service**, Stephanie Berkowitz, President/CEO

**Pathway Homes**, Sylisa Lambert-Woodard, President/CEO

**Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church**, Rev. Keary Kincannon

**Shelter House**, Joe Meyer, Executive Director/CEO

**South County Task Force for Human Services**, Mary Paden, Convener

**United Community Ministries**, Alison DeCoursey, Executive Director

**Ventures in Community**, Dr. Kate R. Walker and Joe-Fay, co-conveners

**Wesley Housing Development Corporation**, Shelley Murphy President/CEO

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**Conrad Egan**, Providence District

**Kelly Eichhorn**, Mason District

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### THURSDAY/APRIL 18

#### District Supervisor Candidate

**Meet and Greet.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. Meet the candidates who are running for the Fairfax Board of Supervisors: Braddock District; Lee District; Mason District; Mt Vernon District; and Springfield District. Free. RSVP at [www.eventbrite.com/o/naacp-fairfax-county-12397167937](http://www.eventbrite.com/o/naacp-fairfax-county-12397167937).

### FRIDAY/APRIL 19

**Application Deadline.** Leadership Fairfax is now accepting applications for its premier professional leadership development programs – Leadership Fairfax Institute and Emerging Leaders Institute. The 10-month programs begin September

2019. Classes meet once a month and participants work outside of class with a cohort to plan and implement projects. The programs build participant knowledge of community topics, legislative processes, leadership assessments, and strategic interactions. Limited scholarships available. Applications are due April 19. Call 703-752-7555 or visit [leadershipfairfax.org](http://leadershipfairfax.org).

### SUNDAY/APRIL 21

**Easter Sunrise Service.** 7 a.m. at Historic Mount Vernon. The 38th Easter Sunrise Service at Historic Mount Vernon is sponsored by The Rotary Club of Mount Vernon.

### TUESDAY/APRIL 23

**Chamber Event: Drinks & Deals.**

5:30-7 p.m. at Sunrise Mount Vernon, 8033 Holland Road. Mount Vernon Lee Chamber's "Drinks & Deals" networking will feature business displays from local businesses and food and drink from Sunrise. Free for veterans and active duty military, Chamber members and their guests, \$25 for others. Call 703-360-6925 or visit [www.MtVernonLeeChamber.org](http://www.MtVernonLeeChamber.org).

### FRIDAY/APRIL 26

#### Scholarship Application Deadline.

Applications are now available for business scholarships provided by Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce. At least \$12,000 will be awarded to local graduating seniors pursuing further education in business. Those applying for the scholarships must plan to pursue

further education in a business-related field and live in Lee or Mount Vernon Districts or attend one of the seven high schools in these districts. Students may apply online at [www.mtvernon-leechamber.org/education-partnership](http://www.mtvernon-leechamber.org/education-partnership) or call 703-360-6925 to request an application.

### SATURDAY/APRIL 27

**Spring Forward.** 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Colgan Hall, George Mason University Science and Technology Campus, 10900 University Blvd., Manassas. Spring Forward Family Fun Day offers adoptive, foster and kinship families a day of fun and learning about tools and solutions. Found Families Forward is partnering with NewFound Families, the Virginia Department of Social

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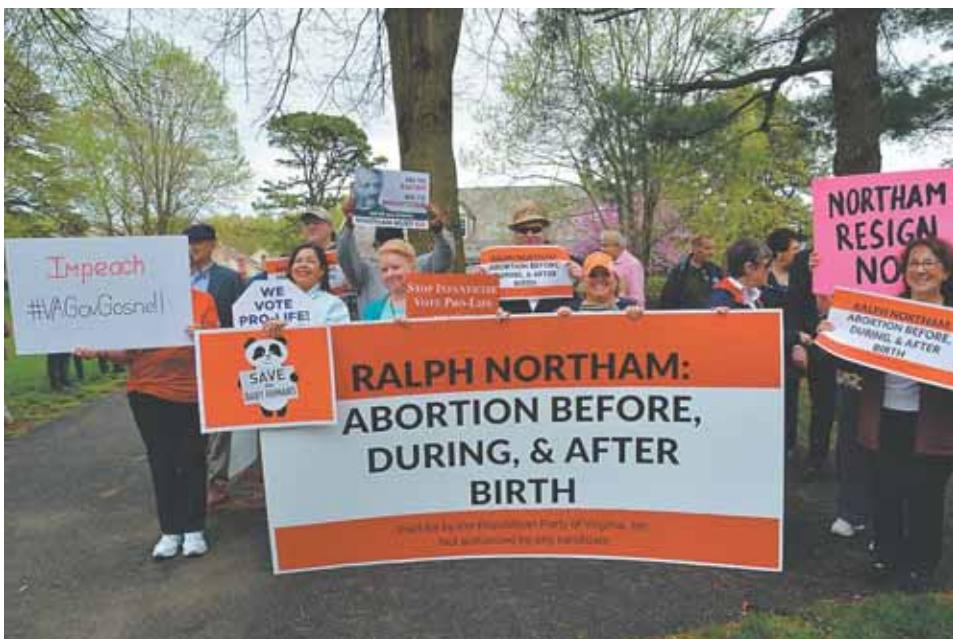
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The Fairfax County Republican Party Committee joined the protest, with most holding anti-abortion posters.



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The “Resign Ralph!” protestors maintained a distance from the entrance to the Marsden campaign event.

## Protesters Demand Northam Resignation

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mount to sexual assault. Fairfax categorically denies the allegations.

**THE MEDIA ATTENTION** has diminished, and a majority of Virginia voters — albeit a slim one — favor Northam’s continued occupancy of the governor’s mansion in Richmond, according to a recent poll by the Christopher Newport University Wason Center for Public Policy in Newport News, but there are many in Northern Virginia who are not so willing to forgive and forget.

“It’s not about not believing in redemption or rehabilitation,” said Fairfax County NAACP President Kofi Annan, “but the governor has yet to acknowledge his error or to offer a sincere apology. ... We will continue to stand on principle. Principles matter. Values matter. He needs to resign.”

Annan takes exception to the fact that “first Northam admitted he was in the photo, then he said ‘nope, it wasn’t me.’” The NAACP spokesman said there is always a chance to make amends, but “he needs to start with acknowledgement before we can begin to heal these wounds.”

Annan led a small group of protesters on Sunday at the Ponds Community Center in Burke, where the governor was scheduled to appear at the campaign kick-off for Sen. Dave Marsden, the democratic incumbent for the 37th District.

“[Northam] can’t just go on like it’s business as usual,” said Annan. “The way things stand, he can’t just walk this back. As of today, we still don’t know if he was in the photo, if he was the man in blackface or the man in the Klan robes.”

“If they tell you we are unwilling to forgive, you need to know the truth,” said NAACP Vice President Sean Perryman, speaking at the protest. “They have been unwilling to reach out to us. ... Outrage is not just a news cycle. It’s about doing the right thing consistently everyday.”

Perryman added that “there is nothing



**Sean Perryman, the 1st VP of the Fairfax County NAACP, is angered and disappointed that Gov. Ralph Northam and others have not reached out to the NAACP or other organizations for people of color after the February blackface photo scandal. “We reached out and got no answer,” said Perryman. “We continue to work for these politicians, phone-calling, door-knocking fund-raising. But they just take us for granted.”**

acceptable about appearing in blackface. There is nothing acceptable about appearing as a Klansman. Two months ago they were calling for his [Northam’s] resignation. Nothing has changed except the media has gone away ... but we’re still here.”

Marsden is Perryman’s representative, as is Del. David Bulova (D-37), who was also in attendance at the fundraiser.

Perryman told the crowd that he had campaigned for both, as well as for the statewide office seekers.

“I’ve done the phone calls and the door-knocking for them. So have many of you.

But they have taken our work and our votes for granted. No more.”

Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) also attended the fundraiser and was met with derisive calls upon his arrival.

Annan, Perryman and other NAACP representatives and members, along with other Northern Virginia residents decided to bring their anger and disappointment to this event to send a wider message than just demanding the governor’s resignation. Other politicians are also in their sights.

### ELECTED OFFICIALS

and those running for office could suffer from their association with Northam, warned Annan and Perryman. Kevin Glenn from Reston took that warning a step further, “if the Democratic Party doesn’t take notice and respect our votes and our voices. They get largely elected with the support of the black and other minority communities. If we withhold our support, they may get the message.”

When Glenn was questioned if he and others were willing to risk the potential for finally gaining a Democratic majority in the General Assembly, or at least, losing the ground made in the last elections, he responded, “Yes,” citing that the Trump-effect helped elect more women, more people of color and different religious affiliations in the last elections, particularly at the national level.

“I see politics as a long game ... this might be a real sacrifice, but it might result in better representation the next time around. We may just have to hold our noses for two years in order to get people in office who will look out for all Virginians.”

Glenn said that just electing a Democrat

**“It’s not about not believing in redemption or rehabilitation, but the governor has yet to acknowledge his error or to offer a sincere apology ....”**

— Fairfax County NAACP President Kofi Annan

County Republican Party Committee with chair Tim Hannigan in attendance, the Tea Party of Northern Virginia, and the “Deplorables of Northern Virginia.”

**THE ISSUES** on the other side of the walkway in front of the community center revolved mostly around the governor’s pro-choice stance on abortion, but there were a few in that group who also carried anti-racism signs with their “Northam’s Got to Go!” banners and placards. The target of the ire of both parties was a no-show. Northam cancelled his appearance. Marsden did, however, come outside the event and spoke with members of the media.

Marsden was originally one of the many who called on Northam to step aside when the scandal first broke. He has since changed his stance. The senator believes that “Northam is prepared to do the job for which he was elected” and has a long record of public service benefitting all Virginians.

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# NEWS

## Budget Hearings Come to a Close

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cation they say they are. Where is the excellence [in the SAT-related numbers he offered]? Where is the equity?"

Purves says that studies show the educational achievement gaps for minority students that exist by their senior year, are present when tested for in the fourth grade. He suggests the use of the Montessori system and a return to an abandoned instructional method called DISTAR to alleviate the situation.

"The One Fairfax directive should focus on fixing our educational system from Pre-K through third grade where the problems really begin."

The other "elephant in the room" as it was described by Randy Crueller, vice chair of the Fairfax County Employee Advisory Council, is the gap between the expected 2.51 percent Market Rate Adjustment for county employees, including law enforcement and first responder personnel, and the actual 1 percent MRA included in Mr. Hill's budget.

Crueller was joined by numerous representatives of Fairfax County employees of every level and every job description in denouncing this decision. Even candidates seeking to fill the seats of the outgoing board members' seats — like Alicia Plerhopes who has set her sights on the chairmanship of the board, and James Walkinshaw, running for Braddock District Supervisor — expressed support for a fully funded MRA in remarks for the record.

Plerhopes and Walkinshaw were also just two of dozens who hammered home the need for more affordable housing in Fairfax County.

Mary Paden, chair of the South County Task Force for Human Services, warned the supervisors that "gentrification" could push many lower income residents out of the



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**Hallelujah! Finally something to sing about during the Budget Public Hearings. Musical director David North of Oakton brought a portion of his Mosaic Harmony choir to illustrate the power of music and song as he thanked the board for their support of the Arts in Fairfax. North got board members on their feet and clapping along with the choir.**

county "that they work in and that their tax dollars have helped grow," especially in areas like the Route 1 corridor. Paden says all of the expensive efforts to improve the area, widening Route 1 and investing billions in local development will "certainly benefit some, but harm many more without equal investment in affordable housing."

Members of the Community Action Advisory Board echoed those concerns, including Elethia from Reston. "I am a CAAB member, but I speak for myself today," she said. Elethia is worried for the county's senior residents like herself who more and more are being forced to sacrifice other essentials in order to pay for housing.

On the topic of funding legal

services for immigrants in detention, the speakers were often passionate in their views.

Several groups and individuals pleaded for the \$200,000 to fund such legal services, while others strenuously objected to using taxpayer's dollars to provide services they say are not offered to legal residents and citizens of the county.

The public hearings are over, although there is still time for residents to make their opinions known via the county's website. The Board of Supervisors Budget Committee meets on April 26 to discuss possible changes to the proposed budget, then will hold its budget mark-up meeting on April 30 before final adoption at the board meeting on May 7.

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## OPINION

# Space for All

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the current and projected need for housing units and how total and annual efforts address that need. Arlington has such a dashboard.

These recommendations have been referred to as "no-cost" recommendations, but strategic planning and good analytics do not come cheap and the county has not been able to approach this capacity with current funding.

In FY2020 we recommend you assure funds for any of the 16 housing projects in the pipeline needed to move forward this year.

### Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Schedule bonds in the five-year plan to acquire more county land near transit that can be used for affordable housing, and bonds to build co-located affordable housing with any new public facilities.

### For FY21 Budget Guidance

We support the statement of many groups that we need to put \$50M a year into a fund for affordable housing. When stocking this fund, consider that after 10 years of a 50 percent cutback beginning in 2009, the housing fund is currently short by over \$100 million.

Even these actions are not enough to address the projected need for 15,000 new low to moderate income families over the next 15 years. We need a serious public discussion on how to achieve OneFairfax Development.

**Mary Paden**

Chair, South County Task Force for Human Services

## BULLETIN BOARD

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Services (VDSS), and VDOE's Training and Technical Assistance Center. While the kids enjoy activities, parents, caregivers and professionals will be treated to keynote Family Strong: Five Ways to Fight the Fear, Beat the Burnout, and Stay Focused for the Long Haul by presenter Wendy Besmann. Following the keynote, parents and caregivers choose from a variety of breakout sessions. \$0-\$40. Visit [www.eventbrite.com/e/spring-forward-family-fun-day-and-regional-conference-tickets-54145770457](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/spring-forward-family-fun-day-and-regional-conference-tickets-54145770457) for tickets.

**HMES Earth Day.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Hollin Meadows Elementary School, 2310 Nordok Place. The Earth Day Celebration and Community Work-Day will return to Hollin Meadows Elementary School after a 2-year hiatus due to full reconstruction of the school. Along with volunteer opportunities for all ages and abilities, there will be food, children's activities, and a student-led bake sale and plant sale. Free. Visit [www.hollinmeadowspartnership.com/earthday](http://www.hollinmeadowspartnership.com/earthday) or call 610-804-6084.

### Teen Job Fair and Resume Building Workshop.

10 a.m.-noon at Mount Vernon High School. These events will focus on student job seekers (approximately ages 16-18) looking for full time employment, after-school employment, seasonal positions, internship opportunities, or volunteer experiences. It is open to all teens in Fairfax County looking for employment or wanting tips to build their resume. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/springfield/teen-job-fair-student-registration-to-register](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/springfield/teen-job-fair-student-registration-to-register).

## As It Is Happening



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Thankfully I woke up today (duh!) – without the crushing, incapacitating fatigue that I woke up with two weeks ago, post-my-last-immuno-therapy infusion.

As I have written previously, I did not alert my oncologist to my bedridden status then or since as I have been trying not to worry that I had crossed some Rubicon-type line concerning my treatment and its side/straight-on effects. Apparently, and I will continue to believe (cling to this belief) that my inability to get out of bed two Saturdays ago was indeed an aberration rather than an actualization, of life in this new Kenny lane.

So here I sit at my desk writing away, fully dressed, teeth-brushed and clean-shaven, all by 8:15 am, pill-popping as I go.

As I recall two weeks ago, when I finally summoned the strength to extricate myself from under the covers to get dressed and attempt to walk downstairs and restart my day (I had gotten up earlier to feed our cats breakfast and give Chino his insulin shot), "The clock on the wall" (clock radio, actually), to quote George Thorogood, said 3:53 p.m. (And other than bathroom breaks, that was all I could muster in the nine hours since I woke up at 7 a.m.)

No pain, just zero energy. It was almost as if I was paralyzed.

Writing back to the present, anticipating this morning, I've been a bit apprehensive the last few days – fearful that when I awoke today, I would once again be fighting that terrible fatigue and considering a new reality in my cancer existence.

When my eyes popped open at 6:30 this morning, I was grateful (as my father used to say: "Any day that I wake up is a good day") and relieved that when I raised my right arm to roll back the covers, I did so with relative normalcy; and even more relieved when I was able to swing my legs out from underneath the covers and onto the bedroom floor where I had no difficulty getting my bearings. Before too long (maybe 30 seconds or so), and after a few deep breaths, I stood up and officially began my day without any further adieu. Although I hadn't taken any Rolaids: "Oh, what a relief it is!"

Dare I say then it will be a normal day, up and at 'em with nary a hint of fatigue in the forecast.

Rain, however, is in the forecast and given the date on the calendar: April 13, 2019, I have to face an even greater challenge than the fatigue I experienced two weeks ago: clothes shopping.

More specifically, I have to buy a suit, as well as some upgraded good-looking casual attire which my wife, Dina will approve and that Kenny's budget will tolerate, as I'll be attending a family wedding and rehearsal dinner beginning May 3, 2019.

One more concern: my weight. It's not good. It's the talking-scale-joke-will-one-of-you-please-get-off, bad. But I have no choice. Today's the day (for availability reasons) or it will be "Good night, Irene." Is there a tent sale going on anywhere?

You know, now that I think about it – and feel it, I may be feeling a little fatigue.

Maybe it's not the best day to be trying on ill-fitting clothes ALL DAY. What if I don't have the manual dexterity to be in and out of dressing rooms, up and down while in them and back and forth to the clothing racks with shoes, slacks, shirts and suits?

What if today is another day in my life – which seemingly began at birth, where I spent hours in the "Husky"/"Portly" departments at Jordon Marsh, Filene's Basement and Kennedy's in downtown Boston, trying to find Kenny some "school clothes" that fit, that is excruciating AGAIN? Granted, it wasn't cancer then as it is now, but for an overweight young boy, it was torture personified and the experience imprinted me for life as a serial-clothes-shopping-hater.

Got to go. Wish me luck. I'll need it.

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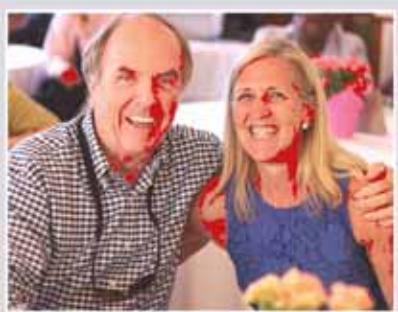
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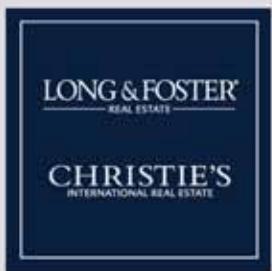


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