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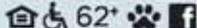
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Meet the Candidates for County Board Chairman

Four to contend in June 11 Democratic Primary to seek to replace retiring Sharon Bulova.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

As Chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Sharon Bulova prepares to retire at the end of the year, four Democrats have come forward, looking to fill her spot as the county's top elected official. With multiple candidates, election rules call for a Primary Election to decide a winner who will go on to the November 5 ballot, when all of the Board member seats will be up for grabs.

Vying for the position are:

❖ Current Lee District Supervisor Jeff C. McKay, who has served on the Board

since 2007.

❖ Ryan McElveen, At-Large Member, Fairfax County Public Schools Board since 2012.

❖ Tim Chapman, Reston-based real estate developer and businessmen

❖ Alicia Plerhoples, tenured law professor at Georgetown Law.

The Connection sent out identical questionnaires to all four, asking each to provide voters with some basic information about themselves, and then to explain why they are running, what they see as the top issues facing the county, and in what key ways they differ from their opponents.

Here are their responses:

Jeffrey C. McKay



Jeffrey C. McKay

Age: 43

Education: James Madison University (1996), Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership (1998)

Family: Wife, Crystal, children Leann and Aidan, retired racing greyhound Pascal.

Native of: Fairfax County
Moved to Your District: Lifelong Lee District resident

Prior and current professional, political and civic experiences, community involvement, etc.:

❖ Fairfax County Board of Supervisors – Lee District

❖ Chairman, Budget Committee, Board of Supervisors

❖ Chairman, Legislative Committee

❖ Co-Chair, Revitalization Committee

❖ Member, Successful Children and Youth Policy Team

❖ Member, Northern Virginia Regional Commission

❖ Member, Virginia Railway Express Board

❖ First VP, Virginia Assoc. of Counties Board of Directors

❖ Two-time former Chair, current Member, Northern Virginia Transportation Commission

❖ Coach, Woodlawn Little League, Pioneer Baseball League, Mount Vernon Sports Club

Q: Why are you running?

A: I am a lifelong Fairfax County resident, proudly born and raised along the Route One Corridor. From an early age, my grandmother instilled in me the importance of helping others, especially those less fortunate than ourselves. Those teachings, com-

bined with my own experiences ... are the reasons why I ultimately sought public office.

I am running for Chairman this year to build on the successes we've had and to push us forward ... I'm proud of Fairfax County and the community we've built together. Now, more than ever, those values we've instilled and the work we've done are at risk. We need to fight for all residents and communities

throughout our county.

Q: What are the top issues in your district and what solutions do you propose?

A:

❖ Creating a Fairfax County that works for all (One Fairfax)

❖ Investing in people by supporting the environment, affordable housing, transportation infrastructure, and education

❖ Creating jobs and economic opportunities in all areas of the county

Q: Key ways you differ from your opponents.

A: Having served on the Board of Supervisors for the past 11 years, I am the only candidate with Board experience and who has been a state, regional and countywide leader. I've balanced budgets and created countywide legislative agendas that have made us a progressive national leader in education, job growth, human services, and quality of life, while also ensuring we're protecting our environment and fighting for affordable housing.

I have the knowledge, experience, and relationships it takes to be a successful chairman, and I am excited for the opportunity before us.



PHOTO BY ANDREA WORKER/THE CONNECTION

The Democratic candidates for the Chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, heading for the June 11 Primary election, debate at a live, televised event, hosted by the Fairfax Healthy Communities Coalition. Coalition member and event moderator Pastor Sarah Scherschligt is flanked by candidates Tim Chapman and Alicia Plerhoples on the left, and Jeff McKay, Lee District Supervisor, and Ryan McElveen, At-Large member of the FC Public Schools Board on the right.

Ryan McElveen



Ryan McElveen

Age: 33

Education: Columbia University, Master of International Affairs in Human Rights (2011); Univ. of Virginia, B.A. Anthropology and East Asian Studies (2008); George C. Marshall High School (2004)

Family: Wife Xuan, daughter Sierra

Native of: Raised in the Vienna-Tysons area

Moved to Your District: Lifelong resident of Fairfax County

Prior and current professional, political and civic experiences, community involvement, etc.:

❖ At-large Member, Fairfax County School Board 2012-Present

❖ Assoc. Director, John L. Thornton China Center, the Brookings Institution, 2013 - Present

❖ International Operations and Policy, the Boeing Company

❖ Co-Chair, Revitalization Committee, FC Board of Supervisors.

❖ Communications, Clinton Foundation and Clinton Global Initiative

❖ Researcher, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, U.S. Senate

❖ Asst. Director, Univ. of Virginia Center in Shanghai, China

Q: Why are you running?

A: After spending the better part of my time on the School Board as witness to chronically underfunded school system budgets, I decided to run for Chairman when I realized that there was no one else in the race who would be as strong an advocate for our schools and children as I would be.

Since January, I have been saying that we

are two Fairfaxes. The development patterns that have been promoted by past Boards of Supervisors have led to the stark divides between the "haves" and "have nots" in Fairfax County. ...

We need to turn our attention to the areas and populations that will benefit from neither Amazon and a growing tech sector nor higher property values. All of our residents need to have a voice. I will purposefully

work to narrow that gap and provide more seats at the table, making sure that our diverse community is better represented by our leadership.

Q: What are the top issues in your district and what solutions do you propose?

A: The three most important issues and opportunities that Fairfax needs to address are in the areas of education, innovation and opportunity.

❖ Education: We need to fully fund our schools and implement universal pre-Kinderergarten so that our students enter school ready to succeed.

❖ Innovation: We need to connect all residents to the internet; create transportation networks that accommodate expanded public transit and electric and autonomous vehicles; and preserve green space while investing in a green infrastructure that pushes Fairfax toward a carbon-neutral future.

❖ Opportunity: We need to prepare our community members for the jobs of the future by creating apprenticeships and building innovation labs in schools; develop small-business incubators in vacant office

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Review project information at www.virginiadot.org/projects, or at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030. Please call ahead at 703-259-2907 or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

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NEWS



The Fairfax High School Men's Crew Team Novice 4 boat took home Gold medals and the State championship trophy.

Fairfax High Crew Wins State Championship

The Fairfax High School Crew Team had a dominant performance at Day 1 of the VA State Rowing Championships last Saturday. Coming off of a perfect regular season, the Men's Novice 4 boat edged out McLean by 2.0 seconds to take home Gold medals and the State championship

trophy.

The Men's second Varsity 4 boat earned Silver medals, narrowly missing Gold to TC Williams by a 1.3 second margin.

The Men's third Varsity 4 boat earned a very respectable second place finish in their event.



The Men's second Varsity 4 boat earned Silver medals.

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WEDNESDAY/MAY 15

Volunteers Wanted. 10:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army Corp building, 4915 Ox Road, Fairfax. The Fairfax Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary are seeking volunteers for their upcoming events. Meetings are held monthly on the third Wednesday, September through May. Call Lori Smith at 703-830-3520 or Sylvia Laiti at 703-830-8849.

Financial Considerations for Caregivers. 1-3 p.m. at Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, #100, Fairfax. The financial costs of long term care and long term caregiving are enormous. Explore options for this important aspect of caregiving. This program is a part of Insight's ongoing Classes for Caregivers series, held the third Wednesday of the month, all sessions are free. Respite care may be available by request; notify when registering to confirm availability. Register online at www.insightmcc.org, or contact Lindsey Vajpeyi at 703-204-4664 or lindsey.vajpeyi@insightmcc.org.

FRIDAY/MAY 17

Military Caregiver Workshop. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Hope For The Warriors will host a one-day military caregiver workshop in the Springfield area. The free event will focus on self-care and mindfulness with activities that include: art therapy, applied theater experiential, therapeutic yoga by Pamela Stokes Eggleston of Yoga2Sleep and share time with other caregivers. Visit www.hopeforthewarriors.org/health-wellness/military-veteran-caregiver-support-services.

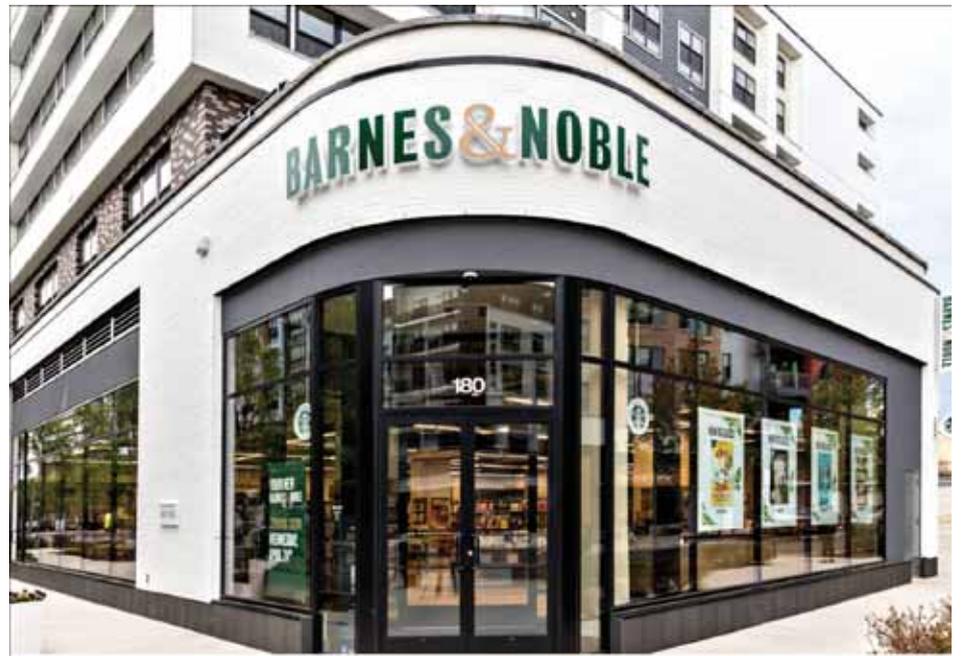
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NEXUS 2019: Fussy Minds Forum. 1-3:30 p.m. at Fairfax County Public Schools Virginia Hills Center, 6520 Diana Lane, Alexandria. Participants discuss the effects of stress on the brain-ways of the young and how to build the resilience needed for successful learning into adulthood and beyond. Space is limited; register at www.eventbrite.com/e/community-conversation-addressing-irritability-stress-fussiness-in-todays-youth-tickets-60314231490.

SATURDAY/MAY 18

"Open Mosque" Project. 7 p.m. at Masroor Mosque, 5640 Hoadly Road, Manassas. Through Ramadan, Muslims abstain from eating and drinking during the daytime and focus on self-reform of habits and character. In a new "Open Mosque" project, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA will open all its mosques to the public for the weekly Friday Prayer services (May 17, 24 and 31) and a special Iftar (dinner) event on Saturday, May 18, featuring a Holy Quran Exhibition, breaking of fast, prayer service, and dinner. Email naeem.arshad@ahmadiyya.us for more.

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Changing Political Landscape

Don't miss vote June 11 or before to have a say in the biggest political change in years.

On June 11, 2019 a revolution is scheduled. There will be no blood. Change, massive change, is inevitable, but its effects won't be fully in place for months.

Many of the powers that be in Fairfax County will step down at the end of the year, taking with them decades of historic understanding and institutional knowledge.

EDITORIAL Voters will choose their replacements, for the most part, on June 11. It's a huge opportunity for voters in Virginia to enact the change they want to see.

First any Virginia voter can participate in the Democratic primary because voters in Virginia do not register by party.

Second almost every candidate is describing themselves as progressive. There are of course degrees of progressive. You'll have to tease out for yourself what matters to you. Is the county on the right track in the things that matter? If you think the county has done enough in affordable housing, is on the right path in terms of criminal justice reform and racial and economic equity, then voting for the few longtime incumbents might be right for you. If your vision of a progressive county is a bit beyond the status quo, then you have other choices.

Every Democratic primary voter in Fairfax County will choose candidates for two critical county wide positions, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney.

Early voting has begun already, but the cut-off to register to vote is in less than a week, May 20. You have to register (at your current address) and actually vote to have a say in choices that could define the direction of the

county for the foreseeable future. With four or five candidates vying for quite a few seats, a small number of votes could decide.

Don't miss out.

— MARY KIMM

ON THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT, FAIRFAX COUNTY

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Jeff C. McKay
Ryan L. McElveen
Timothy M. Chapman

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James R. Walkinshaw

Hunter Mill District Board of Supervisors -

Laurie T. Dodd
Maggie D. Parker
Parker K. Messick
Shyamali R. Hauth
Walter L. Alcorn

Lee District Board of Supervisors -

James Migliaccio
Kelly Hebron
Larysa M. Kautz
Rodney L. Lusk

Providence District Board of Supervisors -

Dalia Palchik
Edythe F. Kelleher
Ericka M. Yalowitz
Linh D. Hoang
Philip A. Niedzielski-Eichner

Upcoming Elections

June 11, 2019 Democratic Party Primary Election Information
On Election Day Vote at Your Usual Polling Place, Open From 6 a.m. until 7 p.m.
To confirm that you are eligible to vote in this election, visit the Virginia State Board of Elections website at <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ❖ **Now:** Absentee Voting is underway at the Office of Elections, 12000 Government Center Pkwy., Conference Rooms 2/3, Fairfax, VA
- ❖ **May 20:** Voter Registration Deadline to vote on June 11. In-person: 5 pm, online: 11:59 p.m.
- ❖ **June 4:** Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail, 5 p.m.
- ❖ **June 8:** Final day to vote absentee in-person, 5 p.m.
- ❖ **June 11:** Primary Election Day. Polling Places open 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. Deadline to return ballots to the Office of Elections, 7 p.m. See www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming for more and to find your sample ballot for Tuesday, June 11.

Senate 31st Democratic

Barbara Favola
Nicole K. Merlene

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Appalled by Vetoes

To the Editor:

According to the National Institutes of Health, deaths from synthetic opioids such as Fentanyl increased 1,000 percent in Virginia from 2012 to 2017. With more than 100 Virginians dying of opioid overdoses every month, the human cost of this crisis is nearly inconceivable. As

we continue to lose friends and family members to this crisis, the time has come to say enough is enough.

To combat this crisis, I worked with the Virginia Association of

Commonwealth's Attorneys to pass HB 2528 during the 2019 session of the General Assembly. Long sought by prosecutors, HB 2528 would have allowed

drug dealers to be prosecuted for second degree murder if the drugs they provide directly contribute to the death of the user.

What many of us do not realize is that many drug dealers under current law can only be charged with distribution. Even if their drugs cause death, they are typically out on bail after a few days.

A dose of Fentanyl the size of a grain of salt is all it takes to kill someone. A drug dealer who sells someone drugs laced with Fentanyl is no less a killer than if he had

pointed a gun and pulled the trigger.

HB 2528 sought to give prosecutors another tool to combat the opioid crisis. During this past General Assembly session, I appreciated the support of Attorney General Mark Herring. Unfortunately, Governor

Northam decided this last week that repairing his damaged image was more important than getting justice for overdose victims and their families.

Adding insult to injury, the Governor also vetoed a great bill put forth by my Democratic colleague Kathleen Murphy. Delegate Murphy's bill, HB 2042, would have sentenced those convicted of

multiple abuses against a family member within a 10 year window to a minimum of 60 days in jail. Spousal abuse is all too common, and ensuring that a wife or husband can have a couple of months without the fear of further abuse is critically important.

Both of these bills would have saved lives, both of these bills were bipartisan, and both of these bills are now dead because of Governor Northam. To say I am extremely disappointed with the Governor would be an understatement. I am appalled.

Del. Tim Hugo (R-40)
Clifton





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The City of Fairfax receives its "Tree City" flag at Lanier Middle School.

Arbor Day Celebration at Lanier Middle

During an Arbor Day celebration on Wednesday, April 24, Fairfax City officials and School Board members joined City Schools Superintendent Phyllis Pajardo, plus students and teachers at Lanier Middle School, to plant a redbud tree on the school grounds. Principal Tammara Hanna read a poem, and Mayor David Meyer presented an Arbor Day proclamation. School Board member Toby

Sorenson spoke about the value of trees and noted that Fairfax City has been officially declared a "Tree City" for more than 25 years. And, accordingly, James McGlone with the Virginia Department of Forestry presented Fairfax with a large, "Tree City" flag and declared it a "Tree City USA" for the 32nd year. Fairfax received this honor for the resources it spends and the laws it makes and enforces to take care of its trees.



From left) Council members Janice Miller and Michael DeMarco, plus Mayor David Meyer, dig a hole for the redbud tree.



City and School Board members and officials, Lanier teachers and students pictured with the Arbor Day proclamation and newly planted redbud tree.

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Choosing Swimming Lessons

What can parents do if child is afraid of the water.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

The start of summer just around the corner and for some, warm weather is synonymous with trips to a pool or beach. Swimming lessons are one of the minds of many parents. May is National Water Safety Month, an effort designed to prevent illness, injury and death as a result of contact with the water. Part of a parent's role in ensuring safety for their children is knowing the factors to consider when looking for swimming lessons.

"People are starting get out and enjoy the water," said Aleatha Ezra, of The World's Largest Swimming Lesson, an event on June 20 designed to raise awareness of the importance of knowing how to swim. "We want to emphasize the importance to learning to swim, finding lessons and taking them seriously."

When looking for lessons, parents should inquire about the training of those who will be in charge of teaching their children. "We require all of our swim instructors to pass a certified lifeguard course," said Tommy Hamilton, Regional Manager at Goldfish Swim School of Reston, Falls Church and Alexandria. "In addition to this course all of our instructors also go through at least 40 hours of hands on training on our proprietary curriculum."

In order for lessons to be effective, the student teacher ratio should be as low as possible, advises Hamilton. "We believe that this gives them suitable time in the water practicing their skills as well as enough rest in between each skill," he said. "The small class sizes also allow us to maintain a high standard for safety."

The swim school should assess a child's ability and have a curriculum with a clearly defined plan that allows a child to advance as they gain skills. "For example, we have a progressive curriculum. Our beginner swim classes start with basics like teaching kids to put their face in the water," said Jamel Wright, a swimming instructor for SafeSplash Swim School in Bethesda. "It moves through [phases] like stroke development and advances through competition level as the children are assessed and their swimming skills improve."

Parents should be allowed to observe their child's lessons, said Hamilton. "We love when parents get involved in the progress of their children," he said. "We believe this to be crucial to their growth. We keep our pool deck at a warm 90 degrees so we have large glass windows in our lobby so parents can be comfortable and watch the entire lesson."

Another factor to consider is whether or not there is a lifeguard on duty who can watch those in the water at all times. Water quality should be another concern. "Smell to make sure there are no strong chemical smells, which is not a sign of proper chlori-



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An instructor at Goldfish Swim School teaches young children how to swim. Lessons can help ensure water safety.

nation but rather contamination," said Shannon McKeon, Environmental Health Specialist. "Ask to see water quality reports that should be posted at every public pool."

There are times when a child has an extreme fear of water, but safety experts advise continuing the lessons with an instructor who is able to assist parents in helping a child overcome that fear.

"To cope with swimming fears, we should first relax with slow, deep, nose breathing," said Jerome Short, Ph.D. Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Associate Professor of Psychology at George Mason University. "We can close our eyes briefly and go to a quiet, comfortable place. After we are relaxed, we should watch others who enjoy swimming and imagine doing it ourselves successfully. Then move forward in small steps to shallow water, slowly submerge the body, and practice floating with someone close by to support you. Take a break if there is discomfort but try again soon to make more progress."

Read story books on children who were afraid to swim but were successful, advises Carol Barnaby, LCSW I. "Scared children are already tackling emotional burdens and don't need to see, hear, or feel their parents frustration, she said. "Take your child's fear seriously and acknowledge it. Let them know that you understand that they are scared. Start swim lessons out of the water so that there can be trust established this will make them feel safe and ready to learn."

Barnaby continued, "Let your child know that you believe in them and that you have confidence they will succeed at their goal. Praise all efforts and offer physical reassurance when they leave the water. Children who receive positive reinforcement will try harder even when they are scared. Give your child frequent reassurance that they are safe and help is there."

"We want to emphasize the importance to learning to swim, finding lessons and taking them seriously."

— Aleatha Ezra, of The World's Largest Swimming Lesson

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Fairfax City Council Adopts FY 2020 Budget

Real-estate tax rate rises to \$1.075.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax City Council adopted its Fiscal Year 2020 budget, last Wednesday, May 8, and it contains both good and bad news for the residents. The bad news is that the real-estate tax rate is rising; but the good news is all the things that additional money will enable the City to do, to both continue and improve the quality of life residents here have come to expect.

“What’s in our budget reflects our core values as a community,” said Mayor David Meyer. “There’s a tremendous respect for the fiduciary responsibility our elected officials have toward managing our residents’ money.”

When City Manager Rob Stalzer initially presented his proposed budget in February, he recommended increasing the real-estate tax by 2.75 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. So the adopted budget actually contains a smaller increase than it could have been.

AS IT IS, the new budget raises the real-estate tax rate from its current \$1.06 to \$1.075 per \$100



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of assessed valuation. The 1.5-cent increase will mean the average residential homeowner will pay \$104/year, or about \$8.67 a month, more in real-estate tax. Also figuring into that amount is the fact that homes here have seen a .53-percent rise in assessed value. The average tax bill for commercial-property owners will jump 2.9 percent.

The budget also includes specific, tax hikes already planned as part of the City’s ongoing obligations. A 1-cent increase in the Commercial and Industrial (C&I) real-estate tax will take it from 11.5 cents to 12.5 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. And a wastewater utility rate jump of 10 percent will support the City’s share of capital project costs required for the Noman Cole Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The budget further dedicates 25 cents more from the real-estate tax

rate for the Stormwater Fund. The money will help improve the City’s aging infrastructure and will also meet federal and state regulations dealing with stormwater management.

In addition, the transportation tax fund will rise from 11.5 cents to 12.5 cents for commercial and industrial properties. All residential properties are excluded from this tax. The money is used solely for transportation and transit purposes and allows the City to qualify for matching funds for various transportation projects. The new rate is anticipated to generate some \$2,393,727 a year.

Overall, the Council adopted a \$145.5 million General Fund operating budget – an increase of \$3.5 million, or 2.5 percent, from the 2019 fiscal year. The total, approved budget for all funds is \$170 million, down 1 percent from last year’s budget.

Also significant is that the FY 20 budget reflects the Council’s strategic goals of delivering services more efficiently and increasing the City’s commercial base. As a result, the Department of Community Development and Planning, the Economic Development Office, and the Economic Development Authority will all receive additional resources. It will enable them to create and implement plans for key commercial centers, especially Northfax and Old Town.

Public Works will get money to hire a project manager to manage the City’s transportation-construction projects, help with strategic planning, secure funding and provide critical, program administration. The Police Department will be able to implement a new, e-ticketing system to help keep neighborhoods safe. And the City Jobs program, in conjunction with the Lamb Center, will receive \$60,000

to keep it running.

An enhanced tax-relief program will enable more City residents to qualify for it. And a 2.6-percent cost-of-living increase (COLA) in Fairfax employees’ salaries will help maintain regional compensation parity and support the City’s recruitment and retention efforts.

During the Council’s budget-adoption meeting last week, Stalzer said, “We included \$435,000 over the 12-percent, excess fund balance for a budget-stabilization fund. And we included \$185,000 for security-program development and implementation at all City facilities and a \$400,000 deposit for the West Drive property acquisition.”

Councilwoman Janice Miller wondered if these items could be funded later on, once the City sees if it’s getting a school-tuition re-

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Residents Weigh in on Proposed Budget

Seek funding for jobs program, CFTC and firefighters.

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Before the Fairfax City Council adopted its Fiscal Year 2020 budget last week, local residents had one, last chance to express their views about it during a Wednesday, May 8, public hearing.

They spoke on a variety of topics, and especially near and dear to several of their hearts was Jobs for Life, a partnership between The Lamb Center and the City of Fairfax. The Lamb Center is a daytime shelter for poor and homeless people, and its staff and the City’s Parks and Recreation Department manage the jobs program together.

It’s referred to by those involved with it as “City Jobs,” and its pilot-program funding came from Fairfax’s budget. And

the first speaker, Lamb Center volunteer Martin Lockerd, urged the Council to approve further money for this program in its new budget so it can continue.

“It mostly supports those who are homeless and lost,” he said. “I’ve been a Lamb Center volunteer for six years, and I’ve seen the good it does. Before going out to work, they’d tell me, ‘I used to be somebody; I must do this.’ And after returning, they say, ‘I can do this well, and I’m contributing to the community. I’m about to become somebody again.’ This program incentivizes them to get full-time jobs and contribute to the community.”

LAMB CENTER VOLUNTEER John Riley agreed. “The City can be really proud of City Jobs,” he said. “I work Monday mornings in the kitchen. We go there intending to serve others, but we end up being restored, ourselves, by hearing that someone needing a job or medication got it –and we all celebrate. And now we celebrate City Jobs. When people come back from working, they’re inspired.” So, he told the Council, “Thank you for making it work. And the

Parks and Rec crew also deserves thanks for its enthusiastic support.”

Next speaker was Ken McMillon. “As a former homeless person, I know how you lose your dignity when you fall so far,” he explained. “When you’re homeless, you can’t get an ID to get a bank account, so you can’t cash a check.” Furthermore, he said, “It’s so important for people’s mental stability to be lifted up while they’re down. And I hope your program becomes a model for the rest of the nation. I was considering suicide, and The Lamb Center saved my life, and then I got a job.”

Also speaking on behalf of City Jobs was Eric Hanneman, a former Lamb Center guest and the current fleet supervisor for the City Jobs crew. “I’ve seen how much the program improves both [the workers’] lives and the City,” he said. “And some of these people – who were longtime homeless – got permanent jobs. One man in his 20s, who was addicted, said it taught him there’s so much more to look forward to in life.”

Hanneman said City Jobs helped the workers “find their place and get back on track. One man also got a full-time job and

a steady income, and he’s now mentoring others. And City Jobs made this all possible for them. Thank you to the City and to the Parks and Rec Department.”

Michael O’Dell, board president of the City of Fairfax Theatre Co., came to the public hearing with a couple dozen people to show how much CFTC values receiving some of its funding from the City. “We’re not asking for a handout,” he said. “We’re looking to be contributing members in a collaborative effort.”

IN RETURN, Mayor David Meyer said, “You share your gifts and talents with the community in a unique way and help make this a vibrant community. And we’ll continue to look for ways to support the theater.”

Meanwhile, Joe Charlie, vice president of the City of Fairfax Firefighters and Paramedics Union, also had a request. Said Charlie: “We support the city manager’s proposed budget and urge you to consider employee compensation and benefits as a top priority.”

CALENDAR

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

ONGOING

Art Exhibit: [Land]scape. Through May 19, in the Art Lab Gallery, Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton. Curated by GMU MFA Candidate, Emily Fussner. The [Land]scape exhibition asks visitors to engage the notion of landscape on multiple levels. Featuring a range of painting, photography, mixed media, printmaking, sculpture, and video works, the exhibition itself becomes a landscape revealing a strata of emerging art practices. Visit www.workhousearts.org for more.

Group Exhibition: Degrees of Honor. Through May 19 in the Warrior Way Gallery, 1st Floor, Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton. Degrees of Honor is a group exhibition surveying the works of artists addressing the concept of honor in different perspectives. Explore works with expressions of separation, pain, loneliness, turmoil, stories and memories. The Warrior Way is an exhibition space designated for artwork by active duty, retired and veteran service members. Visit www.workhousearts.org

Floating Garden. Through May 26, in the Vulcan Gallery, 2nd Floor, Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton. Toronto-based Artist Amanda McCavour creates experiential, immersive environments that represent places in her memory. Her three dimensional, embroidered art installations are made up of fabric designs that float within the space. Visit www.workhousearts.org

Creative Aging Festival. Through May 31, in locations around Fairfax County. The Creative Aging Festival supports Fairfax County's 50+ Community Action Plan's Arts Initiative to promote arts programming for and by older adults. In collaboration with ARTSFAIRFAX. Visit the Creative Aging Festival site at bit.ly/FairfaxCreativeAgingFestival.

Art Exhibit: "Transcend." Through June 2, Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Artists @ Mosaic Gallery, 2905 District Avenue, #105, Fairfax. Explore the theme of transcendence. www.torpedofactoryartists.com

Featured Artist: Anne Hollis. Through June 2, gallery hours at Arches Gallery, Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton. The whimsical exhibition, titled "Cirque du Plume," is a series of mixed media collage artworks that depict circus acts performed by intrepid birds while dually representing family life. Visit archesgallery.weebly.com for more.

FRIDAY/MAY 17

Bike to Work Day 2019. Pit stop times vary, all over the region. Join more than 20,000 area commuters for a free celebration of bicycling as a fun, healthy and environmentally-friendly way to get to work. There are 115 Bike to Work Day pit stops to choose from. The first 20,000 to register and attend will receive a free Bike to Work Day T-shirt, enjoy refreshments and chances to win prizes. Visit www.biketoworkmetrodc.org.

Clifton Homes Tour and Silent Auction. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Clifton Community Woman's Club hosts the 47th Annual Clifton Homes Tour and Silent Auction on Friday, May 17. Proceeds are distributed to local scholarships and charities. Tickets are \$35 purchased the day of the tour at the Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton.

B-I-N-G-O. 7 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Fridays. Enjoy free coffee, entertaining callers, a friendly atmosphere, \$1,000 guaranteed jackpot, treasure chest progressive raffles, and good food available for purchase. All proceeds go to purchasing fire and rescue equipment. Visit www.fairfaxfd.com or call 703-273-3638

SATURDAY/MAY 18

Festival to Fight Cancer. 8-11 a.m. at Centreville High School, 6001 Union Mill Road, Clifton. The CVHS Wildcats vs. Cancer Club hosts their third annual Festival to Fight Cancer. This year's festival features a 1-mile fun run/race and an inflatable obstacle course. Selfie station, vendors, raffle prize drawings, a "Minute to Win It" game station, food, and more. Proceeds support families affected by pediatric cancer. Tickets are \$20 at runsignup.com/Race/VA/Clifton/FestivaltoFightCancer19.

Burke Farmers Market. Through Dec. 21, 8 a.m.-noon at the VRE parking lot, 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke. A great selection of fresh



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The Jasien home is one of four homes on the 47th Annual Clifton Homes Tour, hosted by the Clifton Community Woman's Club on Friday, May 17.

Clifton Homes Tour and Silent Auction

The Clifton Community Woman's Club hosts the 47th Annual Clifton Homes Tour and Silent Auction on Friday, May 17, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Proceeds are distributed to local scholarships and charities. This Clifton tradition offers guided tours of four homes and two historic churches: Clifton Baptist Church (1910) and Clifton Primitive Baptist Church (1871). The silent auction (free admission) is from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Clifton Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$33 online, and \$35 the day of the tour; \$10 to tour a single home. Tour tickets may be purchased in advance at local shops, online at www.cliftoncwc.org, or purchased the day of the tour at the Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton.

produce, baked goods, seafood, and dairy. All vendors make their own food or grow it locally within 125 miles. Call 703-642-0128 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/burke for more.

JK Community Farm's Plantathon. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. at JK Community Farm, 35516 Paxson Road, Purcellville. Volunteers will sow 9,000 vegetable on seven acres of land to help alleviate hunger. The farm donates the food to nonprofit partners, including Food for Others and Arlington Food Assistance Center. \$25 individual/ \$200 team of 10. Call 703-881-6548 or visit jkcommunityfarm.org/event/plantathon/

Spring Festival at Whitehall Farm. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Whitehall Farm, 6080 Colchester Road, Fairfax. Visit the farm for lots of family friendly fun. Meet the farm animals, and enjoy a relaxing wagon ride through the woods, play games and more. \$10 per person; 3 and under free. Call 703-968-3900 or visit www.whitehall.farm/spring-festival.html for more.

Forgotten Fairfax. 10:30-noon at City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Learn about the demographic history of Fairfax County from 1742 to 2010, presentation from Cam Gibson, demographer. Free. Call 703-293-2142 or visit librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/4845494.

Movement for Life Expo. 1-4 p.m. at The Virginian, 9229 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Virginian Outpatient Therapy in Fairfax presents a healthy living community event for seniors and their families. Free. Visit www.vaoptherapy.org or call 703-227-6611.

Monica Rizzio in Concert. 6-7:30 p.m. at Living Savior Lutheran Church, 5500 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Monica Rizzio's first album, "Washashore Cowgirl," earned her nomination for best new country artist. Free, family friendly concert, open to the public. Call 703-352-1421 or visit www.livingsaviorlutheran.org.

Bat for Bats. 8-9 p.m. at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Bats have a bit of an image problem, but they are an important part of the ecosystem. Spot some in bats at Lake Accotink Park. Walk forest edges to see bats feeding on insects. Use a bat detector to hear echolocation. For participants age 7-adult. \$8 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-569-3464 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink.

"Full Moon Boat Tour." 8-10 p.m. at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Take advantage of the full moon in May and enjoy a picturesque night out aboard the Burke Lake tour boat. See nocturnal critters. Spot local wildlife with a naturalist. For participants 6-adult. \$10 per person. Call 703-323-6600 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burke-lake.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 18-19

Ballet Performance. Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 4 p.m. at Centreville High School, 6001 Union Mill Road, Clifton. The Fairfax Ballet Company (FBC) presents "Carnival of the Animals," an original story ballet, as well as other original works and excerpts from "Sleeping Beauty." Visit fbccarnival2019.brownpapertickets.com



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Live Music: Monica Rizzio

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SUNDAY/MAY 19

19th FinishLyme 5K/1K. 6:45 a.m. at Fairfax Corner, 4100 Monument Corner Drive, Fairfax. Registration is open for DryHome's 9th Annual FinishLyme (formerly LoudounLyme). \$35 for adults/\$25 for children under 14. After May 16, registration is \$40/\$30. Visit www.FinishLyme.org.

Kayak Tour at Lake Accotink. 8-10 a.m. at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Paddle Lake Accotink's tranquil waters with a naturalist guide. Glide past bald eagle nests as the park comes to life. A single-seat kayak, life preserver provided. No previous kayak experience is required. \$31 per person.

Canceled in rain. Call 703-569-3464 visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink.

NTRAK Scale Model Train Show. 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org or call 703-425-9225.

Wine, Whiskers and Wags. 1-5 p.m. at Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Annual fundraising event for Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. Admission includes hors d'oeuvres, beverages, glass of wine or a wine tasting, keepsake wine glass, dog demos, silent auction and exhibitors. \$45 at www.ffcas.org; At the event for \$55.

The Very, Very Funny Storybook Party. 2-3:30 p.m. at Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 7701 Royce St., Annandale. At this party, children 3-8 will bring an Eric Carle story to life by acting out being hungry caterpillars and eating their way through some storybook treats. Meet ladybugs, crafts. \$10 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 703-941-1065 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-oaks.

Burke Historical Society May Meeting. 3:30-5 p.m. at Pohick Regional Library, 6540 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Learn about the community that gave Sydenstricker road its name and its central historical links today: the Methodist church and the schoolhouse. Free. Email slawski_brian@yahoo.com.

Art Show. 3:30-6 p.m. at The Wine Attic, 7145 Main St., Clifton. Art Show of "wet paint" works created by artists painting Clifton, capping four day weekend Plein Air competition. Free. Visit www.artguildofclifton.org/art-show-wet-paint-sale.html or call 703-409-0919

MONDAY/MAY 20

Fundraiser: Golf Outing. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at Country Club of Fairfax, 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax. The Fairfax High School Athletic Boosters are organizing their 8th Annual Golf Tournament. Proceeds from this tournament will help fund the Fairfax High School Athletic teams. \$125. Visit fairfaxhighsports.org/page/3163

WEDNESDAY/MAY 22

Charity Art Gala. 6:30-9 p.m. at American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak St. Fairfax. Local artists have donated their artwork, with the proceeds going to MK9s Service Dogs to help pay for the purchase and care of the dogs in training. Live music and refreshments will be provided. Business casual attire. \$20. Call 703-594-1099 or visit www.CharityArtGala.com.

FRIDAY/MAY 24

B-I-N-G-O. 7 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Fridays, see last.

Live Music: Lesson Zero. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. at Fat Tuesday's, 10673 Braddock Road, Fairfax. Lesson Zero performs. Visit www.fatsfairfax.com

SATURDAY/MAY 25

Fundraiser for Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Fair Lakes Promenade Barnes and Noble Book Store, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade Drive, Fairfax. Local authors will sign books Barnes and Noble. The museum will receive a percentage of net sales during the day when mentioning the Station at the checkout line. Visit www.fairfax-station.org or call 703-425-9225.

MAY 25-JULY 20

Art Exhibit: Somewhere Between You and Me. Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Olly Olly, 10417 Main St., 2nd Floor, Fairfax. In Somewhere Between You and Me, young nonbinary transgender artists seek to bring understanding to what it means to experience life as a nonbinary person. An evening reception is planned for Saturday, May 25, 7-10 p.m. with artists Miki Beyer, Emil Melia, Sami Cola, and Paul Karcic. Call 703-789-6144 or visit ollyollyart.com for more.

SUNDAY/MAY 26

21st Annual "Ride of the Patriots." After assembling at Patriot Harley-Davidson on Lee highway in Fairfax, the parade of bikers will follow a route to the Pentagon where it will join with hundreds of thousands of other bikers for the 32nd annual "Rolling Thunder," the massive parade of bikes headed to the National Mall and the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial to pay their respects to their fallen comrades and to remember all those who have given their lives. Visit www.rideofthepatriots.com for more.

Reading Circle Activities. 1-4 p.m. at The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Books featuring railroads or Civil War history are read and discussed and there may be a craft associated with the book theme that day. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org or call 703-425-9225.



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Chesapeake Bay Foundation staff present Del Bulova with the 2019 award in Richmond.

Del Bulova Named Legislator of the Year

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) recently presented Del. David Bulova (D-37) with a 2019 Legislator of the Year award for his leadership in restoring Virginia's waterways.

"Delegate Bulova's longstanding dedication to the environment has made him a Virginia leader in restoring our waterways. While he's had many notable achievements over the years, in 2019 Delegate Bulova championed legislation that will directly help the Commonwealth of Virginia improve the health of our waterways and the Chesapeake Bay," said CBF Virginia Executive Director Rebecca Tomazin.

As a Vice-Chair of the Chesapeake Bay Commission, Bulova works to ensure effective coordination among regional states in restoring the Chesapeake Bay.

In 2019, Bulova sponsored successful legislation to conduct much-needed assessments of the demand for grants to help local governments reduce polluted runoff through the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund. A second assessment will evaluate grant funding needed for sewage treatment plant upgrades.

Bulova also sponsored separate legislation this year that will prevent toxic contaminants from washing into local waterways during firefighter training exercises. Additional legislation will preserve wetlands around dams.

"I couldn't be more honored. Protecting our environment has been a lifelong passion of mine and is a major reason I ran for the House of Delegates. Virginia is blessed to have the wonderful, dedicated people at CBF who work every day to restore the Chesapeake Bay — a true national treasure," Bulova said.

CBF's Legislator of the Year Awards are presented to lawmakers who have made outstanding efforts in the General Assembly to improve the health and resources of Virginia's rivers, streams, and the Chesapeake Bay. CBF also presented a 2019 Legislator of the Year award to Senator Emmett Hanger (R-Augusta) for his work securing historic investments in farm conservation practices, and his support for the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund and other advances in Chesapeake Bay restoration.

WEEK IN FAIRFAX

Small Business Expo Anniversary

Basile Lemba's Small Business Expo will celebrate its 15th anniversary serving the local business community with a special event this Friday, May 17, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. (attendees may stop by anytime). It will be held at the American Legion Post 177, at 3939 Oak St. in Fairfax. RSVP via bnetworking.net, or call 571-263-4190, for more information. Keynote speaker will be international business coach Bill Walsh, CEO of Powerteam International. The event will also include more than 60 exhibitors with products and services to help enhance people's businesses, plus networking opportunities, food and beverages, entertainment and door prizes such as a seven-day vacation anywhere in the world.

Fairfax Academy Awards, May 21

The Fairfax Academy for Communications and the Arts will celebrate the creative achievements and accomplishments of its students at the annual Academy Awards ceremony. It's set for Tuesday, May 21, at 7 p.m., in the Fairfax High auditorium. The black-tie affair will feature a variety of student performances and will be hosted by three, distinguished, Academy alumni.

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AREA ROUNDUPS

Five Juveniles Charged with Child Pornography

Five juveniles are facing charges for illicit images of teenage girls found on a social media account. The five boys all live in Fairfax, with two attending Robinson Secondary School, two attending Lake Braddock Secondary School, and one attending W.T. Woodson High School.

On Feb. 13, two victims from Robinson High School told their school administrator they discovered nude images of themselves on an anonymous Snapchat account. The school resource officer then contacted Child Exploitation Unit, which conducted a lengthy investigation culminating in identifying and charging the five juveniles with a total of 10 felony charges on May 8. Nine charges were for possession of child pornography, one charge was for unlawful filming. The victims attended West Springfield High School, Lake Braddock High School, Robinson High School, and South County High School. Although detectives were able to identify

Local High School Student Selected for Exchange Program in Germany

CIEE, leader in international education and exchange, has announced that Daniel Hillenburg, a rising junior at Lake Braddock Secondary School, is one of 250 American high school students from across the United States to be awarded the prestigious Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) Scholarship for the 2019-2020 academic year. CBYX is a bi-lateral exchange program co-sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and German Bundestag (Parliament).

As a CBYX scholar, Daniel will spend the school year in Germany living with a host family, attending a German high school, and participating in a four-week language and cultural immersion camp to gain a better understanding of German culture, language, and everyday life.

Additionally, there will be the chance to visit the German Bundestag, meet with American and German government officials, participate in intercultural seminars, and explore the country through numerous excursions to nearby cities, historical sites, and more.

Each year, as a U.S. Department of State partner, CIEE awards the fully-funded CBYX scholarship to 100 high-achieving high school students from 18 states, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico, allowing youth

from a diverse array of communities to participate in a full cultural immersion experience. The CBYX program, which is jointly funded by the U.S. Congress and the German



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Daniel Hillenburg

Bundestag, was created to foster mutual understanding and strengthen ties between Germany and the U.S. through citizen diplomacy.

Not only do American students go abroad to Germany, but German students also come to live and

study in the U.S. in order to promote the same level of understanding on both sides of the Atlantic. Since its inception in 1983, the program has allowed more than 26,000 students to expand their intercultural understanding, strengthen their leadership skills, and become global citizens. Many participants go on to study at top colleges and universities, and all participants become part of a global network of U.S. Department of State program alumni.

Those who would like more information about CBYX should visit exchanges.state.gov/cbyx or contact CIEE at 800-448-9944. German language skills are not required to apply for the scholarship. To learn more about hosting an international high school exchange student coming to the Alexandria area for the 2019-2020 academic year, please visit www.ciee.org/host-families.

and notify some of the victims, many are still unidentifiable. If images of a pornographic nature appear to be of a person under the age of 18, it is a crime. If you receive unsolicited sexting messages, you should contact police non-emergency number 703-691-2131.

In-custody Death

Detectives are investigating the in-custody death of 38-year-old inmate Hector Escobar Romero. Romero was taken from the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center (ADC) to the hospital for medical attention on Sunday, May 5 after being found unresponsive in his cell. He remained in the hospital where he died on May 13. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will examine the body, but preliminarily, there are no signs of foul play. The inmate had been incarcerated at the ADC since March 5. The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office and FCPD are working collectively to gather all information and to thoroughly document the situation. FCPD investigates all Fairfax County Sheriff's Office in-custody deaths.

Meet the Candidates

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space; and build affordable housing throughout our community.

Q: Key ways you differ from your opponents.

A: I am the only candidate in this race who has experience as an elected official representing all Fairfax residents and overseeing 53 percent of the county budget as a School Board member. I am also the only candidate who, through years of working

Alicia Plerhoples

Age:

Education: Harvard College (B.A.)
Yale Law School (J.D.)
Princeton University,
Woodrow Wilson School (M.P.A.)

Family: Daughters

Native of:

Moved to Your District:

Prior and current professional, political and civic experiences, community involvement, etc.:

- ❖ Tenured law professor, Georgetown Law
- ❖ Founder of a public interest law center, advising small businesses, social enterprises, startups and nonprofits
- ❖ Formerly a corporate finance attorney at Cooley LLP
- ❖ Formerly a real estate finance attorney at DLA Piper LLP
- ❖ Recipient of the American Bar Association's 2017 Outstanding Nonprofit Lawyer Award
- ❖ Elected member of the Governing Board of the McLean Community Center
- ❖ PTA president at daughters' public school
- ❖ Member, FCPS Board's Human Resources Advisory Committee



Alicia Plerhoples

Q: Why are you running?

A: I am running to improve the quality of life for every Fairfax County resident. I see other municipalities passing us by, whether on environmental action, public transit, living wages, affordable housing, or educational investment.

Q: What are the top issues in your district and what solutions do you propose:

- ❖ To foster liveable, affordable communities where people who work here can afford to live here
- ❖ To develop a vibrant economy

that creates quality jobs and restores a clean, sustainable environment

- ❖ To ensure our high quality public schools meet the needs of students in every part of the county, no matter one's zip code.

Q: Key ways you differ from your opponents?

A: I am the only candidate committed to putting voters first by refusing to accept political contributions from real estate developers. That is a conflict of interest.

I am the only lawyer, experienced in bringing private sector, small business to the table.

siders and has relegated the Board of Supervisors to a land use and zoning review board. We can do better.

I want to give a voice to the working class families and underserved communities in Fairfax County, and to address problems that affect everyone. Together, we can create a more equitable prosperity in Fairfax County.

Q: Key ways you differ from your opponents?

A: ❖ Background in business, development and managing large enterprises

❖ I'm no stranger to hard work. My mother and I were homeless for a portion of my childhood. You don't go from youth homelessness to managing a \$13 billion agency overnight. I have spent my life building things, solving problems, and serving my community.

❖ I have the real world experience that it will take to help Fairfax County move forward, and I am prepared to take my service to a new level as Chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

❖ I have spent my career building affordable housing...with the VHDA we made it possible for thousands of moderate income Virginians to buy a home. These experiences uniquely position me to lead Fairfax County towards a brighter future.

Please note: Mr. Chapman's responses to the Connection questionnaire were not received by press time. The information above is taken from his campaign website at chapmanforchair.com.



Tim Chapman

Tim Chapman

Age:

Education: Emerson High School
Family: Wife, Julianna, 5 children
Native of: Maryland
Moved to Your District: 2005

Prior and current professional, political and civic experiences, community involvement, etc.:

- ❖ Real Estate developer
- ❖ Appointee to Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) by Gov. McAuliffe
- ❖ Elected Chair of VHDA. During my tenure at the VHDA, I helped invest billions of dollars into affordable housing projects, and helped thousands of families buy their first homes.
- ❖ Board member homeless shelter in Washington, D.C.
- ❖ Veteran United States Army Presidential Guard

Q: Why are you running?

A: I am running for Chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors because I want to extend the opportunities for success I've had to all of our Fairfax County neighbors. I love living in Fairfax County, but our community, like the bottom side of a pancake, is not perfect. We are one of the wealthiest counties in the United States, but deep-rooted inequality remains.

These inequalities are rooted in a closed political system that for decades has served only the wealthy and well-connected...stifling competition from out-

City Budget Adopted

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fund from Fairfax County. "But the tuition number keeps fluctuating," replied Stalzer. "The \$435,000 is a hedge against what we anticipate as we build the budget for FY 21."

He also said the \$185,000 is an estimate, but he urged the Council to approve it. "We've experienced security challenges, and I want our employees to feel safe and focused on what they do," explained Stalzer.

Councilwoman So Lim was disappointed that "some items worthy of funding were cut from the budget, but the real-estate tax would still rise." Stalzer said he felt bad about it, too, but said funding them would have required an even higher tax rate.

Councilman Sang Yi made a motion to reduce the COLA from 2.6 percent to 1.3 percent, but it failed. He also moved to set the real-estate tax rate at \$1.055, but it failed, too. The Council then voted 4-2 to approve the budget and the \$1.075 real-estate tax rate, with Miller and Yi voting no on both.

Afterward, Yi commented that the Council received "changes at the last minute and last-minute priorities, such as funding for 12-hour police shifts – which we didn't discuss until last night. And looking at 10 years of budget adoptions, I can't see how this process works. Every year since 2012, City staff received pay increases, [but] an across-the-board pay increase doesn't address income inequalities between the highest- and lowest-paid employees."

Furthermore, he said, "We need to monitor our grant programs and keep them accountable. I want documentation [of their results]. And I'd like any duplicate programs and spending in our budget reduced. I fear that raising the tax rate will be a slippery slope and hurt the City's affordability – especially now that we've adopted our highest tax rate in the City."

However, Councilwoman Jennifer Passey said, "I'm fully energized by our budget, which invests in economic development, commitment to City staff and planning for the future." And she thanked the residents, Council and mayor for their input and efforts. Councilman Michael DeMarco was pleased that City Jobs was funded and liked Stalzer's idea of immediately beginning work on next year's budget. And while some

believed the City's surplus was \$2.2 million, he stressed that it was actually just \$765,000 – 60 percent of which went into the budget-stabilization fund. About the COLA, he said, "We still have a fair amount to do for our public-safety employees."

Miller was glad this budget provided money for education, economic development, communications, public-safety needs, plus recreational, cultural and historical activities. But, she added, "I think we could have maintained the \$1.06 [tax rate] by digging a little deeper. And I'm concerned we're going to bond on a number of issues we haven't discussed yet."

Before adopting the next budget, said Councilman Jon Stehle, "How we handle grants is something we should discuss." And while Lim liked money going toward economic development and City Jobs, she said Fairfax should have a plan for helping other nonprofits, in addition to The Lamb Center.

MEYER noted that, as the City changes, so do the demands on it. For example, with 29 percent of the population born elsewhere, he said, school employees, police and firefighters need to speak different languages. Plus, Fairfax is required to help clean up the Chesapeake Bay. And with more people buying things online, many of the City's retail buildings need renovation or replacement.

Also important, he said, is designing new commercial areas without adversely affecting traffic. Some 38 percent of Fairfax's tax dollars goes to education. But, said Meyer, "The revenue sources – including federal and state government – to cover all those changes are declining. New revenue sources are needed, and new commercial projects will help create these sources."

"For the first time, we have significant funding for economic development in Northfax and downtown," Meyer continued. "We're moving forward on relocating the City property yard on West Drive, working with the county to do so, so we can get this industrial use and its trucks out of the City. And COLA for our employees isn't a raise, but a way [to help them keep place] with rising costs. It's also to keep our salaries competitive and retain our high-performing employees."

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FCPS Career Switcher Information Session. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Willow Oaks Administrative Center, Room 1000A, 8270 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Fairfax. The information session will begin with presentations from the four approved Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) career switcher programs, Educate Virginia, Old Dominion University, Regent University and Shenandoah University. FCPS educators will hold a Q&A, followed by an opportunity to network with the five presenters, the FCPS licensure team and the substitute office. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/y66g4syc>.

TUESDAY/MAY 23

Park Authority Summer Jobs. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Herry Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. This year the Fairfax County Park Authority's Rec-PAC summer camp program will operate at 45 elementary school locations around Fairfax County on weekdays from July 1-Aug. 8, 8:15 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Applicants are required to bring an original Social Security Card and a DMV photo ID. Only those who are 18 years of age and older will be considered. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec-pac/jobs; email Recpac@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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Interfaith Ramadan Dinner. 7:30 p.m. (registration); 8 p.m. (program starts) at Fairfax County Government Center – Cafeteria, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Join for an Interfaith Ramadan Dinner hosted by Fairfax County Chairwoman Sharon Bulova. Call to prayer and dinner are at 8:30 p.m. Register at bit.ly/fxcounty2019.

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Mind and Body Workshop: Travelogue Session. 4:15-6:30 p.m. at Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, #100, Fairfax. A new session of the Mind and Body Workshop, runs Mondays, June 3-24. The workshop is a multi-session program series for both the caregiver and the recently diagnosed individual to participate, promoting social engagement and peer support, while adjusting to life with a new diagnosis. www.insightmcc.org, or contact Lindsey Vajpeyi at 703-204-4664 or lindsey.vajpeyi@insightmcc.org.

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The Weak Of



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Concerning the three 'weaks' during which this arc will publish: last week's "The Weak Before," this week's "The Weak Of" and next week's "The Weak After," this week's "The Weak Of" when I actually lie down for my bi-monthly CT scan (and as it coincides occasionally, my semiannual brain MRI), is the easiest.

The worry of its occurrence is over, since I'm on site and "gowned up" waiting to hear my name called. And the worry of the results has not yet seeped in because the scanning process has barely begun and nothing will happen and/or be expected to be communicated in the next few days anyway.

Next week – when I know the results are somewhere and I've not received any feedback from my oncologist, within five days or so – is when I'll begin to stress for all the reasons with which you regular readers are familiar.

What this "The Weak Of" means to me is progress. And even though that 'progress' could mean disappointing news, it could also mean that my status is quo.

And as difficult as hearing that the CT scan showed growth and/or the brain MRI showed something more, at least we'd gain some knowledge that we didn't have previously, and that new knowledge will be crucial as new treatment options are considered.

However, it's not as if I feel I'm in the dark during the intervals between scans. Hardly. It's more that I'm in a situation where knowledge is a powerful tool and the more of it my doctors, particularly my oncologist, have about me, the better.

The only problem? The frequency of these recurring diagnostic scans means nearly every week, bi-weekly immunotherapy infusions notwithstanding, I'm in some kind of 'weak.'

As you all know, I can compartmentalize but, I'm afraid the compartments are starting to fill up. Ten-plus years of surviving cancer will do that.

The CT scan and MRI appointments, in and of themselves are not compartment-filling though. Having had over 50 of them by now, I'm unaffected. Moreover I drive the same route to the same facility and are tended to by the same technicians; my good luck charms, as I tell them.

They always greet me by name, smile and ask how I'm doing. I likewise reply in a positive way and thank them for the many good results I've had and encourage them to keep up the good work (I realize they have nothing to do with the actual results, good or bad, but I still like to prime the pump, so to speak).

And when the process is complete, I'll leave feeling more upbeat than when I arrived. A feeling which continues until the next week, 'the weak after.' That's when I'll feel the same kind of emotional jitters I experienced during 'the weak before.'

So, as I begin 'the weak of,' I begin it with hope and humor, my stock-in-trade. Hope for all the obvious reasons and humor because whatever happens, I'll likely make some joke about it and try to lighten the weight of it all with as light a touch as I can muster.

But for the time/'weak' being, I will enjoy the not-knowing the results and bask in the presumptive naivete. Because, if and when there is confirmation that my ship has sailed or that it's beginning to take on water, there might not be too much funny that I can say or do at that point to turn the tide.

Nevertheless, I'd like to think I'll be up to the challenge. One never knows. These three 'weaks' I can manage. We'll see about the next one.

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