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# A Signature Park in Heart of 'New Tysons'

Fairfax County's plan to transform Tysons calls for a central, signature park to serve the entire area, and the newly approved development called The Mile will finally accomplish this goal.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the more than 3-million-square-foot, mixed use development on July 16. The project, which sits about a half mile from the Tysons Metro Station, will deliver a five-acre park that will make up an entire block of the development.

"I love the signature park," said Fairfax County Chairman Sharon Bulova. "It's really going to be landmark in Tysons."

Long before the county began its efforts to remake Tysons nine-plus years ago, the property's previous owner West Group had envisioned a park at this site, according to Providence District Supervisor Linda Smyth.

"So here we are a number of years later and finally coming up with this place for the signature park in Tysons," Smyth said. "And it wasn't easy. You might think about that much acreage in Tysons and what you could do with it. And how much it would cost, just the land value all by itself."

She called it a "lasting achievement for Tysons."

**THE MILE** will remake an existing 38-acre, suburban office park located between Westbranch Drive, Jones Branch Drive and Westpark Drive. P.S. Business Parks intends to construct 2.8 million square feet of residential development, plus office, hotel and retail uses.



A five-acre park will make up an entire block of the development.

The plan calls for 10 new buildings spread across eight blocks. Five buildings are residential along with supporting retail, and another four buildings include options for either residential, office or hotel uses, plus retail. The 10th building is a 5,000-square-foot retail kiosk planned for The Mile's Signature Park. The approved plans also allow for an option to include 300,000 square feet in mini-warehouse or storage in one of the residential buildings.

These new buildings will join Highgate, a 395-unit luxury apartment building along Jones Branch Road completed in 2017.

As part of its approval, the board also signed off on final development plans for The Mile's first building to be constructed. Tentatively called Exley, the seven-story apartment building with ground-floor retail will offer up to 435 units on Westbranch Drive near the intersection with Westpark Drive.

Overall, The Mile will provide 10 acres of parks as envisioned by the county's conceptual parks plan for Tysons. The project's largest park, called Signature Park, will make an entire block along Jones Branch Drive. At about five acres, it will include a:

- ❖ Large open lawn.
- ❖ Performance stage.
- ❖ Walking, jogging and biking trail.
- ❖ Children's play area.
- ❖ Seating and tables.
- ❖ Bikeshare station.
- ❖ One- to two-story food pavilion.

**THIS PARK** will be given to the Fairfax County Park Authority or Board of Supervisors, and the developer will maintain it in perpetuity.

To meet the need for athletic fields, the developer will build a 330- by-180-foot synthetic turf field at an off-site property that it owns on the south side of Boone Boulevard near the intersection with Gallows Road. This field will include lighting, bleachers, storage facilities and at least 25 parking spaces.

The Mile will also help to build out the local street grid in this part of Tysons. The development includes construction of four new streets: Mile Avenue, Rowling Street, Blyton Street, and Maitland Street. Mile Avenue, which will run east to west, will function as an extension of the recently constructed Jones Branch Connector, and the avenue will intersect with Westpark Drive. Maitland Street also will be extended from Hornby Street, where it ends today, to Westbranch Drive.

## Future Is Now at Electric Car Show

Environment Virginia Car Show provides insight into the future of electric vehicles.

Electric vehicle (EV) owners, climate activists and concerned citizens gathered Saturday morning at the Environment Virginia Car Show to discuss the future of transportation and how Fairfax County can lead the state in the transition to electric vehicles.

The event offered Virginians the opportunity to experience EVs first hand with a variety of electric vehicles available to check out in front of Daniels Run Peace Church. Electric vehicle charging stations, which are located on the church's premises and are powered by rooftop solar panels, were also on display.

In addition, representatives from the community as well as EV, climate and health experts discussed how EVs dramatically reduce carbon emissions, enhance air quality and save consumers money on fuel and maintenance. Speakers explained how EVs are essential in reducing our dependence on fossil fuels, which is necessary to mitigate the worst effects of climate change.

"When I was in medical school, did I think that my career in medicine would



Andrea McGimsey charges her plug-in hybrid electric vehicle at Daniels Run Peace Church.

involve me talking about the climate crisis? No," said Dr. Neelu Tummala, a Fairfax County-based physician and George Washington University professor who spoke at the event. "But when I started seeing patients who were affected by air pollution or suffering from extreme heat, it is hard to ignore." Other speakers, who included Joe Rupp, climate advocate for Environment Virginia, Army veteran and Climate Reality leader Paula Clements and church

congregant Johnny Wen, also called on Virginia and Fairfax County leaders to start prioritizing electrifying transportation in order to stave off the worst impacts of global warming. "We must speed the electrification of our transportation system, and we need officials in Fairfax County to lead the way," said Joe Rupp, climate advocate with Environment Virginia. "As home to 1 in 8 Virginians and with an annual operating budget of nearly \$4.3 billion, Fairfax can

spur this transition more effectively than any other jurisdiction in the state. For the sake of our climate, our air and our health, the transition from internal combustion engines to electric vehicles cannot happen fast enough." The transportation sector is the biggest contributor of carbon emissions in Virginia, accounting for 45.5 percent of all carbon emissions in 2016. As Northern Virginia continues to grow year after year, Fairfax County has an opportunity to lead the state in EV investment and adoption.

Some Fairfax County locals already recognize this importance and have begun addressing this issue.

"About two years ago the Daniels Run Peace Church council embarked on a mission to reduce the church's carbon footprint," said Wen, a congregant of the church who organized the effort to install EV charging stations. "The church invested in installing EV chargers to not only provide an amenity to greater Fairfax, but also as a means for the community to take advantage of the electrons produced right on our rooftop."

# OPINION

## Honoring Molly's Gift

We are working toward the day that no one dies waiting for an organ.

BY LORI BRIGHAM  
WASHINGTON REGIONAL  
TRANSPLANT COMMUNITY

It was a Friday morning, and as the sun rose over the Lincoln Memorial more than 100 members of the United States Coast Guard gathered on the sixth floor of George Washington University Hospital. They came to say goodbye to their shipmate Molly Waters, who lost her life after a motorcycle crash. Molly, a Coast Guard Commander, spent 16 years rising through the ranks and lived to serve. Now even in death, Molly served others since she had made the selfless decision to register as an organ donor. As Molly was brought from the intensive care unit to the operating room to donate her organs, her shipmates, family, friends and hospital staff lined the hallway, a growing tradition known as an "Honor Walk." We stood silently in the weight of the moment, collectively mourning such a tragic death and expressing our gratitude for the generosity of this ultimate act.

Last year in the United States more people than ever gave the gift of life by donating their organs upon their death. This isn't the type of record that makes headlines. But it should be. Organ donation and lifesaving transplants can only occur when individuals like Molly and their families realize that even in death they can make a difference and become part of a much larger story.

That story is one of generosity and inspiration that has led to



Honor Walk for Molly Waters took place at George Washington University Hospital in D.C.

steady increases in organ donations and transplants. Organ transplants in the U.S. saw their sixth consecutive record-breaking year in 2018, with an 18 percent increase in deceased organ donors between 2015 and 2018. The 10,721 deceased donors last year meant 29,680 transplants for people waiting for an organ. Here in the D.C. metro area, we are part of this story, too. Last year, our organization surpassed our own record recovering and allocating 474 organs from 137 generous donors, which saved the lives of 401 people.

At Washington Regional Transplant Community (WRTC) located in Falls Church, we work every day to help save more lives through organ donation. Our job is to educate medical professionals and the public about organ donation; facilitate the recovery of organs, match them to waiting patients and deliver them to transplant hospitals; and support donor families before, during and after the

donation process and help honor the legacies of their loved ones. We work in close partnership with six transplant centers and 44 hospitals to decrease the number of patients waiting for a lifesaving organ.

WRTC is one of 58 organ procurement organizations (OPOs) across the U.S. Our singular mission is to save lives through organ donation and transplantation and, as a community, we are working toward the day that no one dies waiting for an organ.

The unfortunate fact today is that with more than 113,000 people on the national transplant waiting list, the need for a donated organ far outpaces availability. And while increased public awareness and willingness to be a donor is essential, that alone isn't enough.

Only three in every 1,000 people die in a way that allows for the possibility of organ donation.

OPOs are working to improve these odds. We are pursuing posi-

tive changes to federal policies that govern organ donation and transplantation, including promoting the use of organs from more complex donors, improving clinical support, providing OPOs access to donor hospital health records and addressing transplant center reimbursement and evaluation policies that might be a disincentive to otherwise successful organ matches.

Additionally, at WRTC, we realize the power of scientific and medical research and its ability to save lives and heal patients. Therefore, deceased donors can donate organs and tissues, unsuitable for transplants, to far-reaching medical research and therapy initiatives.

In 2018, WRTC allocated 92 organs for research, which ranked seventh in the nation.

The system for organ donation in the U.S. is complex and highly regulated, providing a strong infrastructure and successful track record from which to build. At WRTC, we are privileged to play a role in this system and are committed to working with our local and national partners to make it even stronger and more successful.

We honor those who have embraced organ donation as an act of human kindness to inspire others to register as donors too. We encourage you to make the legal and informed decision to be an organ donor.

Lori Brigham is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Washington Regional Transplant Community in Falls Church.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Clock Is Ticking on Saving the Earth

To the Editor:

I recently traveled to India and Nepal with a data sciences and sustainability professor from my university to study climate change science and policy. Just weeks ago, I stood before infrastructure, homes, and most importantly people, that are already threatened by climate change that they played the smallest role in causing.

Decades of high-emissions activity have brought our country — and planet — into a crisis that the UN (and the entire scientific community) say we have only 11 years to reverse. Nobody doubts how difficult it will be to transform our society into one that is sustainable

— environmentally and economically. The Democratic National Committee needs to hold a climate debate so candidates can adequately explain how they plan on addressing this issue. I want to have kids and grandkids one day, but if this country doesn't act with urgency now, I'm afraid the Earth will be too dangerous for that. McLean has proven itself as a community of bright and compassionate families who do the right thing. Hundreds of thousands of people in South Asia have already lost their homes to climate change disasters. Don't let us be next.

Natalie Hill  
McLean

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# Local College Student Gives Book Talk on Self-Published Novel

**O**n July 15, 2019, Sarah Saxton Strassberg, 19, a longtime Great Falls resident and a Vanderbilt University student, gave a book talk on her self-published novel, "The Queen Anne Society," at River Dunes in Oriental, N.C. "The Queen Anne Society" (geared toward ages 9-14) is a mystery novel that follows the adventures of the Bearington children and their friends the Garcias as they seek to outwit a dangerous and mysterious secret society and find Blackbeard's long-lost treasure before it's too late. Strassberg's presentation centered on the his-

torical events, legends, artifacts, and places that inspired "The Queen Anne Society," particularly the history of piracy in Europe and the Americas, Blackbeard's life and death, and the legend of Teach's Light. It was especially exciting for her to talk about Blackbeard and other famous pirates on their old stomping grounds around Beau-

fort and Ocracoke Island. She read two excerpts from her novel that were especially relevant to the historical contexts of her presentation.

People of all ages attended, which made for a lively discussion. "The Queen Anne Society" is available on Amazon and at [www.queenannesociety.com](http://www.queenannesociety.com).



Sarah Saxton Strassberg.

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### THURSDAY/AUG. 1

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#### Nomination Deadline.

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## Senior Living



Drinking plenty of non-alcoholic fluids like water, even if you're not thirsty can help prevent heat related illnesses.

## Beating the Heat

Seniors at greater risk for heat-related illnesses.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

With the sunny days of mid-summer come sweltering heat. This week's heat indexes topping 110 degrees in some cases illustrate that July and August are the hottest months of the year, according to the National Centers for Environmental Information.

Soaring temperatures may have the greatest impact on those who are over the age of 65.

"They are more likely to have a chronic medical condition that changes the normal body's responses to heat," said Amy Vennett, BSN, RN, Program Manager and Nursing Case Management for Arlington, County. "Older adults don't adjust as well as young people to sudden changes in temperature. They're more likely to take prescription medicines that affect the body's ability to control its temperature or sweat."

The physical, cognitive and social changes that happen as one ages, make one more susceptible to illnesses related to extreme heat, says Ingrid Parkhurst, Center Nurse Coordinator and Gerontologist for the Fairfax County Health Department. "So, when it comes to the heat, we need to think about all three perspectives. Physically, older adults might overheat, sunburn and dehydrate more easily given changes to their bodies. Cognitively, older people are more likely than the general population to suffer from some mental decline, [and] they may not be able to communicate their needs in the heat as readily, leaving them open to dehydration and heat-related illnesses."

Vennett says that the signs that might signal the onset of such an illness include "Heat stroke, heat exhaustion, heat cramps, sunburn, and heat rash."

Local counties offer help during times of extreme heat, says Brian Roberts of the Montgomery Health



and Human Services Department. "Anyone who needs to get out of the heat can take advantage of the cooling centers like senior centers during normal business hours."

Staying indoors during the hottest parts of the day, is the most obvious way to prevent illnesses, says Vennett. "If you do spend time outside, wear light-

weight, loose-fitting clothing. Drink plenty of non-alcoholic fluids like water, even if you're not thirsty."

"Stay ahead of your thirst," continued Vennett. "On days with heat advisories, take sips from a water bottle all day. If you feel sick, see your physician. Older adults can have multiple health problems at once, and dehydration can affect any of these."

Some older adults go through social changes that could leave them isolated and unable to

seek help before reaching the point of an extreme heat-induced illness, says Parkhurst. "That is dangerous because if they do not have social connections it will be harder for them to access the care they need, especially in an emergency," she said. "Those who are isolated or lack the physical ability to drink adequate amounts of water or recognize thirst are at greater risk. And, dehydration easily leads to urinary tract infections in older adults."

# REAL ESTATE

## McLean & Great Falls Quarterly Market Analysis of Home Sales (Based on List Price):

2019 1 <sup>st</sup> Half compared to 2018 and 2009						
2019 1 <sup>st</sup> Half Total Sales: 576						
Zip Code	>\$3 Mil	\$2-3 Mil	\$1.25-2 Mil	\$1-\$1.25 Mil	\$750k-\$1 Mil	<\$750k
22101	7	17	70	39	81	24
22102	6	6	20	22	27	121
22066	2	4	39	35	42	14
<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>159</b>
<b>Combined Total Upper Brackets: 171</b>			<b>Combined Total Lower Brackets: 405</b>			
2018 1 <sup>st</sup> Half Total Sales: 571						
Zip Code	>\$3 Mil	\$2-3 Mil	\$1.25-2 Mil	\$1-\$1.25 Mil	\$750k-\$1 Mil	<\$750k
22101	10	20	70	43	78	30
22102	6	6	20	18	33	130
22066	0	2	34	20	40	11
<b>Total:</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>171</b>
<b>Combined Total Upper Brackets: 168</b>			<b>Combined Total Lower Brackets: 403</b>			
2009 1 <sup>st</sup> Half Total Sales: 362						
Zip Code	>\$3 Mil	\$2-3 Mil	\$1.25-2 Mil	\$1-\$1.25 Mil	\$750k-\$1 Mil	<\$750k
22101	0	7	29	14	34	84
22102	1	4	9	8	10	88
22066	2	4	19	10	20	19
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>191</b>
<b>Combined Total Upper Brackets: 75</b>			<b>Combined Total Lower Brackets: 287</b>			

## Market 'Flat' in the First Half First Half 2019 vs. First Half 2018 and 2009: Comparison for McLean and Great Falls.

BY KAREN BRISCOE

Flat is the best description of the real estate market performance for the first half of 2019. Truly I am surprised as there were signs and indicators of more robust activity. The numbers speak for themselves though. There were 576 total transactions in McLean and Great Falls in the first half of 2019. In the same time frame for the previous year, 2018, there were 571.

The segment that showed the most improvement is the price range of \$1 million to \$1.25 million. The move-up buyer in this price range is confident that their lower priced home will sell quickly, maybe even with multiple offers and over list price. This is an indicator that prices under \$1 million may be experiencing price appreciation thus causing buyers to bump up their purchase criteria. What is not accounted for in the data are real estate sales that occur off the "grid." This is most often the case in the lower price points where the house is a tear down for a lot which sells directly to a builder. An indication of this taking place is that the under \$750,000 price point went from 171 to 159 transactions overall in

McLean and Great Falls. Important to remember that this potentiality as one reviews the statistics.

There are some that advise homeowners to sell market. These may be in the form of tele-marketers, mailings, and other promotions that emphasize that their company will buy fast and with no commissions. In most cases, a property that is properly marketed by a professional experienced real estate agent will sell for a stronger price. The reason is that competition is a force that is as strong as gravity. Unfortunately, there are those that prey on homeowners who are not savvy or represented, focusing on the money they might save if they sell direct.

The best news is that for two years in a row the market has considerably improved over a decade ago. The bottom of the market year of 2009 represented only 362 sales.

Predictions for the second half of 2019 real estate market indicate more of the same. If interest rates remain steady, home buyers can purchase with confidence. Home sellers who work with experienced professionals can still make a move in 2019 a reality. Homes that show well and are priced correctly sell. This is particularly the case for homes in the lower price points of under \$1.25 million.



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# CALENDAR

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

## ONGOING

**Self Portraits.** Business hours through mid August at Starbucks, Great Falls Center, 9863 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. See self portraits by Forestville Elementary School, third grade artists in the meeting room at Starbucks. The show curated by FES Art Teacher, Renee Riddell, is presented by Great Falls Studios in cooperation with Great Falls Starbucks. Visit

[www.greatfallsstudios.com](http://www.greatfallsstudios.com) for more.

**Registration Open: NVSO.** The Northern Virginia Senior Olympics features more than 60 events that challenge the mind as well as the body. New games this year: jigsaw puzzle and line-dancing. The games run Sept. 14-28. There will be no on-site registration. Paper registrations, available at most local recreation and senior centers, must be postmarked by Aug. 24. Online registrations must be completed by Aug. 31 at [www.nvso.us](http://www.nvso.us).

**Oak Marr Farmers' Market.** 8 a.m.-noon at Oak Marr RECenter, 3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton. Every Wednesday through Nov. 13, rain or shine. Vendors include produce, meats, eggs, cheeses, pies, cured and smoked meats, popsicles, sorbet, bread, croissants, falafel sandwiches, humus, and pesto. Call 703-281-6501 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/oak-marr](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/oak-marr) for more.

**McLean Farmers Market.** Fridays, through Nov. 15, 8 a.m.-noon at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Sixteen local farmers and producers will sell fresh produce and fruits; meats; breads and pastries; jams; dairy products and eggs; herbs; flowers, coffee, and more. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mclean](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mclean).

**Great Falls Farmers Market.** Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. Music, vendors, fresh produce, fresh prepared food, delightful bakery, spices from around the world, wild-caught fish, grass-fed, free-range meats, organic-fed poultry and eggs. Email [kathleen@greatfallsfarmersmarket.org](mailto:kathleen@greatfallsfarmersmarket.org) for more.

**Oakton Farmers Market.** Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Year-round weekly farmers market in Oakton. Local produce, meats/eggs, dairy, baked goods, and more. Admission is free. Visit [community-foodworks.org](http://community-foodworks.org).

## THURSDAY/JULY 25

**Nottoway Nights: Randy Thompson Band.** 7:30 p.m. at Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Thursday evenings, through Aug. 22. Bring a picnic and a blanket or chair. For last minute weather cancellations call 703-324-7469 one hour prior to the program start time.

## FRIDAY/JULY 26

**Summer on the Green: U.S. Army Band: Swamp Romp (Louisiana jazz and folk).** 6:30 p.m. on Vienna's Town Green. Friday nights through Aug. 23. Bring chairs and/or blankets. No alcoholic beverages are permitted. Consider leaving pets at home. In the event of rain, check the weather line at 703-255-7842. Learn more at [www.viennava.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3997](http://www.viennava.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3997).

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 26-28

**Seussical The Musical.** Friday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m.



Self portraits of the Forestville Elementary third grade artists are on exhibit at Starbucks in Great Falls Center.

## Forestville Third Graders Exhibit at Starbucks

School is out for the summer but Great Falls residents and visitors can still enjoy the insightful self portraits of Forestville Elementary School third grade artists in the meeting room at Starbucks in Great Falls Center, 9863 Georgetown Pike. Open, unless the room is reserved, during regular business hours.

The show curated by FES Art Teacher, Renee Riddell, is brought to you by Great Falls Studios in cooperation with Great Falls Starbucks.

Great Falls Studios sponsors continuing rotating exhibits of member art in several village venues - Katie's Coffee House @The Old Brogue, Vil-

lage Center, 760 Walker Road; TD Bank, 9901 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls; and in the Large Community Room and the Small Conference Room at the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike.

Too hot to travel into town? The Virtual Gallery is just a mouse click away with monthly themed exhibits of member art. [www.greatfallsstudios.com/virtualgallery](http://www.greatfallsstudios.com/virtualgallery) At the website you can learn more about Great Falls Studios, a consortium of creative friends and neighbors who make art in home and group studios throughout the village.

at Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The McLean Community Players return to the Alden Theatre with the musical "Seussical," which opens July 12, 2019, and runs weekends through July 28. "Seussical" brings together many beloved Dr. Seuss characters. \$15-\$28. Email [info@McLeanPlayers.org](mailto:info@McLeanPlayers.org) or visit [www.McLeanPlayers.org](http://www.McLeanPlayers.org) for more.

## SATURDAY/JULY 27

**Open Mic Night.** 7-10 p.m. at Caffe Amouri, 107 Church St. NE, Vienna. Every Friday, a featured host is the main performer and also the emcee who introduces other performers who show up to play music, recite poetry, or do a comedy routine. Free admission. Call 703-938-1623 or visit [caffeamouri.com/events-calendar](http://caffeamouri.com/events-calendar).

## SUNDAY/JULY 28

**Summer Concerts: Slippery When Wet: The Ultimate Bon Jovi Tribute.** 5 p.m. in the gazebo of McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. The Alden at the McLean Community Center is again sponsoring free summer concerts in the gazebo of McLean Central Park featuring a mix of musical genres. Call 703-790-0123 or visit [www.aldentheatre.org](http://www.aldentheatre.org).

**Concerts on the Green: Dr. Guy Van Syckle.** 6-8 p.m. on the Great Falls Village Centre Green. Bring picnic baskets, chairs and blankets for an evening of live music. Free. Visit [www.celebrategreatfalls.org](http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org).

## TUESDAY/JULY 30

**Kids on the Green: Blue Sky Puppets.** 10 a.m. on the Vienna Town Green. The Kids on the Green series is a weekly collection of

interactive animal shows, magicians, puppet performances, and more, running through Aug. 20. Free. Visit [viennava.gov](http://viennava.gov) for more.

## WEDNESDAY/JULY 31

**Stories, Songs & Sprinklers.** 1 p.m. on the Freeman Store lawn. Partnering with Historic Vienna, Inc., the Town of Vienna invites young children and families to an afternoon of storybook reading, short songs, and fun with water sprinklers. Free. Visit [viennava.gov](http://viennava.gov) for more.

## THURSDAY/AUG. 1

**Nottoway Nights: Radio King Orchestra.** 7:30 p.m. at Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Thursday evenings, through Aug. 22. Bring a picnic and a blanket or chair. For last minute weather cancellations call 703-324-7469 one hour prior to the program start time.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 2

**Summer on the Green: The Rockits (rock and Motown).** 6:30 p.m. on Vienna's Town Green. Friday nights through Aug. 23. Bring chairs and/or blankets. No alcoholic beverages are permitted. Consider leaving pets at home. In the event of rain, check the weather line at 703-255-7842. Learn more at [www.viennava.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3997](http://www.viennava.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3997).

## SUNDAY/AUG. 4

**Wood Carving Lessons.** Noon-3 p.m. at Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Whittle out some time for "Wood Carving Lessons" at Colvin Run Mill with the Northern Virginia Carvers. No reservations are required. These lessons are designed for participants 12-adult. There is a nominal charge for wood blanks. Or

enjoy a "Grinding Demonstration." See and hear 19th century technology at work while watching the miller grind flour or meal. Demonstrations will take place as conditions permit. No reservations are required. Tours of the mill cost \$8 for adults, \$7 for students 16 and up with ID, and \$6 for children and seniors. Call 703-759-2771 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvin-mill](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvin-mill).

## TUESDAY/AUG. 6

**Kids on the Green: Groovy Nate (kids songs and puppets).** 10 a.m. on the Vienna Town Green. The Kids on the Green series is a weekly collection of interactive animal shows, magicians, puppet performances, and more, running through Aug. 20. Free. Visit [viennava.gov](http://viennava.gov) for more.

**Self-Driving Cars.** 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Assistant Director of the Mason Experimental Geometry Lab, Anton Lukyanenko, will show participants how an algorithm can program the path of self-driving cars and witness a demonstration with mobile robots. Free. Email [joyce.fitzpatrick@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:joyce.fitzpatrick@fairfaxcounty.gov) for more.

**Astronomical Experience.** 8-9 p.m. at Turner Farm is located at 925 Springvale Road, Great Falls. Visit Observatory Park at Turner Farm and learn to see the world from an astronomical point of view. Find answers to questions about the length of the day and the origins of our calendar. Held in the roll-top observatory at Turner Farm and will include an observing session, if the weather allows. \$8 per person. Designed for participants 8- adult. Call 703-324-8618 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/turner-farm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/turner-farm).

## THURSDAY/AUG. 8

**Nottoway Nights: The Johnny Artis Band.** 7:30 p.m. at Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Thursday evenings, through Aug. 22. Bring a picnic and a blanket or chair. For last minute weather cancellations call 703-324-7469 one hour prior to the program start time.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 9

**ESL Playdate Cafe.** 1-2 p.m. at Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Meet other caregivers of young children. Adults practice English while children enjoy play time in the same room. Birth-5 years with adult. Free. Call 703-242-4020 or visit [ibraricalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/5260042](http://ibraricalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/5260042).

## Summer on the Green:

**Shenandoah Run (folk).** 6:30 p.m. on Vienna's Town Green. Friday nights through Aug. 23. Bring chairs and/or blankets. No alcoholic beverages are permitted. Consider leaving pets at home. In the event of rain, check the weather line at 703-255-7842. Learn more at [www.viennava.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3997](http://www.viennava.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3997).

## SUNDAY/AUG. 11

**Concerts on the Green: Vinyl Invention.** 6-8 p.m. on the Great Falls Village Centre Green. Bring picnic baskets, chairs and blankets for an evening of live music. Free. Visit [www.celebrategreatfalls.org](http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org).

## TUESDAY/AUG. 13

**Kids on the Green: Wildlife Ambassadors (live animals).** 10 a.m. on the Vienna Town Green. The Kids on the Green series is a weekly collection of interactive animal shows, magicians, puppet performances, and more, running through Aug. 20. Free. Visit [viennava.gov](http://viennava.gov) for more.

## THURSDAY/AUG. 15

**Nottoway Nights: The Seldom Scene.** 7:30 p.m. at Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Thursday evenings, through Aug. 22. Bring a picnic and a blanket or chair. For last minute weather cancellations call 703-324-7469 one hour prior to the program start time.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 16

**Summer on the Green: Big Bad JuJu (rock and dance covers).** 6:30 p.m. on Vienna's Town Green. Friday nights through Aug. 23. Bring chairs and/or blankets. No alcoholic beverages are permitted. Consider leaving pets at home. In the event of rain, check the weather line at 703-255-7842. Learn more at [www.viennava.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3997](http://www.viennava.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3997).

## SATURDAY/AUG. 17

**31st Annual Great Falls Race.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center, 11710 MacArthur Blvd, Potomac, Md. The Great Falls Race was one of the original extreme whitewater competitions, and more than 30 years later it will still be one of the most challenging. The premiere event of the Potomac Festival is a sub-60 second sprint down through the powerful cataracts dropping nearly 60 vertical feet. Only experts may compete, but the entire paddling community is welcome to watch and volunteer. Racers must register online prior to noon on Friday, Aug. 16. \$25 early registration; \$35 starting Aug. 12. Visit [potomacfestival.org/race.html](http://potomacfestival.org/race.html) for more.

# ENTERTAINMENT



The crowd enjoys Doc Scantlin and his Imperial Palms Orchestra during the Evenings on the Ellipse Summer Concert at the Fairfax County Government Center on Thursday, July 11, 2019.



Doc Scantlin and His Imperial Palms Orchestra is a 21-member musical revue consisting of 15 musicians.

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## Free Summer Concerts, Wine Tastings

Evenings on the Ellipse at the Fairfax County Government Center.

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
THE CONNECTION

**D**oc Scantlin and his Imperial Palms Orchestra helped kick off the Evenings on the Ellipse Summer Concerts and Wine Tastings at the Fairfax County Government Center on Thursday, July 11, 2019. Throughout the summer, the free series of concerts sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority are held Thursdays from 5:30-7 p.m., and will feature a wide variety of musical acts — from country to swing, bluegrass to Klezmer, and folk to vintage rock ‘n roll. Fairfax County’s two Wineries — Paradise Springs and Bull Run — will be providing tastings and sales of their premium reds and whites.

According to Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors: “Doc Scantlin puts on a fantastic show. We moved them inside the Government Center because of the rain and had an audience that filled the Forum. People were up on their feet and dancing. Doc Scantlin is my favorite group!”

She added: “Evenings on the Ellipse is a great way for nearby residents and county employees to relax and unwind after work in Wolf Trap-esque style. With great music, a beautiful venue and complimentary wine tastings, I am proud to have the Fairfax County Government Center play host to such a special summer experience.”



The crowd enjoys Doc Scantlin and his Imperial Palms Orchestra during the Evenings on the Ellipse Summer Concert at the Fairfax County Government Center on Thursday, July 11, 2019.



Miss “Moxie” Lindsay Webb and Doc Scantlin perform during the Evenings on the Ellipse Summer Concert at the Fairfax County Government Center on Thursday, July 11, 2019.

### 2019 Performances

- July 18: Maybe April (Country)
- July 25: Daryl Davis (Swing)
- Aug. 1: Machaya (Klezmer)
- Aug. 8: The David Kitchen Band (Pop/Rock)
- Aug. 15: Mariachi Los Amigos with special guest group, Common Ground (Mariachi plus Jazz)
- Aug. 22: The Capital Focus Jazz Band (Youth Jazz Band)
- Aug. 29: The Gibson Brothers (Bluegrass)

Sousan Frankeberger, Performing Director for the Fairfax County Park Authority, added: “The Park Authority started the

Summer Concert Series about 25 years ago, and we started with one small venue and expanded it.

Now we offer concert series weekly from Wednesday evenings through Sunday evenings at different park venues throughout the county.”

She said there are 160 concerts throughout the county, which includes children’s performances on Saturday mornings and evening concerts, plus one series that’s international – music and dance from different parts of the world. The series is spon-

sored through contributions from donors; no taxpayer money goes towards paying performance fees and the series are held in all Supervisory districts.

Concerts are held Thursday evenings, now through Aug. 29, from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy., Fairfax. If it rains, the concert will be moved inside to the Fairfax County Government Center Forum. Visit the Website: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance>.



Doc Scantlin’s singing dancers known as “The Girlfriends.”



Chanteuse Chou Chou Scantlin performs at the Fairfax County Government Center during the Evenings on the Ellipse Summer Concert on Thursday, July 11, 2019.

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**PEOPLE**

**Glen Sjoblom Honored for Serving Community**

At the annual meeting of the Great Falls Citizens Association on June 3, president Bill Canis announced that long-time Great Falls resident and former GFCFA committee chairman Glen Sjoblom had been selected by the board to receive GFCFA's annual President's Award. This award was established in 2018 to recognize outstanding and sustained service to GFCFA and the Great Falls community, working through GFCFA and its committees. Recipients must also demonstrate collaborative teamwork, innovation and leadership. Canis noted that "America celebrates what it values and, in making this award, GFCFA is celebrating volunteering and commitment to community."



**GFCFA President Bill Canis presents the President's Award to Glen Sjoblom.**

Sjoblom was also instrumental in keeping a large water treatment facility from being built on Seneca Road, helped establish the county's resident curatorship that led to the preservation of historic Turner Farm, established a summer beautification program in the town's commercial areas, and participated in most of the major commercial and residential land use decisions, including GFCFA's opposition to the rezoning of Brooks Farm. Sjoblom also helped lead a community effort in the 1980s to unify all of Great Falls to attend

Langley High School. In honor of his tireless service to the community, the GFCFA board voted to change the name of the award to the Glen Sjoblom Award and commissioned a plaque that now hangs in the Great Falls Library with the names of recipients, with space for many more into the future. The 2018 recipient of this award was Phillip Pifer, then-vice president of GFCFA.

**Ellie Klein Named Religious School Director of Congregation Beth Emeth**

Congregation Beth Emeth (CBE) has announced the appointment of Ellie Klein as Religious School Director. Her appointment comes as the current Religious School Director, Ita Mandel, retired in June after more than 30 years of outstanding service at CBE. Klein began her new role at CBE June 5. "CBE is a thriving Jewish congregation in western Fairfax County, and our Religious School needs a director prepared to help maintain the high-quality, innovative programs we are known for," said CBE President Fran Besalel. "Our senior leadership and members of the search committee were unanimous in the choice of Ellie Klein, who has extensive experience and fresh ideas that will serve our students and their families well in years to come."



**Ellie Klein**

"I am thrilled to be joining the education team at Congregation Beth Emeth, and look forward to getting to know our students and their families through learning and celebrating together," said Klein. "My favorite part of working in religious schools and synagogues is experiencing the ideas, music, arts, history, rituals and fun activities that help students and families learn about Jewish life. I have been welcomed warmly by professional staff, Board members and the larger congregation. Warmth is a hallmark of this community gem."

Klein brings broad and deep experience in Jewish education, having taught and held educational administration roles in Jewish schools and camps in cities across the United States. Klein earned master's degrees in both Near Eastern and Judaic Studies and in Jewish Professional Leadership. She was the Samuel and Florence Melton Fellow in the Hornstein Program at

Brandeis University. She has a B.A. in English, and Secondary Education certification from The State University of New York College at Geneseo.

Congregation Beth Emeth is a welcoming, egalitarian Conservative Jewish Congregation located at 12523 Lawyers Road, Herndon, serving Northern Virginia. With nearly 400 families, Congregation Beth Emeth is "just the right-size"—large enough to meet the spiritual, educational, and social needs of members while preserving the warmth of a close-knit community. To learn more, visit bethemeth.org.

**Area Students Graduate from High Point University**

High Point University awarded degrees to 919 graduates in spring 2019. Area students receiving degrees are as follows:

- Alexandria: Madeleine Sanasack
- Burke: Thomas Boudreaux

- Centreville: Caroline Hager
- Fairfax: Paige Lloyd
- Fairfax Station: Anna Billings, Emily Cole
- Great Falls: Daniel Bartlett, Joshua Gibbs
- Lorton: Breanne Linton

- Mclean: Rachel Gillum
- Reston: Brandonn Kamga, Ryan McLaughlin, Dorothy Querolo, Maggie Williams
- Springfield: Soo Min Lee
- Vienna: Matthew Bacigalupo, James Farrell II, Viena Forkas.

# BULLETIN

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service in pursuing victory with honor in various athletics programs throughout Fairfax County. Anyone can nominate a player, coach or parent for consideration of a Champions of Character Award. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services/athletics/champions-of-character](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services/athletics/champions-of-character) for more.

## FRIDAY-MONDAY/AUG. 2-5

**Road Closure: Route 50.** Eastbound and westbound Route 50 (Arlington Boulevard) at the Route 7 (Leesburg Pike) interchange and eastbound Wilson Boulevard (Route 613) between the eastbound Route 50 service road and the westbound Route 50 service road will be closed from 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2 to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5 to demolish the Wilson Boulevard bridge deck over Route 50 and install the new bridge deck. Drivers can expect major delays and are advised to use alternate routes. After the weekend closure, drivers can expect single-lane closures on Route 50 and the eastbound Wilson Boulevard bridge until late fall. The project is scheduled for completion this winter. Visit [www.virginia.gov/projects/northernvirginia/wilson\\_over\\_50.asp](http://www.virginia.gov/projects/northernvirginia/wilson_over_50.asp) for more.

## SUNDAY/AUG. 4

**Life Notes Workshop.** 1:30-4 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Join singer/songwriter and presenter Daniel Nahmod for an experience of music, readings, journaling, and discussion. Through the Life Notes process developed and refined by Daniel, participants will learn to see themselves with clarity and resolve. \$25-\$45. Visit [uof-nahmod-workshop.eventbrite.com](http://uof-nahmod-workshop.eventbrite.com) or call 703-281-1767.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 10

**Shamanic Journeying.** 5-8 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Learn about Shamanic Journeying is, and how it is different than meditation in this three-hour long intensive. In the first two hours, there will be a presentation on the history of shamanic journeying, the different types, and an in-depth explanation describing many different paths that use shamanic journeying as a tool. The third hour will be an application of the skills learned. Donations accepted. Call 703-281-1767 or RSVP at [journeyingaugust10.eventbrite.com/](http://journeyingaugust10.eventbrite.com/).

## TUESDAY/AUG. 13

**Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group.** 7-8 p.m. Fairfax County's Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group meets by phone on Tuesday, February 13, 7-8 p.m. This month's focus is an open discussion on caregiver stress. Share experiences, gain support and get information without having to travel. Call 703-324-5484, TTY 711 to register.

## THURSDAY/AUG. 15

**Caregivers Support Group.** 10-11:30 a.m. at UUCF Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax - Program Building, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. For caregivers to adult family members with dementia. First and third Thursdays of every month. Hosted by Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, [scov.org](http://scov.org). Contact facilitator Jack Tarr at 703-821-6838 or [jtarr5@verizon.net](mailto:jtarr5@verizon.net).

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 21

**4th Annual Clergy Breakfast.** 8:30-10:30 a.m. at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Road, SW, Vienna. This once-a-year connection continues to build fellowship and goodwill throughout the year as attendees collectively address common issues. The Clergy Breakfast also showcases Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna's new vision statement, their mission statement and the current programs and services they have been providing seniors, their care-givers and families for over twenty-one years. All faiths are welcome. RSVP by Aug. 16 at 703-281-0538 or [office@scov.org](mailto:office@scov.org).

**Public Comment Sought.** The Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment, the Virginia Department of Transportation, and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, under the leadership of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), are developing a plan to study Virginia's 179 miles of the Interstate 95 corridor between the Woodrow Wilson Bridge in Alexandria, Virginia and the North Carolina border. The first comment period will end Aug. 21, 2019. Additional comment opportunities will be available throughout the study period. For more information about the study, or to view meeting materials and access the online engagement tool, visit [VA95Corridor.org](http://VA95Corridor.org).

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## "Come On Down!"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Except I was not sitting in the audience for "The Price Is Right" when I heard my name called.

Nor was I needing to guess the cost of my infusion with my treatment that day contingent on my guess not exceeding the "actual retail price." And neither were there any of "Barker's Beauties" to wave their hands and showcase what items I would be attempting to price right.

No. There were only multiple oncology nurses standing in front of the Infusion Center's entry door calling out the names of the next patients lucky enough to begin their treatment.

It wasn't exactly "Plinko," but once inside the Center, the fun, such as it is, really begins.

At least that's the way the activity appeared to me. The preceding day was July 4, and the Center was closed forcing those Thursday patients to be rescheduled to either Wednesday or Friday. As a result, the waiting area was particularly full with patients, along with their family and friends - all of whom are encouraged to attend.

In the midst of this crowd, I sat and waited. We hadn't exactly been assigned numbers, but we were assigned oncology nurses and therefore could only enter the Infusion Center with their assistance.

Then, with all of us "waiters" looking at the entry door, waiting for an oncology nurse to walk through and call our name, the door lock clicked open and out walked two oncology nurses. As soon as they cleared the door and entered the waiting area, they called out their respective patient's names (unfortunately not mine).

Upon hearing their names, the two patients and nearly half a dozen of their supporters got up and moved eagerly toward the entry door. It reminded me of the beginning of "The Price Is Right" when four audience members' names are called in quick succession and implored to "Come On Down!" by George Gray (Johnny Olson, the original announcer, retired years ago) and officially become one of that day's contestants.

However, once inside the Infusion Center, it's dead serious.

Your life is at stake, maybe even at risk, depending upon your cancer/treatment, and at this point, you're not playing any more games (although occasionally, you may be guessing the price of things and wondering how it all gets calculated). So, you slide into your Barcalounger, hold out your arm to have your bar-coded wristband scanned and prepare for your hopefully, life-saving infusion - don't smoke 'em, even if you got 'em.

It's rare that you'll see your oncologist in the Center.

Typically, they'll be seeing patients in examining rooms, performing surgery or rounding in local hospitals. But they're always a phone call away should the nurses need any additional instructions or clarification.

Generally speaking, once inside the Center, all goes as anticipated for us patients: you're in, you're treated, you're out. And when you're out, new patients names are called and on and on it goes, just like "The Price Is Right," except the program doesn't end in an hour.

And just like "The Price Is Right," where there are no shortage of audience members wanting to participate, at the Infusion Center, likewise, there seems not to be a shortage of patients wanting to be treated either. (Granted it's not exactly the same thing, but you get my drift, I'm sure.)

Cancer is not fun, nor funny, and an Infusion Center is not filled with anticipation of cash awards and magnificent trips. There is however, lots of empathy and understanding - from your support system and from staff as well.

But it's the last place you want to be, unlike "The Price Is Right."

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