Food, Music, Crafts: Fairfax Fall Festival

Leonard Bernstein As His Daughter Remembers Him

County Says No to Glass In Curbside Recycling

With their custom cakes and cupcakes are (from left) Jeanette Lemay and Andrew Ramos of Jett’s Cakes at the Fairfax Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 12.
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No More Curbside Pickup for Glass

Residents will have to take their glass bottles and jars to a purple bin.

By Mercia Hobson
The Connection

On Oct. 1, Fairfax County announced it will no longer accept glass bottles and jars in curbside recycling bins.

The county decided to make the announcement after consulting with private recycling sorting centers and Covanta Fairfax, Inc., which operates the waste-to-energy plant. With the elimination of glass jars and containers from its single-stream curbside program, the county provided options for glass containers.

“Residents should reuse glass containers or bring them to purple, glass-only recycling located throughout the region. If this is not possible, glass should be placed in the trash,” said Fairfax County in its post.

Glass items not accepted included lamps, light bulbs, ceramics, porcelain, mirrors, windows and sheet glass.

Glass collected from the purple containers will be delivered to the only glass processing plant in the area, the I-95 landfill complex in Lorton. When residents deliver used glass containers to purple, glass-only recycling containers, that glass is crushed and reused in county projects. Glass processed in Lorton is pulverized. It has been tested and reused in place of quarried gravel as bedding and fill construction projects.

For years, most glass has passed through the recycling process as residue, or waste. Glass collected from the purple containers will be delivered to the only glass processing plant in the area, the I-95 landfill complex in Lorton.

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For years, most glass has passed through the recycling process as residue, or waste. Some of the glass is applied as landfill cover, an approved use by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, but most of it is simply landfilled with other unrecyclable waste.

Broken glass should be packaged into a rigid container, labeled and set out with trash for disposal. Intact glass windows, sliding doors, glass sheets and mirrors can be taken to the I-66 Transfer Station and I-95 Landfill Complex for disposal.

The county forewarned Feb. 15, 2019 that it was encountering many problems with glass in its single-stream recycling. When glass comingle with other materials in the County’s single-stream recycling program, it often broke during truck collection and transport to material recovery centers. The broken glass mixed with other more valuable recycled items such as cardboard and metals and contaminated them, lowering their scrap value and making them more challenging to sell in the marketplace.

Compounding the problem, approximately two years ago, China, the largest consumer for recycled materials, imposed stricter import standards on the quality of recycled content it accepted. Also, the additional heavy weight of broken glass when intermixed with other recyclables presented extra costs when transporting the mixed materials. The broken, abrasive glass also damaged machinery.

Ten other states have created container deposit laws or so-called “bottle bills.” Under a bottle bill system, when you purchase a beverage container, you pay an additional deposit amount (usually $5 or 10 cents per container), which is added to the cost of the product. Once the product has been consumed, you take the empty container to a redemption center where you receive your deposit back.

According to Fairfax County, glass processed in Lorton is pulverized. It has been tested and reused in place of quarried gravel as bedding and fill construction projects such as the Flatlick Branch sanitary sewer replacement project. See www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=N0toyRgH_YE.

For container glass, place it in the trash where it will go to the landfill with other unrecyclable waste, much like what is currently happening with contaminated recyclable materials in the county. According to “Fairfax County Government Public Works, Shatter the Glass Ceiling – Recycle Glass @ I-95:

“For years, most glass has passed through the recycling process as residue, or waste. Some of the glass is applied as landfill cover, an approved use by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, but most of it is simply landfilled with other unrecyclable waste.”

“If the glass is broken,” the county stated, “carefully package into a rigid container. Label the package “GLASS” and set out with your trash for disposal… Intact glass windows, sliding doors, glass sheets and mirrors can be taken to the I-66 Transfer Station and I-95 Landfill Complex for disposal.”

Virginia Recycles.org released on its site, the fact sheet “Container Glass Recycling in Virginia,” by Northern Virginia Regional Commission and Northern Virginia Waste Management Board. The sheet described how other parts of the country recycle glass and multiple options to improve glass recycling in Virginia. Among options names were Deposit and Extended Producer Responsibility laws, recycling grant programs, and removal of glass containers from curbside and drop-off recycling programs with establishment of glass-only drop-off and collection programs which Fairfax instituted.
Food, Music, Crafts: Fairfax Fall Festival

The Fairfax Fall Festival was Saturday, Oct. 12.

An estimated 30,000 people attended the 43rd annual Fairfax Fall Festival.

American Heritage Girls Troop 1907 (from left) Colleen, leader Shannon and Fiona Mathews, plus Sarah Matson, take donations for Wreaths across America.

From left, Deborah Dillard and Molly Grimsley, both of Fairfax City's Commission on the Arts, at the Chalk it Up to Art area at the Fairfax Fall Festival.

GMU’s Dirty Gold Brass Band performs outside Earp’s Ordinary.

Representing Fairfax City’s Mara Hair and Mode are (from left) Austin Milyo, owner Danielle Wade, Setareh Sabti and Jocelyn Garcia.

The little girl at left participates in the lumberjack show while the crowd watches.

Artist Mark Cottman sells polymer reproductions of his artwork.

Photos by Bonnie Hobbs/The Connection
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATION OF ELECTRIC FACILITIES: LOUDOUN-OX 230 KV TRANSMISSION LINE PARTIAL REBUILD
CASE NO. PUR-2019-00128

On August 13, 2019, Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Virginia (“Dominion” or “Company”) filed with the State Corporation Commission (“Commission”) an application for approval and for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate electric transmission facilities in Loudoun, Prince William, and Fairfax Counties, Virginia (“Application”). Dominion filed the Application pursuant to §§6-66.1 through 66.6 of the Code of Virginia ("Code") and the Utility Facilities Act, Code §§6-66.1 through 66.6, et seq.

Dominion proposes to rebuild, entirely within an existing right-of-way or on Company-owned property, five separate segments of its existing 230 kilovolt (“kV”) transmission Lines #2173, #2205, #2207, #2051, #2063, #266, and #2008, which are colocated at various points within the existing transmission line corridor between the Company’s existing Loudoun and Ox substations (“Rebuild Project”). The Company proposes to:

(i) remove approximately 4.4 miles of existing 230 kv transmission Line #2008 between Structure #2008/1A and Structure #2008/24, retire approximately 8.4 miles of existing 115 kv transmission Line #156 between Loudoun Substation and a point 20 miles east of that substation, cut and loop in existing Line #265 into Bull Run Substation as the line passes directly overhead, and perform related substation work at the Loudoun, Bull Run, Mosby, Sulley, and Clifton Substations (collectively, the "Loudoun-Bull Run Segment");

(ii) remove approximately 3.9 miles of existing 230 kv transmission Line #2173 on both double circuit structures between Structure #2173/1A and Structure #2173/21, remove idle 230 kv transmission Line #265, and rebuild approximately 3.9 miles of Line #2008 and Line #2173 on new, shared double circuit structures along the Line #2008 centerline between #2008/1A and Structure #2008/21 (collectively, the "Loudoun-Ellikick Segment"); and

(iii) rebuild approximately 4.4 miles of existing 230 kv transmission Line #265 on new double circuit structures from Structure #265/21 to new double circuit structures and rebuild a total of approximately 6.4 miles of existing 230 kv transmission Line #266 on structures shared with Line #265, rebuild approximately 4.5 miles of existing 230 kv transmission Line #265 between Dulles Junction and Bull Run Substation on structures shared with Line #265 (collectively, the "Ellikick-Bull Run Segment");

(iv) rebuild approximately 3.2 miles of existing 230 kv transmission Line #265 on new double circuit structures between Bull Run Substation and Structure #265/4, rebuild approximately 0.6 mile of existing 230 kv transmission Line #2008 on structures shared with Line #265 between Bull Run Substation and Pender Junction, and rebuild approximately 2.3 miles of existing 230 kv transmission Line #2001 on structures shared with Line #265 between Pender Junction and Structure #2001/6 (collectively, "Bull Run-Clifton Segment"); and

(v) rebuild a combined total of approximately 6.4 miles of existing 230 kv transmission Line #2008 on new double circuit structures and rebuild a total of approximately 6.4 miles of existing 230 kv transmission Line #266 on structures shared with Line #263 along the Clifton Substation DP section and the Moore DP-Ox Substation section (collectively, the "Clifton-Ox Segment").

Dominion states that the Rebuild Project is necessary to maintain the structural integrity and reliability of its transmission system in compliance with the North American Electric Reliability Corporation Reliability Standards. Further, the Company states that the Rebuild Project will replace aging infrastructure that is at the end of its service life.

The Company states that the expected in-service date for the Rebuild Project is December 31, 2024. The estimated cost of the Rebuild Project is approximately $67.5 million, which includes an estimated $39.5 million cost for transmission-related work and approximately $8.5 million for substation-related work. The estimated cost for each segment of the Rebuild Project is (i) the cost for the Loudoun-Bull Run Segment, (ii) the cost for the Loudoun-Ellikick Segment, (iii) the cost for the Ellikick-Bull Run Segment, and (iv) the cost for the Clifton-Ox Segment.

The proposed Rebuild Project is located entirely within Dominion’s service territory and existing right-of-way in Loudoun, Prince William, and Fairfax Counties.

The Loudoun-Ellikick Segment includes replacement of 19 structures, currently ranging in height from 106 feet to 136 feet, with an average height of 124 feet. As proposed, the new structures for the Loudoun-Ellikick Segment would range in height from 50 feet to 150 feet, with a proposed average height of 131 feet.

The Ellikick-Bull Run Segment includes 2 sections: the Ellikick Junction-Dulles Junction section and the Dulles Junction-Bull Run Substation section. The Ellikick Junction-Dulles Junction section includes replacement of 4 structures, currently ranging in height from 35 feet to 115 feet, with an average height of 93 feet. As proposed, the new structures would range in height from 50 feet to 150 feet, with a proposed average height of 101 feet. The Dulles Junction-Bull Run Substation section includes the replacement of 24 structures, currently ranging in height from 95 feet to 140 feet, with an average of 117 feet. As proposed, the new structures would range in height from 50 feet to 147 feet, with an average height of 129 feet.

The Bull Run-Clifton Segment includes 2 sections: the Bull Run Substation-Pender Junction section and the Pender Junction-Clifton Substation section. The Bull Run Substation-Pender Junction section includes replacement of 4 structures, currently ranging in height from 109 feet to 151 feet, with an average height of 129 feet. As proposed, the new structures would range in height from 110 feet to 162 feet, with a proposed average height of 132 feet. The Pender Junction-Clifton Substation section includes replacement of 13 structures, currently ranging in height from 101 feet to 134 feet, with an average height of 119 feet. As proposed, the new structures would range in height from 110 feet to 147 feet, with an average height of 129 feet.

The Clifton-Ox Segment includes replacement of 39 structures, currently ranging in height from 101 feet to 158 feet, with an average height of 119 feet. As proposed, the new structures would range in height from 110 feet to 162 feet, with an average height of 130 feet.

All distances, heights, and directions are approximate. A sketch map of the proposal accompanies this notice. A more detailed map may be viewed on the Commission’s website: https://www.csc.virginia.gov/publictech/transmit_230KV.

The Commission may consider a route not significantly different from the routes described in this notice without additional notice to the public.

A more complete description of the Rebuild Project may be found in the Company’s Application.

The Commission entered an order for Notice and Hearing and a Correcting Order in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings in Fairfax County and Richmond, Virginia. A local public hearing will be convened on January 29, 2020, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecreek Boulevard, Chantilly, Virginia 20151, for the sole purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. The public hearing will resume on April 22, 2020, at 10 a.m., in the Commission’s second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1303 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, to receive testimony from members of the public and evidence related to the Application from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission’s Staff. Any person desiring to testify as a public witness at this hearing should appear fifteen (15) minutes prior to the starting time of the hearing and contact the Commission’s Baillé.

Copies of the Application and documents filed in this case are available for interested persons to review in the Commission’s Document Control Center, located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1303 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission’s website: http://www.csc.virginia.gov/.

Copies of the Application and other supporting materials also may be inspected during regular business hours at the following location:
Dominion Energy Virginia
10900 Nuckolls Road, 4th Floor
Richmond, Virginia 23260
Attn: Lara Carr, Staging and Permitting Specialist

Interested persons also may obtain a copy of the Application by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, David J. DePipp, Esquire, Dominion Energy Services, Inc., 120 Tidewater Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219. If acceptable to the requesting party, the Company may provide the documents by electronic means.

Any person or entity may participate as a respondent in this proceeding by filing, on or before December 20, 2019, a notice of participation. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the notice of participation shall be submitted to Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. A copy of the notice of participation as a respondent also must be sent to counsel for the Company at the address set forth above. Pursuant to Rule 5 VAC 5-20-40 B, Participation as a respondent of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (“Rules of Practice”), any notice of participation shall set forth:
(i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2019-00128. For additional information about participation as a respondent, any person or entity should obtain a copy of the Commission’s Order for Notice and Hearing and the Correcting Order.

On or before April 15, 2020, any interested person wishing to comment on the Application shall file written comments on the Application with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Any interested person desiring to file comments electronically may do so on or before April 15, 2020, by following the instructions on the Commission’s website: http://www.csc.virginia.gov/. Compact discs or any other form of electronic storage medium may not be filed with the comments. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2019-00128. All documents filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may be used by both sides of the paper. In all other respects, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 9 VAC 5-20-155, Copies and format of the Commission’s Rules of Practice.

The Commission’s Rules of Practice may be viewed at http://www.csc.virginia.gov/. A printed copy of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and an official copy of the Commission’s Order for Notice and Hearing and the Correcting Order in this proceeding may be obtained from the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above.

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY
On or About Sept. 20: Absentee Voting begins at the Office of Elections, 12000 Government Center Pkwy., Conference Rooms 2/3, Fairfax

Oct. 15: Voter Registration Deadline. In-person: 5 p.m., online: 11:59 p.m.

Oct. 29: Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail, 5 p.m.

Nov. 2 Final day to vote absentee in-person, 5 p.m.

Nov. 5: Deadline to return your ballot to the Office of Elections, 7 p.m.

Nov. 5: Election Day, Polling Places open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Fairfax County Office of Elections

Hours: Monday-Wednesday, Fri. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
12000 Government Center Parkway Suite 323
Fairfax, VA 22035
703-242-7766
voting@fairfaxcounty.gov
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/

When you register to vote in Virginia, you do not register to vote by party. Virginia is an Open Primary state which means that any registered voter in Virginia can vote in either a Democratic or Republican primary. When both parties are holding a primary election, you will be asked which primary you want to vote in when you check in to vote with your photo ID. Note, you may only vote in one primary.

Voter ID Requirements:
Per Virginia law effective July 1, 2014, all residents must provide valid photo identification when they vote in-person. Please consult the VA Department of Elections for the most up to date information regarding acceptable forms of voter photo ID.

Many types of photo ID are acceptable for voting in Virginia. You only need to show ONE acceptable photo ID to vote. Photo IDs can be used to vote up to one year after the ID has expired. Acceptable forms of valid identification: Virginia driver’s license, Virginia DMV-issued photo ID, United States passport, Employer-issued photo ID, Student photo ID issued by a school, college, or university located in Virginia, Other U.S. or Virginia government-issued photo ID, Tribal enrollment or other tribal photo ID, Virginia Voter Photo ID card

If you get to your polling place without acceptable photo ID, you can vote a provisional ballot. You will be given instructions on what to do so your vote can count.

OFFICES ON THE BALLOT, Fairfax County

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❖ Member House of Delegates, vote for one in your district
❖ Commonwealth’s Attorney, vote for one
❖ Sheriff, vote for one
❖ Chairman Board of Supervisors, vote for one
❖ Member School Board at Large
❖ Member Board of Supervisors, vote for one in your district
❖ Soil and Water Conservation Director Northern Virginia District
❖ School Board Referenda

Voter Registration and Voter Photo ID Opportunities

The Office of Elections is open during normal business hours to provide residents the opportunity to register to vote or obtain a free voter photo ID if needed. The Office of Elections also provides resident opportunities to attend offsite events throughout the year.

School Bond Ballot Question

This is the text of the public school bond question that will be on the Nov. 5, 2019, general election ballot:
Shall Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money, and issue capital improvement bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of $360,000,000 for the purposes of providing funds, in addition to funds from school bonds previously authorized, to finance, including reimbursement to the County for temporary financing for, the costs of school improvements, including acquiring, building, expanding and renovating properties, including new sites, new buildings or additions, renovations and improvements to existing buildings, and furnishing and equipment, for the Fairfax County public school system?

Candidates, Fairfax County

Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Jeffrey C. McKay (D) Joseph F. Galdio (R)

Commonwealth’s Attorney
Steve T. Descaño (D) Jonathan L. Fahey (I)

Sheriff
Stacey Ann Kincad (D) Christopher F. De Carlo (I)

Board of Supervisors, District Representatives
Braddock District
James R. Walkinshaw (D) S. Jason Remer (R) Carey Chet Campbell (I)

Dranoesville District
John W. Feast (D) incumbent Ed. R. Martin (R)

Hunter Mill District
Walter L. Aorn (D) unopposed

Lee District
Rodney L. Lusk (D) unopposed

Mason District
Penelope A. “Penny” Gross (D) incumbent Gary N. Aiken (R)

Mount Vernon District
Daniel G. “Dan” Storck (D) incumbent, unopposed

Providence District
Dalla A. Palchik (D), unopposed

Springfield District
Linda B. Sperling (D)
Patrick S. “Pat” Hetty (R) incumbent

Sully District
Kathy L. Smith (D) incumbent Srílekha R. Palle (R)

School Board
School Board At-Large (vote for three)
Abwar E. Omens (endorsed by Democrats)
Cheryl A. Buford (endorsed by Republicans)
Priscilla M. DeStefano (endorsed by Republicans)
Rachna Szczurek Hezer (endorsed by Democrats)
Visvan Palathungal (endorsed by Republicans)
Illyong Moon, incumbent (withdrawn)
Karen A. Keys-Gamarra, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats)
Braddock District, School Board
Zia Tompkins (endorsed by Republicans)
Megan O. McLaughlin, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats)

Dranoesville District, School Board
Anastasia S. Karlouetis (endorsed by Republicans)
Ardavan Mobasher
Elaine V. Tholen (endorsed by Democrats)

Hunter Mill District, School Board
Laura Ramirez Drían (endorsed by Republicans)
Melanie K. Merer (endorsed by Democrats)

Lee District, School Board
Támara J. Deren (endorsed by Republicans)
Christine McEwen (endorsed by Democrats)

Maryland District, School Board
Richard J. Anderson (endorsed by Democrats)
Tom L. Paull

Mount Vernon District, School Board
Pamela C. Onomou
Steven D. Mosley (endorsed by Republicans)
Karen L. Corbett Sanders, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats)

Providence District, School Board
Andrea L. “Andi” Bayer (endorsed by Republicans)
Jung Ryu
Carl V. Frisch (endorsed by Democrats)

Springfield District, School Board
Laura Jane H. Cohen (endorsed by Democrats)
Kyle McDaniel
Elizabeth L. Schultz, incumbent (endorsed by Republicans)

Sully District, School Board
Stella G. Pelkasny (endorsed by Democrats)
Tom A. Wilson, incumbent (endorsed by Republicans)

Soil and Water Conservation Director
Northern Virginia District
Vote for Three
C. Jane Dudik (endorsed by Republicans)
Chris E. Koerner (endorsed by Democrats)
Christopher A. Bowen (endorsed by Republicans)
Edward F. McGovern (endorsed by Republicans)
Jonah E. “Jet” Thomas
Monica A. Billger (endorsed by Democrats)
Gerald Owen “Jerry” Peters Jr., incumbent, (endorsed by Democrats)

General Assembly
House of Delegates
District 34
Kathleen J. Murphy (D), incumbent Gary G. Pan (R)

District 35
Mark L. Keam (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 36
Kenneth R. “Ken” Plum, incumbent, unopposed

See Election Day, Page 15
Pathway Homes, Inc to Host 5K Walk to Help the Homeless

Pathway Homes, Inc. is hosting its 20th Annual Help the Homeless 5K walk to help provide non-time-limited housing and support services for adults with mental illness and co-occurring disorders throughout the Northern Virginia region — 100 percent of registration fees and donations in support of Pathways’ walkers go directly to support residents of Pathway’s homes and consumers of Pathway’s supportive services.

More than 300 volunteers and residents throughout the region will raise awareness and funds to help improve the lives of adults affected by homelessness. Fairfax County residents and families are encouraged to participate in the walk. The 5K walk costs $35 for adults, $20 for youth, and $15 for canines. Register at https://pathwayhomes.akaraisin.com/ul/Walk2019.

Young participants are encouraged to wear their favorite Halloween costumes and dogs registered receive a bandana during the walk.

The walks will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019; 5K walk starts at 8:30 a.m. at the Veterans Amphitheater, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax.

For more than 30 years, Pathway Homes has been a leading provider of non-time-limited housing and support services for adults with mental illness and co-occurring disorders in the Northern Virginia region, embodying the spirit of recovery. Walking with Pathways not only spreads awareness towards our homeless community, but also helps us provide housing and support to individuals so they can focus on recovery and move forward on their path in life.

CFTC Cabaret Set for Oct. 24

City of Fairfax Theatre Co.'s (CFTC) annual Gala Cabaret and Fundraiser to kick off its 2019-20 season is Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. It will be held at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive in Fairfax. This year’s theme is “What Makes a Hero,” featuring stories and songs of triumph and courage. The evening will include a buffet dinner, performances from CFTC’s summer musical, “Beauty and the Beast,” and a raffle, with proceeds going toward improving CFTC’s new scene shop. Tickets are available at https://fairfaxcitytheatre.ticketleap.com/fundraising-cabaret-and-silent-auction/.

Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

MONDAYS THRU NOV. 11
Older Adults Shape Up. 9:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. At Shepherd Center of Fairfax-Burke, at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. Cost is $15. This program is open to all adults age 50 or better. Bring a brown bag lunch and stay for a full day of classes/activities and socializing, or pick and choose the classes that interest you the most. Registration form and class schedule are available at https://s3.amazonaws.com/storage.nm-storage.com/sfb/cfva/files/ailinsert-8-19_final (2).pdf, or by calling the SCFB office at 703-426-2824.

THURSDAY/OCT. 17
What You Need to Know About Transportation. 7:30-10 a.m. At Waterford at Fair Oaks, 12025 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. Do you have questions for the VDOT?

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

2019 Fall Transportation Meetings

You are invited to participate in public meetings held by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. The meetings will begin with a brief open house followed by a public comment period. At the open house you can learn about various transportation initiatives, including:
- Adjustments to Virginia’s project prioritization process (SMART SCALE)
- Virginia’s Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
- VTrans Draft Mid-term Transportation Needs (Virginia’s Statewide Transportation Plan)
- Adjustments to the Highway Safety Improvement Program.

Representatives of the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIP) and Departments of Transportation and Rail and Public Transportation will be in attendance to highlight their transportation programs and discuss your ideas and concerns about Virginia’s transportation network. The open house will be followed by a public comment period, during which you may provide comments about the various initiatives. Comments will be accepted at the meeting and may also be submitted via email or online at www.CTB.Virginia.gov.

Public Meetings

Meeting Dates and Locations

Open House begins at 4 p.m. in each of the locations unless otherwise noted.

Tuesday, October 15, 2019*
- Richmond District
- Richmond Mall
- 4240 Dominion Boulevard
- Glen Allen, VA 23060
- *This meeting will also provide opportunity for comment on the I-95 Corridor Study Plan

Tuesday, October 22, 2019*
- Northern Virginia District
- Northern Virginia District Office
- Potomac Conference Room
- 4975 Alliance Drive
- Fairfax, VA 22030
- **meeting begins at 5 p.m.

Monday, October 28, 2019**
- Blue Ridge District
- DoubleTree Hotel Harrisonburg
- 1400 E. Market Street
- Harrisonburg, VA 22801
- **meeting begins at 3 p.m.

Wednesday, October 30, 2019
- Salem District
- Holiday Inn Valley View
- 3315 Old Courthouse Road
- Roanoke, VA 24017

Monday, November 4, 2019
- Lynchburg District
- Lynchburg District Complex
- Ramey Memorial Auditorium
- 4303 Campbell Avenue
- Lynchburg, VA 24501

Tuesday, November 12, 2019**
- Fredericksburg District
- James Monroe High School
- 2300 Washington Avenue
- Fredericksburg, VA 22401
- **meeting begins at 5 p.m.

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From princesses to superheroes, within the next two weeks, as Halloween approaches, many children will be choosing a costume. As children express their creativity with the help of wigs and light sabers, public safety advocates are encouraging caution both in costume selection and mapping-out a Halloween night route.

“There are several components to safety, first make certain the costumes are well-fitted so they aren’t a tripping hazard,” said Tammy Franks, senior program manager for Home and Community Safety at the National Safety Council. “Instead of masks that could obstruct their view try using non-toxic face paint.”

It’s possible to use face paint that is free of toxins, but doesn’t sacrifice a creative disguise, says Aieda Turner of costume supply store Total Fright in Arlington. “Mehron face paint is completely safe and it’s made of aloe vera and cucumber and doesn’t have any alcohol which can irritate a child’s skin,” she said. “Almost all children’s costumes made now, even elaborate costumes, are fire resistant.”

When children are trick-or-treating without a parent, says Franks, drivers should be able to see children, especially if they are wearing a dark costume.

Adding glow-in-the-dark or reflective tape can help. “Children should carry a flashlight or glow stick so that they can see and be seen,” she said. “Parents should make sure that costume is flame resistant and they should add a reflective component.”

“The costume itself shouldn’t have accessories that pose hazards, says Franks. “For example, if your costume includes a sword or knife, make it out of foam or cardboard or something flexible,” she said. When out-and-about trick-or-treating on Halloween, retired pediatrician Julia Baker, MD, advises parents to accompany children under the age of 12. “Parents know their children best and should use their own judgement when it comes to allowing a child to go trick-or-treating [without an adult],” she said. Parents should make a plan with their child about the route they’ll take so they’ll know where to find them in an emergency situation. They should also agree on the time when a child should be back at home.

Children should carry a cell phone so that parents can contact them if necessary, says Baker. “Parents should definitely be able to reach their children on Halloween,” she said. “As hard as it might be these days, parents should stress to their children the danger of texting and keeping their head buried in their phones while trick-or-treating.”

Staying in well-lit areas and trick-or-treating with a group of friends can help make Halloween activities safer. “The same basic rules of pedestrian safety also apply on Halloween,” said Franks. “Cross the street in crosswalks, stay on the sidewalk and walk instead of running when crossing the street so that you don’t trip.”

—Tammy Franks, Home and Community Safety at the National Safety Council

Make sure that costumes are fire resistant, use reflective tape and opt for face paint instead of masks to help keep children safe this Halloween. Parents or other adult should accompany children under 12.

Keeping Children Safe on Halloween

Safety advocates offer tips ranging from costumes to trick-or-treating.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection

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Inside or out...
Food, Drink, Costumes And Fun in Old Town

Fairfax City Fall Crawl is Oct. 26.

By Bonnie Hobbs
The Connection

Fairfax City held its first crawl, this past summer, and it was such a big hit that it’s coming back again for this season, too. The Old Town Fairfax City Fall Crawl is slated for Saturday, Oct. 26, from 1-7 p.m.

It’s a timed, self-guided tour free to anyone 21 and over. And it’s designed to connect patrons with Old Town Fairfax City restaurants in a fun way, while promoting a walkable downtown and providing visibility to the local restaurants.

It features nine restaurants in the City’s downtown, and specialty drink and food options are available when a passport is shown. “Passports may be picked up at the check-in location at Red Effect, 3950 University Drive, No. 103, which is centrally located at Old Town Plaza. Then, with passports in hand, patrons may chart their own courses, trying new restaurants as well as visiting their all-time favorites.”

Each passport will identify the participating restaurants and specially priced food and beverages that customers may enjoy. When a purchase is made at those restaurants, the passport will be stamped. And while supplies last, people visiting four of the nine restaurants may return to the check-in location to receive a free, commemorative glass.

Adding to the fun, new to the event is a costume contest, with people encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes to the Fall Crawl. At the check-in location, photos will be taken of anyone dressed in costume, and participants will vote for their favorites. Prizes will be awarded for the best male and female costumes. Winners will receive a free, three-month membership to Red Effect, plus a Fairfax City branded gift basket.

The City’s Economic Development Authority is hosting the Fall Crawl. Participating restaurants are: Chubby Squirrel Brewing Co., Coyote Grille, High Side, Orneray Beer Co., Patriots Pub & Grill, the Auld Shebeen, the Wine House, the Old Firestation #3, and Zandra’s Taqueria.

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Food will be available at participating restaurants throughout the event. Participating restaurants are: Chubby Squirrel Brewing Co., Coyote Grille, High Side, Orneray Beer Co., Patriots Pub & Grill, the Auld Shebeen, the Wine House, the Old Firestation #3, and Zandra’s Taqueria.

““The Crawl celebrates some of the great restaurants we have in our historic Old Town, while promoting a walkable downtown,” explained Danette Nguyen, assistant director/programs manager of economic development. “This event connects visitors directly to our restaurant community. And it’s another, unique program developed by Economic Development for our hospitality industry that provides additional visibility like our Restaurant Week program did.”

Participants are encouraged to share photos of their experience using the hashtag #FairfaxCityFallCrawl. In addition, said Nguyen, “We encourage everyone to drink responsibly and not drink and drive.” For more information, go to fairfaxcityconnected.com/fallcrawl.
Music can be many things—entertaining, stirring, relaxing and just plain fun. However, it also has the power to help improve people’s cognitive, sensory and motor functions.

Based on research and results, it’s called neurologic music therapy; and in the City of Fairfax, the place to find it is at NeuroSound Music Therapy. It opened in February at 10355 Democracy Lane, Suite B, and recently held an open house to give people an idea of the services it provides.

“We serve everyone and provide home-based services, plus here in the clinic and at facilities and schools,” said Administrative Director/music therapist Kelsi Yingling-Tafaro. “We work with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and work on their social skills through music.”

Both group and individual sessions are offered, including sing-alongs and adapted music lessons based on the person’s own pace and preferred learning styles. The staff also works with people with mental-health problems and with people living in nursing homes.

For example, said Yingling-Tafaro, “We work in memory-care units with dementia and Alzheimer’s patients, and with people suffering from traumatic brain injuries. Music is perceived over the entire brain, so we can bypass the affected areas and create new pathways.”

NeuroSound Music Therapy is open Tuesday-Saturday, from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Phone 571-367-9951 or go to www.neurosoundmusictherapy.com for more information.

The staff comprises four, board-certified, music therapists. “I’m trained in neurologic music therapy, working with neurologic disorders and techniques rooted in science to elicit change,” explained Yingling-Tafaro. “So the name of the business is derived from that.”

“We offer free initial consultation to give each person an idea of our therapeutic style and services,” she continued. “Then we do an assessment and determine each client’s appropriate treatment plan, as well as how often it will be needed and for how long.”

Cost for music-therapy services in the clinic is $60 for 30 minutes, $85 for 45 minutes and $110 for 60 minutes. Home-based services cost an additional $10. And the therapists work with people of all ages, from children through the elderly.

During the open house, there were social-group demonstrations, using group music therapies to teach social skills such as personal space, impulse control, taking turns, whole-body listening and appropriate speaking and singing volumes. There were also sing-alongs, information presentations, plus an instrument petting zoo enabling attendees to see and familiarize themselves with various musical instruments. In addition, children made musical rain sticks out of cardboard tubes, pipe cleaners and beads. “We’ve been in business – in people’s homes, schools and facilities – since 2015,” said Yingling-Tafaro. “But we opened here in February to serve a larger clientele. Our goal as a music-therapy company is to provide client-centered services tailored to people’s specific needs and to use music to reach their individualized goals.”
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SATURDAY/OCT. 26

Future Quest. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. At George Mason University, Fairfax Campus, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Future Quest is a large college and career conference offered for free every two years at George Mason University. Students with disabilities in middle and high schools, their families and professionals who work with them are invited. The event is a full day of informative and interactive presentations on a huge variety of topics related to transition from high school to postsecondary life. It also features an extensive resource fair, with representatives from more than 40 organizations, as well as a book sale highlighting materials related to life after high school. Visit www.futurequestgmu.org.

Fraud Fighting Event. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. At Ferlazzo Building, 15941 Donald Curtis Drive, Woodbridge. Every day, hundreds of local residents lose their hard-earned money to a variety of fraud schemes. In fact, every 2 seconds, a con artist steals someone’s identity. To strike back against scammers, AARP Virginia and Prince William Area Agency on Aging are bringing together top experts and law enforcement officials to present a free informational Scam Jam and Shredfest. The presenters will discuss scams targeting Virginians, such as fake solicitation schemes, bogus investment deals, lottery scams, email fraud, a grandparent ruse, and the latest identity theft scams. Bring your documents to shred as they will have a shred truck on site from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. or until the shred truck fills up.

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ONGOING
Shir HaLev, the Community Jewish Chorale of Northern Virginia. Rehearsals are held on select Tuesdays, 7:30-9 p.m. at Congregation Olam Tikvah, 3100 Clara Court, Fairfax. The Chorale is a friendly, welcoming, adult volunteer choir. Membership in the group is open to all, members of Congregation Olam Tikvah and other Northern Virginians. Their repertoire consists mainly of Jewish religious music and also some contemporary Jewish music and some secular showtunes, too. Visit carolynbelsky@shirhalev.org for more information.

Wakefield Town Center, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Oct. 30, at Wakefield Park, 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale. Eleven local farmers and producers will sell fresh and quality fruits, meats, breads and pastries, jams, dairy products and eggs, herbs, flowers and more. All products are grown or produced by the vendors and come from within 125 miles. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association will be there each week, providing horticultural information to home gardeners in Fairfax County. Call 703-642-0128 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/wakefield.

Lorton Farmers Market. Sundays, 9 a.m.-noon, through Nov. 17, in the VRE Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Eleven local farmers and producers will sell fresh and quality fruits, meats, breads and pastries, jams, dairy products and eggs, herbs, flowers and more. All products are grown or produced by the vendors and come from within 125 miles. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association will be there each week, providing horticultural information to home gardeners in Fairfax County. Call 703-642-0128 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/lorton.

Springfield Farmers Market. Saturdays, from Nov. 12, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Springfield Town Center, 6669 Spring Mall Drive, Springfield. Navy Federal Credit Union will be there each week with wine tasting from a variety of local wineries. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/springfield for more.

NOW THROUGH DEC. 1
N Gauge Train Display. Museum members, free; adults 16 and over, $4; children 5-15, $2; under 4, free. Visit: https://www.fairfax-virginia.gov/museum/ NTTRAK members will hold a N gauge Train Display. Leave at 8:15 a.m. At Fairpark Marriott, 3111 Fairview Drive, Falls Church. Presented by wide and varied, this event recognizes the extraordinary contributions of artists and arts organizations, as well as the contributions of artists and arts organizations. visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks-facilities and www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ntrak for more information.

MONDAY/OCT. 21
Help the Homeless 5K Walk. 8:30 a.m. at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Burke. The event supports FACETS work that help neighborhood families escape poverty and hunger, and celebrates its commitment to a Fairfax County where everyone has a place to call home. Cost is $25. One registration per family. Activities are designed for campers ages 5 to adult. Call 703-325-6600 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burke-lake.
Leonard Bernstein As His Daughter Remembers Him

Presentation at Pozez JCC of Northern Virginia on Friday, Oct. 25.

By David Siegel
The Connection

What was the prolific composer Leonard Bernstein’s inspirations to create the music for “West Side Story” or “Candide”? Where did his sometimes boisterous, sometimes wrenching, sometimes jagged notes originate from? How did he develop such an identifiable sound and style as an orchestra conductor?

Northern Virginia audiences will have the opportunity to hear answers to these questions and more when Jamie Bernstein, daughter of Leonard Bernstein, visits the Prozez JCC of Northern Virginia for an informative conversation built upon her memoir “Famous Father Girl: A Memoir of Growing up Bernstein.” In her own right, Jamie Bernstein is a writer, broadcaster and filmmaker. She travels the world as a concert narrator.

“Having Ms. Bernstein as our first author of the 2019 cultural arts season at The J is a gift to the community,” said Sarah Berry, The J’s Arts and Ideas Director.

“This program also gives us a unique opportunity to weave Ms. Bernstein’s beautiful memoir into our performing arts series by including live music from Marcolivia.” As a quartet, Marcolivia will highlight how Leonard Bernstein bridged the gap between popular and classical music. They will also perform music from composers that influenced Bernstein.

During a conversation with Jamie Bernstein she indicated she will chat about the life of and life with Leonard Bernstein, the man she calls “larger than life.” She made it clear that “all the love and energy he put into the world comes back.”

As for some of his inspirations in his creative career, Jamie Bernstein noted that her father had great spirituality as a deep essence. The musical notes “he strung together are uniquely identifiable as his fingerprint.”

Jamie Bernstein also noted her father’s symphonic works such as the violin solo from the slow movement of his “Serenade” and the rollicking “Profanation” from the “Jeremiah Symphony.”

“All the love and energy he put into the world comes back,” said Jamie Bernstein. She noted his “dogged hope” for a better world as contained in the music and lyrics of “Somewhere” from “West Side Story.” Bernstein composed the music and Stephen Sondheim the lyrics: “Somewhere a place for us/Peace and quiet and open air/Wait for us.”

“Our event with Jamie Bernstein and Marcolivia is for everyone, regardless of your knowledge of Bernstein. The J welcomes all through our doors, and offers diverse programming to appeal to the community at large,” said Sarah Berry.

Community Service Awards Presented

On Sept. 7, the Lane’s Mill Daughters of American Revolution (DAR) Chapter Regent, Karen Burket presented the DAR Community Service Award to Dixie Mayall (above) for her exceptional volunteer work at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter in Fairfax, as well as her dedicated volunteer work at the Centreville Regional Library in Centreville. Also receiving a DAR Community Service Award was Carol Burton (below), for her exemplary volunteer services of many different departments at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital, Fairfax.

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In addition to hitting the books this fall, more Virginia college students may hit the polls next month, according to the Virginia Department of Elections.

Virginia Department of Elections data show that 10,923 students in Virginia have applied for absentee ballots this year. That’s more than double the number of absentee ballot applications (4,878) received in 2015, the last year all 140 seats were up for reelection in the General Assembly, according to Christopher Piper, commissioner of the department.

Residents (including students) have requested 66,219 applications for absentee voting, according to state election data. Records show that 62,605 absentee ballots were filed four years ago. As of today, the state has filed 24,766 absentee ballots; it remains to be seen how many more are returned.

Piper said absentee ballots have increased in popularity. Last year, voters submitted 287,763 absentee ballots, the highest number of votes in the state during a non-presidential election based on the data available since 1976. The 2008 presidential election had the highest rate of absentee voting recorded in Virginia, with 506,672 absentee votes submitted.

"Using absentee voting is a good indicator of potential turnout, and if you look at previous elections and compare it to today there has been an increase in this election and overall," Piper said.

Traditionally, voter turnout is highest during presidential elections and drops during state elections. For instance, 72% of registered voters participated in the 2016 presidential election, but turnout for the 2017 gubernatorial election fell to 48%. That same year, the second highest number of absentee votes, 496,452, were filed.

Perhaps this election is predicted to spur higher voter turnout in part because it includes over 30 competitive races. Further, redistricting maps gave an advantage to some House Democrats, who hope to wrest back the slim majority Republicans hold — in both chambers.

As of Sept. 30, Virginia had 5,612,769 registered voters. In the 2015 election, nearly 5.2 million residents registered to vote and a little over 1.5 million, or 29%, actually voted.

Erin Burke Brown, the voter registration and turn-out chair for VCU Votes, which promotes voter engagement at Virginia Commonwealth University, said it remains to be seen whether young voters will show up to the polls.

"It depends on whether young people are fired up to want things to change and have their voices heard," Brown said.

The last day to register to vote is Oct. 15. Applications for absentee ballots can be found online or by visiting the local registrar’s office. The deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail is Oct. 29. The deadline to vote in-person absentee is Nov. 2.
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