

Great Falls CONNECTION



Captain Patrick Sheehan at Station 39 North Point looks over his new recruits, the Damavandy children from Great Falls, Max, 7, and his sisters Layli, 5, and Arya, 3, during Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's Open House 2019 at Station 39 North Point that serves Herndon, Reston and Great Falls.

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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 containers 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.

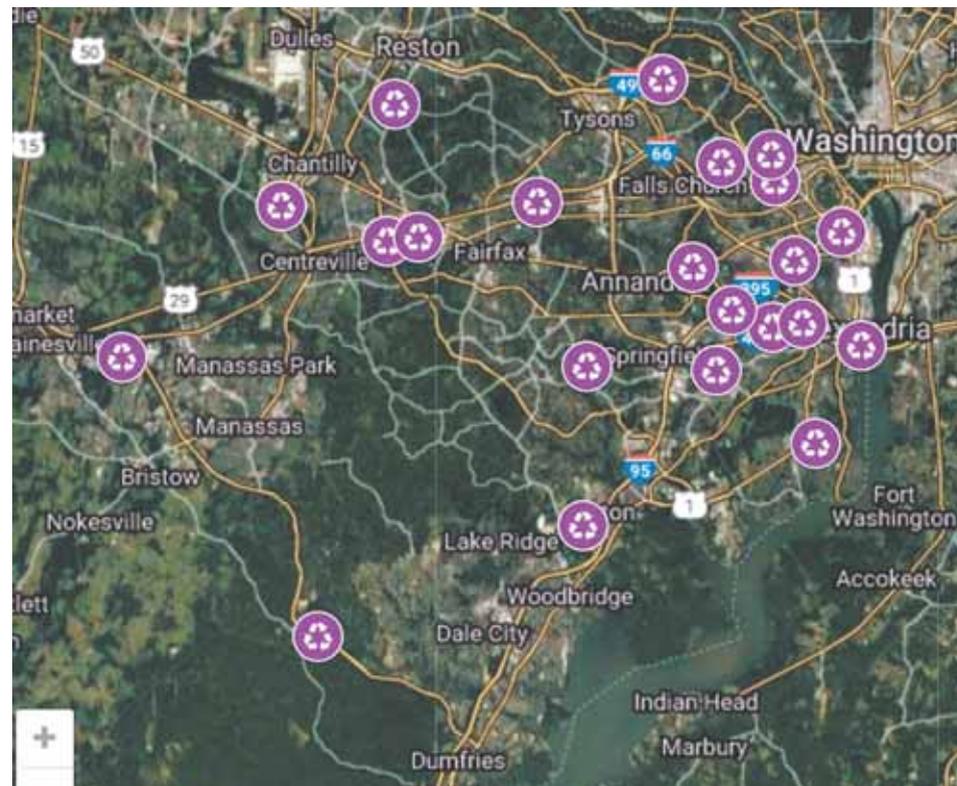
Glass collected from the purple containers will be delivered to the only glass processing plant in the area, the I-95 landfill complex in Lorton.

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. 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



Map shows Northern Virginia's Glass Recovery Program's locations of Purple Glass Only Drop-Off Bins.

Glass Recycling Drop-Off Locations

Northern Virginia's Glass Recovery Program-Locations of Purple Glass Only Drop-Off Bins in Northern Virginia Partners:

FAIRFAX COUNTY

I-66 Transfer Station
Fairfax County Recycling and Disposal Center
Mount Vernon District Governmental Center
Springfield District Governmental Center
Mason District Governmental Center
Sully District Governmental Center
Providence Community Center
Franconia Governmental Center
Fairfax County Government Center – Lot B
Reston South Park and Ride
Dolley Madison Library

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

South Royal Street & Jones Point Drive
4251 Eisenhower Ave
3224 Colvin St
Tower Court & South Whiting Street

ARLINGTON COUNTY

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Quincy Park
Aurora Hills Recreation Center
Cherrydale Branch Library
Lee Community Center

glass in its single-stream recycling. When glass comingled 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?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.

Celebrity Actress Jane Seymour Visits Art Gallery in Tysons Galleria

BY DENISE LEW
THE CONNECTION

Actress Jane Seymour made a special appearance on Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Wentworth Gallery in Tysons Galleria, showing off her artwork. The Emmy Award and Golden-Globe winning actress is well-known for starring in the TV series “Dr. Quinn, Medi-

cine Woman” and the James Bond film “Live and Let Die,” among other award-winning productions.

An accomplished artist, Seymour has been creating watercolors, oil paintings and limited editions for more than twenty years. “I’ve always loved to draw and paint, ever since I was a little kid,” said Seymour.

This is not the first time Seymour has visited Tysons Cor-

ner. “I’ve actually shown at this gallery a number of times...but not for quite a few years, at least four or five years. I love coming out here. This is a great part of the world. It’s the center of our government, so that’s pretty awesome, and it has so much history,” said Seymour.

Area residents and patrons enjoyed chatting with Seymour about her artwork at the exhibi-

tion. “We appreciated and loved the beauty of her paintings as well as the numerous, diverse styles of artwork that she represented. We commissioned a painting from her a year ago which she completed and is very special to us, and we just purchased another one tonight,” said Amber DiFrancesco of Fairfax City.

Seymour is also a generous philanthropist. She started the Open Hearts Foundation about a decade

ago, fundraising for several charitable organizations each year, echoing her mother’s advice to give back to others. “My mother always told me that when things were really, really rough, to accept them and open your heart and reach out to help someone else, because if you have a purpose in life, you can move forward, keep moving and keep going.”

Seymour’s artwork is available at all Wentworth Gallery locations.

PHOTOS BY DENISE LEW/THE CONNECTION



Jane Seymour among some of her paintings.



Sisters Ansley Moore, 12, and Claire Moore, 10, of McLean are young artists inspired by Seymour’s work.



Jane Seymour among some of her paintings.



Carol and Kenneth Walters of Springfield alongside their purchased painting.

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 (OIPI) 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.

Meeting Dates and Locations

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

<p>Tuesday, October 15, 2019* Richmond District Richmond Marriott Short Pump 4240 Dominion Boulevard Glen Allen, VA 23060 *This meeting will also provide opportunity for comment on the I-95 Corridor Study Plan</p>	<p>Tuesday, October 22, 2019** Northern Virginia District Northern Virginia District Office Potomac Conference Room 4975 Alliance Drive Fairfax, VA 22030 **meeting begins at 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Monday, October 28, 2019*** Staunton District Doubletree Hotel Harrisonburg 1400 E. Market Street Harrisonburg, VA 22801 ***meeting begins at 3 p.m.</p>
<p>Wednesday, October 30, 2019 Salem District Holiday Inn Valley View 3315 Ordway Drive Roanoke, VA 24017</p>	<p>Monday, November 4, 2019 Lynchburg District Lynchburg District Complex Ramey Memorial Auditorium 4303 Campbell Avenue Lynchburg, VA 24501</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 6, 2019 Hampton Roads District Hampton Roads District Office 7511 Burbage Drive Suffolk, VA 23435</p>
<p>Thursday, November 7, 2019 Bristol District Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center One Partnership Circle Abingdon, VA 24210</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 12, 2019** Fredericksburg District James Monroe High School 2300 Washington Avenue Fredericksburg, VA 22401 **meeting begins at 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 13, 2019 Culpeper District VDOT Culpeper District Office 1601 Orange Road Culpeper, VA 22701</p>

Fall meeting materials will be available at <http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/planning/fallmeetings/> beginning October 15, 2019.

You may submit comments on any transportation projects and initiatives to OIPI Deputy Director Ronique Day, 1221 E. Broad St., Richmond, VA 23219 or PublicComments@OIPI.Virginia.gov. **Comments will be accepted until November 30, 2019.**

The Commonwealth is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, its services on the basis of race, color, or national origin, as protected by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need further information on these policies or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, please contact the Virginia Department of Transportation’s Title VI Compliance Officer at 804-786-2730 or the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation’s Title VI Compliance Officer at 804-786-4440 (TTY users call 711).

Fire & Rescue Stations Host 2019 Open House

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Plan and practice your fire escape.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

“In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Escape planning and practice can help you make the most of the time you have, giving everyone enough time to get out,” according to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

On Saturday, Oct. 12, in support of NFPA’s 2019 campaign, “Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!” Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department hosted an Open House from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at each of its 38 stations.

For firefighters at Station 39 North Point that serves Reston, Herndon, Great Falls and beyond and Station 4 Town of Herndon, as well as other stations, the daylong event provided an opportunity to educate children and adults about the importance of fire safety, planning and drills.

“This is the best part, interacting with the public, teaching the children,” said Captain Patrick Sheehan of North Point, Station 39. Various hands-on activities, as well as demonstrations, supported fire safety knowledge and NFPA’s 2019 campaign. Children aimed a real firefighter’s hose at painted wooden flames and soaked them with blasts of water. Fairfax County firefighters set kindling ablaze to demonstrate the effectiveness of fire suppression sprinklers and set fire to a small-scale, multi-compartment dollhouse-like structure to recreate fire behavior, flashback and effective door control.

THE DAMAVANDY FAMILY of Great Falls, mom Tania and children Max, 7, Layli, 5, and Arya, 3, tried out the fire hose. It took a concentrated effort by all three children to knock down the simulated fire. “It’s an annual tradition to come here. ... [The event provides] good reminders for fire safety,” said Tania Damavandy.

Sheehan explained to a group of children and adults that those caught in a home fire may have at the most two minutes to escape after the smoke detectors sound. He cautioned smoke could make things dark and confusing and urged attendees to “stay low, get out and stay out.” Sheehan added everyone should know two exit paths to the outside from every room in the house and have an outside meeting place.

To simulate the real-life experience of trying to get out of a smoke-filled home but in a controlled monitored environment, nearby a large shed emitted smoke from its rafters. “Want to come in and see what it’s like?” beckoned Sheehan. Created by Bill Coburn, Technician at Station 39, the smoke house allowed participants to experience first hand the effects of low-visibility and the reality of the need to train and train frequently. Inside claustrophobic, white smoke obliterated



Smoke fills the air during a demonstration at the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department Open House 2019 held at Station 39 North Point. Firefighter Ganz sets ablaze a small-scale, wooden dollhouse-like structure to create a visual presentation of fire behavior, flashback and effective door control.

ated the walls and made actual exit hallways appear like walls. The exercise impressed Lou Peon of Reston, who brought his two young children Parker and Mason. “This is our second time here. The smoke house was really interesting. You think you have more time than you do,” he said.

At Station 4 in the Town of Herndon Zain Baig, 5, of Herndon contemplated what Captain Robert W. Kitchen had just told him and his mother about fire spreading and the need for the household to make an exit plan and practice it. “I plan to go down the steps, to the door, exit outside, and meet at the car,” said Zain.

Bryce Perry of the Town of Herndon reconsidered his ability to get himself and his family out of the home safely during a fire. Perry acknowledged the need to be more proactive. “This event is getting me thinking about how much we should be preparing. I think we will have a drill,” he said as he looked down at his two young sons, Ronan and Samuel.

According to Kitchen, there are approximately one-to-two house fires a day in Fairfax County.

FAIRFAX COUNTY RESIDENTS can get free battery-powered smoke alarms by contacting the local Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department station or by submitting the completed form found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fire-ems/free-smoke-alarms. After the request is received, contact will be made to schedule a visit to the house or apartment, check current alarms, and install new ones. For more information, call 703-246-3801 or email fire.smokealarms@fairfaxcounty.gov.



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Dates, Deadlines and Candidates

❖ 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.

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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



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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.

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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

❖ Member School Board, vote for one in your district

❖ Soil and Water Conservation Director Northern Virginia District

❖ School Bonds 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 residents 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

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Joseph F. Galdo (R)

Commonwealth's Attorney

Steve T. Descano (D)
Jonathan L. Fahey (I)

Sheriff

Stacey Ann Kincaid (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)

Dranesville District

John W. Foust (D) incumbent
Ed. R. Martin (R)

Hunter Mill District

Walter L. Acorn (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

Dalia A. Palchik (D), unopposed

Springfield District

Linda D. Sperling (D)
Patrick S. "Pat" Herrity (R) incumbent

Sully District

Kathy L. Smith (D) incumbent
Srilekha R. Palle (R)

School Board

School Board At-Large (vote for three)

Abrar E. Omeish (endorsed by Democrats)
Cheryl A. Buford (endorsed by Republicans)
Priscilla M. DeStefano (endorsed by Republicans)
Rachna Sizemore Heizer (endorsed by Democrats)
Vinson Palathingal (endorsed by Republicans)
Ilryong 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)

Dranesville District, School Board

Anastasia S. Karloutsos (endorsed by Republicans)
Ardavan Mobasheri
Elaine V. Tholen (endorsed by Democrats)

Hunter Mill District, School Board

Laura Ramirez Drain (endorsed by Republicans)
Melanie K. Meren (endorsed by Democrats)

Lee District, School Board

Tamara J. Derenak Kaufax, incumbent, (endorsed by Democrats)

Mason District, School Board

Ricardy J. Anderson (endorsed by Democrats)
Tom L. Pafford

Mount Vernon District, School Board

Pamela C. Ononiwu
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 Byun
Karl V. Frisch (endorsed by Democrats)

Springfield District, School Board

Laura Jane H. Cohen (endorsed by Democrats)
R. Kyle McDaniel
Elizabeth L. Schultz, incumbent (endorsed by Republicans)

Sully District, School Board

Stella G. Pekarsky (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

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NEWS

Teacher Charged with Carnal Knowledge

Matthew Snell, 31, of Maryland, was arrested Friday, Oct. 11, in El Paso, Texas, after he attempted to leave the country. Snell, a Thoreau Middle School teacher, faces charges of carnal knowledge of a child and taking indecent liberties with a child by person in custodial relationship. Thursday, parents found inappropriate text messages from the man to a teen and self-reported to the school. Detectives from the Major Crimes Bureau Child Abuse Squad acted swiftly to corroborate the information. Snell became aware of the ongoing investigation and left FCPD jurisdiction as arrest warrants were authorized and obtained. Through coordination with other law enforcement partners, he was tracked to the El Paso International Airport where he was safely taken into custody by the United States Marshals Service. Snell will be extradited to Fairfax County to face charges.

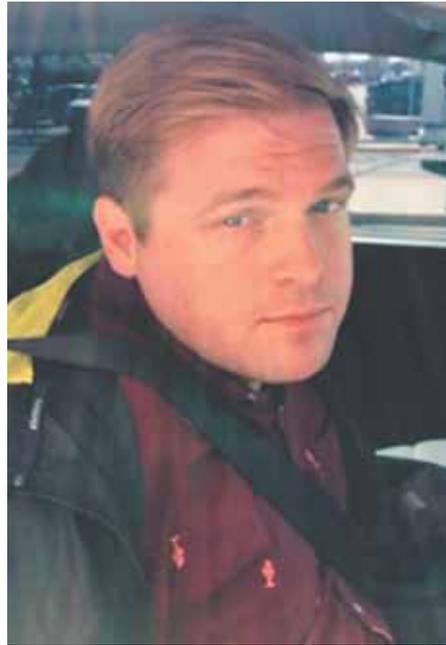


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Matthew Snell

FCPD would like to thank the Vienna Police Department, United States Marshals Service, the National Targeting Center, Homeland Security Investigations and Customs and Border Protection for their assistance in investigating and apprehending this individual.

Victim specialists from Major Crimes Bureau's Victim Services Division have been assigned to ensure that the victim is receiving appropriate resources and assistance.

Detectives are seeking anyone who has information or may have had inappropriate

contact with Snell to call Major Crimes Bureau detectives at 703-246-7800. Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by phone – 1-866-411-TIPS (866-411-8477), by text – Type "FCCS" plus tip to 847411, and by web – Click [HERE](#). Download our Mobile tip411 App "Fairfax Co Crime Solvers". Anonymous tipsters are eligible for cash rewards of \$100 to \$1,000 dollars if their information leads to an arrest.

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Price: \$1,990,000 | 5,300 SF
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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

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.”

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THROUGH OCT. 23

How to Build a Better Budget. At the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The McLean Community Center (MCC) Governing Board invites residents of Small District 1A-Dranesville to engage with planning Center's fiscal year 2021 budget. All meetings of the Governing Board are open to the public. The preliminary consolidated budget will be posted on the Center's website and available at the Center's reception desk. Visit www.mcleancenter.org/news-items/404-board-holds-meetings-on-fy2021-budget-proposal for more.

- ❖ Residents may submit written comments through Monday, Oct. 21 - by mail to McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean VA 22101; fax 703-653-9435; or email to george.sachs@fairfaxcounty.gov.
- ❖ The Board will approve the FY2021 budget when it meets at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 23. The final budget will be approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in spring 2020.

THURSDAYS/OCT. 17, 24, 31,

Adventures in Learning. At Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, Program Building 2709 Hunter Mill Rd, Oakton. Hosted by the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna. Call 703-281-0538 to register or view online at www.scov.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 17

Candidate Forum. 7 p.m. at McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside

Ave., McLean. These candidate forums are nonpartisan. The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area does not support or oppose any party or candidate and invite all certified candidates in their respective districts. After a moderated discussion, meet the candidates. Volunteers, including students, are welcome. Visit www.lwv-fairfax.org/candidateforum.

Candidate Forum. 7 p.m. At Woodrow Wilson Library, 6101 Knollwood Drive, Falls Church. These candidate forums are nonpartisan. The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area does not support or oppose any party or candidate and invite all certified candidates in their respective districts. After a moderated discussion, meet the candidates. Volunteers, including students, are welcome. Visit www.lwv-fairfax.org/candidateforum for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 19

Watershed Clean-Up Days. 9-11 a.m. Meet at Canterbury Woods Swim & Tennis Club, 5101 Southampton Drive, Annandale. Grab a bag and go on a trash scavenger hunt as the Park Authority hosts "Watershed Clean-Up Days" again this fall. Lend a hand by helping to remove tires, bottles, cans and other debris from local waterways. Helping to clear the earth's vital arteries is a great community volunteer project for service groups and students. All ages are welcome. For a complete listing and to sign up as an individual volunteer, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/volunteer.



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All ages are invited to come to the Langley High Orchestra concert - especially elementary and middle school students.

Fur, Fins, and Feathers Concert At Langley High

BY ELENA STODDARD
LANGLEY HIGH SENIOR

PHOTOS BY ELENA STODDARD

The Langley High School Orchestra will present their “Fur, Fins, and Feathers” concert on Tuesday, Oct. 22, at 7 p.m. in the Langley High School auditorium.

The orchestra will throw you back to the eighties by performing “Eye of the Tiger” arranged by a former Langley Orchestra student. As “The Lark Ascending” is played, a slide show featuring birds will be shown. Camille Saint-Saëns’ famed “Carnival of the Animals” will put you right in the middle of a zoo as it presents sounds from a myriad of animals such as lions, elephants, hens, and sea creatures. Beautiful and vibrant multimedia artwork of wildlife will be displayed, created by a talented Langley High School student. “Of Glorious Plumage” illustrates birds at both rest and flight and will be played following the “Carnival of the Animals.”

The orchestra will additionally play “Spirit, Stallion of the Cimarron” - a piece from the 2002 Dreamworks Animation film and composed by the acclaimed Hans Zimmer. Hans Zimmer will also be featured as the students will play music from “The Lion King.” This Walt Disney Pictures film received two Academy Awards for its impressive music and the Golden Globe Award for Best Motion Picture and recently was remade into a live action film in the summer of 2019 which makes it a fitting piece for this performance. Langley Orchestra will add to this celebration of animals by playing “The Falconer” by Doug Spata and “The Speckled Hen Overture” by the award-winning composer, Wil-



Langley High violinists rehearse for their ‘Fur, Fins, and Feathers’ Concert on Tuesday, Oct. 22.

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A hospitality table with reception refreshments will be right outside of the auditorium, thanks to the Langley Orchestra parents. This concert is free to the public and is intended for all ages - especially elementary and middle school students. Appropriate costumes are encouraged for all performers and audience members. Animal lover or not, come support your local high school and enjoy the performance.



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A fawn crosses the road earlier this summer.

More than Half Deer-Vehicle Crashes Occur October to December

Fall is breeding season for deer and you can expect to see more of them on our roads. Please be aware that deer are unpredictable and crashes with them are a safety concern.

From 2015 through 2018, there have been 244 deer involved car accidents in Fairfax County. Over half of those crashes occurred during the months of October, November and December. Deer are most active before sunrise to mid-morning, as well as dusk to early evening. This is also the time when many of us are headed to and from work or school.

WATCH: Deer Safety in Fairfax County https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=86&v=2sPa65OFd1Q

We urge motorists to pay attention, drive carefully and remember these safety tips:

- ❖ Always wear your seat belt
- ❖ Drive the speed limit.
- ❖ Do not text and drive. Avoid distractions!
- ❖ Watch for eyes shine along roadsides. If you see one deer, it is likely that there are others nearby.
- ❖ Use high beams as traffic allows to spot deer further away. Be careful not to disrupt oncoming cars.

❖ If a deer is stopped in the roadway, slow down and flash your headlights. Deer can become mesmerized or blinded by bright steady lights.

❖ Slow down or stop if necessary to avoid hitting a deer but you should never swerve out of the lane to miss one. A crash with another car or anything along the roadside is likely to be more serious.

❖ Take your foot off the brake at the time of a crash. This reduces the chance of a deer crashing through a windshield or windows when hit.

❖ If you get into a crash with a deer, try to move your car off the road and out of traffic.

❖ If your car is immobilized in the roadway, turn on your flashers and immediately call police. Try to wait at a safe spot off the road.

❖ Rely on your own senses. Never depend on hood whistles, car horns or other devices to scare deer out of your path.

❖ Pay attention to deer crossing signs and be careful in areas where deer are known to travel.

If a deer is injured or killed, immediately report the crash to us on our non-emergency line at 703-691-2131.



Fall is breeding season for deer, and a buck like this could be unpredictable in crossing the road.

ENTERTAINMENT

Shakespeare at Alden

American Shakespeare Center on Tour returns to McLean.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

For more than thirty years, American Shakespeare Center on Tour has been a staple for discerning audiences of all ages. American Shakespeare Center has earned its reputation as one of America's most respected professional touring theater groups.

At McLean Community Center patron request, American Shakespeare Center on Tour will once again display its signature style to Alden Theatre audiences. The American Shakespeare Center will offer three different plays performed in repertory by the same troupe of actors.

American Shakespeare Center's style of performance harkens back to how Shakespearean theater was once performed. The audience is a part of the performance. The actors not only perform the dialogue, but will provide live music



Andrew Tung plays Connie Rivers in 'The Grapes of Wrath' on the American Shakespeare Center National Tour, directed by Jose Zayas.

before the play begins and during intermission. The performers even interact with the audience from the stage with helpful asides.

The plays to be performed include "Imogen" (aka



Madeline Calais, who plays Imogen in 'Imogen' (aka 'Cymbeline') on the American Shakespeare Center National Tour, directed by Vanessa Morosco.

"Cymbeline"), a play about a powerful Princess Imogen catapulted onto an epic journey when her father, King Cymbeline, banishes her soulmate. "The Grapes of Wrath," Steinbeck's iconic tale about the Oklahoma drought during the Great Depression forces the Joad family to flee their home for the promise of a new life in Califor-

Where and When

McLean Community Center presents a weekend with the American Shakespeare Center on Tour at the Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Road, McLean. Performances: Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019 and Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019. Individual show tickets are \$40 for the general public, \$35 for seniors and \$30 for MCC tax district residents. Note: There is a separate interactive event titled "Brush Up on Your Shakespeare" on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. The event includes Shakespeare specialists Hannah Hessel Rattner, Cass Morris and Tory Talbot Virchow. Tickets are \$5 MCC tax district residents and \$7 for non MCC tax district residents. There is also a package for all three ASC performances and the "Brush Up Your Shakespeare" event for \$80 MCC tax district residents, and \$110 for non-MCC tax district residents.

❖ Shakespeare's "Imogen" (Cymbeline)

Saturday, Oct. 26, 2 p.m. Doors open and live music starts at 1:30 p.m. Recommended for age 13+

❖ Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

Saturday, Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m. Doors open and live music starts at 7 p.m. Recommended for All Ages.

❖ Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath"

Sunday, Oct. 27, 2 p.m. Doors open and live music starts at 1:30 p.m. Recommended for age 13+

nia. "A Midsummer Night's Dream," in which Shakespeare casts a theatrical spell powerful enough to make audiences of all ages believe in anything.

"We chose three plays that showcase the range of our repertory – there's a gut-busting comedy, a fantastical epic, and an American tragedy – and make the most of our actors' dynamic, transformational abilities," said Ethan McSweeney, ASC, artistic director.

"On the surface, 'Imogen' (aka 'Cymbeline'), 'The Grapes of Wrath,' and 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' don't have much in common. But when performed in repertory, a common theme of voyages, survival, and discovery emerges – our characters are chasing love, fleeing persecution, discovering their pur-

pose," added McSweeney. "But the similarities and relationships between the plays only start here ... we invite audiences to draw their own connections between each of the plays."

Describing the American Shakespeare Center style using universal lighting, minimal sets, character doubling, cross-gender casting, and live music, McSweeney noted, "We believe in creating exciting, imaginative, and inclusive theatre with an emphasis on clarity, language, Shakespeare's staging conditions, and continued experimentation. ASC's touring shows are intimate in scale, yet epic in scope, utilizing special performance conditions to blend Shakespeare's stagecraft with a modern sensibility."

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Countless Shades of Black. Through Oct. 12, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at The Frame Factory Gallery, 212 Dominion Road N.E., Vienna. Countless Shades of Black features local artist Alfredo Milian and Discovery Graphics. Free. Visit www.theframefactory1.com for a slideshow.

The Glow: A Pumpkin Wonderland. Through Oct. 27, Thursday-Sunday nights in Lake Fairfax Park, 140 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Enjoy an immersive Halloween stroll along a trail illuminated by thousands of intricately carved pumpkins, many highlighting the Capital City's most famous including pumpkin look-a-likes of iconic landmarks, musicians, movie stars, superheroes and princesses. Advanced tickets are required. \$16.99 for children; \$22.99 for adults, at www.glowpumpkin.com/washington-dc.

"Trying" by Joanna McClelland Glass. Through Nov. 3, at First Stage in Tysons, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m., and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$42 general admission, \$39 seniors (65+), \$15 students and military. Purchase online at www.1ststage.org or 703-854-1856.

Pop-Up Scream Selfie Museum. Through Nov. 3, on select dates and times at Tysons Corner Center, Lower Level near Lord & Taylor. The American Scream Selfie Museum will feature interactive exhibits that will make visitors laugh and scream and the star of eye-popping selfies. The museum will feature an array of custom-built Halloween themed sets individuals can interact with: sit on the Iron Throne and rule the Seven Kingdoms, stand in an ancient Egyptian tomb and face the Mummy; visit a gruesome morgue; and more. \$15-\$18. Visit www.american-scream.com for timed tickets and schedule.

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, hummus, and pesto. Call 703-281-6501 or visit 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.

Great Falls Farmers Market. Year-round, 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 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.

Mah Jongg Cards. Order cards through Jan. 15, 2020, from Temple Rodef Shalom, 2100 Westmoreland St. 2020 Mah Jongg cards are \$8 for small cards and \$9 for large cards. Official cards and will be sent directly from the National Mah Jongg League in late March/early April 2020. Go to bit.ly/mahjonggcards2020 or email iva.gresko@gmail.com to order.

THURSDAY/OCT. 17

Pumpkin Festival. 5-8 p.m. At the Shops of Avenir Place, 2677 Avenir Place, Vienna. Live music, a beer garden, games and pumpkin decorating. This festival is the perfect way to celebrate the fun and festive season that is fall.



Bill Paxton and his family

COURTESY PHOTO

Great Falls Rotary to Host Rotafest

The Rotary of Great Falls will hold its fourth annual Rotafest on Saturday, Oct. 26. This Bavarian-inspired Oktoberfest celebration recreates a Munich beer hall, complete with special beers and wines, a smorgasbord of favorite German dishes, and even a 25-piece oompah band knocking out the polkas. Several hundred attend the event each year, which is held at River Bend Golf & Country Club in Great Falls. Dirndls and Lederhosen encouraged. For more information, visit www.rotafest.org.

Free to attend. Visit www.avenirfest.com.
Celebrate "Hitchcocktober." 7 p.m. at Angelika Film Center - Mosaic, 2911 District Ave., Fairfax. The Birds (1963). Every Thursday night in October, a classic film by Alfred Hitchcock will be featured culminating with a showing of Psycho on Halloween. \$14.50. Visit www.AngleikaFilmCenter.com for more.
Meet Bill Lewers. 7:30-9 p.m. At Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Meet the author of the Gatekeepers of Democracy series, fiction books that celebrate those who volunteer on Election Day to serve as election officers. Learn about "a day at the polls" as seen through the eyes of the election officers, who are truly the unsung heroes of the American election system. Books available for sale and signing. Visit <https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/5247267>.

FRIDAY/OCT. 18

Haunted Friday Night Trip. 4:30-11 p.m. Meet at McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Cost is \$60/\$50 MCC district residents. The Old Firehouse staff invites the brave-hearted to join them on a haunted journey searching for ghosts, zombies and whatever creepy creatures might appear in the night. Admission to all attractions are included in the fee.
Refugee Chef Event. 5 to 10 p.m. At Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, McLean. Diners can savor Chef Nejat's dishes via a special tasting menu or a la carte. Highlights include Kabuli - braised rice with lamb, topped with raisins and slivered carrots; Kadoo - baked pumpkin with yogurt sauce, garlic and mint; Chicken Kabob, featuring an Afghan spice blend and cilantro chutney. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Table Without Borders' non-profit partner HIAS, a leader in refugee resettlement and advocacy, and to help sustain Tables Without Borders after the event. Visit www.opentable.com/r/harth-mclean.

OCT. 18 TO NOV 3

"Guvnors" Play. At The Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE, Vienna. The Vienna Theatre Company's production of "One Man, Two Guvnors" premieres at 8 p.m. Friday, October 18. Other performances will be staged at 8 p.m. October 19, 25, 26, and November 1 and 2. Matinee performances will be staged at 2 p.m. October 27 and November 3. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased online at viennava.gov/webtrac or in person at the

Vienna Community Center.

SATURDAY/OCT. 19

Halloween at Town Green. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. At Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Children ages 2-10 are invited to get their spook on with the Town of Vienna at Halloween on the Green. At this free event, kids can enjoy arts and crafts, games, tricky treats, a moon bounce, tales dramatically told by Historic Vienna, Inc. volunteers, and a limited quantity of pumpkins to paint.
Valeclub Fall Fair. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. At Vale Schoolhouse, Corner Fox Mill and Vale Roads, Oakton. Bar-B-Q, bake sale; children's games, activities and pony rides, costume parade, haunted forest; Fairfax County Police car-touch and explore and more. Free. Visit the website: www.Valeschoolhouse.org.
The Pop-Ups Perform. 1 p.m. At McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Cost is \$15/\$10 MCC district residents. From three-time Grammy nominees, The Pop Ups, "The Great Pretenders Club" takes family audiences of all ages on a scavenger hunt for the best imaginative play games your mind can dream up! This highly interactive show unfolds, propelled by award-winning music and dance beats that will catapult both young and old out of their seats. Tickets are on sale. Visit www.aldentheatre.org.
Fearless Girls. 2-3 p.m. At Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. "Fearless Girls": An Afternoon of Storytelling. Folk stories of brave women and fearless girls can be found around the world. Kristin Moyer will tell two stories about Molly Whuppie, from the collection The Adventures of Molly Whuppie and Other Appalachian Folktales, with a musical interlude. Visit <https://vienna-va.aauw.net/>.
Christian Concert. 7-8 p.m. At Great Falls United Methodist Church, 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. "One Waypoint" Christian Band Concert at Great Falls United Methodist Church. The program will include a variety of traditional and contemporary Christian music. Cost is \$10 advance/\$15 door. Pay Online at <http://www.greatfallsumc.org/giving.html> (Click on VANCO, Concert is last item on the list).
Bingo. 7-10 p.m. At Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. The community is invited to join Unity of Fairfax for an evening of fun and connection as they play different Bingo games. Snacks and drinks are available for sale. Participants can make donations at the door to play. Suggested donation is \$20 for adults, \$10

for youth under 18. Additional cards will be available for an extra donation. The pot will be split between the church and winners of the various games. Visit <https://unitybingooctober.eventbrite.com>.

SUNDAY/OCT. 20

Breakfast Buffet. 8 a.m. to noon. At Vienna American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., N. Vienna. Adults \$10, children 12 and under \$4. Get omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy and more. Call 703-938-6580.
McLean Pet Fest. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. Free admission. The McLean Community Center has created the "purrfect" event for local pet owners and their beloved animals. Learn valuable information and get tips on a variety of pet products and services that can enhance the lives of your pet and improve your experience as a pet owner. A variety of pet care related exhibitors will be participating.
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MONDAY/OCT. 21

McLean Lunch Group. 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. At 6238 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. Enjoy lunch together with other AARP and McLeanCVA (Community Village Association) members and their guests. Enjoy a 15% discount on the entire check. There will be a seminar, and no products will be promoted or sold — just casual fun and socializing with other members like you in McLean. Learn how AARP and McLeanCVA are making a difference in Northern Virginia. Sign up online at: <https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/5256604>

TUESDAY/OCT. 22

Colbert King Speaks. 7:30 p.m. At Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center Street, South, Vienna. Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for the Washington Post Colbert King will speak at Historic Vienna, Inc.'s meeting. He will discuss his coming of age as an African-American during the turbulence of the segregated 1950s. His talk is in conjunction with Historic Vienna's current exhibit Vienna in

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the 1950s. Visit www.historicviennainc.org.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 23

73rd Annual Halloween Parade. 7 p.m. The Town of Vienna's 73rd annual Halloween Parade marches down Maple Avenue. The 2019 Halloween Parade theme is "Famous Children's Books and Fairy Tales Brought to Life." Kids are invited to walk in the parade in their Halloween costumes. No registration is required; meet at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot at United Bank, 374 Maple Avenue E. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Visit viennava.gov/halloween for more.

THURSDAY/OCT. 24

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Location: River Bend Country Club, 375 Walker Road, Great Falls, Va. 22066

For more information, please contact: Raymond.Posluszny@Scouting.org. Phone: 202-669-3548

For online registrations: <http://bit.ly/2lYfhGt>

Celebrate "Hitchcocktober." 7 p.m. at Angelika Film Center – Mosaic, 2911 District Ave., Fairfax. The Lady Vanishes (1938). Every Thursday night in October, a classic film by Alfred Hitchcock will be featured culminating with a showing of Psycho on Halloween. \$14.50. Visit www.AngleikaFilmCenter.com for more.

FRIDAY/OCT. 25

SAWA Fashion Show & Luncheon. 10 a.m. At The Ritz Carlton Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Blvd. McLean. Cost is \$150. In partnership with Bloomingdale's, The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Washington, D.C., will host its 70th Anniversary Platinum Celebration Fashion Show Luncheon and Auction. Event ticket sales, "Gift-for-Gift" luxury items and live and silent auction proceeds will provide direct support to local programs. Visit SalvationArmyNCA.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 26

Help Plant Trees. 9:30-12 p.m. At McLean Hamlet Park, 8209 Dunsinane Court, McLean. Help to remove invasive plants and plant native trees. No experience necessary. Trees filter clean air, provide fresh drinking water. Tools and

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Fairfax Genealogy Society Fall Fair. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. At Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire Station, 2148 Gallows Road, Vienna. Visit vendors, network with fellow family researchers, enjoy speaker Sharon MacInnes with tips about organizing family research and timelines and coordinating with other researchers. Fee after Oct 15: FxGS members \$45; non members \$55. Registration at door or on line at <http://2019fxgfallfair.eventbrite.com>. Further details at www.fxgs.org

Arlington Free Clinic Gala. 6 p.m. At Ritz Carlton Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Cost is \$325. Arlington Free Clinic will hold its Annual Benefit Gala, An Autumn Affair. Visit www.gala.arlingtonfreeclinic.org.



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**Uptick in Student Absentee Ballots
Might Indicate Higher Turnout**

BY IMANI THANIEL
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

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 turnout 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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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

This is a punchline to a joke I heard 50-plus years ago during my adolescence. I never knew what the actual joke was, but somehow it was thought to be funny. And so too was it funny the other day when preparing to take a shower at home, I noticed that the bar of soap waiting for me in the shower was razor thin and insufficient for the task at hand. I then opened the bathroom vanity where I knew I had back up and saw there was only one bar remaining. It was the last hold-out of an eight pack I had bought many months ago. As Maurice Chevalier sang in the movie "Gigi:" "Ah. I remember it well."

And remember it well as I remember other similar bulk-type purchases. Sometimes, being diagnosed with a "terminal" form of cancer interferes in the most unusual way. When I buy things or make arrangements

when the use/benefit is in the future, I'll often wonder if I'll still be alive to actually derive the benefit from this day's commitment. As involves the soap; that day in the supermarket aisle, I was really looking for a two- or a three-pack, not an eight-pack, hesitating to over-buy when I may under-use. I suppose if I had plenty of money and fewer financial concerns than I do now, I wouldn't have given this soap purchase any thought at all. But I'm me, not somebody else.

And sometimes, I don't want to be me. I'd rather be somebody else. Somebody else who throws a bit more caution to the wind. Somebody who damns the torpedoes and goes full speed ahead. Somebody who's a bit fast and furious and less slowky, if I can invoke metaphorical Comcast turtles into the conversation. Nevertheless, at the end of the day (at the beginning, too), I may not be Sammy Davis Jr., but "I Gotta Be Me."

And 'me' is someone who doesn't throw caution anywhere, has never sworn at a torpedo and loves turtles, especially when they beat hares. My approach to this excruciating cancer ordeal is to keep my glass half full, compartmentalize, be positive about the negative and not "Live Like You Were Dying," as sung by Tim McGraw, but to live like I was living. Which to me has meant to live normally as if I didn't have stage IV lung cancer, with no bucket list or urgency about anything; and to assimilate having cancer into my life as just another variable, like the weather or the Red Sox bullpen.

Unfortunately, and it might just be me (Oh, really), but this kind of soapy mundane minutiae does occupy (I'm not saying pre-occupy though) my world. But it doesn't necessarily occupy it because I have cancer. It occupies it because I'm more like my mother than I am my father and cancer or not, it's what I do. And being exactly who I am in spite of my diagnosis is how I've rolled through these last 10-plus years. It's been a living for which I remain extraordinarily grateful and to be honest about it: amazingly lucky.

Moreover, I make the same jokes, with or without punchlines, do the same impressions, invoke the same popular culture references and make decisions as I always have. In addition, I allocate resources, juggle funds and plan for the future while being mindful of the present likewise as I always have. My diagnosis certainly defines me, but I try not to let it control me. Still, its reality seeps into every decision I make, from soap to nuts. It's the elephant in the room and the pebble in my shoe (actually that's the neuropathy in my feet).

Still I have to take things in stride - or else. When I saw that last remaining bar of soap, it conjured memories of the tightrope I have to walk (Leon Russell not withstanding). And it gave me pause: Wow, I made it through that entire pack. Now what? Soap. No radio. And so it goes.

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