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America’s veterans saluted on Armistice Day.

By Bonnie Hobbs
The Connection

America is often called “The home of the free because of the brave,” and that point was emphasized last Monday, Nov. 11, when U.S. veterans were honored in a ceremony outside Fairfax City Hall. Hosting the annual Veterans Day event were American Legion Post 177 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8469.

Federal, state and local dignitaries, residents and veterans alike gathered to both remember and pay homage to America’s heroes. Speaking first was U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11).

“On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, the shooting stopped in what was called ‘The War to End All Wars,’ and an armistice went into effect, ending much of the brutality of WWI,” he said. “But that peace was inconclusive and, less than 30 years later, Hitlerism and fascism took hold and we had WWII.”

Connolly said America initially stood by and watched, not getting involved until after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. But once it joined the fray, he said it became clear that “America stands for liberty and justice for all, and both individual and collective freedom. The U.S. became the country others looked toward to preserve peace.”

TODAY, 23 million Americans are veterans. Nearly 1.3 million troops are serving in various places around the globe, and more than 800,000 are in the Reserves. So, said Connolly, “We use this day to honor the men and women who put on that uniform to fight for those values with their blood, sweat and sacrifice. We’re not a red nation or a blue nation, but one nation. And we rededicate ourselves to supporting [our military personnel] and their families.”

State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) mentioned his great-grandfather who fought in WWII and noted that WWII, in many ways, solved problems not solved by the previous war. He also talked about how impressed he was by a 99-year-old man he’d met who’d served at Guadalcanal, “where the U.S. Marines literally turned the tide in southwestern New Guinea.”

“I believe two things,” said Petersen. “I believe that, for most of its history, the U.S. has been a positive force for good in the world. And I believe that those who fought and died under its flag did not do so in vain.”

Referencing the recent election, Del. David Bulova (D-37) said, “We’re able to vote because of our veterans who fought so we could exercise that right. My grandfather was a Marine in WWII and, like most veterans, he was hesitant to talk about his wartime experiences. But one day, we bought him a book about two Jima, and he opened up and talked about being a young man on a transport ship going there.”

“He said they were all scared, but he put his faith in God and did his duty to his country. When he signed up, he didn’t know what would happen. But he and the others took that risk; and for that reason, they are heroes.”

Today, said Bulova, many veterans come back with PTSD and traumatic brain injuries, as well as other physical disabilities. “We need to make sure they get the services they need. They also come back with certain skills, and we need to make sure they can get a job and earn a decent living.”

Furthermore, he said, “We also need to relay their stories to our children so they can understand what these people did to protect and preserve our freedom. That way, they’ll respect and be inspired by [our veterans].”

STEPPING NEXT to the podium was Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Knecht, who stressed that 25 percent of her staff are veterans. She also said they get preferential hiring in this county because of their service to the country.

“And we provide resources and services to help them re-enter into our community,” she added. “I’m proud to be among you today, and we salute you.”

Fairfax Mayor David Meyer noted his relatives who were veterans. And he, too, mentioned the “complicated, psychological challenges” faced by many returning home after serving in today’s volunteer military.

He said the City of Fairfax also makes hiring veterans a priority. And, said Meyer, “I express our appreciation to all of our veterans for their service and for ensuring that our democratic way of life endures.”

The next speaker was Councilwoman So Lim. “I came here from South Korea at age 12,” she said. “My brother joined the Army and told me that, although he barely spoke English, they were kind to him. And had it not been for the U.S. soldiers who saved many lives in the Korean War, we would not be here. So thank you to all our veterans.”

Councilman Sang Yi said he came to America at age 4 and had a wonderful life. “My father said, ‘You have no idea how lucky you are,’” said Yi. “My father fought alongside the U.S. Army and was a RK [Republic of Korea] soldier in Vietnam. He told me one of the best ways to repay that debt is to serve, so I attended the Naval Academy and my patriotism soared.”

“Yesterday, I asked my 5-year-old daughter what a veteran is, and she said, ‘Veterans help people,’” continued Yi. “And we appreciate what people do, we thank them, so I thank everyone for being here today.”

Closing out the program, Jeff White, the commander of American Legion Post 177, said, “Some of the injuries veterans suffer are apparent right away, but some are not – and they get worse with age. What you can do to help is vote – every time you have the chance – and try to encourage policies that will help veterans now and in the future.” But, he added, “This will take commitment and finances from our nation and our communities.”
For tens of thousands of families in our area, uncertainty and need await us from the situations and pandemic that so many of us associate with this holiday period.

The holidays are about giving, and giving thanks. The holidays are about children and family. The holidays are about sharing, about joy. The holidays are about being thankful and about faith and appreciation. The holidays are about alleviating suffering for others.

Northern Virginia is among the wealthiest areas in the country. Many if not most of us go through our daily and seasonal routines without encountering evidence of the neediness families among us.

Open to receive donations at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Provides food and financial assistance to families in short-term emergencies, and provides clothing and household furnishings to low-income families. We want to provide a happy Christmas for children whose families struggle economically. We need donations of new toys, games and books, not gift wrapped, brought to ECHO before Dec. 8. www.echo- inc.org.

FACETS helps parents, their children and individuals who suffer the effects of poverty in the Fairfax area, a partner in efforts to end homelessness in Fairfax County. FACETS is always in need of donations and volunteers, and offers a variety of one-time and ongoing volunteering opportunities.

Please donate a basket of non-perishable food to ECHO before Dec. 8 www.echo-inc.org.

Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. Each year, nearly 5,000 pets, including cats, dogs, small mammals, reptiles and livestock, come to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter funds important needs throughout the Shelter such as behavioral training and dental or medical care beyond what the Shelter's budget can provide. generalinfo@ffcas.org 571-212-9538 www.ffcas.org.

Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia transforms the lives of low-income families in need by providing affordable homeownership opportunities in Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax and Falls Church. Learn more at www.habitatnova.org.

Lamb Center, www.thelambcenter.org, day center for homeless, Fairfax 703-691-3178.

Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC) will provide holiday meals around Christmas, to families struggling economically due to loss of income, and the holiday season. There are literally hundreds, probably thousands, of ways to give locally this season, for families in need, for animals in need, for an environment in need. Here are a few ideas. Please let us know what we have missed. — Mary Kimm mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com

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Helping Families Struggling to Make Ends Meet

Ensure a living wage and meaningful tax relief for working families to address affordable housing crisis.

By Kerrie Wilson and Lisa Whetzel

Rents or childcare? Food or gas for the car? A doctor’s visit or the electric bill? Those are impossible—often daily—decisions faced by too many families and individuals struggling to live and work in Northern Virginia.

At Cornerstones and Britepaths, we serve individuals and families throughout Fairfax County who are struggling to make ends meet and live in constant uncertainty about their future. With nearly 85 years collectively of serving the community, our nonprofits work with our most vulnerable neighbors to help them manage their limited income. But while our region rapidly attracts major industry, we’re finding a punishing domino effect is forcing our clients to save less and less to cover basic needs—with affordable housing as the greatest barrier to everyone thriving in our community.

Addressing the affordable housing crisis in Virginia is possible today if we offer meaningful tax relief for working families and ensure a living wage for families in the Commonwealth. This was the strong recommendation of local and national affordable housing experts convened recently in Northern Virginia.

Of course, meaningful, permanent investment in the Virginia Housing Trust Fund (such as the proposed $35 million increase) is critical. Practically speaking; however, the long runway for housing production means we must look at near-term solutions to help struggling families today.

That’s why we support tax policy proposals that offer a promising path forward.

Legislation has been proposed at the federal and state levels that would strengthen the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC). At the federal level, lawmakers have proposed to build on the success of the federal version of the EITC and the federal Child Tax Credit. This proposal, known as the Working Families Tax Relief Act, would strengthen both credits, enabling working families to keep more of the income they earn.

We work with clients every day like “Denise,” who explained to us what the EITC has meant to her and her family...

“I was a 21-year old single mother to a three-year-old. I worked full time, earning about $12,000 a year. I paid $75/week in daycare. I had no health care. A constant challenge was not having enough money to pay unexpected bills. A trip to the emergency room cost hundreds of dollars that I didn’t have. My old Honda needed a significant repair before passing inspection, which I couldn’t afford. Without my car, I couldn’t get to work. Thankfully, every year, I received about $1500 of EITC. The first year I qualified for EITC, I felt like I’d won the lottery. I paid off some bills, bought a new stroller for my son, and a blue futon from IKEA, which meant I no longer slept on the floor next to my son’s crib.

The tax credit didn’t allow me to work any less hard. It didn’t pay the rent, or the tax bill, or fill my tank with gas. But it allowed me to make purchases that I could never have afforded and it improved my quality of life. It also did something less tangible—it gave me hope. I counted on that check and planned and re-planned throughout the year how to best use it.”

That hope kept Denise moving forward as she eventually earned a college degree and worked her way into higher-paying jobs. She is now financially comfortable, and she considers herself a middle-class individual. She explained, “My experiences as a young single mother have forever impacted the way I see the economic injustices. We fail as a society if we don’t recognize where we can remove obstacles and create opportunities for people to build a good life for themselves and their children. Conversations about social support programs are not hypothetical political statements; they are decisions that impact real people.”

It’s time to prioritize working Virginians and their families. We urge Virginia’s congressional delegation to support improvements to the federal EITC and CTC, and we urge the governor and state lawmakers to strengthen the state EITC by making it refundable. We hope all lawmakers will join them in sponsoring these proposals.

For more information on the proposed tax policy changes, please visit https://www.thecommonwealthinstitute.org/research/budget-tax/

Kerrie Wilson is Chief Executive Officer, Cornerstones, and Lisa Whetzel is Executive Director, Britepaths

Fairfax Water

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2019, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its Proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges. The hearing will be held in Fairfax Water’s offices at 8770 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA.

The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2020, include the following:

1. An increase in the Availability Charge from $4.260 to $4.320.
2. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from $15.280 to $15.930.
3. An increase in the Service Connection Charge from $1,300 to $1,370.
4. An increase in the Account Charge from $39 to $40.
5. An increase in the Quarterly Billing Service Charge from $12.20 to $14.44.
6. An increase in the base Commodity Charge from $3.67 to $3.80 per 1,000 gallons of water.
7. An increase in the Peak Use Charge from $3.80 to $3.85.
8. An increase in the Turn Off / Turn On Charge from $48 to $49.
9. An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge and the Peak Use Charge.
10. A decrease in the Overhead Charge for Labor from 165% to 14% and the Overhead Charge for Materials from 2% to 2%
11. An increase in the Installation of Sewer Use Meter Charge from $58 to $93.

Eight charges reflect fees associated with a standard 1/4” residential meter. Changes in charges for larger residential and commercial meters are reflected in the Proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges. Fairfax Water is also proposing a $125.5 million budget for calendar year 2020. Water sales are expected to provide $186.2 million and the remaining $28.3 million is expected from connection charges, investment income and other sources.

The major areas of operation and maintenance expense are:

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1 Fairfax Water’s Board will continue to monitor economic factors and review revenues and expenditures at mid-year to determine if additional action is needed.

A copy of the proposed changes can be viewed on our website at www.fairfaxwater.org/rates. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed changes should call Ms. Karen Barnette at 703-289-6628. Interested parties may submit written comments to PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org or mail written comments to: Fairfax Water Public Hearing Comments 8770 Executive Park Avenue Fairfax, VA 22032

All written comments must be received by close of business on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 to be included in the record of the public hearing.
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Cooking with Children this Thanksgiving

Holiday meal prep can help create life-long memories.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection

Mashing sweet potatoes for a soufflé and drizzling spoonfuls of olive oil over carrots for roasting are Sarah Pardo’s earliest memories of cooking with her mother and younger sister during the holidays.

“Some of the things I made then became a family tradition,” said Pardo, who is now a nutritionist in Falls Church. “I still make sweet potato soufflé every Thanksgiving.”

From establishing tradition and making memories to building confidence and expanding one’s palate, the holidays are a perfect time to include children in holiday meal preparation, says Pardo and other culinary aficionados.

Bringing children into the kitchen using kid-friendly tools and recipes gets little ones excited about the feast, creates a sense of independence and offers an opportunity to learn about nutrition.

“Thanksgiving is all about tradition and family,” said culinary instructor Terri Carr of Terri’s Table in Potomac. “I started cooking with my son Nick when he was four or five. I bought him a Cookie Monster apron and we would bake and decorate cookies and give them to friends. We created a lot of special memories.”

Allowing children to help with meal planning helps them to feel invested, especially if their favorite fare is included. Enticing children into trying new dishes that they claim to dislike might be made easier if they had a hand in the preparation. “You can also encourage them to try something new or introduce the food groups that make up a balanced meal,” said Pardo. “Take them shopping with you and let them help you find the ingredients.”

Advanced planning might be necessary for parents who tend to find preparing for a holiday meal stressful. “When you’re in a frenzy to get the meal cooked before guests arrive, it might seem easier to do it yourself than have your kids trying to help,” said Jessica Bernard, a personal chef in Alexandria. “You can include them in the prep work, even the day before. They can wash vegetables or measure ingredients.”

“Kids particularly would love making mashed potatoes,” added Carr. “When parents do the prep work, kids can put the dish together.”

Cooking is not the only task involved in a holiday meal. Creating a centerpiece or the table or choosing decorative items to display will help them to feel included in the festivities. “Kids can set the table so that they realize that it’s a special day,” said Carr. “Get them involved in decorating. You can set the table a day or two in advance and kids can make crafts to incorporate in the table setting. Decorating the house ahead of time gets everyone in the mood for the holiday.”

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—Terri Carr, Terri’s Table
Fairfax Student Wins Harvard Book Award

The Harvard Book Award is given to an outstanding junior who combines excellence in scholarship with high character and achievement in other fields, and Fairfax High student Jack Allen has just won this honor. It’s based on nominations from junior-year English teachers, with approval by counselors and administrators, and will be presented during his school’s English awards ceremony in the spring. Pictured are Fairfax teacher Jessica Pullis and Jack Allen at the announcement ceremony hosted by the Harvard Club of Washington, D.C.

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ONGOING
Shir HaLev, the Community Jewish Chorale of Northern Virginia. Rehearsals are held select Tuesdays. 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Olam Tikvah, 3800 Glenbrook Road, Fairfax. The Chorale is a friendly, welcoming, adult volunteer choir. Visit caroldayton.com/shir-bale for more.

Springfield Farmers Market. Saturdays, through Nov. 23, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Springfield Town Center, 6699 Spring Mall Drive, Springfield. Visit www.community-foodworks.org or call 202-697-7768.

Sweet but Psycho. Through Nov. 30, at Olly Olly, 10417 Main St., 2nd Floor, Fairfax. Olly Olly presents Sweet but Psycho in an awesome and fun-fairytale. Strangeland is a performance duo, made up of Bunni (Andiland) and Goatface (Strange Lens), that explores the superhero concept of reality. Call 703-789-6144 or visit ollilyoolla.com.

Bradrock Wrestling Club. Online registration through Dec. 1. The Bradrock Wrestling Club is holding registration for the 2019-2020 season. The club supports wrestling for age groups 5 through 14 years old, boys and girls. All practices are held at Lake Braddock Secondary School. Cost is $115 per wrestler. Contact William Flynn at lflynn@verizon.net or call 571-230-0713. bradrockwrestlingclub.shutterfly.com/


Give the Gift of Original Art. Now thru Jan. 5. At Torpedo Factory Artists at Mosaic, 2005 District Ave., #105, Fairfax. Open Wednesday thru Sunday 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Reception celebrating small businesses, Nov. 30, 5 to 8 p.m. You can find extraordinary fine art that makes great gifts this holiday season — the work of highly-acclaimed Torpedo Factory Artists — at their satellite space in Merrifield. Beautiful paintings, fine-art photographs, one-of-a-kind jewelry, scarves, ceramics and much more will be offered. Plus you can get an early start on your holiday shopping. Artists Sonne Hernandez and Greg Kroll are in residence during this show.

PJS Party... Santa’s Arrival! As a Springfield Town Center, Springfield. Welcome Santa with a Pajama Party. Get in the holiday spirit with caroling, hot cocoa and watch Santa arrives in style with a fire truck and police. Early visiting hours will be as follows: Nov. through Dec. 13. Monday – Saturday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 14 thru Dec. 23 Monday – Saturday: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Christmas Eve: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Holidays and Christmas

THURSDAY/NOV. 21
Christmas Mart. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. At Pohick Episcopal Church, 9301 Richmond Hwy., Lorton. The Parish House and the Vestry House will be transformed into a festive Christmas atmosphere with rooms filled with Attic Treasures, a Consignment Shop, fresh baked goods, homemade candy and apple butter, and frozen casseroles made by the women of Pohick Church. Booths will feature the work of artisans showing hand-made jewelry, stained glass, Christmas decorations and many other crafts. Colonial-attired ladies will serve lunch at three sites — 11 a.m., 12 noon and 5 p.m. — the cost is $13. The Docent Guild will be leading tours of the historic colonial church and the Golden Dove Gift Shop will be open. Admission to the Christmas Mart is free. Visit the website at www.pohick.org or call 703-339-6572.

EVENT IN RESTON
FRIDAY/NOV. 29
Reston Holiday Parade. 10 a.m. At Reston Town Center, Reston. The 29th annual Reston Holiday Parade – one of USA Today’s 10 Best – plus tree lighting, sing-along, horse-drawn carriage rides, and more all day. Rain or shine. Schedule: 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Visits and photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus; 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. – Mini-train rides on Market Street; 5 p.m. – Dance Performance at Fountain Square; 6 – 6:30 p.m. – Lightening & Sing-A-Long. At 6:30 p.m., horse-drawn carriage rides. Visit www.restontowncenter.com/holidays.

The Nordic Dancers will perform on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. at the Norwegian Christmas Festival.

The Norwegian Christmas Festival Dec. 6-7, Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Christ Lutheran Church, 3810 Meredith Drive, Fairfax. Free Admission. Live music, dancing, fjord horses on Saturday. Food and craft demonstrations. Imported foods (nokkelost), fresh lefe and krumkake made onsite, Nordic Cafe, huge gift selection including books, linens, authentic Scandinavian sweaters. Free. Visit the website: www.norwaydc.org.

SUNDAY/DEC. 1
Messiah Sing Along. 3 p.m. At Fairfax Lutheran Church, 10700 Gunston Road, Fairfax. All are welcome. Bring a score, or borrow one here, and join in the Messiah Sing along... or simply come and enjoy the music. Free. Visit the website: Fairfaxpresbyterian.org

DEC. 7-8
“The Nutcracker.” Saturday 8 p.m. at Sunday 3 p.m. At Centre Stage’s Herndon Performing Arts Theatre, 10001 Parkway, Herndon. The production of “The Nutcracker” marks the first appearance from children’s author Lindsay Barry; photos with Santa; letters to Santa; decorating ideas; giveaways, demos and more. Visit the website: www.onstageherndon.com.
**PM Pediatrics Opens in Fairfax**

PM Pediatrics opens its newest location at 11056 Lee Highway in the Kamp Washington Shopping Center in Fairfax on Nov. 20, 2019, marking its fourth location in Virginia and its 51st location nationwide. PM Pediatrics also operates offices in Ashburn, Reston/Herndon and Springfield.

“We see a growing need for the unique, specialized community-based pediatric urgent care we offer, especially late at night,” said Dr. Jeffrey Schor, co-founder of PM Pediatrics. “When it’s after hours but your child’s condition can’t wait until morning, parents can count on our family-focused approach to care as well as the highest quality evidence based medicine.”

The new Fairfax office occupies 5,400 square feet and features an immersive child-friendly Safari theme with colorful murals and stuffed animals, as well as televisions with children’s programming in each room.

“Every one of our offices is focused on the pediatric patient experience – from the murals on the walls depicting playful themes to the exam rooms outfitted with familiar kids’ characters,” said Steven Katz, co-founder of PM Pediatrics. “Our doctors and nurses provide top-quality care and ensure the comfort of every patient we see.”

PM Pediatrics of Fairfax will be open 365 days a year, from Noon to Midnight Monday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. to Midnight on Sunday. The state-of-the-art practice is staffed by a healthcare team with experience in Pediatric Emergency and urgent care medicine, including board-certified pediatric emergency physicians and pediatricians, and features onsite digital x-ray and lab. Unlike traditional urgent care practices, PM Pediatrics treats children and young adults, exclusively. Mark Roddy, MD, FAAP will serve as the Medical Director for the location.

For more information about PM Pediatrics and a list of locations, visit pmpediatrics.com.

**You Can Make a Difference**

Cats benefit from being in a foster home. We need long- and short-term fosters for cats of all ages, mothers with litters and kittens on their own.

Consider Fostering

Adopt/Donate/Volunteer at www.lostdogrescue.org
**City of Fairfax, Virginia**

**Public Notice**

Disposal of Private Property Taken Into Possession of City of Fairfax Police Department

Pursuant to Section 50-33, 50-35 and 50-36 of the Code of the City of Fairfax, the City of Fairfax Police Department will be disposing of the below listed unclaimed property, by public auction conducted by an independent auction service, converted to department use or generally disposed of. Any person who feels they have a legal claim, with reasonable proof of ownership, should contact MFO Gardiner of the City of Fairfax Police Department at 703-385-7526 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays until close of business.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2019**

**Auction Services, Colonial Auction Services,** 13200 Old Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Business Phone 4301-677-7575

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**Help Britepaths Brighten Holidays**

Fairfax-based nonprofit Britepaths is seeking volunteers to sponsor local families in need. Sponsors are matched with families with demonstrated need to provide a December holiday meal and/or gifts for children. Britepaths also has a great need for cash donations and gift cards to grocery stores or Target/Walmart to assist those who are not sponsored. It could even be a family, company or group who wants to do something special for someone in need. Register and learn more at: britepaths.org, 703-773-8829 or email sryan@britepaths.org. For more information, go to https://britepaths.org/our-programs/holiday-program.

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**Britepaths Seek**

**Give Locally**

- **Second Story** — Second Story (formerly Alternative House) provides shelter and services for homeless, runaway or abused teenagers, unaccompanied youth, and young mothers and their children.

- **Shelter House** provides crisis intervention, safe housing and supportive services to promote self-sufficiency for homeless families and victims of domestic violence in Fairfax County. It is our mission to get families back into stable housing in order to provide them the opportunity to continue their journey to self-sufficiency. www.shelterhouse.org


- **Western Fairfax Christian Ministries** — 4111 Daily Drive, Suite 2, Chantilly, VA 20151. Call 703-773-8829 or email dculbertson@wfcmva.org for more information.

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**Bulletin Board**

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

**Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Meetings in 2019**

12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035

Nov. 26 Committee Meetings
9:30 a.m. — Economic Advisory Commission
11 a.m. — Personnel Committee
3 p.m. — Budget Committee
5 p.m. — Audit Committee
Dec. 3, 2019 9:30 a.m. — Full Board of Supervisors Meeting
Dec. 10 Committee Meetings
9:30 a.m. — Health, Housing and Human Services Committee
11 a.m. — Development Process Committee
1:30 p.m. — Transportation Committee
3 p.m. — General Assembly Annual Reception and Work Session

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**Week in Fairfax**

**ESTATE SALE — LOG HOMES PAY THE BALANCE OWED ONLY!**

America Log Homes is assisting just released estates & account settlement on houses.

**Auction**

**569 Acres on Turkey Key Road**

Thurs. Dec. 5 at 12:30 PM at the Old Dominion Acreage

1973 US HWY 69 S, Chantilly

666 beautiful wooded acres adjoins Wildlife Mgmt Area #2679 additional acres to hunt, enjoy and enjoy to a certain extent. Offered in 6 tracts. Min. bid is $975S. Tours available.

GPS 3947 Cirkle Creek Rd, Centreville, VA

Details at TRFAuctions.com

434.847.7774 | info@TRFAuctions.com

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the Holiday Express, take unlimited spins on the Carolines Carousel, play Gingerbread Man Golf or cook mini pies by the fire. Visit with Santa and enjoy hot chocolate or cider and candy canes. Five-hour train rides are $15 in advance and $20 on the event day. The park will also be accepting new toys or canned food items for donation. In the evenings, enjoy a magical train ride through a forest decorated with holiday-themed lights and scenes. Celebration Station runs the same weekends as Winter Wonderland, but will take place on Friday and Saturday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. Celebration Station ticket are $10 each, trains depart every 20 minutes. Ticket holders receive one train ride, unlimited train rides and one cocoa or cider drink. Visit the website: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burke-lake.

**SUNDAY/DEC. 8**

“Little Drummer Dude.” 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. At Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. A children’s musical “Little Drummer Dude” takes place during the time Jesus was born and we see the story through the eyes of the wise men, a traveling band and a little drummer dude. Free. jccag.org.

**DEC. 14-15**


**EVENTS IN ALEXANDRIA**

**FRIDAY/NOV. 29**


**SATURDAY/DEC. 7**

Boat Parade of Lights. Parade begins at 5:30 p.m.; Dockside festivities 2 to 8 p.m. At Waterfront Park, 1 King Street, Alexandria. Parade viewing areas: Founders Park (351 N Union St.), Alexandria City Marina (Old Cameron St.), Waterfront Park (1 King St. and 1A Prince St.), Point Lempky Park (1 Duke St.), Shipyard/ Harbordere Park (1 Wilkes St.), Windmill Hill Park (501 S Union St.) and Ford’s Landing Park (99 Franklin St.). Admission: Free for food/drink and some activities. VisitAlexandriaVA.com/boata Parade.