

# The Arlington Connection

On Tuesday, April 11, the crew from station 9/Walter Reed spent the afternoon showing off their equipment and reviewing fire safety material with the community.

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## **"FLOURISHING AFTER 55"**

Office of 55+ Programs  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
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703-228-4747

55+ Programs are in person at 55+ Centers, unless otherwise noted. A 55+ Pass is required to participate (starting at a \$20 annual fee). To join or register, go to [registration.arlingtonva.us](http://registration.arlingtonva.us) or call 703-228-4747.

Karaoke Night at Lubber Run 55+ Center, Thursday, April 13, 6 p.m. Registration # 913304-09.

Movie and munchies, watch and discuss "The Courier" (2020) (PG 13), Thursday, April 13, 3 p.m., Walter Reed 55+ Center. Registration # 913804-07.

Fun mocktail recipes, demonstration and samples with 55+ Center Director Shettima Abdulmalik Thursday, April 13, 1 p.m., Arlington Mill 55+ Center. Registration # 913501-06.

Iran's Global Threat presented by Lt. Col. Zachary Cole, U.S. Army War College, Thursday, April 13, 11:30 a.m., virtual. Registration # 913400-22.

Paper crafts workshop, create handbags, Friday, April 14, 9 a.m., Lubber Run 55+ Center. Supplies provided. Registration # 913310-03.

Introduction to line dancing, learn basic steps, Friday, April 14, 10:15

a.m., Aurora Hills 55+ Center. Drop-in.

Acoustic Hour at Aurora Hills 55+ Center featuring music from the 50s and beyond by musician Carl Gold, Friday, April 14, 1 p.m. Registration # 913301-06.

Bunco Bunch, fun dice game of luck, beginners welcome, Friday, April 14, 1:30 p.m., Walter Reed 55+ Center. Registration # 913600-04.

Documentary discussion on "The White Helmets" (2020), Monday, April 17, 1:30 p.m., Aurora Hills 55+ Center. Follows the lives of volunteer rescuers. Registration # 913402-02.

Secret techniques by famous artists revealed by Community Arts Programmer Jennifer Droblyen, Monday, April 17, 10:30 a.m., virtual. Registration # 913302-05.

Earth Day Nature Walk, help Lubber Run preschoolers pick up trash along the Lubber Run Trail to earn "Protect the Planet" badges, Monday, April 17, 10 a.m., registration # 913106-17 and Tuesday, April 18, 10 a.m. Registration # 913106-18. Meet at Lubber Run 55+ Center.

"Beyond the Beautiful Garden", recorded presentation by Douglas W. Tallamy, author and professor of entomology and wildlife ecology at the University of Delaware, Tues-

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## Suspect Barricaded with Bank Employees and Patrons

**A**t approximately 3:09 p.m. on April 11, police were dispatched to the Clarendon neighborhood for report of an armed robbery of a bank in the 3100 block of Washington Boulevard.

The preliminary investigation showed that the suspect entered the bank, grabbed

an employee, indicated he had a firearm and demanded cash before walking behind the counter. Responding officers established a perimeter as the suspect remained barricaded inside the bank with employees and patrons.

During the course of the incident, members of the Emergency Response Team approached the bank, gave the suspect commands which

he complied with and took him into custody without incident. The patrons and employees, four adults and one child, then safely exited the bank. All were evaluated on scene by medics as a precaution and no injuries were reported.

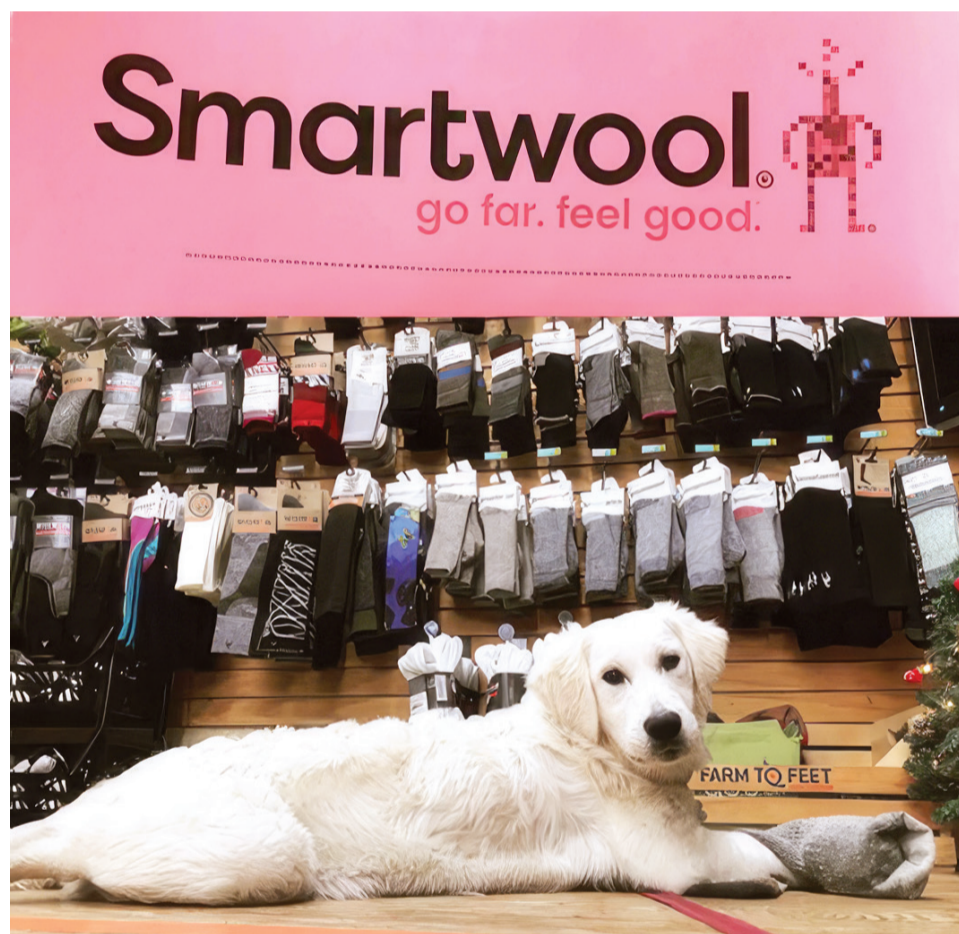
The suspect, Oscar Gonzalez Allarenja, 30, of Durham, NC, has been charged with Bank Robbery and Abduction. He is being held with-

out bond in the Arlington County Detention Facility.

No cash was reported stolen and no weapon was located on scene. This incident remains an active criminal investigation and anyone with information is asked to contact police at 703-228-4180 or ACPDTipline@arlingtonva.us.

## Casual Adventures Recycles Socks This Month

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED



Lacey, Casual Adventure owner Eric Stern's dog, sits near the sock rack in the store. Recycled socks will go into dog beds Lacey has personally tested and approved.

BY EDEN BROWN  
THE CONNECTION

Casual Adventure Outfitters will once again take part in an Earth Day-inspired recycling effort in collaboration with Smartwool. For the third year in a row, from April 1 through April 23, the Arlington community can drop off clean, used socks at the in-store collection site. Smartwool plans to recycle the socks into yarn for future clothing projects.

"Casual Adventure is always looking for ways to contribute to environmental sustainability, and this annual project provides an easy opportunity for everyone to participate. Keep us in mind during your spring cleaning this month and make a quick stop at our store

to donate. In the past, we've filled twelve boxes and we need the community's help to break that record," said Casual Adventure owner, Eric Stern.

Socks are one of the most discarded pieces of apparel—eventually finding a forever home at landfills and contributing to the 1.2 billion tons of greenhouse gasses that textile production releases into the atmosphere every year. Smartwool has been able to prevent thousands of pounds of landfill waste with their effort.

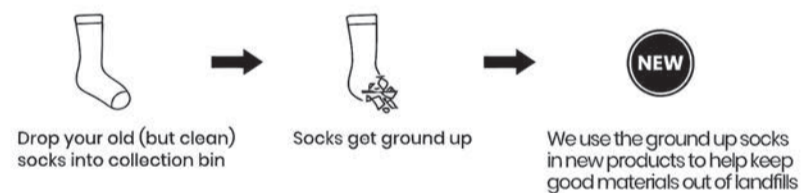
Called "The Second Cut Project," the partnership between Stern and Smartwool for Earth Day was able to collect almost 450 pounds of socks just from Arlington. The socks were then shredded and repurposed to create dog beds. Stern has asked participants to provide:



go far. feel good.

### Recycle your unwanted socks with Smartwool.

#### Giving old socks new life



#### What we need

- Clean socks only, please (please, please)
- All brands, colors, sizes, and materials welcome (we're not picky)
- No rolled or paired socks, bags, rubber bands, paper clips (just single socks)

#### The dates

We will be collecting socks at this location  
04/1 - 04/30/23

#### Learn more



Smartwool.

**How recycling socks makes a difference. Stern's deadline is April 23 but he said he will accept socks until April 30.**

❖ Clean socks only, please (Stern emphasized this.)

❖ All brands, colors, sizes, and materials are welcome (Stern won't discard socks unless they are dirty.)

❖ No rolled or paired socks, bags, rubber bands, paper clips (just single socks)

Casual Adventure is an outdoor and sport-

ing goods specialty store located in the Virginia Square neighborhood of Arlington and has been family owned and operated since 1955, contributing to community sports teams and fundraisers and offering young scouts and campers guidance, as well as professional guidance to major summit expeditions across the globe.

# ENTERTAINMENT

## CHECK OUT THE PLANT CLINICS

The Alexandria Old Town Farmer's Market Plant Clinic at 301 King St, Alexandria opens Saturday, May 6 at 7:00 - 9:30 a.m. The Arlington Farmers' Market at N 14th and N Courthouse Roads opens Saturday, April 22 at 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. The Del Ray Farmers' Market Plant Clinic at Oxford & Mt. Vernon Avenues, Alexandria opens Saturday, May 6 from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. The Fairlington Farmers' Market Plant Clinic at 3308 S Stafford St, Arlington, opens Sunday, May 7 at 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 19, 26,** Expert Garden Speakers. 6:30 - 7:45 pm, Arlington Central Library, 1015 N Quincy St, Arlington. Arlington Central Library Talks. Join Arlington/Alexandria IIVCE Master Gardeners and other expert speakers as they provide information on a variety of garden topics each Wednesday. April topics are: 4/5-Bees and Beekeeping; 4/12-Edible Landscaping/Growing in Small Spaces; 4/19-Top 10 Vegetables; 4/26-Container and Balcony Gardening. Programs will continue on Wednesdays through September.

**WEDNESDAY/APRIL 12** Edible Landscaping. 6:45 p.m. Meets at Arlington Central Library, 1015 North Quincy Street, Arlington. Part of Garden Talks 2023. Imagine a border of lush lettuce with bright red tomatoes on lattice work. Gain practical tips and inspiration to make vegetables a beautiful part of your landscape, using small spaces to the best advantage.

**FRIDAY/APRIL 14** Case Studies in Lawn Replacement. 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., Online. Have you been thinking about reducing



Langston Boulevard Earth Day Celebration takes place on Sunday, April 23, 2023 in Arlington.

## Langston Boulevard Earth Day Celebration

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Langston Blvd. between Woodrow St. and Woodstock St., Arlington. Meet VCE Master Gardeners who will answer your questions about planting, soil health, water control, and native plants for your outdoor space. The VCE Small Trees, Big Canopies project will be conducting a free native tree giveaway. This is the second year for this popular event, with music, food and free family fun. For more information go to <https://www.langstonblvdalliance.com/>

the size of your lawn? Or switching it from grass to something more environmentally friendly? Join Extension Master Gardeners Alyssa Ford Morel and Carolyn Vincent to see examples of similar efforts by several Extension Master Gardeners. They will share how the process went in their own Northern Virginia yards and what lessons were learned. Free. RSVP at <https://mgnv.org/rsvp-for-public-education-classes/> to receive a link to participate.

its second-annual Walking Palooza, a day of free, guided community walks throughout Arlington. All walks are led by subject matter experts. Participation is free but space is limited so people are encouraged to sign up today! Visit the website: <https://www.walkarlington.com/national-walking-day/>

**WEDNESDAY/APRIL 19** Growing Top 10 Vegetables. 6:45 p.m. Meets at Arlington Central Library, 1015 North Quincy Street, Arlington. Part of Garden Talks 2023. Your favorite veggies can be successes for your eating pleasure and sharing with friends and food pantries alike, and give superfood nutrition.

**THURSDAY/APRIL 20** Craft Brew Dinner. 7-9 p.m. At The Commentary Social House, 801 N. Glebe Road, Arlington. Guests can once again enjoy their favorite beer and seasonal dishes while receiving expert tips on how to pair delicious craft beers with their next meal. A portion of Craft Brew Dinner proceeds will again be donated to Save the Children. The third dinner of the series will be in partnership with Aslin Brewing. Tickets are \$75 for general admission.

**FRIDAY/APRIL 21** Best Bets: Native Plants for Shade. 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., Online. Gardeners often consider it a challenge to plant in the shady parts of their gardens, but home landscapes with trees can bring welcome relief

**SATURDAY/APRIL 15** WalkArlington's Walking Palooza. WalkArlington is excited to launch

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## Public Notice

### Updated weight limits on Virginia bridges and culverts

In accord with state and federal law, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has imposed new or changed existing weight restrictions and installed new signage indicating the updated weight restrictions on the following bridges and culverts (structures) in Virginia within the last 30 days.

Jurisdiction	Fed Struc Id	Route #	Route Name	Crossing	Posted Date
TAZEWELL	18573	627	ROUTE 627	INDIAN CREEK	3/30/2023
DINWIDDIE	6048	623	SUTHERLAND RD	WHIPPONOCK CREEK	3/22/2023
TAZEWELL	18616	643	BRUSHFORK RD	N&W RAILWAY	3/20/2023
SMYTH	17697	707	LAUREL SPRING RD	INTERSTATE 81	3/16/2023
SMYTH	17534	603	LAUREL VALLEY RD	LAUREL CREEK	3/16/2023
PRINCE WILLIAM	14338	643	PURCELL RD	PURCELL BRANCH	3/15/2023
ROANOKE (M)	21669	11	ROUTE 11	PETERS CREEK	3/14/2023
WASHINGTON	18967	91	CRESCENT RD	MCHENRY CREEK	3/13/2023
PRINCE GEORGE	14097	618	HITCHCOCK RD	BLACKWATER SWAMP	3/9/2023
WASHINGTON	19075	647	KINGS MILL PIKE	SINKING CREEK	3/8/2023
LEE	10825	621	COVE SPRINGS RD	POOR VALLEY CREEK	3/7/2023
SMYTH	17646	657	THOMAS BRIDGE RD	S FORK HOLSTON RIVER	3/7/2023
WISE	19390	613	EAST STONE GAP RD	POWELL RIVER @ BIG-S-GAP	3/7/2023
CHESTERFIELD	31794	650	TURNER RD	POCOSHOCK CREEK	3/7/2023
NELSON	12416	56	CRABTREE FALLS HWY	MILL RACE OVERFLOW	3/6/2023
NELSON	12373	6	IRISH RD	COVE CREEK	3/6/2023
CHARLOTTE	4849	47	THOMAS JEFFERSON HWY	NS RAILWAY	3/3/2023
CAMPBELL	4165	43	BEDFORD HWY	PLUMTREE BRANCH	3/2/2023
CHARLOTTE	4843	47	TOLLHOUSE HWY	ROANOKE CREEK	3/2/2023
LOUDOUN	11167	612	TAIL RACE RD	TRIB. OF LITTLE RIVER	3/1/2023

The list above is not a comprehensive list of all structures with weight restrictions in the Commonwealth, but shows only structures that have new or changed weight restrictions within the last 30 days. The list contains only basic structure identification and location information and the date the new or changed weight restriction and signage became effective.

For a full listing of all bridge and culvert weight restrictions with detailed information about specific structures, including location data and actual weight limits, visit <https://www.virginiadot.org> and navigate to Info Center/Trucking Resources. This page references a posted structures report and a GIS map tool that contain detailed information about restricted structures in Virginia. To receive email notifications regarding new or updated weight restrictions for structures statewide, complete the sign-up form on the web page.

Notices regarding bridges and culverts with new or updated weight restrictions are published monthly by VDOT. For additional information or questions, please contact [haulingpermits@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:haulingpermits@vdot.virginia.gov).

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# CALENDAR

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from the increasing summer heat we are experiencing in our region. Join Extension Master Gardener Elaine Mills to learn how to make the most of your shady yard. After discussing degrees of shade, the importance of using layered vegetation, and techniques for building your soil, she will introduce a variety of native plants from trees and shrubs to wildflowers, ferns, and ground covers that will bring beauty through the year while providing important support to local wildlife. Free. RSVP at <https://mgnv.org/rsvp-for-public-education-classes/> to receive a link to participate.

## "FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

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day, April 18, 6 p.m., Walter Reed 55+ Center. Followed by Q&A with Arlington Regional Master Naturalist Volunteers. Registration # 913401-02.

Genealogy 101, share information and research tools in a friendly atmosphere, Tuesday, April 18, 11:30 a.m., Lubber Run 55+ Center. Led by experienced genealogist Eileen Bogdanoff. Registration # 913402-05.

Acoustic Café, enjoy the vibes of a 1960s coffee house, live performances by local musicians, Tuesday, April 18, 7 p.m., Walter Reed 55+ Center. Open to all ages. Registration # 913301-02.

55+ Travel group will attend the Nationals vs Orioles evening baseball game, Tuesday, April 18. Cost \$66, Arlington resident; \$76, non-resident. Registration # 902304-05.

Crochet a one-of-a-kind necklace with ladder ribbon and a pendant, Wednesday, April 19, 2 p.m., Langston-Brown 55+ Center. Basic knowledge of crocheting required. Materials provided, however, bring a crochet needle hook (Boye size J USA) if you have one. Registration # 913310-04.

Baking with cinnamon and beyond, cooking demonstration, Wednesday, April 19, 10:30 a.m., Arlington Mill 55+ Center. Presented by Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Food Volunteers. Registration # 913501-07.

Articles in popular magazines discussed Wednesday, April 19, 11 a.m., Aurora Hills 55+ Center. Facilitated by Librarian Vicky McCaffrey. Registration # 913402-21.

Chinese brush painting, Wednesday, April 19, 1:30 p.m., Aurora Hills 55+ Center. Learn how to paint primary Chinese characters. Taught by art enthusiast Suong "Sunny" Thomas. Registration # 913303-08.

Opera appreciation group to hear presentation on "The Life of Giacomo Puccini: The Search for the Intimate," Wednesday, April 19, 1:30 p.m., Lubber Run 55+ Center. Professional commentary by George Cecchetti. Registration # 913300-05.

Save water, save money, tips and tricks to conserve for the planet, Thursday, April 20, 11 a.m., Langston-Brown 55+ Center. Presented by Virginia Cooperative Extension Volunteers. Registration # 913400-39.

### SUNDAY/APRIL 23

Del Ray Garden Fest. 12 noon – 4:00 pm, Bean Creative Field, 2207 Mt. Vernon Ave, Alexandria. VCE Master Gardeners will be on hand to provide all the information you need to have a healthy garden this year—how to test your soil, what to plant, and how to improve your vegetable harvest. Fun, food and activities for all! For more information go to <https://www.visitdelray.com/>

### WEDNESDAY/APRIL 26

Balcony? Patio? You Can Still Grow Your Favorites. 6:45 p.m. Meets

at Arlington Central Library, 1015 North Quincy Street, Arlington. Part of Garden Talks 2023. You don't need a yard to grow your own herbs and vegetables. Find out how container gardening can work for you.

### THURSDAY/APRIL 27

AFAC Shining a Light on Hunger. 6:30-9:30 p.m. At Army Navy Country Club, 1700 Army Navy Drive, Arlington. This is AFAC's largest annual fundraising event held on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at Army Navy Country Club. Please join them at the spring celebration for

great food, drink, music, laughter and fun. Your support for this event will help AFAC provide weekly groceries to all families. If you prefer to pay by invoice or check, or have any questions, contact Jolie Smith at [Jolie.Smith@afac.org](mailto:Jolie.Smith@afac.org)

### SATURDAY/APRIL 29

Free Bike Skills for Kids. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. At The Woman's Club of Arlington Parking Lot, 700 South Buchanan St. Arlington. Ages: For preschool children and older. Bring your child and their bike to participate in: Safety Helmet Check; Bike Maintenance Check; Games

### SUNDAY/APRIL 30

Spring Celebration and Plant Sale. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. At Glencarlyn Library Garden, 300 South Kensington Street, Arlington. Native and locally propagated plants, Hive Hive Honey, handmade pots, recycled bags, free saplings, used books from FOAL and more.

# 913400-07.

Filmmakers interest group, learn how to do more either behind or in front of the camera, Thursday, April 20, 3 p.m., Lubber Run 55+ Center. Led by video enthusiast Nick Englund. Registration # 913403-08.

Paint along with community artists and recreate artworks on display at area museums, Thursday, April 20, 10 a.m., virtual. Registration # 913303-11.

Sing-along featuring favorites from the 50s through the 70s, led by musician Carl Gold, Thursday, April 20, 4 p.m., Lubber Run 55+ Center. Registration # 913304-14.

55+ Travel group will travel to Charles Town, WV and enjoy the Hollywood Casino, Friday, April 21. Cost \$9, Arlington resident; \$10, non-resident. Registration # 902304-07.

EarthFest 2023 at Arlington Mill 55+ Center, Friday, April 21, 1-4 p.m., open to all ages. Create recycled art, enjoy health and wellness demos, learn about composting and energy efficiency. No 55+ Pass required. Registration # 913899-04.

Social art swap, bring an art piece or create one onsite (some materials available) to trade with other participants, Sunday, April 23, 2-4 p.m., Arlington Mill 55+ Center. Drop-in.

Reading Buddies, seniors pair up with preschoolers to read together, Monday, April 24, 10 a.m., Lubber Run 55+ Center. Registration # 913301-11.

Aurora Hills 55+ Center's book club members will discuss "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman, Monday, April 24, 11:30 a.m. Drop-in.

No waste dinner, learn how to repurpose food normally thrown out such as banana peels, Tuesday, April 25, 6:30 p.m., Walter Reed 55+ Center. Unique cooking demonstration by Center Director Jennifer Weber. Registration # 913501-08.

Rock music by legends Little Richard and Jerry Lee Lewis, discussed and played by local musicians Carl Gold and Rob Sprouse, Tuesday, April 25, 1:30 p.m., Arlington Mill 55+ Center, registration # 913400-38 or virtual, registration # 913400-39.



## Public Hearings



### Funding the Right Transportation Projects

You are invited to share comments on transportation projects that have been recommended for funding in the FY2024-2029 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP). Additionally, pursuant to §33.2-202, comments will be accepted for new projects valued in excess of \$25 million. The Commonwealth Transportation Board will take your comments into consideration as it develops the FY2024-2029 SYIP. The program allocates public funds to highway, road, bridge, rail, bicycle, pedestrian and public transportation projects. All federally eligible projects in the SYIP will be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program to document how Virginia will obligate its federal funds.

Meeting materials will be available <https://www.ctb.virginia.gov/planning/springmeetings2023/default.asp> before April 20, 2023.

Public meetings begin at 4 p.m. in each of the locations except as noted below:  
A formal comment period will be held at these meetings.

<p><b>Thursday, April 20</b> Hampton Roads District Hampton Roads District Auditorium 7511 Burbage Drive Suffolk, VA 23435</p>	<p><b>Monday, April 24</b> Richmond District Hawthorne Room 2430 Pine Forest Drive Colonial Heights, VA 23834</p>	<p><b>Monday, May 1, 5 p.m.</b> *Northern Virginia District Potomac Conference Center NOVA District Office 4975 Alliance Drive Fairfax, VA 22030</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, May 2</b> Culpeper District Culpeper District Auditorium 1601 Orange Road Culpeper, VA 22701</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, May 3</b> Staunton District Blue Ridge Community College Plecker Center for Continuing Education One College Lane Weyers Cave, VA 24486</p>	<p><b>Monday, May 8</b> Fredericksburg District Germanna Community College Workforce and Technology Center 10000 Germanna Point Drive Fredericksburg, VA 22408</p>
<p><b>Monday, May 15</b> Bristol District Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center One Partnership Circle Abingdon, VA 24210</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, May 16</b> Salem District Salem Civic Center Community Room 1001 Roanoke Boulevard Salem, VA 24153</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, May 17</b> Lynchburg District Lynchburg Grand Hotel 601 Main Street Lynchburg, VA 24504</p>

\*The Northern Virginia District meeting will serve as the required joint public meeting with the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, the Virginia Railway Express, and the CTB per § 33.2-214.3 of the Code of Virginia. This meeting will also be streamed online at <https://www.youtube.com/live/ranpvKJOF74?feature=share>.

You can submit comments online at <https://arcg.is/Xi1TG0>, or by email or mail by May 24, 2023.

For roads and highways: [Six-YearProgram@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:Six-YearProgram@VDOT.Virginia.gov), or Infrastructure Investment Director, Virginia Department of Transportation, 1401 East Broad St., Richmond, VA 23219.

For rail and public transportation: [DRPTPR@drpt.virginia.gov](mailto:DRPTPR@drpt.virginia.gov), Public Information Office, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, 600 East Main Street, Suite 2102, Richmond VA, 23219.

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**AUCTION**

Thursday, May 4 at 12:30PM at Barns of Rose Hill, 101 Chalmers Court, Berryville, VA

1Hr West of DC Clarke Co., VA

**Notable 168 Acre Estate w/ Grand Antebellum Mansion**

Property Address: 136 Tuleyries Ln, Boyce, VA

Just an hour west of DC, in the scenic Shenandoah Valley, lies The Tuleyries, a remarkable 168 acre estate w/ one of the finest late Federal mansions in VA. A \$3M renovation was completed in the early 90s to preserve the integrity and beauty of its 10,000 sq.ft. of grand living space, 5 bedrooms, 6.5 baths, and 10 magnificent fireplaces. For details, visit [trfauctions.com](http://trfauctions.com)

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The Arlington Mount Vernon Trail side plan, as explained on one of the slides.

# Comment Period Nears End for Bike-Ped Portion of Long Bridge

## Friends of the Mount Vernon Trail are part of the discussion.

BY MIKE SALMON  
THE CONNECTION

Throughout the month of March and into early April, Friends of the Mount Vernon trail were seeking comments on the plan for the bicycle and pedestrian aspect of the Long Bridge railroad project across the Potomac River. There will be more opportunities to get involved.

The Friends group wanted a wider bridge with spots to let people “pause,” whether it’s to tie a shoe or rest, but the final comment is open for a few more days. “We likely won’t know results for several months until NVR-PA has their next round of engagement sessions,” FOMV said.

“Please widen the bike/ped span to 24 feet in as many areas as possible to create space where people can pull to the side & pause,” they indicated in the comment section.

This is just one part of modifications to the Long Bridge railroad venue across the Potomac River. The whole \$1.9 billion project will include additional railroad tracks creating a four-track corridor, eight rail bridges and related railroad infrastructure improvements between Arlington and Washington. According to the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority, a new bike-pedestrian bridge

also will be constructed as part of the mitigation to National Park Service parkland and will span the Potomac River and George Washington Memorial Parkway, connecting Long Bridge Park directly to East and West Potomac Parks.

According to Karina Romero, Communications Manager at the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority, the plan has been modified for the pedestrian-bicycle bridge. In Fall 2022, VPRA widened the width of the proposed bicycle-pedestrian bridge from 14 feet to 16 feet based on feedback from the community. This wider width will provide a more comfortable user experience.

The current 16-foot width – which is more than double the width on the existing 14th Street ped-bike bridge over the Potomac – exceeds DDOT and AASHTO minimum standards needed for bicyclists to pass each other. According to AASHTO standards, the 16-foot bridge width will accommodate two bicyclists riding abreast with space to comfortably pass a pedestrian or someone stopped on the bridge.

In addition, the 42-foot trail radius at the connection points at each end of the bridge meets the turning radius of an emergency vehicle and exceeds that of various large bicycle types for the design speed. The bridge can structurally accommodate a 20,000 pound emergency vehicle. The design meets Americans with Disabilities Act code (ADA) requirements, Romero said.

Currently the project is in the preliminary engineering phase, and is scheduled to be completed in 2030, the VPRA information said.

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## Untethered



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

For the first time in 68-plus years/my entire life, I am not considering the consequences – too much anyway, of my miscellaneous actions/behaviors, encompassing all facets of my life. With my brother's recent death in addition to our parent's respective deaths in 2006 (father) and 2008 (mother), yours truly is it. 'It' being the last man standing of the Newton Centre Louries.

With neither my brother nor I fathered any children/heirs to carry on our family traditions, “The buck,” as it did with President Harry S. Truman, “stops here.” Because, quite frankly, it has nowhere else to go. Moreover, whatever bucks remain after Dina, and I die will go who knows where? If to err is human, and we have no significant heirs, then there will be no heir apparent to the Lourie legacy.

As such, I have fewer people to answer to/concern myself with or worry about in any shape or form now, other than my wife, Dina. I'm not exactly adrift. But I am something, what that is exactly, I can't say. Whatever it will be, it will be very unnatural. 'Unnatural' as in behaviors/responsibilities I've had to do (happily and willingly) my entire life, I no longer must do as there's no one left to answer to. Still, I have never chafed at the responsibilities/obligations to my parents and brother. Nevertheless, as I live/survive forward, I do not have any of the checks and balances that previously characterized my life. Unfortunately, as this column's title says, I am now free of many of the ties which on and off have knotted me up, while likely keeping me between the lines, and mostly out of trouble.

I am now left to fend for myself (Dina notwithstanding). My entire life I've never had to fend for myself. It seems silly that after all these decades of organizing my life/adhering to certain guidelines, something should change. Boy, did it. With my last blood family member predeceasing me, I am free to fail. In spectacular fashion if I so desire or succeed in ways never imagined/considered given the non-literal, non-verbal constraints I was bound to, especially since I was “The baby of the family,” (as was my mother). Just as last week's column described my new scan interval taking me into “new territory,” so too does living my life without my brother stagger me forward into uncharted waters. I will live on for sure, but for a while, the loss will be difficult, especially with baseball season upon us. If my brother and I shared anything, it was the love of the Boston Red Sox (and The Three Stooges, but that's for another column). And did I ever feel it on Sunday, April 2nd. On that day, the Orioles played the Red Sox in Boston. It was scheduled for 1:35 pm. That would have been the exact time that my brother and I would have gotten together to watch the ballgame. And aside from watching the game, it would have given me the opportunity to make sure Richard had the details about how to sign up for the MLB package on Cable so he could see as many Red Sox games as possible. (There are certain tasks that fell to me, as the younger brother. Advising Richard when and how he could watch Red Sox games on television was one of the most important.) Sitting at home alone on that first Sunday of the season watching the Red Sox game, all I could think about was my brother and all the conversations we'd be having about the Red Sox – and of course, life. Never again would we be together, except in my dreams (I can hope, can't?)

Aside from my brother being older and wiser – and a more experienced salesperson than I was, he was a great brother (“my best man” in fact) – and friend, and my biggest booster as well. I remember when I was hospitalized for a week in August 2015, my brother was at the hospital every day, all day, encouraging me on the one hand, and interfacing with the doctors and staff on the other to make sure I was getting the best, most hands-on care. And when I had an opportunity to return the favor this past July through mid-Sept., when he was hospitalized; to visit and support my brother, bring him food, run any outside errands he needed, whatever, I was available every day, all day, whatever he or his wife, Vanessa needed me to do. With his passing, I feel as if I'm only living part time, if you know what I mean? And unfortunately, I don't suppose it's going to get any better for a while.

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# Rabbits Shot with Blow Darts on N. Barton Street

**One rabbit humanely trapped and rescued.**

**A**t the beginning of April Animal Welfare League of Arlington's Animal Control Department began receiving calls regarding two rabbits found on the 700 and 800 blocks of N. Barton Street with what appear to be blow darts stuck in their bodies. One of the rabbits has the dart stuck through the head area, the other in the side.

Animal Control Officers responded to these calls immediately and have worked over the past week, setting humane traps in different properties in an attempt to catch these rabbits. The plan is to bring the rabbits back to AWLA for triage and transportation to an emergency Wildlife Center for medical care. AWLA was also working with the Department of Wildlife Resources to coordinate efforts.

Tuesday morning April 11, thanks to a call from a member of the public, Officers Elpers and Murray were able to catch one of the rabbits shot with a blow dart on N Barton Street. The dart dislodged itself while the rabbit was in the net. The rabbit was taken to AWLA for triage, and later transported to the Blue Ridge Wildlife Center for continuing care. Hopefully it will make a full recovery and be able to be released back into the wild.

This is the second time in the



The dart dislodged itself while the rabbit was in the net, but the rabbit's fur is still attached.

past 12 months AWLA has discovered the use of projectiles or blow darts on wildlife. AWLA asks that anyone with knowledge of these incidents or sightings of these rabbits please contact Animal Control immediately at 703-931-9241. Please do not attempt to chase the rabbits.

"This behavior will not be tolerated here in Arlington. This is an act of animal cruelty," said Jennifer Toussaint, Chief of Animal Control. "We put so much time and emphasis on teaching tolerance and harmonious coexistence with local wildlife in an effort to prevent acts such as this."

Reminder: if you have any information about this situation, or you see another rabbit with a dart embedded, please call AWLA immediately at 703-931-9241.



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Blow dart visible on the side of the rabbit's head.



This rabbit had a blow dart stuck in its side.



This rabbit had a blow dart stuck through the head area.

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