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Groups tell School Board to consider more feedback in superintendent search

By Heather Zwicker FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Despite opposition from several local groups, Fairfax County Public Schools sent out an email Wednesday night which indicated a final candidate for superintendent would be announced and voted on at Thursday night's School Board meeting.

Social media blew up last week-end with news of the search for Fairfax County Schools Superintendent Scott Brabrand's replacement, and immediately groups who usually don't agree with each other came together and called on the School Board to seek additional feedback before making a decision.

Although not directly involved in the selection process, the Fairfax County NAACP got wind of the two final candidates -- Dr. Michelle Reid of the Northshore School District in Washington state, and Dr. Cheryl Logan, superintendent of Omaha Public Schools in Omaha, Neb. Expecting an imminent selection, they released a statement April 9 with a detailed comparison of the candidates and although voicing their concerns, they advocated for Logan. What was not known, however, is that Logan had already withdrawn her name from consideration.

"We want to make it clear to the community that Dr. Logan's decision came one week before our statement released," they said in an April 11 statement. And, they requested that the school board to hire a superintendent with the "qualifications, experience and knowledge to lead a school system the size, diversity, and complexity of FCPS."

Fairfax NAACP officials said in their April 9 statement that they had asked to be involved in the process multiple times and that advocates for

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other vulnerable student populations be included as well. And, although they had requested to be part of the panel to hear from the final candidates, they were only invited to participate in community stakeholder meetings.

All groups involved in the stakeholder meetings expressed that the new superintendent should have extensive leadership and have faced problems similar to those FCPS has encountered such as "teacher shortages, achievement gaps, opportunity gaps, large English language learner populations with low graduation rates, large number of students from economic disadvantage, vast geographic diversity, wide economic disparity, and more."

The panel which heard from the two finalists was made up of individual members of select School Board Advisory Committees, principals chosen from a few FCPS schools, five members of the Fairfax County

Council of PTAs, a representative from Northern Virginia Community College, a representative of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations and the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce.

Since the April 9 NAACP statement other groups have voiced their concern, including student-led group Pride Liberation Project (PLP), an LGBTQIA+ advocacy organization. "When key stakeholder groups start telling at @fcpsnews that there's a problem, there's a problem," they tweeted. "You cannot make a decision that will shape our county for years through 15 days of outreach."

PLP released their own statement April 12 calling it unfortunate that voices of students were not heard and they called on FCPS to conduct extensive student outreach. They said that the student panel, made up of 11 students cannot "represent the views of an 180,000+ student body."

Additionally, Fairfax County Par-

ents Association listed their concerns about the lone finalist Reid, "ranging from her ability to run a school district the size & scope of FCPS, to her decisions to keep schools closed as long as possible & her solution to the mental health crisis being to 'just love your kids.'"

"FCPS is facing serious challenges. FCPS needs a superintendent who has the experience of managing a multi-billion dollar organization to have any hope of turning FCPS around, not one who has failed to produce positives results from a smaller system," said a letter posted to FCPS's twitter account. Reid's current school district has a budget of \$400 million. The FCPS budget is \$3.4 billion.

In all of these statements the common thread is that Reid is not qualified to succeed Brabrand, given just a couple of facts that they have all honed in on: her current school district is a fraction of the size of FCPS, and both English and math scores declined in her district during her tenure.

Additionally, PLP characterized Reid's leadership on protecting student free speech and her record on closing achievement gaps "lackluster." "Until Dr. Reid is provided with the opportunity to respond to pressing community concerns through student forums, FCPS should not hire her," they concluded.

"It is unconscionable that FCPS leaked confidential, NDA-protected details of the search, allowing certain groups to influence the board's selection while shutting out everyday parents and citizens," said Christy Hudson, a Fairfax County parent. "If the school board intends to preserve any remaining trust between itself and everyday citizens of Fairfax County,

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TJ admissions battle now at the U.S. Supreme Court

By Asra Nomani SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

In 1989, Fairfax County mother Yuyan Zhou stood in Tiananmen Square to rally for civil rights in her native country of China. This week, she stood at the U.S. Supreme Court, off First Street NE, in the nation's capital, to stand up for the civil rights of Asian American students, as the hotly-contested legal battle over admissions to Thomas Jefferson High School for Science Technology moved to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Standing at the steps to the Supreme Court, Zhou, the mother of two graduates from TJ, a school ranked No. 1 in the country, according to U.S. News and World Report, said that another TJ parent, Harry Jackson, had once told her, "Injustice for one is injustice for all."

"This is why we are here," Zhou said, as parents held signs that read, "Stop Racist #UnFairfax."



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Last Friday, attorneys for Pacific Legal Foundation, a legal public interest firm, filed an emergency petition with U.S. Chief Justice John Roberts on behalf of Coalition for TJ - a grassroots group of parents and community members - in an effort to block Fairfax County Public Schools from continuing this season's admissions process for next year's freshman class.

In the case, which has drawn

international attention as a referendum on so-called "equity" programs that are changing curriculum, admissions and grading practices around the country, U.S. federal judge Claude Hilton for the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court ruled earlier this year that a new admissions process the school board implemented in December 2020 is illegal, uncon-

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A challenger league of their own

Michael Kimlick's philosophy on baseball with the challenger division

Michael Kimlick might as well have been born on the baseball field. The sport runs in his blood from growing up in the midwest. Kimlick jumped-literally out of his seat and raised his hand-at the chance to support the Fairfax Little League Challenger Baseball Division.

The Challenger Division began in 1989, but Kimlick started volunteering in 2004 as a coach. "I moved to manager and next thing I know I'm running the league," Kimlick said. He has been director of the league since 2006.

Back in 2004, Kimlick's wife ran into

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PEOPLE AND PLACES



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Lee District Supervisor Rodney Lusk and Senator Mark Warner (D-VA). On Monday, Warner delivered \$1,500,000 to Fairfax County for the planning and development of up to 250 new affordable housing units at Residences at Government Center II, an affordable housing project sponsored by the Fairfax County Redevelopment & Housing Authority. During the event, Warner got a tour of a residential unit at Residences at the Government Center I, which will serve as a model for the 250 new units. After the tour, the senator was joined by minority developers and members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in a conversation about the need for increased affordable housing in Northern Virginia.



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Local anglers celebrate World Autism Day

Youth with autism and their families celebrated World Autism Awareness Day at Lake Fairfax Park with a day of fishing on April 2.

Anglers with Autism is for families to learn how to fish together and identify a variety of accessible fishing opportunities the Park Authority has to offer. The Park Authority welcomed several anglers with autism who participated in a basic fishing lesson and a guided fishing opportunity, with all equipment provided.

The inaugural event drew a nice crowd according to organizers. “It was a wonderful opportunity to bring so many different families together to learn a new skill like fishing on World Autism Awareness Day,” said Monica Klock, adapted program specialist for the Fairfax County Park Authority. “The memories made and the smiles on everyone’s faces solidified for us that we will be bringing this event back in April 2023.”

Deltek Scholars Program created to fund GMU computer science graduates

Computer science students at George Mason University will benefit from a new donation by **Deltek**, the leading global provider of enterprise software and information solutions for project-based businesses, headquartered in Herndon. A \$100,000 investment from the company, establishing the Deltek Scholars Program, will provide scholarship support beginning in fall 2022 to as many as eight graduate students pursuing their master’s degree in software engineering.

“We are honored that Deltek has chosen to invest in Mason students, and are eager to put these funds to use to advance our mutual goal of training a world-class tech workforce here in Northern Virginia,” said Mason President Gregory Washington.

The scholarship recipients can also gain access to internships at Deltek, networking and career-building opportunities, and funding for capstone projects. Recipients must be among the first generation in their family to attend college, thus contributing to the goal of

bringing diverse talent to the tech workforce.

“Mason is a proven talent incubator for the Northern Virginia region,” said Mike Corkery, president and CEO of Deltek. “We’re looking forward to hosting interns from Mason, hiring more Mason graduates, and collaborating to advance Northern Virginia as a world leader in information technology.”

Deltek’s investment advances Mason’s participation in the Tech Talent Investment Program launched by the Commonwealth of Virginia in 2019. That agreement calls for Mason to raise matching funds in order to receive up to \$125 million in state funding to produce a cumulative total of more than 7,500 master’s graduates in technology fields by 2039.

Deltek’s founder, the late Donald de Laski, was a board member and a leading supporter of George Mason University for many years. The de Laski Performing Arts Building on the university’s Fairfax Campus is named in honor of him and his wife, Kathleen.

Comstock wins CoStar impact award for Reston Station

**Comstock Holding Companies, Inc.** announced last week that Reston Metro Plaza was named as the recipient of CoStar’s Impact Award for Best Finance Transaction.

The first annual CoStar Impact Awards recognize exemplary commercial real estate transactions completed in 2021 with significant influence in neighborhoods and submarkets across 11 major U.S. markets.

Comstock’s three Trophy-Class office towers at 1900, 1902 and 1906 Reston Metro Plaza, anchor Reston Station’s 60-acre transit-oriented, mixed-use development that serves as home to the first Silver Line Metro station in the Dulles Corridor. In December 2021, the Company announced an 85,000 square foot lease Qualtrics, adding to the already impressive corporate tenant roster at Reston Station that includes Google, ICF, Neustar, a TransUnion Company, Rolls Royce North America, Sollar Winds, Spotify/Megaphone, and Certipath.

In September 2021, Comstock announced the \$355 million refinancing completion of the first three towers developed at Reston Station. This transaction was composed of two fully leased office towers and one office tower that was nearly fully leased, including the only building in Virginia designed by world renowned architect Helmut Jahn. The transaction demonstrates continued interest in the public-private partnership model

for commercial development in the Dulles Corridor among the world’s leading finance providers.

“We are delighted to receive the CoStar Impact Award for Best Finance Transaction on behalf of Reston Metro Plaza,” said Christopher Clemente, chief executive officer of Comstock. “Building long-term relationships with best-in-class capital providers such as Blackstone and DivcoWest is among our key strategic initiatives, and we believe the financial commitment of these market leaders affirm the pre-eminence of our office portfolio in the Dulles Corridor.”

Comstock subsidiaries arranged the non-recourse construction take-out recapitalization package on behalf of Comstock Partners, LC, an affiliated, privately held company. The package included a \$312 million senior loan provided by a Blackstone subsidiary and a \$43 million preferred equity facility with a DivcoWest subsidiary. The recapitalization package replaces construction loans provided by Bank of America covering 1900, 1902, and 1906 Reston Metro Plaza.



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W. Scott Gould

SAIC announces new member of Strategic Advisory Board

Science Applications International Corp. announced former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs W. **Scott Gould** has joined the company’s Strategic Advisory Board.

Gould is currently the CEO of Mountain Lake Associates, LLC, a technology-enabled healthcare services firm.

“We are thrilled to have Scott Gould as a key addition to this team of experts to assist SAIC as we continue to innovate and adapt to the changing needs of our clients,” said Nazzic Keene, CEO of SAIC. “Scott’s experience in the federal government, healthcare services industry and his military service provide him with insight that will be highly beneficial and applicable to our company. His unique skillset greatly complements the abilities of the other members of the Strategic Advisory Board, and we look forward to working with him.”

The company’s Strategic Advisory Board is composed of experienced leaders who bring comprehensive expertise from both industry and

the public sector, providing advice and guidance to facilitate growth and innovation at SAIC.

Along with Gould, the Strategic Advisory Board is composed of David Norquist, former Department of Defense (DOD) deputy secretary and comptroller; Ellen Lord, former DOD undersecretary for acquisition and sustainment; and Dana Deasy, former DOD chief information officer.

“I’m eager to contribute to SAIC as it continues its vital work in confronting the challenges of tomorrow, especially with regard to health services,” said Gould. “I look forward to working with the company and the rest of the Strategic Advisory Board in helping SAIC continue to thrive.”

The Strategic Advisory Board advises company leaders on customer priorities, acquisition policy and potential disruptions in the environment, as well as possible new growth areas.

Inova board of trustees announces two new members

The Board of Trustees for Inova, Northern Virginia’s largest non-profit healthcare provider and the region’s most recognized for excellence, has announced two new members joining its ranks in 2022.

**Kathryn Falk**, vice president for Cox Communications, and **Lesley Kalan**, corporate vice president and chief strategy and development officer for Northrop Grumman Corporation, have joined Inova’s Board of Trustees beginning in 2022.

The Board of Trustees is primarily responsible for overseeing Inova’s strategy, financial condition, and the performance of management. The Inova Health System’s 20,000 team members encounter more than two million patient visits each year through an integrated network of hospitals, primary and specialty care practices, emergency and urgent care centers, outpatient services and destination institutes.

“I’m excited to welcome Kathryn and Lesley to our Board,” said Tony Nader, chair of Inova’s Board of Trustees. “They bring the perfect combination of distinguished experience and a deep commitment to serve the people in the Northern Virginia community.”

In joining the board, Falk brings her experience as the vice president for Cox Communications in Northern Virginia. In this role, she is responsible for leading employees and the day-to-day operations of Cox in Northern Virginia. Prior to joining Cox Communications in 2002, Falk served for five years as the president of the Virginia Cable Telecommunications Association (VCTA) based in Richmond. Before this Falk was the vice president for Government Relations and head of the Washington Office for the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA). Prior to her tenure at NECA, Falk led congressional and public relations efforts at the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners on telecommunications, transportation and water issues. Falk began her career on Capitol Hill as an aide to U.S. Senator Dennis DeConcini of Arizona in the Washington, D.C. office.

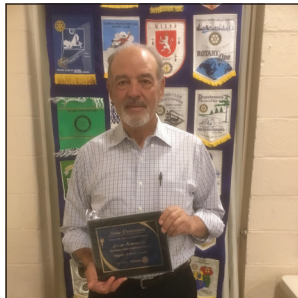
Falk also serves as the immediate past chairman of the Board of Directors of the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce, the immediate past Chairman of Educate Fairfax, formerly the Foundation for Fairfax County Public Schools, the Board of Directors of the Tysons Partnership and the Board of Directors of the Virginia Broadband Association - VCTA, which she previously chaired.

As corporate vice president and chief strategy and development officer for Northrop Grumman Corporation, Kalan

brings experience leading the company’s growth strategy including mergers and acquisitions activities, portfolio alignment, commercial partnerships and strategic planning. She is responsible for the company’s business development efforts and ensuring the company and its portfolio are positioned to serve its customers and their missions. Kalan also leads Northrop Grumman’s public policy, regulatory and government affairs activities.

Previously, Kalan served as Northrop Grumman’s corporate vice president, Government Relations and as vice president, Legislative Affairs. Before joining the company, she was vice president at The Cohen Group, a strategic advisory firm to diverse multinational and Fortune 100 companies. She also served as professional staff of the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations Defense Subcommittee and as a presidential management fellow in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. She serves on the board of directors for the National Association of Manufacturers, and the Wolf Trap Foundation and is a Center for Strategic and International Studies Women’s Global Leadership Fellow.

“Both Kathryn and Lesley have a long history of business success and a commitment to the Inova mission and the communities we serve,” said J. Stephen Jones, MD, MBA, FACS, president and CEO, Inova. “I’m thrilled to welcome them to our Board of Trustees and look forward to their contributions to our organization.”



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George Kapetamakis

SAIC announces new member of Strategic Advisory Board

The Rotary Club of McLean has awarded its annual Dignity of Work award to **George Kapetamakis** of the McLean Family Restaurant at its regular meeting on April 12.

This award is designed to recognize and promote the outstanding people working in the McLean Community. Rotary Club members nominate and then vote for individuals working in McLean who have impressed them with excellent customer service, courtesy, friendliness, dependability and integrity.

Kapetamakis has owned and operated McLean Family Restaurant for since 1977. He greatly enjoys meeting and getting to know those who visit his restaurant. He commented that he thought his most interesting guest was Newt Gingrich, former congressman and Speaker of the House from Georgia.

Rotary President John McEvilly said that he came up with the idea for this award based on his own blue-collar background where he was raised on the north side of Chicago in a family of six children. “I started making my own way starting at 10-years old delivering newspapers,” he said. He has worked continuously for the last 64 years.

McEvilly joined Rotary in 1994, and one of the things attracting him was the belief that by contributing our vocational talents we can help solve the problems of society and meet the needs of the McLean community. “I finally had my chance when I became president of the McLean Rotary Club and could direct my club to initiate a program that honors local people whose daily efforts where they work help make McLean a better place to live,” he said.

Local student recognized in equestrian contest

The Bridgewater College equestrian team competed at the ODAC Championships on April 3 at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, taking home fifth place with **Caroline Warren** of Dunn Loring, earning All-ODAC honors.

The event included two over fences phases, where all four riders from each team competed and the score was taken from the average of two judges. The final round was on the flat and only two riders per school competed. Their scores also came from the average of the two judges.

Warren averaged a 62.500. After phase one of jumping BC sat in fourth place and the event earned them three total points.

After the second phase of jumping, the Eagles were still in fourth place. Warren led the way with an average score of 77.

In a field of 20 total riders, the top-10 earned All-ODAC honors based on their average scores. Warren posted a total average score of 69.750 placing her eighth in the field.

Bridgewater College is a private, four-year liberal arts college located in the Central Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Founded in 1880, it was the state’s first private, coeducational college. Today, Bridgewater College is home to approximately 1,500 students.

Vienna resident inducted into honor society

Dean College is pleased to announce that **Tatiana Spengler** of Vienna has been inducted into the following honor societies for their academic achievements: Phi Eta Sigma

Founded in 1865, Dean College is a private, residential college located in Franklin Massachusetts, 45 minutes from Boston, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island. Dean College offers baccalaureate degrees, associate degree programs, as well as a robust schedule of part-time continuing and professional education credit and certificate programs throughout the calendar year.

Area students inducted into collegiate honor society

College students from Fairfax County were recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society.

**Sofia Troya Zambrano** of Vienna at the College of Charleston.

**Denise McCann** of Burke at Pittsburg State University

**Grace Cotton** of Fairfax at Texas A&M University

**Rachel Lansbury** of Annandale at St. Mary’s College of Maryland.

The students are among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff, and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff, and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories, and the Philippines. Its mission is “To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others.”



How to evict dangerous mold

Specialists share the method and madness in getting rid of indoor mold

By Jaya Patil  
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

With a case of suspected mold growth indoors, it’s time to turn to the professionals. Mold can wreak havoc on people’s lives from their wallet to their brain, so what does it take to get rid of the culprit?

Two mold remediation specialists, Michael Rubino and John K. Taylor, explained the equation for remediation.

All American Restoration founder Rubino—known as “the mold medic”—is a prominent expert on mold remediation. Rubino is an advocate for legislation and an educator on mold remediation.

Taylor founded Madison Taylor Indoor Environmental Inc. in 2000. Taylor has several acronyms to his name—from Council-Certified Indoor Environmentalist (CIE) to Applied Microbial Remediation Technician (AMRT).

Mold remediation is a collective process—involving inspection, testing, and cleaning—but what calls

them in is water. It can be water damage, lack of humidity controls, or improper HVAC filtration. When water meets an organic food source, which is most building materials or debris, that is grounds for mold growth.

Even without organic building materials, Taylor said, “You collect 20-30 pounds of dirt, hair, dead skin, what have you inside ductwork every year. You throw moisture and humidity on top of that, and you’ve got a petri dish.”

The key is to mitigate conditions for mold growth. Water damage must be addressed before mold can grow (24-48 hours), humidity should remain below 60 percent, and HVAC systems need annual maintenance.

With modern energy efficiency goals, Rubino said, “Net zero energy efficiency requires sealing our buildings. Making them airtight [means it’s] more important to ensure the air inside is healthy air.” Taylor added that “the conditioning part [of the air conditioning system] is to reduce the relative humidity.” Rubino emphasized the importance of water drainage and diversion.

Taylor outlined their remediation process: test

the mold, assess indoor air quality, measure moisture, identify the source, and move forward with cleaning. “The object isn’t to kill mold, it’s to remove it,” said Rubino.

Mold poses a problem from root to spore. “The industry standard is that if you see mold on drywall, you have to cut it out because the root system can get into the drywall. So even if you wipe it off or treat it, the root system is still inside the drywall,” Taylor explained.

On the other end, Rubino said that killing the mold doesn’t address the particles left behind. “Plants reproduce with seeds just like mold reproduces with spores... [you] have to remove the living organisms and the particles produced by them. It only fails because you failed to address both sides of the equation,” he said.

That means that their process of cleaning can look like sealing things off, using filtration technology, and losing some things that can’t be salvaged.

“Every time you see mold it’s not always a significant problem but sometimes it is. That should be



evaluated by somebody certified,” said Taylor. There are industry standards but, Taylor said, “A lot of states and governments have not gotten involved in regulating this in any way.”

Rubino said that the systems in place are “not looking at this as an epidemic [when] it is and it’s getting worse, and I know

that because every year we get more people contacting us... you take 20,000 breaths per day [but] we’re not paying attention to how what we’re breathing can create an impact.”

When it comes down to funding, Rubino explained how investment into researching mold would pay off with reduced stress on

our medical institutions and disability programs. He presented a bill to Ohio legislatures, HB 251, that would validate indoor mold as a problem and create an active program.

Change starts with awareness. Rubino urged, “Anytime a law is going to change, there needs to be demand for change.”

Tropical spring salad

KEYS TO BETTER HEALTH  
CINDY SANTA ANA

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 pound of wild raw shrimp (or cooked chicken tenders or flank steak) • Coconut oil • 1 tsp taco seasoning
- 1 diced mango • 1 cup diced pineapple • 1/4 cup red onion
- 1 jalapeño diced very small • 1 avocado diced • 1/4 cup cilantro • Juice of 1 lime • 1 crushed clove of garlic
- 1/2 tsp cumin • Salt and pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS:

1. Heat your oven to 400 degrees
2. Mix your raw shrimp with a little coconut oil and taco seasoning
3. Bake for about 8-10 minutes until cooked. Skip is using already cooked meat.
4. Mix the rest of the ingredients into a large bowl.
5. Once the shrimp have cooled, add them to the tropical salsa and place in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes, this recipe is meant to be served cold. Can be stored for up to two days in the fridge.



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# Recent tornadoes recorded in Centreville, Tysons

## Residents advised to be prepared for severe weather

**By Sravan Gannavarapu**  
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Two tornadoes touched down in Fairfax County, one in Centreville and the other in Tyson’s Corner, March 31.

The Centreville tornado touched down just behind Cub Run Elementary School, with minor damage done to trees but nothing major. In Tysons, the storm touched down along Chain Bridge Road, just northwest of Tysons Corner Mall, with minor damage at nearby gas stations. Both tornadoes were measured at the lowest level of the Enhanced Fujita Scale.

Video footage was captured at the scene of the storm at Tysons, with visual evidence of debris flying through the air. Before that, Fairfax County government issued an alert to seek shelter immediately. More than 19,000 residents received the warning.

NBC4 Meteorologist Doug Kammerer was on the air when the tornado hit and called his family live, asking them to take shelter immediately. Kammerer says his family was not harmed during this event.

Seamus Mooney, coordinator for the Fairfax County Department of Emergency Management and Security, said there are several ways to help prepare for such emergencies, including using the Community Emergency Response Guide on the county website.

“The guide lists the most typical hazards you would deal with in Fairfax County, and it also talks about what you should do before, during, and after such an event,” said Mooney.

Fairfax County is no stranger to tornadoes. Prior to these incidents, the most recent tornado took place in 2019 in Reston. In all, 20 tornadoes have occurred in this region since 1952.

In the guide, residents can find information on what to do in case of an emergency while also learning about the Ready Fairfax Program, which is designed to educate and empower community members



to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies.

Fairfax County also has the Fairfax Alert system that individuals can sign up for and automatically receive weather alerts.

Mooney says there are simple ways to stay involved and help others in case of a natural disaster like a tornado that’s approaching.

“When a tornado warning is issued, you want to go to an interior room away from doors and windows and lowest levels possible,” said Mooney. “We encourage people to be a little bit more weather aware when a tornado watch is issued.”

Mooney also mentioned that by storm’s conclusion, if there are many people displaced, the county would start looking at shelter operations.

If an instance such as a hurricane or blizzard were to occur, the county would repeat the same process. Starting with pushing through social media, they would then internally begin coordinating calls with agencies and state partners and try to track the impending weather through the National Weather Service. They will also activate the county’s Emergency Operations Center, which coordinates its response.

Upon the storm’s end, the county performs a damage assessment, trying to quickly quantify how much impact the storm had while providing help to those affected heavily. Ultimately, their goal is to work as fast as possible to put Fairfax County back to normal operations.

# Financial planning critical for those with disabilities

**Courtesy of The Arc of Northern Virginia**

As we observe Autism Acceptance Month this month, it’s worth pausing to reflect on the financial challenges faced by adults with disabilities, including those on the autism spectrum. Transitioning to any level of independent living with supports can represent a daunting challenge for people with autism, their families, and loved ones. People with autism often depend on those supports, which can provide self-assurance and much-needed guidance when establishing their independent lives and reaching their personal goals. For them, a special needs trust (SNT) can make the possibility of an autonomous life a reality.

Financial planning is a critical component of supporting someone with autism as they make their way in the world, and yet it is an aspect of life that is often overlooked. For clients with a disability, the answer often comes in the form of an SNT. A trust is a legal relationship in which a trustee is granted control of money or assets on behalf of a beneficiary. An SNT is designed specifically for a beneficiary with a disability such as in-

tellectual and developmental disabilities or autism.

For clients who have a special needs trust with The Arc of Northern Virginia, Key Private Bank serves as the trustee. The Arc serves as the manager, assisting the beneficiary with the day-to-day choices and tasks regarding the money in the trust. Since the beneficiary does not directly control the money held in an SNT, that money does not affect or diminish government benefits the beneficiary may have, benefits that are based on that person’s income, savings, and other assets they directly control.

A special needs trust with The Arc of Northern Virginia comes with advantages and strengths that set it apart. The trust counselors and staff at The Arc bring a high level of professional expertise to bear on establishing and managing SNTs. Their work on behalf of their clients results in a minimal amount of responsibility for the family. Key Private Bank approaches the trust as a corporate entity rather than as a friend or relative who could move, pass away or simply find the process too overwhelming. Likewise, The Arc of Northern Virginia will remain a constant man-

ager, no matter who changes within the organization. The Arc’s mission of advocating for and supporting the disability community has not faltered in 60 years and will continue.

This constancy presents a great comfort and reassurance for people with autism and other disabilities, as well as to their parents and their families. For parents, the transition to adulthood for their kids brings with it a reminder of their own mortality, and with that a visceral fear. “What if something happens to me? What will happen to my child when I’m gone?” People with disabilities depend heavily on their family supports, and those supports are vulnerable. For many families, it’s an unspoken issue, but the specter of sudden change is never far from most families’ thoughts.

There are a number of very good reasons a family might choose to set up a special needs trust for their loved ones, but for many, the sense of peace and permanence is the most compelling, particularly with a long-standing and respected organization like The Arc of Northern Virginia. For more information please visit [www.thearcofnovatrust.org](http://www.thearcofnovatrust.org).

# Inclusive Pathways to Success

**By Madison Schofield**  
SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

A new opportunity for young adults with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) is set to launch this summer. Inclusive Pathways to Success (IPS), a nonprofit trade school, will be accepting applications for its pilot program in early May.

The organization was founded by Naina Narayana Chernoff and Hope Hohmann. As mothers of autistic teenagers, they became worried for their children after witnessing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the neurodivergent and differently-abled community.

“I started to think about what jobs that he might be able to do that would be pandemic proof because so many jobs in the hospitality and the retail industry etc. vanished overnight,” said Chernoff. “That led to a search about what could we set him up with that would offer him stability, and the trades were pretty apparent.”

Chernoff reached out to Hohmann with her idea, and Hohmann immediately jumped on board.

“We want to expand choices for differently-abled individuals. Their choices are limited, and a lot of their choices were affected by the pandemic adversely,” explained Hohmann.

The summer pilot program will run for four weeks, from June through July.

The students will work



COURTESY PHOTO  
**Founders Naina Narayana Chernoff & Hope Hohmann**

with a team of carpentry teachers, speech-language pathologists, post-secondary teachers, and helpers.

“The first trade we’re starting off with is carpentry, it lends itself to a very kinesthetic way of learning,” said Chernoff “we’re focusing on foundational trade skills that they would need to get into apprenticeships.”

In addition, the program will teach students communication and other life skills and strategies.

“The other unique part of our program is that 60 percent of the program will focus on soft skill development,” added Chernoff.

IPS will be accepting six students into their pilot program.

“I think the key we’ve both learned as parents is that small groups really work in this population,” explained Hohmann.

While there’s been a fair amount of interest in the program, Chernoff admits most

parents are understandably hesitant in embracing the new program.

“We want something proven and something that’s research-backed,” explained Chernoff. “That’s why we feel so passionate about the pilot program, it will lend itself to that credibility we are seeking.”

“Everyone gets really excited, it’s just that it’s cautiously optimistic and we want to prove ourselves through this pilot program,” added Hohmann.

After a successful pilot program, IPS hopes to open its full-year program in August 2023.

IPS will be holding an Autism Acceptance Celebration on April 25 at Caboose Commons in Fairfax from 6 to 9 p.m. The event will serve as a fundraiser for the pilot program, and Caboose Commons will be giving 10 percent of all their in-house beer sales, including to-go drinks, from 3 to 9 p.m. to IPS.

## SEARCH

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they need to declare a ‘mistrial’. Name an interim superintendent from FCPS’s internal ranks, and begin the search anew.”

Questions sent to the School Board had not been answered by deadline, and instead were routed to the FCPS FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) office. However the School Board released a statement Monday asking for respect for the applicants’ confidentiality while the process is completed. “We appreciate your patience as together we

make this important decision that will guide the future of our public school community over the next few years,” they said.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Jeff McKay said that although the BOS is not involved in the process he expects and believes that the school board will make a decision that results in a superintendent who will maintain and ultimately improve on the excellence of FCPS. McKay said he was very concerned about the potential leak of information. “It negatively impacts on a larger basis the county’s ability to recruit candidates on this search

and for future searches, and therefore harms all of us. I hope that a review of how that happened is a part of the school board’s process,” he said.

Brabrand announced his departure last summer and is slated to step down June 30. FCPS hired GR Recruiting in October to lead the search and since then they’ve conducted surveys, hosted virtual town halls and met with various groups including students, parents and other community members. The search process is typically conducted in private and those involved are usually required to sign non-disclosure agreements.

## TJ BATTLE

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stitutional and anti-Asian. Hilton denied a request by the school board to issue a “stay,” pending its appeal of the decision to the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. The school board appealed Hilton’s decision on the stay, and it won a split 2-1 decision by the appeals court, granting the stay.

Attorneys for Coalition for TJ filed the emergency application in an attempt to force the school system to return to its test-based admissions process, as Hilton required in his ruling, saying, the appeals court “gave short shrift to both the public interest in not enforcing unconstitutional policies and the interests of Asian-American students who will be forced to endure another year of harm.”

They noted: “Unless the stay is vacated, hundreds of Asian-American applicants to TJ, including children of Coalition members, will be forced to compete for seats at TJ in a system intended to discriminate against them because of their race....Because admissions decisions are imminent, the Coalition respectfully asks the Chief Justice, in his capacity as Circuit Justice for the Fourth Circuit, to vacate

the stay pending appeal and reinstate the district court’s injunction.”

Significantly, Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares led a coalition of 15 other state attorney generals in filing an amicus brief on Tuesday in support of the Coalition for TJ’s request.

Miyares, whose mother immigrated to the U.S. from Cuba, said in a videotaped interview: “I’m proud to stand with these parents. I’ve said before, anti-Semitism is the world’s oldest form of bigotry. Unfortunately, in too many areas of America today, one of the few forms of state-sanctioned bigotry is bigotry and discrimination against our Asian American brothers and sisters and fellow Virginians.”

In response to the filing by the Coalition for TJ last Friday, Chief Justice Roberts immediately asked for a response from the Fairfax County School Board, giving its lawyers a deadline of the close of business on Wednesday. Late Wednesday, attorneys for the school board filed a response, saying that stopping the current admissions process would cause “irreparable harm” to the students who applied for admission to Thomas Jefferson.

The TJ case is going through an emergency

process—often called the “shadow docket”—designed specifically for instances like this where there’s an urgent problem and there isn’t time to wait for a normal appeal to run its course. There is no oral argument in this emergency process and very limited briefing. Normally, parties get months to file their briefs. The issue Chief Justice Roberts is considering is limited to just the question of whether the stay should be vacated. No decision will be made on the merits of the case. The school board is pursuing an appeal to the wider decision in the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The school board said, in its response, that “... the irreparable harm that the Board would suffer absent a stay is palpable and grave.” It said, “School officials have expended enormous time and effort processing thousands of applications for admission. Overhauling the admission process at this late date would be convulsive.”

For her part, Zhou, who survived the Cultural Revolution in China, said, “If injustice is allowed to continue, the cost we will bear is immeasurable. Equality and justice under the law is priceless.”

*Asra Q. Nomani is a former reporter for the Wall Street Journal. She is a cofounder of Coalition for TJ.*



# Fairfax Fire and Rescue Department is leading the way in fitness

By Michael Marrow  
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Emergencies follow no set schedule and can happen at a moment's notice. So when firefighters with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department file into the Wellfit center in Chantilly, they often bring their equipment with them, leaving their gear near the entrance and trucks parked out front in case their shift is called into action.

The Wellfit center offers strength training and physical therapy for Fairfax County's finest and is part of an all-encompassing strategy FCFRD has undertaken that is unique in the country. Alongside these services, the department provides dietary guidance and behavioral counseling for an all-encompassing approach to ensure firefighters are in the best shape possible to perform their arduous tasks.

It's an approach that "breaks down the barriers to care," said Battalion Chief Brian Edmonston. The program is proactive as well as reactive – firefighters who receive proper physical training are less prone to injury, and those who become injured can be more swiftly rehabilitated to be ready to return to the field. "We continue to build you back up," he said.

Responding to emergencies begins with healthy meals, which firefighters tend to have little spare

time to prepare. That's why Megan Lautz, the department's specialized dietician, works closely with them to devise nutritious eating habits.

"If you've ever worked with a firefighter, they love meat and don't have a ton of time for fruits and vegetables," Lautz said. "We know they need more fruits and vegetables, to hydrate and cut back on caffeine," which is why her approach is focused on "creating a balance to be empathetic to the lifestyle."

Visiting the Wellfit center, which is open 24/7, is not required for the 1,400 firefighters with the department. Though mandatory options are being explored, the current focus is on positive incentives to draw shifts in.

And the facility, equipped with a full range of fitness equipment, offers what many firefighters are looking for: trash talk, loud music, camaraderie, and overall, a good time. "The energy is changing," Edmonston observed, which is building out a more robust "esprit de corps."

Five days a week, the workouts are supervised by the department's Strength and Conditioning Coordinator Jake Patten. Before joining up with the department, Patten worked with athletes in the NCAA, a specialty that equipped him for the role of training first responders, who are classified as tactical athletes.

But the transition to training first responders was not without



challenges. Whereas athletes follow rigid timetables structured around a season, first responders' schedules are far more erratic.

Devising workouts over a months-long period for firefighters, whose shifts can be called upon at any time, can complicate fitness plans. Along with promotions, transfers, vacations, and childbirth, adherence to an organized workout routine can be difficult. "Every day is a different day. I have to stay on top of my coaching game," Patten said.

One of the largest difficulties the program overcame was the pandemic. Though the Wellfit center stayed open, the pandemic disrupted normal routines, and it took many months for crews to cautiously return. The center took numerous precautions – relics of which persist in the rust on equipment left by repeated sanitation – but with time, things eventually returned to normal, and programs are back in full swing.

Alongside shifts coming in for normal workouts, injured firefighters arrive for separate rotations as well, where they work with Physical Therapist Nathan Pierce. Overseen by Pierce, firefighters can suit up in their equipment, which

weighs upwards of 70 pounds and perform their usual duties, like lifting ladders, in a controlled setting.

In addition to physical therapy, Pierce strives to educate firefighters on the science of pain to help them better understand their impairments, the most typical of which is a shoulder injury. "Pain science is as important as the modalities we do," Pierce noted, which is especially important given the psychological stress firefighters are under.

"The things they see on a daily basis, it can ramp them up," Pierce said. "Educating them on phases of healing and tissue healing times is really important. If they don't know what's wrong, fear creeps in, which ramps up the sympathetic nervous system, which then makes them more sensitive to pain." Pierce also steers away from the "s-word," which is surgery, a taboo concept for many first responders.

Sometimes, a psychological burden can weigh just as great, or even more so, as physical pain, which Pierce and other staff vigilantly look out for. "If I sense any psychological yellow or red flags, I'll ask them if they've talked to anyone about this," Pierce said. Firefighters are usually fairly "stoic, but it takes more strength in a

lot of cases to say, you know what, I'm not fine," he said.

That's where Dr. LaShanna Newton, the department's director of the Behavioral Health Program, comes in. Newton works directly with first responders, who when needed, can get a response time typically within 24 hours.

"With first responders, it is a very intermittent but consistent exposure to trauma," Newton explained. For the duration of their shift, "they're going to have 24 hours of potential exposure to trauma. So what we're trying to do is learn how to manage that in between the time they're not on shift. And that's hard to do because feelings are not like light switches."

Newton noted that the need for the care is high, and as barriers come down, more first responders are comfortable seeking out the support.

"People put them on a pedestal as if they can handle all disasters of the world," Newton said. "To a degree, they can, but they still need support. And we need to be able to provide a safe space for that," she added. "At the end of the day, they are still human."

## IAD Master Plan Public Open House Workshop Wednesday, April 27, 2022 6 - 8:30 p.m.

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The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority is preparing a Master Plan for the Washington Dulles International Airport. The Airport Master Plan is a comprehensive study that describes short-, medium- and long-term improvements proposed for the airport. It is designed to establish a roadmap for incremental development to meet future aviation demand and other airport needs for the next 25 years.

The Master Planning process is designed as an inclusive process that encourages citizen participation. A public open house workshop will be held to provide information on the study process, forecasts of activity, and future facility needs. Representatives from the Airports Authority and the Consultant team will be available to answer questions and receive comments on the ongoing Master Planning analyses and tasks completed to date.

**For additional information, please scan the QR code or visit us at the website below:** <https://www.flydulles.com/about-airport/master-plan/dulles-international-airport-master-plan>



The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Master Plan team can also be contacted at: [IADMaster.Plan@mwaa.com](mailto:IADMaster.Plan@mwaa.com)

## Two NoVa soccer programs partner to create Fairfax BRAVE Soccer Club



Braddock Road Youth Club (BRYC) and Vienna Youth Soccer (VYS) announced a new partnership to build teams to compete in the Elite Clubs National League (ECNL), effective for the 2022-2023 seasonal year. This partnership will expand upon the successes of both clubs and elevate the effectiveness of the established BRYC ECNL teams through rosters strengthened by top-level players from VYS.

Fairfax BRAVE aims to appeal to players from across Fairfax County, while the two founding partners are acknowledged with the Braddock Road And Vienna ECNL acronym: BRAVE.

"This partnership provides us the opportunity to advance in three significant ways," said Mark Dolan-

sky, BRYC Elite Academy commissioner. "It will help us improve and sustain the competitiveness of our teams for years to come, it will extend ECNL development and pathway opportunities to more players, and it will support the club's long-term strategy to meet the increasing competition demands for ECNL-level players in our area."

"Bravery is also a trait we value in playing philosophy and player character," stated Kevin James, VYS executive director. "Fairfax BRAVE SC intends to become the natural home for elite players from across Fairfax County, and our name and logo reflect that aspiration and ambition."

Fairfax BRAVE will field both boys' and girls'

teams from U13-U19 age groups (12 teams total) beginning in the 2022-2023 season. BRYC and VYS will continue to independently operate their existing programs while acting as primary feeder clubs for Fairfax BRAVE. The continued success of each club will ensure a strong and growing pipeline of talented players in the years to come.

ID Sessions for the inaugural Fairfax BRAVE teams are currently ongoing through May 2022. Players interested in playing for Fairfax BRAVE should fill out the Fairfax BRAVE Interest Form which can be found at <https://bit.ly/3JCI-Nrn>.

For more information visit Fairfax BRAVE SC at [www.FairfaxBrave.org](http://www.FairfaxBrave.org)



## Support unionizing Starbucks workers in Merrifield

Dear Editor,

My name is John Han, and as a local resident and regular customer at the Gallows and Gatehouse (Merrifield) store, I am writing to express my support for the Starbucks baristas at this location who have decided to unionize through Starbucks Workers United.

These baristas are exercising their right to have a voice on the job and a seat at the table to negotiate with the corporation over pay, benefits, and working conditions, such as safety and health. This is especially important for a busy location that experiences a high volume of customer traffic from dawn to dusk. The unionization is a positive development that is good for our community, the workers, and the company!

When Starbucks workers first organized in Buffalo, NY, the corporation waged

an intensive pressure campaign to try to prevent them from unionizing. This type of union-busting is not acceptable here in Fairfax County, and the corporation must respect its workers' freedom to join a union.

I call upon Supervisor Palchik, Delegate Simon, State Sen. Saslaw, and local residents to support the unionization in Merrifield. Ordinary customers like us can help these baristas by visiting the store and letting them know we've got their back: using the words "Union Yes" when ordering, leaving a note for the bulletin board, posting on social media (tag @sbworkersunited), and giving a nice tip.

These workers have the full support of this community, and I wish them all the best in negotiating a great contract.

Jon Han

## Concerns over Dr. Michelle Reid for Superintendent of FCPS

Dear Editor,

I am writing out of deep concern regarding recent revelations about the final candidate under consideration to replace Dr. Scott Brabrand as Superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). According to press reports, Dr. Michelle Reid of the Northshore School District in Washington state is the final candidate under consideration after another finalist removed themselves from consideration after a highly embarrassing breach of hiring protocols and a break in a legally binding Non-Disclosure Agreement by a School Board member or a member of the search committee.

First, I want to address the lack of transparency in involving parents in this monumental decision. There appears, from the social media leaks via the Fairfax NAACP, that a few handpicked organizations were privy to the candidates under consideration. This lack of transparency further deepens the chasm between the school system and parents and students, the true stakeholders in FCPS.

It's disappointing that the school board continually treats parents as persona non grata in important decisions that ultimately impact the quality of education afforded their children in FCPS. Moreover, until an investigation can determine the source of the leak and the fact someone on the search committee broke their legal obligations with the Non-Disclosure Agreement

the entire process needs to be scrapped and a new committee and process should start fresh.

Second, in learning more about Dr. Reid's qualifications via the leak from the Fairfax NAACP, it is incomprehensible that the FCPS school board would even consider this candidate. Quite simply, Dr. Reid is woefully unqualified to manage a school system the size and scale of Fairfax County.

The Northshore school district has a student population of 22,000 students. FCPS has 178,000 students. FCPS is 8.5 times larger than Northshore.

The Northshore school district currently has 2,100 employees and FCPS has 17,000.

The Northshore school district has 33 schools and FCPS has 222.

The Northshore school district has an operating budget of \$400 million. FCPS has a \$3.4 billion operating budget. FCPS has a budget that is 8 times larger than Northshore.

Academics in the Northshore school district have declined dramatically under Dr. Reid's leadership. Math achievement has declined 14.1 percent and English achievement has declined 6.7 percent. Fairfax County needs someone skilled at improving academic performance, not someone who has overseen academic decline.

It is the school board's responsibility to be a good steward of the school system

and its resources which are funded by the taxpayers of Fairfax County. This goes beyond the responsibility to the students and families who benefit from FCPS. It is irresponsible to consider a candidate to oversee a school system as large as FCPS that has no experience in a system of this size and scale, not to mention someone overseeing failing academic performance.

Essentially, if the FCPS School Board hires Dr. Reid they are asking a lieutenant to do the job of a four-star general.

What is best for our students and our community? I urge the school board to appoint an interim superintendent and restart the search for an appropriate replacement qualified to oversee the 10th largest school system in the country. This should not be a rushed decision to hire the last man (or woman) standing simply because there are no other candidates. The taxpayers, parents, and, most importantly, the students deserve a leader that is most qualified to lead FCPS.

Elected officials have the fiduciary and moral responsibility to do the right thing. The right thing is to investigate the leak, scrap the current superintendent search, fire the current search firm, start over, and include parents.

Jo-Anne P. Sears  
Falls Church

## 1st Amendment vs Robert's Rules

Dear Editor,

Apparently the US Constitution does not apply to one small town, where an enema called "Robert's Rules" was elevated above those who have been endowed with inalienable rights by God. Vienna, Va is that place. The very people who voted in those that put on the shelf, the 1st Amendment, and were not allowed to speak

up at the misguided and poor financial choice of the elected officials. In fact, they lied because they said they would not move forward with installing of sidewalks on Tazewell Rd & changed their tune to move forward with it. So much for small town community where elected officials represent the very people who voted them in. That money should be better spent for scholarships for students which is another option

but no, they want to put sidewalks on streets despite people walking on streets vs sidewalks where the street has sidewalks and they walk their dogs on the streets where there are sidewalks. You cannot justify this abhorrent exorbitant choice. What type of people are you trying to attract? Trespasser's? Animal abusers? Foul mouth domestic terrorists? Yea, that type came and live on Tazewell Rd and you didn't enforce

laws on books, & their contractors stole electric and water from neighbors and were not arrested either. Such is the greed & arrogance here, & defamation of character your staff committed is also a crime. These reflect are the people you attract. Vision to reality Dave

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the director of the division at the time in the grocery store. In their conversation, the director mentioned that the league might be of interest to their family. Kimlick had just finished coaching his son through baseball and, he said, “I saw an opportunity to get my daughter involved [in the Challenger division].”

“The philosophy I had as a coach with my son was one: they have to enjoy the game—if they don’t enjoy themselves, they’re not going to want to come back—and two: they’re going to learn the game and respect the game,” Kimlick said.

“We coach baseball. We don’t just have an activity that special needs kids come to do, we’re a baseball league,” he affirmed. Kimlick focuses on the essentials, so each player gets to walk away with a sport for life.

“They learn the fundamentals, they get some skills, and you give them the opportunity,” he said.

They all go to Virginia Beach every year for a jam-boree around Mother’s Day weekend. “Down in Virginia Beach a couple years ago, we had two players who hit home runs over the fence,” he said.

“You set the bar and the kids will rise to the bar. You want them to reach that bar where they’re successful,” Kimlick shared.

“My goal is to get the parents off the field,” he said. “I want the parents to sit back like [everyone else] and get the chance to observe their child.” He understands the importance of networking and building a community to support navigating the systems in place as their children with disabilities grow up.

There used to be an age maximum rule in place for baseball leagues, with players aging out at 21. Kimlick said, “You got these kids for all these years, 15 years, and at the age of 21 they max out and there’s no place for them to play baseball.”

Four years ago, the Challenger Division submitted a request to the Inter-

national Little League (ILL) to abolish the age limit on challenger players. After running a pilot program to test opening the age range, the division’s petition successfully elicited the ILL to change the ruling.

The players get to enjoy social interaction among each other and with their buddies—players from other divisions in the league who come to help reinforce what the challengers are learning. A couple of teams from Fairfax Little League’s Majors Division constitute the buddies.

“I tell the buddies, their goal is to help our players play baseball—how to throw the ball, the correct foot going forward, how to hold a glove correctly,” Kimlick said.

“The kids respond to learning the fundamentals, the discipline of playing the game, and learning something that’s fun,” he concluded.

Those interested in learning more can go to <https://bit.ly/37RwrNS> or email [michael.kimlick@gmail.com](mailto:michael.kimlick@gmail.com).

OPINION

Perfekting the General Assembly

By Jim McCarthy

HERNDON

The General Assembly was called back into session on April 5th to complete work on a state budget. This extension has become somewhat routine in the past several years and has raised media commentary in editorials and news reports suggesting that legislators should become full time; or extend the session periods, among other ideas. At present, another factor is that the two legislative chambers have opposite political party majorities adding to legislative friction in the stated session and necessitating postponement of progress on a budget.

While preservation and conservation are hallmarks of conservatism, often those twin criteria or values may reflect a nostalgia that tends to displace reason and critical evaluation. The nation has survived political progress in the evolution of its institutions since adoption of the Constitution, e.g. direct election of Senators, suffrage for women, eighteen year old suffrage, to name a few.

For these reasons, we can also acknowledge that the processes of democracy and republicanism are not mutually exclusive or objects of binary choices. Classically, republicanism means representative government. There’s a simpler, more elegant solution to creating a more efficient, effective, and democratic General Assembly in Virginia: a unicameral body.

At present, few in any electorate favor gerrymandering (except incumbents and political parties) as a rule of governance. Even where and when “independent” commissions fail to produce fair maps, state and federal courts have intervened to enforce one person, one vote (1962, Baker v Carr). This equality or equity principle has functionally erased the founding document’s model of a two chamber legislature within a state. The Commonwealth now has a decade until the next census to experience state legislative districts that are functionally equal in population and subject to more intense partisan competition.

That achievement nationally has also heightened attention to the structural shortcoming of the Electoral College system as the results of gerrymandering have provoked concern (and distrust) about the popular vote’s relation to the election of the nation’s President and Vice President.

In a parallel, perhaps analogous way, the present redistricting in Virginia places it in a position to enhance the republican model by transitioning to a unicameral legislature. The decennial requirement to redistrict tends to encourage political entrenchment of elected officials and partisan organizations. In the interims, reelection energies and efforts consume voter attention and resources detracting from concerns about legislative efficiency and the electoral-legislative paradigm, i.e. republicanism. While the part-time status of legislators offers some attraction to advocates of republicanism, it contributes little to enhanced representation as repetitive election cycles and candidacies clamor and compete for citizen attention.

Eliminating the legislative friction inherent in a two-chamber body would increase its efficiency and responsiveness to the electorate and diminish political party partisanship seeking control in one chamber to offset any gains or losses in the other. A unicameral legislature in Virginia could also improve its own effectiveness by modifying the Dillon Rule to grant more home rule authority to counties. Expanding home rule for counties would decrease a number of measures presently requiring legislative attention while enhancing local government. The 150 year old judicial rule forces the General Assembly to become involved in micro-managing local issues even as those jurisdictions have become more mature and sophisticated.

The likelihood or probability of creating a unicameral legislature in the Commonwealth may be remote, most particularly because the very folks whose jobs would disappear have a deciding role in the abolition. It is conceivable that such incumbency (unemployment) might be compromised by increasing the unicameral body to 140, requiring the drawing of new districts.

Nonetheless, discussion of enhancements to democratic governance requires continuous scrutiny and accountability and the discussion must begin somewhere as a clear signal to the governing class that it exists as a creature of the electorate.

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## Northern Virginia's own Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra welcomes Grammy Award-winning composer Maria Schneider

By Keith Loria

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Jazz lovers know that The Center for the Arts at George Mason University is one of the best venues in our area to enjoy a great night of music, as the Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra delivers unforgettable performances whenever it takes to the stage.

That's certainly going to be the case on April 16, when the orchestra, which was founded by artistic director and saxophone virtuoso Jim Carroll, welcomes seven-time Grammy Award-winning composer Maria Schneider to conduct the night's performance.

Carroll calls Schneider's music "programmatic," meaning a type of instrumental art music that attempts to render an extra-musical narrative musically. For instance, in her composition of the song, "Hang Gliding," he noted you feel as if you're up in the air.

"Maria is a person of excellence and pounds it out, and lives in the world of nature, and teaches us all that we're all part of something together; we're a part of this planet and part of something bigger," Carroll said. "At this time, when jazz music has been beaten down and riding the back of the bus, we need Maria more than ever. When the system beats me down, Maria's music has been there to lift me up."

The performance will open with "We Love Being Here with You," featuring songstress Darden Purcell, followed by a selec-

tion of Schneider's original music, including an instrumental excerpt from "Winter Morning Walks," which took home the Best Classical Contemporary Composition. Grammy in 2013.

Among her work being performed will be "Wyrgly," "Gumba Blue," "Braided Together" and "Three Romances."

For the second half of the concert, the Mason Jazz Ensemble will join in on the program, performing "Dance You Monster to My Soft Song," an original composition by Schneider that she will also conduct. The piece features trumpet soloists Brice Bach and Mason trumpet professor Graham Breedlove, as well as Mason jazz studies student Alan Folgelson on guitar.

The concert will end with "My Ideal," by Richard Whiting, Newell Chase, and Leo Robin, arranged by Schneider.

"I encourage people to come listen to Maria's music and open their hearts and let it creep into their souls," Carroll said. "Her music is culture."

Schneider was originally slated to perform and be in residence at the Center for the Arts in the spring of 2020, but the pandemic forced her participation to be cancelled, though she did participate in a virtual event as part of Mason Arts at Home.

Thankfully, two years later, the noted composer is able to return in person. While in residence, Schneider will also host an open rehearsal and Q&A session for Mason Jazz students on April 15 at 3 p.m.



It was Rick Davis, Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts, who was listening to Schneider's piece, "Walking by Flashlight" on his way to work one morning, and that planted a seed in his mind and heart about her music, and he worked to bring her to George Mason.

"Maria's music is just amazing and totally original," Carroll said. "It's beyond categories. It just has that ability to touch the inner-most soul, and she does that in a variety of styles."

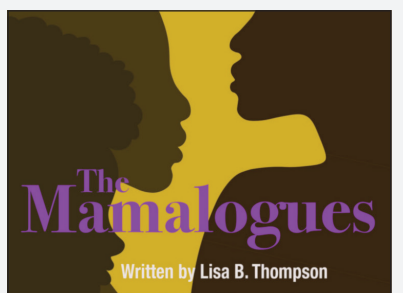
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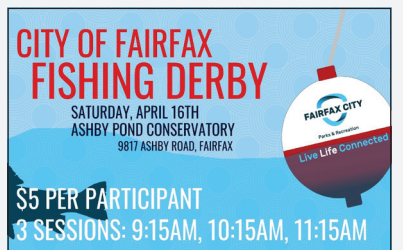
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### The Mamalogues Beginning this week

Starting this week, check out 1st Stage in Tysons for The Mamalogues, a satirical comedy centering on the experience of Black motherhood and the struggles of raising children in a predominantly white environment. Focusing on the unexpected troubles of middle-class suburban living for those in the Black community, the play, written by Lisa B. Thompson, aims to entertain and educate all who wish to attend. To witness this discussion of culture and diversity in our society, general admission tickets will cost \$50 with more information available online at <https://bit.ly/38ADzOO>.



### City of Fairfax Fishing Derby April 16 • sessions available at 9:30, 10:15, and 11 a.m.

Ashby Pond Conservatory hosts the City of Fairfax Fishing Derby on April 16, with three sessions available at 9:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m., and 11 a.m. The pond brimming with hundreds of trout, local anglers and novices to the craft have the opportunity to fish on their own following instructional directions provided by onsite volunteers. The best part is that all fish bait will be supplied for free. Minding a six-person limit per group, entrance to admission will be \$5 per person. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/3xnR1zX>.



### Free Admission at Great Falls April 16 • Starting at 7 a.m.

Starting in the morning on April 16, Great Falls Park will be open for free admission in celebration of National Park Week and Junior Ranger Day. Celebrating the parks on what is sure to be a great day for the falls, guests from around the metro area are encouraged to treat themselves to a day in nature to explore one of the area's most impressive sites. The park will open at 7 a.m. and will remain open during regular business hours. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/3uzPcYd>.

## Talbott Brothers to play Jammin Java



*The duo will play music from the recently-released, "Letters"*

By Keith Loria

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Nick and Tyler Talbott are brothers who grew up in a small rural Nebraska town called Imperial, and have always had music in their lives.

"Our parents loved music, but we're the only ones that write and perform," said Nick, the older of the siblings. "We had bands in middle school and high school, but it wasn't until college that we started writing,

recording and touring together with our band."

Things were going so well, that the duo, now based in Portland, Ore., decided to take a semester off from college and go all in on a music career, and they never looked back.

Following the release of "GRAY" in 2017, the brothers found themselves playing in front of sold out crowds and sharing the stage with the likes of ZZ Ward, Johnnyswim and AJR.

Rolling Stone even chose

their hit single, "Run No More" as one of the Top 10 Songs to Hear Now in 2019.

"We've been grateful people listen and come out to the shows," Nick said. "We feel like we have something to say in a way that people need to hear it. Music has had a powerful impact on us and has been a way for us to put words to emotions we didn't know how to express."

The Talbott Brothers will be performing at Vienna's Jammin

Java on April 16.

"Fans can expect a great rock and roll show featuring music from our new album, 'Letters,' with an intimate acoustic set in the middle of the set," Nick said. "We're storytellers at heart and put on a rock and roll show with our band and crew that shouldn't be missed."

That new album was recorded from a studio in the woods of Oregon during the pandemic,

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# Art News

**Wool Crafting** Discover how to prepare wool for spinning then make a hand-spun wool bracelet or a felted wool flower. 3:45 p.m. April 15. Cost is \$8. Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Rd., Herndon. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3xqYMW2>.

**Christylez Bacon** Grammy-nominated progressive hip-hop artist and multi-instrumentalist multi-tasks between various instruments. 7:30 p.m. April 15. Tickets are \$20. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3jAFoxz>.

**The Art of Murder** Enjoy this mystery/comedy set on a remote estate in the countryside of Connecticut,

Jack Brooks, one of the most accomplished and eccentric painters of his generation, awaits the imminent arrival of his art dealer. But the visit is not a standard one, for Jack feels wronged, and he is intending to kill the man. 8 p.m. April 15. Tickets start at \$20. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3EctuUf>.

**33rd Annual Evening of Comedy** features three performances of stand-up entertainment with shows at 8 p.m. April 15 and 7 and 9:30 p.m. April 16. Tickets start at \$27. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Rd., Vienna. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3EhIsrV>.

**Bluebell Photography Workshop** Join a Matt Felperin, naturalist and wildlife photographer to experience and capture the magic of the Virginia bluebells. 7 a.m. April 16. Cost is \$15. Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Dr., Centreville. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3KDQSwb>.

**Nataly Merezhuik** Influenced by the sounds of Stephane Grappelli and Svend Asmussen, she brings her beautiful classical tone to the world of hot jazz and swing. 7:30 p.m. April 16. Tickets are \$20. McGuireWoods Gallery, Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3vgEKdZ>.

**Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra** featuring Grammy-Award winning composer and conductor Maria Schneider performs a night of cool, expressive jazz. 8 p.m. April 16. Tickets start at \$28. Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Dr., Fairfax. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3M3nOyk>.

**Linda Monson and her Piano Studio** Gifted students from George Mason University present a diverse program of classical piano repertoire. 2:15 p.m. April 21. Free. CenterStage, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., Reston. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/38PFkba>.

**People & Places Along the Potomac** The theme is a series of relief

prints illustrating aspects of American history and life along the Potomac River, including Old Town Alexandria, and the early settlements and industry that extended deep into the Appalachians in a solo exhibition by John Gosling. Through April 30. Torpedo Factory Art Center Studio 14, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3wChN7z>.

**Silent Towers** Experience a collection of photographs that present a look back 20 years to various sites in the 3,500-acre correctional complex. On exhibit through May 9. Muse Gallery, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3tnl1bK>.

**Mother Line** is an exhibition of works by photographer, filmmaker, video and performance artist Laurel Nakadate. Continues through May 29. Tephra Institute of Contemporary Art, 12001 Market St., #103, Reston. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3GICKF1>.

**Splendor of Spring** NCAC artists paint with ink and watercolor, on silk, rice paper, and gold or silver shikishi boards. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. through May 29. Free. McGuireWoods Gallery, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3KI22Ws>.

# Community Information

**Campfire Fridays** In addition to the evening campfire and s'mores, programs may include nature walks, interactive activities, animal presentations and more. 7:30 p.m. April 15. Cost is \$7. Lake Accotink, 7500 Accotink Park Rd., Springfield. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3M5ApRx>.

**Great Falls Community Farmers Market** This market offers produce, meats, eggs, and nuts, as well as baked goods and coffee. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 16. Great Falls Farmers Market, 778 Walker Rd., Great Falls. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3EeLdKK>.

**Green Reston** Come learn about sustainable living and eco-friendly

alternatives for household items. Kids events and more. 10 a.m. to noon. April 16. Free. RCC Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/379ZMDi>.

**Beauty of Bluebells** Walk Take a relaxing stroll with a roving naturalist to experience the wonder of the Bluebell Trail. 10 a.m. April 16. Cost is \$5. Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Dr., Centerville. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3roUr1v>.

**Rabbit Hole-in-One** Groups of up to five people can play their way through the specially decorated Burke Lake Park mini golf course, then enjoy an egg hunt. 11 a.m. April 16. Cost is \$10. Burke

Lake Park, 7315 Ox Rd., Fairfax Station. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3rnCG2T>.

**NOVA Central Farm Market** features fresh local pork, chicken, fish, cheeses, produce, dairy, baked goods, prepared foods to go, eggs, flowers, and ice cream. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 17. Free. Marshall High School, 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3GUNBpm>.

**Qigong** Learn the benefits of this traditional Chinese meditation and healing practice in this virtual event with Nevin Turk. 1 p.m. April 18. Registration is required. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3x4FyFr>.

**The Buzz on Bees** Learn the park's history of bees, learn how colonies thrive and grow and watch as we open the bee boxes. End the fun evening with a sweet taste of honey. 6 p.m. April 19. Cost is \$8. Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Rd., Chantilly. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3JGfF5o>.

**Informational Session** Learn about the mission of Assistance League of Northern Virginia. 1 to 2:30 p.m. April 20. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Dr., Oakton. For more information email membership@alnv.org.

**Introduction to Astronomy** provides a general introduction to fundamentals of astronomy and

the universe in the sky around us. 7:30 p.m. April 20. Cost is \$8. Turner Farm, 925 Springvale Rd., Great Falls. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3xxLzKO>.

**Spring Garden Tour & Tea** Walk the spring demonstration gardens with a master gardener docent and then relax over team in the 1784 Historic House. 1 p.m. April 21. Cost is \$38. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3KEgatT>.

**ONGOING Golden Girls Senior Women's Softball** is looking for players of all experience levels for games on

Wednesdays and Saturdays in Vienna. For more information visit [goldengirls.org](https://goldengirls.org).

**Virtual Mental Help Events and Support** Recovery Program Solutions of Virginia holds a variety of free online events and support groups each week. Meet new friends, stay healthy and fit, participate in art therapy and more. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3vokjut>.

**Help Needy Children** through volunteer work with Assistance League. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/305C3ge>.

**Volunteer Fairfax** has volunteer opportunities and donation needs. Please visit <https://bit.ly/3b169oZ> for more information.

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# A fiesta fusion of worldwide flavors

### Courtesy of Family Features

If you’re seeking inspiration to take mealtime from bland and boring to new and vibrant, look no further than these at-home fiesta recipes. With options ranging from tongue-tingling

spice to smooth, creamy and simply delicious, you can call on global flavors to bring life to your kitchen.

This menu from “The New York Times” bestselling cookbook author and recipe developer Stephanie Banyas offers delightful flavor fusions from around the world. The lively tastes of

the Spicy Shrimp Remoulade in Lettuce Leaves and Mexican Style Paella with Chicken and Sausage pop with the high-quality ingredients of Fresh Cravings Salsas.

These boldly flavored salsas are made with vine-ripened tomatoes, crisp onions, zesty peppers and spices. Plus, they’re nev-

er cooked or pasteurized, meaning you’re enjoying a vibrant dip that’s never soggy or dull. Available in a range of heat levels among restaurant style, chunky and pico de gallo, they complement any at-home fiesta.

For a fiery, zesty twist, this Red Pepper Chickpea Soup with Gazpacho Relish

and Tortilla Croutons calls for Fresh Cravings Hummus, as its ideal creamy texture and savory taste balances out the spice. Made with a short list of high-quality ingredients like chickpeas, tahini and Chilean extra-virgin olive oil, this hummus has a smooth, creamy mouthfeel.

“The hummus adds loads

of flavor and makes this thick, rich soup totally dairy and gluten free, so there is no need for heavy cream, cornstarch or flour,” Banyas said. “It’s as beautiful to look at as it is delicious to eat.”

To find more fiesta-worthy recipe ideas, visit [freshcravings.com](https://freshcravings.com).

### Spicy Shrimp Remoulade in Lettuce Leaves Recipe courtesy of Stephanie Banyas • Yield: 8 leaves

#### Shrimp:

1/2 cup Fresh Cravings Chunky Salsa (mild or medium)  
9 cups water, divided  
ice water  
1 lime, sliced  
12 sprigs cilantro  
1 teaspoon kosher salt  
1 pound fresh shrimp (31-35), peeled and deveined

#### Remoulade Sauce:

3/4 cup mayonnaise  
1 tablespoon whole-grain mustard  
2 teaspoons fresh lime juice  
1/2 teaspoon chile powder or smoked paprika  
1/2 teaspoon sugar  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon black pepper  
1/2 cup Fresh Cravings Chunky Salsa (mild or medium), drained well  
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro leaves  
1/4 cup green onion, thinly sliced, plus additional for garnish

8 butter or Boston lettuce leaves  
cilantro leaves, for garnish  
lime wedges, for garnish  
chopped black olives, for garnish (optional)  
chopped hard-cooked eggs, for garnish (optional)



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- To make shrimp: In food processor or blender, blend salsa with 1 cup water until smooth.
- Fill large bowl with ice water; set aside. Transfer salsa mixture to large saucepan and add remaining water, lime slices, cilantro sprigs and salt. Bring to boil over high heat; stir in shrimp, cover, turn off heat and let shrimp poach off heat in liquid 10 minutes.
- Drain in colander. Transfer shrimp to ice bath and let sit 5 minutes. Drain again.
- To make remoulade sauce: In large bowl, whisk mayonnaise, mustard, lime juice, chile powder, sugar, salt and pepper until combined; fold in salsa.
- Put half of remoulade sauce in large bowl. Fold in shrimp and cilantro, adding remoulade as needed to make mixture creamier; taste for seasoning. Cover and refrigerate at least 30 minutes, or up to 6 hours.
- Arrange lettuce cups on platter. Spoon equal portions shrimp mixture into lettuce cups. Garnish with cilantro leaves; lime wedges; black olives, if desired; and eggs, if desired.

### Mexican Style Paella with Chicken and Sausage Recipe courtesy of Stephanie Banyas • Servings: 4-6

1 container (16 ounces) Fresh Cravings Chunky Salsa (mild or medium)  
12 ounces chicken tenders, patted dry  
1 teaspoon kosher salt, plus additional, to taste, divided  
freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
3 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided  
12 ounces fully cooked chicken sausage or pork sausage links  
3 cups low-sodium canned chicken stock, water or combination  
2 cups long-grain rice  
1 cup frozen peas  
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro or parsley  
lime wedges

- Remove 1/2 cup salsa and set aside. In blender or food processor, process remaining salsa until smooth.
- Put chicken in bowl, add 1/2 cup pureed salsa and toss to coat. Cover and marinate at least 30 minutes, or up to 2 hours in refrigerator.
- In large, high-sided saute pan over high heat, heat 2 tablespoons oil until it begins to shimmer. Season chicken with salt and pepper, to taste, and cook until both sides are golden brown and just cooked through, about 3 minutes per side. Remove to plate, loosely tent with foil and let rest 10 minutes then slice into 2-inch pieces.
- Add remaining oil to pan and heat until shimmering; cook sausage until golden brown on both sides, about 3 minutes per side. Remove to plate, loosely tent with foil and let rest 10 minutes. Slice on bias into 2-inch pieces.
- Wipe out pan with paper towels. Add remaining pureed salsa and stock; bring to boil. Add rice and 1 teaspoon salt. Bring mixture to boil, cover and reduce heat to medium-low; cook until liquid is absorbed and rice is tender, about 18 minutes.
- Remove from heat and sprinkle peas on top. Let sit, covered with lid, 5 minutes. Fluff with fork then stir in chicken, sausage, peas and cilantro. Spoon remaining salsa on top.



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### Red Pepper Chickpea Soup with Gazpacho Relish and Tortilla Croutons Recipe courtesy of Stephanie Banyas • Servings: 2

1/4 cup finely diced seeded English cucumbers  
1/4 cup finely diced seeded Roma tomato  
2 tablespoons finely diced red onion  
2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh cilantro leaves  
1 lime, juice only, divided  
salt and pepper, to taste  
2 cups canned low-sodium vegetable stock, divided  
1/2 cup Fresh Cravings Restaurant Style Salsa (mild or medium)  
1 container (10 ounces) Fresh Cravings Roasted Red Pepper Hummus  
tri-color fried tortilla strips

- In small bowl, combine cucumber, tomato, onion and cilantro. Add half the lime juice and season with salt and pepper, to taste. Let sit at room temperature.
- In blender or food processor, process 1 cup stock and salsa until smooth.
- Pour mixture into medium saucepan. Add remaining stock and hummus, season with salt and pepper, to taste, and bring to boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer until slightly thickened, about 15 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in remaining lime juice.
- Divide soup between two bowls and top with relish and tortilla strips.



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### TALBOTT

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and is one the brothers spent a great deal of time on, writing a lot of the music traveling the country in an airstream and sprinter van.

“The collection of songs began as scraped together thoughts, journal entries and voice memos,” Nick said. “Some were from conversations with others and some were words we wish we would’ve or wouldn’t have said. The unresolved emotions of pain, fear, lost love, anxiety, and self-sabotage had finally caught up. At the core of the album are the marks of trauma, grief, and a desire for purpose.”

The Talbott Brothers define their music as “cinematic folk-rock for open

highways, widescreen skies and the limitless reach of the American Heartland.”

One listen to “Letters” and you’ll hear its heavy, dark and descriptive lyrics, filled with words and melodies poured out from troubled hearts burdened by mistakes and seeking redemption.

“It is both bloody and beautiful, and it is nothing if not honest,” Nick said. “We found inspiration from traveling and sitting in our feelings, facing our demons and finding quiet.”

Their first single, “Burned,” which has a catchy chorus and inspires listeners to persevere through the challenging times, was well received by critics and fans alike, and is an evolution for the brotherly duo that combines their unique harmonies with an alterna-

tive-indie sound. In fact, during the pandemic, Nick noted the twosome experimented with developing new sounds.

Although it was released in 2021, the brothers didn’t get in front of a live crowd to play the music until March 26 of this year.

“We kicked off a 30-show tour in Portland and it felt great to be back out doing what we love and connecting with our fans again,” Nick said.

Looking ahead, the Talbott Brothers will be releasing some new singles by the end of 2022, and hope to make up for the two years they weren’t able to tour.

“We’re just thrilled to be back on stage, and looking forward to playing Jammin Java and having our music heard,” Nick said.

### JAZZ

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cence” in 1994, Schneider has developed a personal way of writing for her 18-member collective made up of many of the finest musicians in jazz today.

A strong advocate for musicians’ copyright ownership, Schneider’s compositions are considered among the best of the past few decades. Over her career, she has won ASCAP’s esteemed Concert Music Award, was

named an NEA Jazz Master (considered the nation’s highest honor in jazz) and was elected into the 2020 American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Her latest double-album, “Data Lords,” released in 2020, was a Pulitzer Prize finalist, won two Grammy’s and was named Jazz Album of the Year by the Jazz Journalists Association.

“What I love about her is that she crosses so many musical genres and you cannot categorize her,” Carroll said. “It’s just so uniquely original.”



# Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program makes a difference

By Shelby Morrison  
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THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAM

Ten-year-old Alyssa Peterson is the happiest child you would ever meet.

According to her mom, Traci, she jumps and bounces all day long. She loves reading and math. She could spend all day writing and animating her own comic books. She loves drawing, building with Legos, and listening to music while bouncing on a yoga ball.

From the outside, she looks like every other 10-year-old. But on the inside, she struggles daily.

Alyssa has autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

"She feels such frustration with being misunderstood, not being able to communicate 'typically', and not being able to express herself for others to understand and accept," Traci shared.

Alyssa was born without her corpus callosum, the largest single structure in the brain that joins the two hemispheres. As a

result, she couldn't even physically cross the midline of her body with her arms.

After many attempts at traditional physical therapy, the Peterson family found the Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program (NVTRP) in Clifton.

Alyssa started physical therapy sessions incorporating horses (formerly known as hippotherapy) and the results were remarkable.

"Early on, we saw the benefits of riding from a physical perspective," said Traci. "Within a year of hippotherapy, Alyssa had completely even muscle tone on both sides of her body, she could easily cross midline, and was so balanced that standing on a horse while walking posed no issue."

But what her mom is even more proud of is the peace that Alyssa has found at the farm.

"While the physical changes and benefits are nothing short of incredible, what it does for her mind, body, and spirit is even more amazing. NVTRP is Alyssa's happy place. She builds a trusting relation-

ship with the horses and all the autistic tics she has on a normal basis disappear," said Traci. "Her anxiety subsides. There is a sense of calm that comes over her and allows her to observe and enjoy her surrounding environment. This is the only therapy she does that allows her to feel like a kid. Her childhood has been lost to therapies, doctors' visits, and surgeries. But here - at NVTRP - she finds joy."

The Petersons have also found added benefits that come from equine-assisted services - the ability to take what you experience at the barn and translate that into Alyssa's everyday life.

"With riding, she can see and feel the difference that it has made, which has given her a confidence that she has not found elsewhere," Traci explained. "She is now able to carry that confidence with her to brave new challenges, overcome obstacles, and believe in herself. She knows that if she can stand on a horse, she can do anything."

Founded in 1980, NVTRP provides equine-assisted services to people

with disabilities, youth-at-risk, recovering military personnel, and others in need by helping individuals recognize the unexpected potential in their lives.

Clients improve fitness level and mobility through different programs by gaining core strength, muscle control, and balance. Working closely with horses - highly intuitive prey animals - inspires them to build self-esteem and further socialization, and also helps to provide both clients and their families with a sense of community and belonging.

"Alyssa knows that at NVTRP, no one cares what her diagnosis may be. They care about who she is. They don't see autism or ADHD," said Traci. "They see a kid who doctors thought would never walk or talk, having the time of her life, putting forth her best effort, and finding out more about who she is as a person every time she rides. It is the only place that makes her feel like a person, and not a diagnosis. For her, horseback riding and NVTRP are home."



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### Goose

**Breed:** Labrador Retriever Mix  
**Age:** 4 months  
**Gender:** Male

Goose is a very sweet and energetic puppy. He loves being outside, is good on a leash, and loves taking long walks. Goose is working on being crate and house trained and is doing a great job - he spent all night in his crate and did not make a peep! Goose's favorite thing to do so far is play with his toys and be near people.



### Bumstead Hans

**Breed:** Domestic shorthair  
**Age:** 9 weeks  
**Gender:** Male

I am another handsome boy looking for my Forever Home. I am sweet and energetic. I love all my new toys my foster Mom got me. Can't wait for my play time with my new family. I was born in a burrow in the woods. My parents are strays and rescuers are trying to catch them.



### Hannah

**Breed:** Jack Russell Terrier  
**Age:** 10 years  
**Gender:** Female

Hannah is a Jack Russell. Hannah is such a joyful little girl! She wants to play, play, play and LOVES it when you roll a tennis ball for her; she will bring it back to you and keep rolling it to you until you throw it again. Hannah loves to sit on laps, cuddling, and going for walks. She is housetrained and knows sit and stay. She loves other dogs and loves to play.



### Deuce aka Long Legs

**Breed:** Retriever Mix  
**Age:** 12 months  
**Gender:** Male (Neutered)

Deuce was a stray in rural Louisiana and his family never came looking for him. Our rescue partner says that he is an energetic boy who is happy about everything and a big goof ball.



### Kiera

**Breed:** Pug Mix  
**Age:** 18 months  
**Gender:** Female

Kiera is an adorable Pug mix. She is precious, calm, and so sweet. She gets along with kids, dogs, and cats. This poor girl has a sad story. She was found after being hit by a car while she was pregnant. Sadly she lost all her babies. She deserves a wonderful forever home after such trauma.



### Tiger

**Breed:** Catahoula Leopard Dog Mix  
**Age:** 2 years  
**Gender:** Male

This handsome guy is Tiger. He is a super smart and friendly guy. He loves people and warms up very quickly to everyone. He is playful and just loves other dogs. He was surrendered to a shelter in Mississippi because his family could no longer care for him.



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# HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo



Robert Pattinson in “The Batman”

We used to have great heroes and heroines like Scarlett, Rhett and Heathcliff. But classic films have changed and are “Gone With the Wind” since 1939. They’ve been replaced by superheroes in IMAX and 3D like “Spider-Man,” “Doctor Strange,” “Wonder Woman” and “Black Panther.” In 2022, our latest superhero is “The Batman,” currently on track to gross north of \$700 million.

For years, we’ve written how Robert Pattinson desperately needed a hit. After “The Twilight Saga” (2008-2012), he chose to play off-beat characters to prove his acting

skills. After nine uninspiring films (from 2015-2020) that didn’t make any money (including Christopher Nolan’s “Tenet”), he finally agreed to become “The Batman.” Of all the Batman films, only three have cracked Box Office Mojo’s top 100 films of all time: two from Christopher Nolan -- (No. 32) “The Dark Knight Rises” and (No. 49) “The Dark Knight” (for which Heath Ledger won an Oscar) -- plus “Batman v Superman” at No. 73.

Originally, Ben Affleck was to star, co-write and direct “The Batman,” but in 2017, Affleck decided to step down as director, but

still planned to star and produce the film. In 2019, Affleck declined to play Batman after all. The shortlist for “The Batman” became Nicholas Hoult, Armie Hammer, Aaron Taylor-Johnson and the front-runner ... Robert Pattinson. Director Matt Reeves, who also refashioned the screenplay, said he wrote the script with Pattinson in mind after seeing him in “Good Time” (2017), which cost \$2 million and grossed only \$3.2 million.

Pattinson, a longtime Batman fan, had big ideas on how to bring a unique portrayal to the relationship between Batman’s superhero activities and his identity as Bruce Wayne. Then it came down to just Pattinson and Hoult. Pattinson was signed on May 31 for \$3 million, and he agreed to make two more “Batman” films (as did all the lead actors in the film), with escalating salaries and points in the film. Batman makes big bucks: Affleck made \$10 million-\$20 million; Christian Bale made \$9 million-\$10 million, plus a \$20 million performance bonus and \$15 million for “The Dark Knight.” Val Kilmer made \$25 million and Michael Keaton made \$15 million for his two “Batman” films. Pattinson, at 35 and 6-foot-1, will be the one most movie fans will remember.

“Crazy Rich Asians,” which made stars of Henry Gouling, Constance Woo and Awkwafina, has hung in limbo for 2 1/2 years since its \$30 million cost netted a \$238 million gross. The two writers hired to create the new screenplay quit over a pay dispute, and a new writer was hired. The sequel hasn’t even been written and they’re already planning a threequel. Maybe they should crack open their fortune cookies first!

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Kenneth Branagh as Hercule Poirot

**“Death on the Nile” (PG-13)** -- Murder mysteries could be considered one of the most interactive genres to watch at home because of how easily viewers can band together to guess which of the characters committed the crime. “Death on the Nile” is no exception. Taking place in the late 1930s, Belgian detective Hercule Poirot (Kenneth Branagh), first seen in action in the film “Murder on the Orient Express,” must solve a series of murders that occur during his vacation in Egypt. The group of suspects, portrayed by stars like Gal Gadot, Letitia Wright, Armie Hammer and Jennifer Saunders, each have peculiar motives for the murders as well as resentments against one another, and Poirot works to peel the truth from them one by one. (HBO Max)

**“Our Great National Parks” (PG)** -- Narrated by former President Barack Obama, “Our Great National Parks” is a new docuseries focusing on the most fascinating national parks across the world, including the Gunung Leuser National Park in Indonesia and the Tsavo National Park in Kenya. The featured parks contain some species that can’t be found anywhere else on the planet. While this series obviously draws in all the animal lovers, “Our Great National Parks” is a great watch for anyone looking to learn more about the intriguing creatures that inhabit our world and the benefits they provide to our ecosystems worldwide. Premieres April 13. (Netflix)

**“Outer Range” (TV-MA)** -- There’s trouble brewing in the wilderness of Wyoming. In the mystery thriller series “Outer Range,” rancher Royal Abbott (Josh Brolin) must fight to maintain his home after a void eerily opens up on his land. Abbott and his family feel haunted by an alien symbol displayed throughout their town, and Brolin gives a commendable performance as he emotionally begs to God to give them answers to this mystery. Eight episodes long, the first season of “Outer Range” puts a spin on your normal Western by adding elements of sci-fi and horror. Executive producers Brolin and Brad Pitt backed the series. Premieres April 15. (Amazon Prime)

**“Killing It” (NR)** -- Craig Robinson, who you might know best from his roles on “The Office” and “Brooklyn Nine-Nine,” stars as the main character (also named Craig) in this new comedy series. Craig, a security guard, needs \$20,000 for a piece of swampland he wants to purchase. Strapped for cash, Craig is in the backseat of an Uber when he finds his solution to acquiring the money he needs. At first appalled when his Uber driver pulls over mid-ride to kill a snake, Craig is told by the driver that, due to an ecological disaster, the snake’s head is worth a lot of money to the state. Now set with a new and unlikely mission, Craig embarks on a wild journey to get \$20,000 worth of snakes so he can bring his ambitions to life. Premieres April 14. (Peacock)

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## celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

**Q: A recent article in my local newspaper gave excellent reviews for Dylan McDermott’s performance on “Law & Order: Organized Crime.” Try as I might, I have not been able to find where I might view or stream his performance in this new “Law & Order.” Might you provide this information to me? – L.M.**

**A: A:** “Law & Order: Organized Crime” stars Chris Meloni as Det. Elliot Stabler, the highly popular character he played on “Law & Order: SVU” for 12 seasons. Dylan McDermott was introduced as Stabler’s formidable enemy, mafia boss Richard Wheatley, who was suspected of being behind the murder of Stabler’s wife. You can watch episodes on NBC.com and the NBC App.

McDermott is a veteran of several successful shows, most notably “The Practice” and “American Horror Story.” Wheatley was a role he could really sink his teeth into, but it’s not surprising that another leading role would soon present itself. So, when Julian McMahon announced he was leaving “FBI: Most Wanted” after three seasons, McDermott was offered the role of new special agent Remy Scott. He makes his debut on the CBS series on April 12.

**Q: Can you tell me the name of a TV**



DEPOSITPHOTOS

Dylan McDermott

**show many years ago about aliens living in California. They adopted American names, and I remember one became a police officer who worked with a human named Matt. There was also an alien named Francisco who had a wife and two kids. I enjoyed the show and wonder if it’s out there to purchase. – J.F.**

**A:** You’re thinking of “Alien Nation,” which was a science fiction/police drama that lasted just 22 episodes. It was originally a motion picture in 1988 starring James Caan and Mandy Patinkin before it was turned into a TV show the following year with different actors assuming the same roles. The series starred Gary Graham as Det. Matthew Sikes and Eric Pierpoint as the extraterrestrial Det. Sam Francisco.

Set in the near future, a spaceship crashes in the desert, releasing a group of friendly aliens called the Tenctonese and later referred to as “Newcomers” by earthlings. The show addressed many social issues, including prejudice, as the alien and human race worked alongside each other.

Even though it was canceled too soon, the Fox network recognized its cult status and developed five TV movies using the original cast. You can find the entire “Alien Nation” TV series on DVD on Amazon.com (just search for “Alien Nation -- the Complete Series”) or purchase it through Amazon Prime Video streaming service.

As for the creators, Goor’s next project is the comedy series “Killing It,” with Craig Robinson (“The Office”) as a security guard for a bank in Miami, while Schur is busy producing the Emmy-nominated series “Hacks,” starring Jean Smart.

**Q: Is “The \$100,000 Pyramid” returning again this summer? I love all the game shows they’ve revived from my childhood. – S.L.**

**A:** Yes, “Pyramid” will return this summer on ABC, along with “Celebrity Family Feud” and “Press Your Luck.” However, four game shows that were part of the summer lineup have been given the ax: “Match Game” with host Alec Baldwin, “The Hustler” with Craig Ferguson, “The Celebrity Dating Game” with Zoëy Deschanel and Michael Bolton, and “Card Sharks” with Joel McHale.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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Trading as:  
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Abdolhossein Ejtemai, President, Director

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY


FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for Fairfax County, Virginia and Incorporated Areas

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued a preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, reflecting proposed flood hazard determinations within Fairfax County, Virginia and Incorporated Areas. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed flood hazard determinations shown on the preliminary FIRM and/or FIS report for Fairfax County, Virginia and Incorporated Areas. These flood hazard determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. However, before these determinations are effective for floodplain management purposes, you will be provided an opportunity to appeal the proposed information. For information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, as well as a complete listing of the communities affected and the locations where copies of the FIRM are available for review, please visit FEMA's website at [https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE\\_Status/bfe\\_main.asp](https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE_Status/bfe_main.asp), or call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance cXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

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TOWN OF  
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the **Town Council** of the Town of Herndon, Virginia, will hold a work session on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Police Department Community Room, located at 397 Herndon Parkway, Herndon, and a public hearing on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Council Chambers Building, located at 765 Lynn Street, Herndon on the following items:

Ordinance, to amend Chapter 66 [STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND CERTAIN OTHER PUBLIC PLACES], Sec. 66-1, and to create a new Article VI (Encroachments Over and Upon Public Rights-of-Ways), Division 1 (Generally), and Division 2 (Outdoor Dining Administrative Encroachments), to permit seasonal outdoor dining on public property.

Resolution, to approve a Temporary License Agreement between the Town and Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce d/b/a Herndon Chamber of Commerce for use of Town-owned property for portable toilets and an ice machine for Friday Night Live events.

The proposed items are available for review by the public on the town's website [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov) beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, prior to the meeting.

The public is encouraged to participate in the town's public hearing process. Individuals having an interest in the above items are invited to attend the public hearing and to state their opinions. Individuals may submit comments to town.clerk@herndon-va.gov

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Viki L. Wellershaus, Town Clerk

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Any person who desires to protest the application and be a party to the matter must submit a signed and dated written request setting forth (1) a precise statement of the party's interest and how the party could be aggrieved if the application was granted; (2) a full and clear statement of the facts that the person is prepared to provide by competent evidence; (3) a statement of the specific relief sought; (4) the name of the applicant and case number assigned to the application; and (5) a certification that a copy of the protest was sent to the applicant. The case number assigned to this application is MC2200105LH.

Written protests must be mailed to DMV Motor Carrier Services, Attn: Operating Authority, P. O. Box 27412, Richmond, VA 23269-0001 and must be postmarked on or before **April 30, 2022**.

Any protest filed with competent evidence will be carefully considered by DMV, however, DMV will have full discretion as to whether a hearing is warranted based on the merits of the protest filed.



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[(Full name(s) of owner(s)):  
SDE Oakton, Inc.




Trading as:  
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James Boykin, Owner/Officer

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NOTICE OF ZONING DETERMINATION

The zoning administrator of the Town of Herndon has issued a zoning determination (ZAD #22-01) on April 8, 2022, for the property located at 1145 Herndon Parkway upon a written request from Mark C Looney, Cooley, LLP. The applicant requested a determination on whether a subdivision of the property along the phasing line for phase 1 is consistent with the approved zoning map amendment, the zoning ordinance, and the subdivision ordinance. The property is located on Herndon Parkway approximately 565 feet west of Elden Street is zoned PD-UR (Planned Development – Urban Residential) and consists of approximately 8.8 acres of land. Fairfax County Tax Map Number: 0161-02-0015G. Items related to the determination are available on the town's website at: [www.herndon-va.gov/departments/community-development/zoning/zoning-determinations](http://www.herndon-va.gov/departments/community-development/zoning/zoning-determinations)

Pursuant to § 15.2-2299 and § 15.2-2301 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, any zoning applicant or any other person who is aggrieved by a decision of the zoning administrator made pursuant to the provisions of §15.2-2299 may petition the governing body for review of the decision of the zoning administrator. All petitions for review shall be filed with the zoning administrator and with the clerk of the governing body within 30 days from the date of the decision for which review is sought and shall specify the grounds upon which the petitioner is aggrieved. The decision(s) set forth in this letter shall be final and not appealable if not appealed within the thirty-day period.


Individuals wishing to appeal the decision(s) must do so in the specified time by submitting a written request specifying the grounds upon which they are aggrieved to the Zoning Administrator, and to the Town Clerk, 777 Lynn Street Herndon, Virginia.

Individuals with questions about the application or process, may contact the Zoning Administrator's staff at 777 Lynn Street Herndon, Virginia, or call (703) 787-7380.

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Viki L. Wellershaus, Town Clerk

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TOWN OF  
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the **Planning Commission** of the Town of Herndon, Virginia, will hold a work session on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Municipal Center, Second Floor Conference Room, located at 777 Lynn Street, Herndon and a public hearing on Monday, April 25, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Council Chambers Building, located at 765 Lynn Street, Herndon, on the following items:

**ZONING MAP AMENDMENT – ZMA #21-01, 315 Elden Street**, a zoning map amendment from CS, Commercial Services, to PD-UR, Planned Development – Urban Residential, with proffered conditions to allow the conversion of an existing hotel to multi-family residential with a workforce housing component. The site is approximately 6.4 acres and is currently improved with 168 rooms spread across 11 buildings. The proposed conversion would result in up to 174 dwelling units (28 dwelling units per acre). The application includes requests for modifications to the following sections of the zoning ordinance: Section 78-51.1(c) regarding maximum setback from a right-of-way and minimum separation between structures, Section 78-100.2 regarding minimum parking requirements, and Section 78-110.4(d) regarding perimeter buffer strips. The property is located at the southwest corner of the Elden Street and Herndon Parkway intersection and is bordered by Grove Street to the south. Fairfax County Tax Map Reference Number 0171-02-0007. Agent: Ken Wire, Wire Gill LLP. Applicant and property owner: Elden Street Owner, LLC. **(Continued from the March 28, 2022, Planning Commission public hearing.)**

**SPECIAL EXCEPTION – SE #22-01, 315 Elden Street**, a special exception to allow for development within the FPO, Floodplain Overlay District. This case is subject to approval of Zoning Map Amendment ZMA #21-01, 315 Elden Street, a zoning map amendment from CS, Commercial Services, to PD-UR, Planned Development – Urban Residential, with proffered conditions to allow the conversion of an existing hotel to multi-family residential with a workforce housing component, which is being reviewed concurrently with this case. The site is approximately 6.4 acres and is currently improved with 168 rooms spread across 11 buildings. The proposed conversion would result in up to 174 dwelling units (28 dwelling units per acre). The property is located at the southwest corner of the Elden Street and Herndon Parkway intersection and is bordered by Grove Street to the south. Fairfax County Tax Map Reference Number 0171-02-0007. Agent: Ken Wire, Wire Gill LLP. Applicant and property owner: Elden Street Owner, LLC.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT – CPA #22-01**. Pursuant to Section 15.2-2229 of the Code of Virginia, an amendment to the Town of Herndon 2030 Comprehensive Plan, adopted August 12, 2008, as amended through November 17, 2020. The proposed amendment supports the Sterling Road Multimodal Improvement Project, a Townwide Complete Street Policy, and incorporates by reference the previously adopted Herndon Bicycle Network Master Plan and Herndon Pedestrian Plan. Sterling Road is an approximately 0.9 miles long road located between Elden Street and Rock Hill Road at the town limits. The Sterling Road Multimodal Improvement Project will enhance traffic mobility while providing safer pedestrian and bike accommodations. Complete Streets is a transportation policy and design approach that requires streets to be planned, designed, operated, and maintained to enable safe, convenient, and comfortable travel and access for all users, regardless of their ages, level of ability, and transportation mode they are using.

The proposed items are available for review by the public on the town's website [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov) beginning April 8, 2022, after 3:00 p.m.

The public is encouraged to participate in the town's public hearing process. Individuals having an interest in the above items are invited to attend the public hearing and to state their opinions. Individuals may submit comments to planning.commission@herndon-va.gov

The Town of Herndon supports the Americans with Disabilities Act by making reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, so that they may participate in services, programs, or activities, offered by the Town. Please call (703) 435-6804 to arrange for any accommodation that may be necessary to allow for participation.

Viki L. Wellershaus, Town Clerk

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