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Fairfax County launches co-responder team for crisis intervention

By Michael Marrow FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Following the recent conclusion of a micro-pilot study, the Fairfax County Police Department and the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) launched a limited co-responder program on September 29 that addresses mental health crises in the field and diverts individuals from arrest. The program consists of members from the CSB's Mobile Crisis Unit and FCPD officers, who respond to 911 calls that warrant crisis intervention.

The adoption of the co-responder model is the latest step in the county's Diversion First program, an initiative spearheaded by law enforcement and community leadership that commenced in 2016. The goal of Diversion First is to intervene in the criminal justice process as early as possible to identify individuals who would be better served by mental health and substance abuse treatment instead of incarceration for low-level offenses.

Diversion First was formed after a collaborative process among law enforcement, emergency responders, the judiciary and community services established that a proactive crisis intervention program could offer treatment to vulnerable residents, reduce incarceration, lower costs and free up officers' time on patrol,



since law enforcement can often spend countless hours transporting patients and waiting in emergency rooms.

In 2020, according to the most recent Diversion First report, FCPD officers responded to 9,989 calls for service that involved a mental illness and law enforcement was involved in 2,165 service encounters with a team from the Merrifield Crisis Response Center.

For the Sheriff's Office alone in fiscal year 2021, deputies conducted 77 long distance transports from the MCRC to mental health

hospitals, 215 transports from the Adult Detention Center to mental health hospitals or one hospital to another and 1,181 transports to local hospitals, according to Andrea Ceisler, Sheriff's Office spokesperson (sheriff's deputies are not part of the co-responder team since they do not respond to 911 calls).

The creation and continuation of Diversion First has also been influenced by several other factors. Following the 2013 shooting of Springfield resident John Geer by a FCPD officer, the county formed a commission to review police

practices, which recommended the creation of a crisis intervention program in 2015. The launch of Diversion First was additionally spurred by the 2015 death of Natasha McKenna, who had previously been diagnosed with schizophrenia and stopped breathing after being tased multiple times by Fairfax Sheriff's deputies who were trying to transfer her to another facility.

The General Assembly also recently passed a law known as the "Marcus Alert" system, named after

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New group home for adults with disabilities opens

Branches will give residents the opportunity to live independently



Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity and Christ Church Lead Pastor John Speight assist Branches resident Tyler Stillman in cutting the ribbon as Ray Crabbs, Foundation for the Future of Christ Church, and Pamela Lucas, founder and CEO of PAMCO Care look on.

By Heather Zwicker • FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

A new group home for adults with disabilities opened in Fairfax Station October 10. The Inclusive Ministry of Christ United Methodist Church, the Foundation for the Future of Christ Church and PAMCO Care partnered to open Branches, a home which will provide 24-hour support and supervision to developmentally disabled adults so they can live more independently.

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POSITIVE Vibes

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DARS employee connects businesses to workers in Northern Virginia

LaPearl Smith helps bring employment to those with disabilities

Within the Department of Aging and Rehabilitation Services (DARS) is LaPearl Smith, who is the business development manager for Northern Virginia.

According to its website, "DARS offers no-cost services to employers across Virginia to help with their employee recruiting, screening, training and retention efforts." Smith noted that DARS is hosting different events throughout October to honor National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Smith, who currently lives in Winchester, is in charge of connecting with businesses to expand their workforce to include people with disabilities, as well as helping participants in the DARS program to find employment.

"My role is kind of like a link between the business community and our field office, again, engaging with businesses, finding, you know, what their needs are, and, you know, looking to create partnerships that

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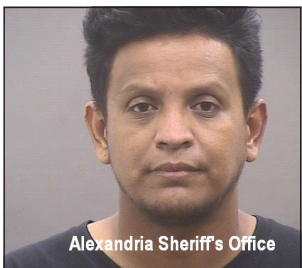
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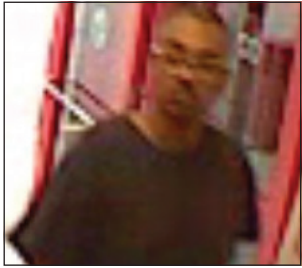
Alexandria Police make arrest in shooting on Cameron Mills Road

In the early morning hours of October 11, members of the Alexandria Police Department’s Criminal Apprehension Unit arrested Rudy Bueso Macedo for a shooting which occurred October 10 at the Lloyd Apartments in the 3800 block of Cameron Mills Road.

At approximately 2:20 a.m. October 10, officers responding to a call for shots fired in the area, discovered an adult male victim suffering from gunshot wounds to the lower body in an apartment. The suspect fled the scene in a vehicle before officers arrived. The victim was taken to the hospital. His injuries are not life-threatening.

Bueso Macedo, 38, from Audubon Avenue, in the Fairfax County section of Alexandria, is charged with Malicious Wounding, Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony, and Unlawful Discharge of a Firearm. He is being held at the Alexandria Adult Detention Center.

This remains an active investigation. Anyone with information about the shooting incident is urged to contact Sergeant B. Jackson at 703-746-6616 or email Brendan. Jackson@alexandriava.gov. You can also call the police non-emergency line at 703-746-4444. Tips can be given anonymously.



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A photo from surveillance footage shows the man outside the store.

FCPD seeks community help in identifying man who exposed himself

Officers from the Franconia District of the Fairfax County Police Department are asking for the community’s help identifying a man believed to be responsible for exposing himself and assaulting a woman.

Officers responded at 5:22 p.m. October 11 to the Target located at 6600 Springfield Mall for the report of a man who assaulted the victim inside the store.

Preliminarily, officers determined a man approached the victim from behind, exposed himself and made physical contact with her. The victim pushed the man back and he ran away. Officers conducted an extensive search of the area and did not locate the suspect. Surveillance footage of the incident was recovered from Target. The suspect is described as a black man with a mustache, 6’2”, slim build, last seen wearing glasses, blue shirt, and wind breaker pants.

Detectives would like anyone who may have had contact with him to please call officers at the Franconia District Station at 703-922-0889. Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by phone – 1-866-411-TIPS (866-411-8477). Anonymous tipsters are eligible for cash rewards of \$100 to \$1,000 dollars if their information leads to an arrest. If you would like to be contacted by a detective, please provide your contact information.

Victim specialists from the FCPD Major Crimes Bureau’s Victim Services Division have been assigned to ensure that the victims are receiving appropriate resources and assistance.



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Dana Whitney

Fairfax man arrested after altercation

After a verbal altercation at 8:33 p.m. October 4 in the 12000 block of Greywing Square, Dana Whitney, 45, of Fairfax, displayed a handgun and threatened the victim.

Officers arrived and Whitney was arrested. He was charged with being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, brandishing a firearm and removal/altering a serial number of a firearm. The victim did not report any injuries.

Haymarket man dies in I-66 crash

Virginia State Police responded to a multi-vehicle crash on westbound I-66 just east of Route 29 at 2:37 p.m. October 1.

A 2011 Hyundai Sonata was traveling west on I-66 in the left center lane when it moved into the right center lane, striking a 2018 Dodge Journey. The Sonata continued into the right lane, striking a 2015 Freightliner box truck. It then moved back to the left, crossing all lanes of traffic and striking the ditch on the left side of the road.

The driver of the Dodge and the driver of the box-truck were uninjured and both were wearing seatbelts. The driver of the Hyundai, Charles N. Ullman, 70, of Haymarket, was transported to Reston Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. He was wearing a seatbelt.

The crash remains under investigation.

Virginia State Police apprehend robbery suspect

At approximately 6:38 p.m. October 4, Virginia State Police was alerted by Prince Georges County, Md. Police of an armed robbery that had just occurred in that jurisdiction and that the suspect’s vehicle was being pursued by their officers.

As the pursuit crossed the Woodrow Wilson Bridge into Virginia, a Virginia trooper pulled in behind the suspect vehicle which still refused to stop. The suspect vehicle attempted to make a drastic lane change approaching the Springfield Interchange, the driver lost control, and struck the attenuator in the area that separates I-95 southbound from I-395 and I-495 northbound.

Virginia troopers took the driver, Robert D. Johnson, 46, of Newport News, into custody without further incident. Johnson was the only occupant of the vehicle and was transported to Alexandria Hospital and treated for non-life threatening injuries sustained in the crash. He was then transported to Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

Virginia State Police charged Johnson with one felony count of eluding police, one count of reckless driving and for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute. A pellet gun was recovered from the vehicle.

The incident remains under investigation.

Alexandria Police Department arrests student with weapon at Alexandria City High School

The Alexandria Police Department arrested a student with a weapon at Alexandria City High School October 6. Alexandria City High School administrators

notified the Alexandria Police Department around 9:15 a.m. about a juvenile male student possibly in possession of a weapon. Police and school administrators worked together to locate the student who was detained at the school entrance. A handgun was recovered. The student was arrested and charged with Possession of a Firearm on School Property.

Remember, if you see something, say something. Call 9-1-1 or the police non-emergency number 703.746.4444 to report suspicious behavior or safety concerns. You can remain anonymous.



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Adan Valdez Rodriguez

Annandale man arrested after stabbing

The victim was approached in the 4200 block of Wadsworth Court by a known associate who stabbed the victim him without provocation then ran away at approximately 7:14 p.m. October 2.

The victim was taken to the hospital with injuries that were considered not life threatening. Officers identified and later arrested Adan Valdez Rodriguez, 20, of Annandale. He was charged with malicious wounding and brandishing a firearm.

Alexandria Police investigate shooting on Four Mile Road

The Alexandria Police Department is actively investigating a shooting that occurred October 10, at the Park Vue of Alexandria Apartments in the 500 block of Four Mile Road.

Officers responding to a report of a shooting at approximately 11:50 a.m., discovered a juvenile male with a gunshot wound to the upper body. The suspect fled the scene before police arrived. The victim was taken to the hospital. His injuries are not life-threatening.

This is an active investigation. Anyone with information about the shooting is urged to contact Det. Trevor Griffin at Trevor. Griffin@alexandriava.gov. You can also call the police non-emergency line at 703-746-4444. Tips can be given anonymously.



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Detectives release composite sketches of rape suspects

Detectives from the Fairfax County Police Department Major Crimes Bureau Sex Crimes Squad are asking for the public’s help in identifying two men who sexually assaulted a woman October 7 in the 14000 block of Saint Germain Drive in Centreville.

Officers were called to the area around 7:40 a.m. for the report an unconscious person. Officers found the victim who reported the sexual assault which occurred overnight. She was taken to a nearby hospital for injuries not considered life threatening.

Detectives determined the victim was approached by a man who pulled her into a nearby wooded area, where he and another man sexually assaulted her.

The first suspect is described as a Hispanic man between 30 and 40 years of age, approximately 5’8”, average build, with dark hair. The second suspect is described as a Hispanic man, between 60 and 70 years of age, approximately 5’8”, stocky build, with partially gray hair. Working with our partners with the Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office, the composite sketches were created.

If you recognize either of these men, or have information about this case, please contact our Major Crimes Bureau at 703-246-7800, option 3. Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by visiting <http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org>, or calling 1-866-411-TIPS (8477).

Oakton man killed in pedestrian crash

Detectives from the Fairfax County Police Department Crash Reconstruction Unit continue to investigate a fatal crash that occurred October 11 at approximately 10:29 p.m. in the 2600 block of Hunter Mill Road in Oakton.

Preliminarily, detectives determined David Yazdani, 32, of Oakton, was riding an electric skateboard northbound on Hunter Mill Road near Conejo Lane. Detectives believe Yazdani lost control and fell into the southbound lanes of the road. The driver of a 2009 Hyundai Santa Fe was traveling southbound on Hunter Mill Road and struck Yazdani, who was laying in the road. The driver of a 2007 Toyota Rav4 was also traveling southbound on Hunter Mill Road and struck Yazdani after the Hyundai. Yazdani was taken to a nearby hospital, where he was pronounced deceased.

Both striking vehicles remained at the scene. Detectives do not believe that speed or alcohol were factors in the crash for the pedestrian or the drivers.

Anyone with information about this crash is asked to contact our Crash Reconstruction Unit at 703-280-0543. Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by phone – 1-866-411-TIPS (866-411-8477).

This is the 11th pedestrian fatality in the County to date in 2021.

Year to date, in 2020 there were 12 pedestrian fatalities.

Be aware of the colorless and odorless killer: carbon monoxide

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), each year more than 400 Americans die from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning not linked to fires, more than 20,000 visit the emergency room, and more than 4,000 are hospitalized. Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas.

Early symptoms of exposure are similar to the flu and include headache, fatigue, nausea, and confused thinking (so victims cannot think clearly enough to get assistance). Without treatment, the victim will lose consciousness, and if no help is given will lose their life.

CO is produced by combustion. Common causes are:

- Defective gas or oil furnaces and water heaters
- Cracked chimney flues
- Indoor use of charcoal grills

Use of a gas oven or range to warm a room

Running a car in an enclosed area such as a garage

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PEOPLE AND PLACES



SARAH BRENNAN

A day program participant completes an Olympic ring toss activity. Photo credit to SPARC staff member Sarah Brennan

SPARC office opens in Vienna

SPARC, a non-profit that provides day programs for adults with disabilities, opened its new administrative office in Vienna at The Church of the Good Shepherd, at 2351 Hunter Mill Rd. in Vienna.

“We set the stage for learning skills and habits that improve life for our club members and their families,” said SPARC Executive Director Debi Alexander. The non-profit is celebrating its 15th anniversary this fall.

An official ribbon-cutting ceremony and talent show will take place Oct. 21 (an earlier event was postponed as heavy rain flooded parts of the church building).

“We are thrilled to partner with SPARC to help adults with disabilities have a safe space,” said Good Shepherd Pastor Eric Song. “Allowing SPARC to use our space is a tremendous blessing to help people in our community.”

The church previously provided space in its Fellowship Hall in summer months for the group to hold its day program, where participants take part in ways that are adapted to their abilities. Club members compete in news quizzes, play word games and use their imaginations to express themselves. They cook, paint, build and create in their own way.

Good Shepherd members Mary and Bob Burger got involved with SPARC years ago when their late son used its services. Mary now serves as a SPARC board member.

“SPARC provides an incredible program for these adults who have little or no options for employment, though a few do have some limited work,” Mary said. “The program provides these adults with disabilities the opportunity to interact with others, to be stimulated and to feel a part of the community. We know there is a large population out there that needs this program.”

Like many organizations, SPARC has been impacted by the pandemic. The SPARC staff set up for club members a virtual/Zoom program that is still available. In July, in-person club meetings resumed at two of SPARC’s locations, including at Good Shepherd where meetings are held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information visit <https://sparc-solutions.org/>

Fairfax County agencies win 2021 Excellence in Economic Development awards

Fairfax County agencies won three Excellence in Economic Development awards from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), a trade organization serving economic developers around the

world, at its annual meeting October 5.

Fairfax County won awards in innovation, marketing and outreach. The honors recognize the county as being among of the world’s best economic development programs and highlights the ongoing innovation that is the hallmark of region.

The Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA) won a Gold Award for its WorkinNorthernVirginia.com website in the category of special purpose website. The county’s Department of Economic Initiatives and Department of Transportation won a Silver Award for Relay, a Connected and Autonomous Vehicle operating in the Merrifield area, in the category of Innovation Programs and Initiatives. The FCEDA received a Bronze Award for its annual report “2020: Rising to the Challenge.”

“Fairfax County is focused on growing the economy through supporting competitive sectors and new technologies. By pursuing programs and partnerships, like Relay and the talent outreach initiative, we will stay on the leading edge and further diversify our tax base and talent pool,” said Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Jeffrey C. McKay. “This award is a testament to our staff’s dedication to make positive change for the residents of Fairfax County.”

“It is gratifying to be recognized by our IEDC peers for our work, particularly this year winning a Gold Award for our groundbreaking talent website and a Bronze Award for our annual report video that captured a most challenging year,” said Victor Hoskins, president and CEO of FCEDA. “I am also so proud of the Fairfax County team that won a Silver Award for the Relay autonomous vehicle. We have a big team pushing for economic success for the county and these wins demonstrate the wisdom of standing up a county Department of Economic Initiatives to work alongside the Economic Development Authority to make Fairfax County an even better place to live, work, play and learn.”

IEDC’s Excellence in Economic Development Awards honor organizations and individuals for their efforts in creating positive change in urban, suburban, and rural communities. Awards are judged by a diverse panel of economic and community developers. IEDC received more than 500 submissions from four countries. This is the third year that the FCEDA has won a Gold Award, the others coming in 2020 and 2013, and it is the first time that other county agencies have received an IEDC award.



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Ravensworth Principal Erika Aspuria and Logan Pembleton next to the white board he built.

FCPS student uses his skills as a Boy Scout to create an outdoor learning space

On a warm Tuesday morning at Ravensworth Elementary, a sixth grade class

wanders underneath a white tent, each student scoping out where they’ll sit. Normally, these students would be indoors, sitting in plastic chairs, getting ready for their first lesson of the day. But today, their options are a bit more exciting: a tree stump painted bright yellow, a tree stump painted dark blue, or an interesting looking lounge chair constructed from two pieces of wood. As each student finds a seat, their attention turns to the giant white board at the front of the outdoor classroom and the teacher begins her lesson.

This colorful and lively learning area is all thanks to former Ravensworth student Logan Pembleton. Now 15 years old and a sophomore at Lake Braddock Secondary School, Pembleton got involved in designing the outdoor classroom as part of his Eagle Scouts project. Late last spring, Ravensworth Principal Erika Aspuria put a post in her school’s weekly community newsletter, asking for help creating an outdoor classroom under the school’s new tent. When Pembleton and his mom saw the post, they knew it was the perfect opportunity to help students learn during the pandemic.

“Outdoor classrooms are very important this year because the kids have to wear masks, and it gets stuffy,” Pembleton said. “So when they go outside they can take them off.”

He began by doing research. He found the design for the wooden chairs online. He searched Home Depot for the best deals on lumber. He created a white board design that would be waterproof and mobile. Finally, the plan was ready to go, but he needed help getting it done. So he started sending out emails asking for volunteers.

“When Logan started planning, it was amazing how much enthusiasm and excitement there was from neighbors, friends and schoolmates,” Lisa Pembleton said, “Everyone was really willing to pitch in or help out with donations. And the Ravensworth students that showed up were really excited about being able to tell their classmates that they helped with the project.” Pembleton says one special part of the project was connecting with younger Boy Scouts who came out to help. “You could figure out if they pay attention, and see how well they do, and see what they’re capable of and what their limits are,” he said. “And then I could give them some advice and help them improve on whatever they’re working on.”

The project took several hours over two days to complete, with about 14 people working each day. The classroom came together just in time, and was ready for students by the first day of school. Aspuria says she plans to use Pembleton’s creations for years to come. She says one of her favorite parts of the project is that it brought people together, after several months of being apart.

“This is a student that has a connection to this school,” she added. “This will always be his elementary school. He was able to leave a lasting impact here. And it’s also great he was able to draw in other scouts who are currently students here. It really truly was a community event and will have a community impact.”

Three Reston residents appointed to RCC Board of Governors

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors appointed three Reston residents to the nine-member Reston Community Center Board of Governors October 5. They are William G. Bouie, Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt and Richard Stillson.

All three candidates were

appointed for three-year terms. This was an uncontested election; all three candidates were incumbents. The appointments were made based upon the official results of the 2021 RCC Preference Poll. Vote tallies for the five candidates were as follows:

William G. Bouie: 1,439 votes
Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt: 1,396 votes
Richard Stillson: 1,382 votes

The three-year terms for Bouie, Sechrest-Ehrhardt and Stillson will begin November 1.



COURTESY PHOTO

William G. Bouie

Bouie has served on the RCC Board of Governors since 2003. He is also chairman of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board. Mr. Bouie is a telecommunications executive who is a passionate advocate for Reston and Fairfax County youth and adult sports and recreation opportunities. He has also served on the boards of the Wolf Trap Foundation, Public Art Reston, Fairfax County YMCA Reston and Reston Youth Baseball.



COURTESY PHOTO

Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt

Sechrest-Ehrhardt is a 46-year resident of Reston and an RCC Board of Governors member since 2012. A social worker, she is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion, and she seeks to use her professional and personal experience to contribute to the social, cultural and educational environments provided by RCC.



COURTESY PHOTO

Richard Stillson

Stillson has served on the RCC Board of Governors since 2018. He has lived in Reston for 49 years. Stillson has been involved in Reston organizations since the community’s early days, including Reston 2020 and the first Reston Comprehensive Plan Task Force.



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Reverend (Dr.) Hope Italiano Lee

Vienna Presbyterian Church welcomes new pastor

Vienna Presbyterian Church (VPC) is pleased to announce and welcome

the **Rev. Dr. Hope Italiano Lee** as the church’s new lead pastor. She started her new position October 4.

Lee is a seasoned leader who has served congregations in Georgia, Pennsylvania, and Florida. Most recently she was the lead pastor at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church in Bradenton, Fla. The reverend holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary as well as a Master of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary.

“We are so excited to welcome a pastoral leader of Hope’s caliber to Vienna Presbyterian Church,” said John Hall and Yvonne Malloy, co-chairs of the Pastor Nominating Committee. “Her engaging, open style both in preaching and interacting with people of all backgrounds was what inspired our call for her to be our next lead pastor.” Lee and her husband, Sung Lee, have three children: Anna, Peter, and Maria.

“We don’t take ourselves too seriously ... [but] we do take the gospel seriously,” Lee said referring to her close-knit family. “And we try to live our lives in a way that carries the hope of Christ out into the world through our everyday living. We consistently seek to ‘be the church’ wherever we find ourselves.”

“We are living in a world that is desperately seeking to be transformed,” she said. “I can’t wait to serve with the people of VPC as we seek that transformation together for the people of Northern Virginia through the hope of Jesus Christ!”

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Fairfax County engages with community during Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic Violence Action Center works to highlight services and events

By Laura Scudder
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Different organizations and groups in Fairfax County are honoring Domestic Violence Awareness Month this October. They are highlighting services available to victims of domestic violence and celebrating the work done year-round to promote healthy relationships in the community.

Angela Yeboah, the Domestic Violence Action Center (DVAC) manager at the Fairfax County Domestic and Sexual Violence Services — which falls under the Department of Family Services — said that there are various events and workshops throughout the month.

Yeboah noted that while October highlights domestic violence awareness, she wants people to know that DVAC’s services don’t just matter this month, but throughout the whole year.

DVAC is a service center “created to provide culturally responsive information and support services for victims of domestic and sexual violence, stalking, and human sex trafficking, and their families,” according to its website.

The center has multiple partners, and works to provide advocates, counselors and legal aid to victims of domestic violence.

Pre-pandemic, DVAC saw about 1,200 people each year, according to Yeboah. When the pandemic began, those numbers fell to around 800. Now, they are seeing a return that’s closer to their former numbers.

DVAC, in addition to providing services, is also

a physical center. While it does have multiple locations throughout the county, the main hub is in the historic courthouse in Fairfax, right on Chain Bridge Road.

Fairfax County is participating in a national day of action October 21 for #PurpleOut, where people wear purple to show commitment to healthy relationships.

Yeboah also said that it is important for people to know that DVAC and the other services within Fairfax County tailor help to the specific person — what works for one may not work for another in the case of domestic violence, so staffers work to make sure that a person’s needs are individually met.

“Victims are the expert on their safety, and they know their abuser more than anyone. And so they have to ultimately listen to their gut and their instincts on what they need to do to keep safe. But it’s important for them to know that there are resources and services out there,” she said.

Resources are not limited to victims. Those who have perpetrated acts of domestic violence can participate in the Anger & Domestic Abuse Prevention & Treatment (ADAPT) Program, which teaches “emotional regulation skills” to people who have abused partners, according to its website.

“Fairfax County Domestic and Sexual Violence Services also provides assistance to those who have caused harm through our ADAPT Program ... so our victims often want information on how the abuser can also seek services,” she said.



Other efforts are being taken by the community to raise awareness and help those in situations of domestic violence.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. are partnering with Domestic and Sexual Violence Services and Shelter House, a nonprofit organization that provides support services to homeless families and victims of domestic violence, to host a toiletry drive October 16 from 10 a.m. to noon at Mount Vernon Elementary School, 2601 Commonwealth Ave. in Alexandria. All donated items will support victims of domestic violence. Accepted items include masks, deodorant, pajamas and more.

Victims are able to access services across various groups in the county, such as the Victim Services Division of the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD). As one of its latest projects, the division is working with multiple partners to provide Hope cards for victims of domestic

violence who have obtained protective orders.

Hope cards are a means for victims of domestic abuse to provide information about an existing protective order to law enforcement. According to a FCPD blog post, a Hope card “can reduce the time on scene for officers responding to incidents of protection order violations, allow our officers to verify if there is a valid protective order in place and can provide a sense of security to victims. It will also assist in officer safety by informing law enforcement about weapons involved in the incident resulting in a protective order.”

Essentially, the Hope card allows people with protective orders to more conveniently carry relevant information about that order on their person.

Those who are experiencing domestic or sexual violence can reach out to the Domestic and Sexual Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 703-360-7273, TTY 711.



DARS

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will open doors of opportunity for our candidates to be hired,” she said.

Smith said that another big part of her role is educating businesses about misperceptions that might be had about hiring people with disabilities. She noted that she has seen improvements in those misperceptions in her time with DARS, but her work continues.

“Things are better than they were but there’s still — getting our message out and being available to answer those questions and be available to educate and share information is what our staff endeavors to do. And it’s just creating those partnerships and you know, supporting the business community and our and our workforce partners and creating a diverse and inclusive workforce,” she said.

She first began her work with DARS 22 years ago, when she was staffed as a placement counselor in the Winchester office.

“Basically what I would do is work with the counselors and helping participants to find employment. And a large part of that was going to talk with businesses about our agency, our services and the goal of helping to open doors of opportunity for our candidates to be employed with those businesses,” Smith said.

Smith recognizes that anyone could be put in the position of having a disability — and that all it takes is one accident or event to happen. She also noted those involved with the businesses she has worked with often know someone with an intellectual disability.

“All it takes is one event for any of us to become a person with a disability, you know, that one car accident, that one falling down a flight of steps, that one being witness to a school shooting that, brings on, you know, post traumatic disorder or some other mental health, you know, challenge that one bout of depression or bipolar disorder, whatever it may be,” she said.

Faith is something that Smith finds present in her work, saying, “Part of what I see as my Christian value is to give service.” She finds it rewarding to help others become gainfully employed.

“Nothing makes me happier than when one of the candidates that our agency has worked with, you know gets that job, whatever that job may be ... it’s exciting, it’s thrilling. I mean, it’s — in many ways — it’s life changing for a lot of people to be able to be self-sufficient ... And to know that our agency has played a part in helping to facilitate that, for that individual, it’s very refreshing and inspiring for us,” Smith explained.

Smith graduated from Shenandoah University and has done graduate work at James Madison University and George Washington University,” according to her profile on the DARS website.

CRISIS

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high school biology teacher Marcus-David Peters who was killed by Richmond police in 2018 when he was experiencing a mental health crisis, to implement crisis intervention around the Commonwealth with the goal that every locality will be served by a crisis intervention program by 2026. Fairfax’s co-responder program, known as the “Memphis Model,” will meet the new law’s criteria.

So far, Diversion First has seen some success. According to the program’s most recent annual report, the behavioral health population with misdemeanor charges in the county jail decreased by 28 percent between 2015 and 2020; the number of inmates referred to CSB jail-based services in that same period rose 21 percent. Since 2016, annual cases at the Merrifield Crisis Response Center increased by 37 percent.

A recent report in FFXnow revealed that 46 percent of FCPD officers and 30 percent of sheriff’s deputies have received Crisis Intervention Team training, which officers undergo to respond to mental health crises. As the story notes, state guidelines discourage 100 percent of officers from receiving CIT training, since it is considered a specialized role analogous to a Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team, though differences in training can create inconsistent treatment in the field.

If an officer who does not have CIT training believes that an individual may be suffering from a mental health crisis, they are instructed to call for

backup that does have that training if timing permits.

Sgt. Ian Yost of FCPD’s Public Affairs Bureau wrote in an email that the department’s goal is to train more than 40 percent of officers in CIT to achieve 24/7 coverage. Similarly, Ceisler wrote that the sheriff’s office goal is to have 25 percent of deputies trained. Both noted that 100 percent of staff have received Mental Health First Aid training. FCPD officers who serve on the co-responder team must have CIT training.

The Fairfax co-responder team currently operates Wednesday-Friday for an eight-hour shift between noon and 8 p.m. The county is exploring ways to expand the program to achieve 24/7 co-responder coverage, including a recent proposal that would use \$4 million in American Rescue Plan funds to hire more staff. Yost noted that “staffing shortages” of CSB clinicians and officers have resulted in the limited co-responder team and that the department “will expand the program as clinicians are hired and trained.”

Lisa Flowers, director of communications for the Community Services Board, wrote in an email that “Efforts are underway to start a full program, providing 14-16 hours of coverage, seven days a week to start, with the longer-term goal of 24/7 coverage.” She noted that the co-responder teams are new and require additional staff to expand. “Retention, recruitment, and hiring of staff are ongoing priorities for the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board and Fairfax County government,” Flowers wrote.

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Costs of road construction continue to rise in Fairfax County and elsewhere

By Rick Horner
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

The costs are rising for transportation projects in the Fairfax County area and it's not just because of the Coronavirus pandemic.

A question came up during a meeting of the Fairfax County Legislative Committee regarding the rising costs of transportation projects in the local area which have been estimated to be nearly 40 percent which was confirmed by the Virginia Department of Transportation. The members of the committee pointed to contingencies in the plans of transportation projects as a major factor in those rising costs.

Essentially, contingencies are funds set aside to deal with unexpected costs or potential changes in cost due to changes in the scope of the project. These contingencies are set aside within the budget of the project itself and can be used to offset the potential increases of aspects of the project, for example, if the costs of construction material go up in that time, then the contingency funds will be used to cover that rise in costs.

These costs are nothing new, the rise in the costs of material has been happening for many years now and continue to do so. Some of the more noticeable rises come from the cost of steel and glass as well as the cost of transporting these materials to the construction sites.

According to a January 2020 article from the Financial Express, the rise in the price of steel comes primarily from the increased demand for steel especially in countries such as China. That increase in demand has forced steel-producing mills to have to purchase more material for products such as iron ore and coking coal which has caused production costs to rise.

Another reason for the rising costs of steel has also been the effect of tariffs on the transportation of material such as steel being imported from other countries. According to a May 2021 post from The Fabricator, the cost of importing steel rose when then-President Donald Trump imposed a 25 percent tariff on steel being imported from countries such as Canada, Mexico, and the European Union in 2018. This tariff caused a spike in increased costs of steel when compared to the rest of the world, as well as a reduction in steel being imported into the United States.

The tariffs along with other factors such as changing buying habits, material substitution for production material, and the closure of some U.S.-based steel

mills, caused those prices to go up.

And that was before the impact made by the Coronavirus pandemic.

Once the pandemic hit worldwide the production and importation of steel were slowed down due to the imposition of protocols to deal with the virus such as social distancing. The demand for steel actually dropped as well since car production and many construction projects were halted. The prices of raw materials rose as well. According to a May 2020 article in Barron's the price of scrap steel went up because of less production.

So, what does this mean for current and future transportation projects in the Fairfax County area overall?

According to Robin Geiger, head of Communications for the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, the rising costs will continue to affect aspects of projects like contingencies as long as the associated prices such as material and transportation costs continue to rise.

So, then the question becomes, how can those costs be mitigated? What are some possibilities to reduce the costs of these transportation projects going forward?

"For many construction projects (especially large projects), during the design stage a process called "value engineering" is done where the project team attempts to find ways to reduce costs through methods such as making the design more efficient, eliminating superfluous design features, finding more concise ways to phase construction, or other measures. Value engineering is one of the best ways to help reduce construction costs for a project. It is also feasible to simply reduce the overall scope of the project itself to help reduce costs," said Geiger.

As an example, Fredericksburg recently reopened the Chatham Bridge which is a major thoroughway from Business Route 3. The project was originally scheduled to run for 38 months and done piecemeal while allowing traffic to continue to flow. The schedule was reduced to 16 months due to the decision to close the bridge completely which allowed VDOT and the construction crew associated with the bridge's rehabilitation to come in on budget and reopen the bridge 45 days ahead of schedule.

The lesson here may be that as costs for materials rise, Fairfax and other localities may have to find savings in other ways.



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Tyler Stillman is very happy about his new digs.

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"Today we are overjoyed that, after nearly two years of focused effort, we can stand with PAMCO Care in offering the opportunity of a group home run with excellence and connected to our Christ Church community," said Brooke Varma, director of Christ Church Inclusive Ministry. Varma has been a part of the disability community for decades as both a sibling and a parent. The home is a long-time dream of Pastor John Speight, lead pastor of Christ Church, according to Varma. She said the home was purchased by the foundation for the purpose of it being a group home.

PAMCO Care of Gainesville is a service provider in the developmental disabilities field. They offer services from community engagement to residential services. They partner to provide services to group homes in Virginia and North Carolina.

"The Branches group home is another example of the great work Christ Church does in our community. From their longstanding support of a school for more than 400 students in Kenya to their decades long ministry to engage and welcome those with disabilities, Christ Church practices what they preach," said Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity. "This new group home helps meet a critical need in Fairfax County and will allow residents with disabilities to live more productive and independent lives."

Tyler Stillman, a 32-year-old Fairfax Station resident is the first to move into the home. Stillman is a graduate of South County High School and Pulley Career Center. He's been living at home with his parents since April 2020 but had lived in a group home in Woodbridge prior to that, according to his father, Pat.

"He loves the church [Christ Church] and is looking forward to a sense of independence," said Pat. "He's excited for the prospect of living with his peers

and being a neighbor of Christ Church." The family are members of the church and Tyler has been involved with the Inclusive Ministry for the last four years.

Tyler participates in, and his parents provide transportation to, the Community Visions Day Program in Woodbridge. Pat said he and his wife, Lori, have been devoted advocates for those with developmental disabilities (DD) for many years. "Lori was involved with DD issues on the state and local levels, serving on the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board for over 12 years," he said.

"Meaningful inclusion is central to, not only the individuals and families who experience disability, but to our community as a whole," said Varma. "This includes our faith communities engaging with the opportunity to support individuals with disabilities throughout the stages of their lives. From supporting children in our inclusive school, Greentree, to adults through supported employment, adapted sermons, or this group home, we want to meet the needs of the community and partner with others to provide meaningful inclusion."

Four residents total will live in the home according to Varma. "Two will be moving in over the next week," she said. "We are in the process of working with families and support coordinators to fill the remaining openings. Funding for residents typically comes through a Community Living Waiver."

Tyler summed up his feelings about his new home by saying, "Branches ... a great home."

There are approximately 300 group homes in Fairfax County serving individuals with disabilities, according to Lisa Flowers, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board spokeswoman. Information on the Community Living Waiver and assistance for families can be found on the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services website at <https://bit.ly/3v7q3tp>. Additional resources can be found on the CSB website at <http://fairfaxcounty.gov/csb>.

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Madison shuts out hometown rival Oakton; week seven roundup

By Michael Marrow
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

The Madison Warhawks and the Oakton Cougars faced off at Madison High School October 8, where the Warhawks drubbed the Cougars 46-0. The game between the two hometown rivals is known as the Vienna Inn Bowl. Both teams vie for the Vienna Inn trophy, named for a local longtime Vienna establishment, which trades hands between victories. As of game night, the trophy had resided with Madison since 2016.

It was homecoming night for the Warhawks, whose dominance quickly became evident. After rapidly picking up two first downs, Madison ran the ball for a touchdown, soaring into the lead halfway through the first quarter. As the Warhawks lined up for an extra point attempt, two back-to-back defensive fouls by the Cougars prompted the Warhawks to exploit their opponents' lack of discipline. Madison successfully went for a two-point conversion, making the score 8-0.

Oakton's first drive looked promising, especially after a big third down



COLIN KEARNS

pass picked up a fresh set of downs. But Madison's defense was firing on all cylinders, consistently applying pressure on Oakton quarterback Nick Toole. After a botched snap set them back, the Warhawks finished off the Cougars with a sack on third down, forcing Oakton to punt with just over a minute remaining in the first quarter.

A touchdown by the Warhawks three minutes into the second quarter for a

score of 15-0 foreshadowed a steadily strengthening offense. After denying the Cougars a first down, the Warhawks regained the ball but were held to a field goal, increasing their lead to 18-0. Oakton's next drive went nowhere, allowing Madison running back Alex Jreige to carry the ball down the field and eventually into the end zone for a score of 25-0.

Unlike Toole, Madison quarterback Connor Barry had plenty of time in the

pocket, giving him space to connect with Warhawks wide receiver Darren Knicey for a huge gain that brought Madison just short of the goal line later in the second quarter. With 27 seconds remaining in the first half, Barry walked the ball in for a score of 32-0.

Expecting defeat, some Oakton students started to make their way to the parking lot during halftime. Others who stuck around, like sophomores Ansel Morrill and Bianka Korzun, said that the energy of the game was enough to make them stay put. "We're probably going to lose, but Oakton's fan base is one of the strongest around," Morrill said. "You never know when we could get a comeback," Korzun added, as Morrill reasoned "it's not over until it's over."

On the other side of the field, Madison seniors Kiera Kohler, Andrew Gorkowski, and Kevin Wilson said that it was an ideal last homecoming game. "It could not feel better," Kohler said, emphasizing that "I've never seen a student section this big." Two years had passed since the last meeting of the rivals, making it a "really amazing feeling to be back with all my friends for senior year. It's a big thing," Gorkowski said. "The whole school is here supporting the team. It's a great environment," Wilson said.

Madison kicked off to start the second half, their ironclad defense still going strong. On the Warhawks' 43-yard line, a blitz put Toole under pressure, forcing him to throw a pass that was picked off by Madison defensive back Jamin Moore. Moore then fumbled the ball and Oakton recovered it, reviving their drive. It still was not enough to overcome the Warhawks' defense: on third down, Toole was sacked again, this time by Madison linebacker Jakob Green.

On Madison's next drive, a besieged Oakton defense could barely hold the Warhawks off thanks in large part to Jreige, who carried the ball a total of 20 times for more than 140 yards and three touchdowns. With just

under five minutes remaining in the third quarter, Madison scored another touchdown for a score of 39-0.

At the top of the fourth, Toole was sacked again, ending another Oakton drive. By this time, Madison's comfortable lead enabled second-string players to hit the field, but the Warhawks were not done yet. Madison backup quarterback Mac Lewis launched a 23-yard touchdown pass caught by wide receiver Daniel Jacobs, scoring the Warhawks final points for a score of 46-0 with just over 9 minutes remaining in the fourth.

An Oakton drive once again went nowhere. Madison's next drive then ended in a punt, but it turned out to be a painful denouement for the Cougars. Instead of having one last chance to score before the end of the game, referees determined that Madison's punt had bounced off an Oakton player and was recovered by Madison, allowing the Warhawks to run the clock out.

After the game, Madison Head Coach Justin Counts lauded the Warhawks' run game and robust defense. "Our bread and butter is Alex Jreige running the football," Counts said. "We have a good run game and we play good defense," he added. "We try to be relentless on the defensive end and I think we did that tonight."

Meanwhile, the Warhawks continued to linger on their home field, grinning widely with the Vienna Inn trophy they had earned for the fifth season in a row.

Here's the roundup of other games from week seven.

Woodson at South County
The Woodson Cavaliers were routed by the South County Stallions 62-0. South County is 6-0 and Woodson is 2-4.

Langley at Washington-Liberty
The Washington-Liberty Generals earned their first win of the season against the Langley Saxons, who have yet to come out on top. The final score was 38-22. Langley is 0-6 and

Washington-Liberty is 1-5.

McLean at Wakefield
The McLean Highlanders fell to the Wakefield Warriors, who picked up an early lead that was maintained throughout the game. The final score was 29-16. McLean is 1-6 and Wakefield is 3-4.

Centreville at Chantilly
The Centreville Wildcats defeated the Chantilly Chargers. The Wildcats were boosted by running back Isaiah Ragaland, who carried the ball for more than 200 yards. The final score was 21-7, making Centreville 5-1 and Chantilly 4-2.

Falls Church at Edison
The Falls Church Jaguars continued a disappointing losing streak after being beaten by the Edison Eagles 20-10. The Jaguars are 0-5 and the Eagles are 2-5.

Westfield at South Lakes
The South Lakes Seahawks narrowly held off the Westfield Bulldogs in a nail-biting game that ended 20-19. Both teams are 3-3.

Thomas Jefferson at Lewis
The Thomas Jefferson Colonials were bested by the Lewis Lancers in a close match that ended 21-14. The Colonials are 4-2 and the Lancers are 1-5.

Mount Vernon at Annandale
The Mount Vernon Majors triumphed over the Annandale Atoms, rising to 2-0 in the National District following their earlier win in the season against Lewis. The final score was 47-12. The Majors are 3-4 and the Atoms are 1-6.

Alexandria City at Lake Braddock
The Lake Braddock Bruins successfully defended their home turf against the Alexandria City Titans. The final score was 21-6, with the Titans sole touchdown coming from a keeper by quarterback Ninoah Miguel, who shed a blitz for a 20-yard run. The Titans are 4-2 and the Bruins are 5-1.

Herndon at Yorktown
The Herndon Hornets were dispatched by the Yorktown Patriots 34-21. Herndon is 0-5 and Yorktown is 4-3.

Hayfield at Justice
The Hayfield Hawks lost their away game to the Justice Wolves, who prevailed 40-27. The Hawks are 1-5 and the Wolves are 2-4.

Fairfax at West Potomac
The Fairfax Lions took care of the West Potomac Wolverines, coasting to a 34-14 win. Fairfax is 6-0 and West Potomac is 4-2.

Robinson at West Springfield
In a battle between the two undefeated teams, the Robinson Rams extended their undefeated streak October 7 after beating the West Springfield Spartans 44-29. The Rams are 6-0 and the Spartans are 5-1.
Marshall had a bye week. The Statesmen are 3-3.

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Learn the health benefits of pumpkin

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Every fall, I look forward to pumpkin-infused smoothies, elixirs, muffins and pies. The key to enjoying these treats is to make sure they don't contain too much sugar or inflammatory oils. In addition to being a delicious part of a treat, pumpkin has numerous health properties. Pumpkin has 49 calories per cup and is high in fiber with 2.7 grams per cup. The type of fiber is soluble, which swells with water in your intestines to slow down how quickly your body absorbs glucose in your bloodstream. This binds to low-density lipoproteins and carries it out of your body in waste matter. Pumpkin is also rich in beta-carotene, which converts to vitamin A, which is important for eyesight. It's

also packed with vitamin C, important for your immune system. Pumpkin has high amounts of carotenoids, which function as antioxidants, that fight free radicals that cause oxidative stress. Pumpkin is a nutrient-dense whole food that deserves to be a part of your fall vegetables. However, the pumpkin spice lattes, smoothies and beverages found in coffee shops these days are laden with hundreds of grams of sugar and loads of calories. One popular drink at a well-known shop boasts 985 calories and 185 grams of sugar in a large serving! That's almost your entire calories for the day and more sugar than you should have in a week. If you do indulge, make it a small and share it and ask for low-sugar options or less syrup. But, if you want to make your own healthier version, here are two of my favorite fall recipes using pumpkin.

Pumpkin Smoothie

INGREDIENTS
1/2 cup organic pumpkin • 1/2 cup non-dairy yogurt (I like plain Kite Hill)
6 tbsp plant-based milk like almond milk or coconut milk
1 tsp vanilla • 2 pinches of pumpkin pie spice (optional) • 1/4 tsp of cinnamon
1 scoop of collagen peptides (optional, but adds protein)
1 tsp raw honey or a pinch of stevia to taste

Blend together with some ice for a smooth, cold smoothie.

Pumpkin Tea Elixir

INGREDIENTS
Chai Rooibos tea, brewed
1 tsp vanilla • 2 tbsp of fresh pureed pumpkin
1 tsp MCT oil or ghee • 1 tsp raw honey or stevia to taste
1/4 tsp cinnamon • 1/4 tsp pumpkin spice blend
Splash of nut milk (almond works well here)
1 scoop of collagen peptides (optional)

Brew tea first. Then add the tea and the rest of the ingredients in a blender and serve hot.
**Recipes courtesy of Cindy Santa Ana*

What does dental cleaning involve?



By Dr. Rahul Kumar D.D.S.
SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Many people are not aware of the wonders dental cleaning can do for them. It is often a feared treatment that makes people avoid the procedure completely. However, having a complete understanding of the treatment can help people enjoy the benefits for their teeth brought by a dental

cleaning. At Natural Smiles Dental Center, the expert dentists make dental cleaning an easy process for the patients. Dental cleaning is a procedure that aids oral hygiene. It helps to remove plaque, which causes periodontal diseases and cavities. It also removes the tartar that has built up on the teeth. In addition, dental cleaning helps to clean and avoid the buildup of bacteria that causes dental problems. It is a painless

process that results in bright and radiant teeth. The process of dental cleaning There are two procedures performed during a dental cleaning appointment, which are scaling and root planing. Scaling is a process that scrapes the hardened plaque and tartar from around the gum line and the tooth surface. A special device with a stainless steel tip is used to remove the plaque deposits. These deposits are then

washed off from the teeth using water. Root planing aids in the removal of hardened plaque on the teeth. The root of the tooth is smoothened using a scaling tool. It helps in the deep cleaning of the gum pockets. This process also helps to reattach the gums to the teeth. After the process, it is necessary to follow the dentist's instructions for the quick healing of the gums. Good oral hygiene and

regular visits to the dentist is a routine that needs to be followed. Advantages of dental cleaning The chances of developing a cavity get reduced in regular dental cleaning routines. It helps to detect early signs of dental diseases and treats them immediately. The chances of tooth loss caused by dental issues can be reduced through dental cleaning.

Dental cleaning provides fresher breath to the patients. It removes the stain on the tooth and brightens them. Dental cleaning avoids chronic periodontal disease. Dr. Rahul Kumar, D.D.S is the owner of Natural Smiles Dental Center, located in Reston. For more information visit naturalsmilesdc.com



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Three big-impact home improvements for a safe, healthy home

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The pandemic has brought new focus to home enhancements that not only add value, but also support wellness. Today's homeowners are investing in thoughtful improvements that prioritize safety and well-being, helping to substantially increase the home's health quotient.

Here are three, big-impact home improvement trends that support health and safety:

Upgrade your home's water

From drinking and cooking to bathing and cleaning, water is in constant use in a home. Essential to life, high-quality water that helps your family live healthier is vitally important. However, many homes are plagued with poor water sources that may contain toxins or contamination. A good first step is to get your water tested - many communities and organizations offer free testing - and then determine necessary upgrades.

If taste or water quality is a concern, a filtered water system can help provide safe drinking water at the tap. If you have hard water, you may want to research systems that condition the water such



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as a water softener. These systems remove excess minerals and produce water that helps appliances run more efficiently and is easier on the skin and hair while bathing.

Older homes may require upgraded plumbing systems to replace aging and deteriorating pipes. One solution for repiping homes is using Uponor AquaPEX, a flexible polymer piping material that resists corrosion, pitting and scale buildup. Flexible pipe like this lasts longer, bends around corners and fits into tight spaces without the need for large holes in drywall.

Install a snow and ice melting system

Much of the nation faces seasonal snow and ice, which presents many challenges for homeowners. As winter weather begins, slip hazards increase, not to mention the risk of injury during snow removal. Hydronic radiant snow-removal and ice-melting systems are smart solutions that melt snow and ice quickly, eliminating the need to shovel and plow, as well as the use of toxic ice melt chemicals that are harmful to the environment.

Installed by a

professional, Uponor residential snow and ice melting systems use PEX tubing buried in concrete, asphalt or a sand bed to circulate a warm water and glycol solution that heats the surface until it is warm enough to melt snow and ice. A simple manual switch can control the system, or it can be fully automatic, sensing when melting is needed.

These systems improve the health and safety of a home by eliminating slippery ice and snow, which in turn reduces the likelihood of injuries, as well as the associated liability and lawsuits.

The system adds value and helps meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations if a home is opting to follow those standards.

Elevate air quality

When you heat or cool your home, conventional forced-air systems push treated air through ductwork in the walls and ceilings, which often circulates pollutants as well as dust and allergens that lower overall indoor air quality. This is a concern because Americans spend approximately 90% of their time indoors, according to the Environmental

Protection Agency, where the concentrations of some pollutants are two to five times higher than typical outdoor concentrations.

A whole-home air filter system is worth considering for ongoing air treatment as well as other steps that reduce reliance on these systems. For example, hydronic radiant heating works by warming water at a heat source and circulating it through piping installed beneath the floor. There is no fan to circulate dust, allergens and odors, so you can breathe easier while enjoying warmth and comfort.

In addition to improving your home's heating and air conditioning methods, it's important to take steps to limit new pollution in a home. When doing home projects, be mindful of using supplies and materials with high concentrations of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which can infiltrate the air you inhale. VOCs can be found in various home-building products, including paint, plywood, fabric, carpet and foam.

It may cost more to purchase items with low VOCs, but people are increasingly willing to make this investment to support home air quality.

Inexpensive home maintenance projects to do this weekend

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Home maintenance. The very words might evoke thoughts of an entire weekend spent laboring at home instead of relaxing in it, but that doesn't always have to be the case.

Here are six home maintenance projects you can do this weekend that will save you the headache of costly repairs later on.

Clean refrigerator coils

To keep your refrigerator properly working, it's best to clean the coolant coils every six months.

Coolant coils, which can be located on the back or bottom of the refrigerator, keep warm air out. When the coils are covered with dust, dirt or hair they aren't able to release heat efficiently. In turn, the coils work harder and longer, using more energy and shortening the life of the appliance. This might end up costing you more in the form of a higher energy bill or purchase of a new refrigerator.

Clean your refrigerator coils with a vacuum and coil cleaning brush. Coil cleaning brushes can be found at appliance stores or online for \$10 or less.

Check caulking

Caulking is customary around wet areas like bathtubs and sinks to keep water from seeping into the wall, but it is also used around windows and doors to prevent air from escaping.

Check for significant air temperature differences near windows and walls and use a

digital thermometer to verify air leaks. Make sure to also check areas where vents and plumbing fixtures meet the outside wall.

Old caulking can dry out and crack, making it vulnerable to air and water leaks. If you notice dry or cracked caulking, remove as much of it as possible and reseal. Caulking gun sets that include the sealant, scraping and smoothing tool can begin at \$35 and be found online or at your local hardware store.

Examine the roof

The first step of roof inspection is to check the inside of your home. Look for damp spots or water stains on the ceiling or for cracked plaster along the wall. These can be signs of water damage.

At ground level do a visual examination of your roof's exterior for any cracked or missing shingles. Notice if you have to trim back tree branches that may make contact as they can damage your roof's exterior. If you suspect any type of damage, contact an experienced roofer who can perform a thorough inspection.

Clean the gutters

Gutters are necessary to direct water away from your home's foundation. Their exposure to the elements means that they need to be cleaned and inspected regularly. While cleaning out dirt and leaves, make sure the gutters are securely attached to your house. The weight of heavy snowfall, rain and dirt can cause gutters to loosen and pull away from the home.

"Gutters that are free of

dirt and debris will keep rain from running down the sides of your home and coming in through the foundation," said O'Rourke. "Routine maintenance means lower homeowner costs by addressing small issues before they become problematic."

Clean chimney

Chimneys should be cleaned once a year, especially before the first fire of the season. Check the inside of the chimney to make sure it is clear of any debris or small animals nesting as these types of blockages could cause a fire. Thoroughly clear away ash or soot around the chimney before the cold weather starts.

Install a programmable thermostat

Programmable thermostats are both a money and energy saver. They allow you to set a comfortable temperature when you're home and can be scheduled to lower the temperature while you're away, helping you save money by cutting down energy usage.

"Programmable thermostats allow homeowners to set the heating and cooling of their home to their schedule," said O'Rourke. "It's one less thing for homeowners to worry about and they are fairly easy to install."

Your home is not only your sanctuary, it's your commitment. Assessing your homeowners' coverage and understanding your policy is a simple household task you can accomplish this weekend and one that can save you money.

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The most damaging local issue you may know nothing about

Dear Editor,

The public sector collective bargaining ordinance expected to pass October 19th in Fairfax County is potentially the most damaging local issue of this term. It will divert millions of dollars to legal administration instead of toward competitive compensation for County employees, while raising your taxes, impacting the quality of public services, and reducing the transparency of your local government.

At the public hearing on October 5th, over 60 people testified, many were union members that are opposed to this ordinance because although they support collective bargaining, the proposed ordinance language provokes serious concerns. I fundamentally do not support collective bargaining, but if the ordinance is going to pass, we need to at least take the time to get it right and listen to our community.

Many County workers shared concern that the process for drafting the

ordinance was rushed, non-transparent, and only included the feedback of more powerful (and coincidentally well-funded) unions. Parameters in the proposed ordinance limit the voices of County employees at the bottom and set no limitations on union outreach to protect worker privacy. Former Supervisor John Cook testified that the ordinance as it stands is subject to legal challenge for breaching Virginia state law. The message was loud and clear at the public hearing; this ordinance will serve only certain unions, not most County employees, and there's still a lot to work out.

This ordinance will require the County to negotiate with public employee unions on everything from pay and benefits to discipline and working conditions. While the Board's ordinance does not include teachers, it is likely the School Board will adopt a similar ordinance as it has already included positions for collective bargaining in

its 2022 budget. Instead of your elected officials representing you, it will bind their hands for consolidated union interests to drive local policy.

Unlike private collective bargaining, these unions won't be asking for more from a multi-million-dollar company, they'll be asking for it out of your taxes. This could mean an increase of hundreds of dollars on the taxes of the average resident – not to mention increases from rising real estate tax assessments, a declining commercial tax base and the other multi-million-dollar projects the Board has made priorities over the interests of our employees and taxpayers.

To attract the best employees and provide residents the best services, we must offer competitive pay and benefits (we already have an above market pension plan) and we can accomplish that without collective bargaining. I have been advocating for years to raise teacher, not administrator, pay as well

as police pay. We have historically had issues in those pay areas and that translates into retention issues. If competitive pay was a priority for this Board, they would have done it already instead of prioritizing exorbitant new programs.

If this passes, the officials meant to represent you at the bargaining table have an inherent conflict of interest. The current Board (not counting the School Board) has received around half a million dollars in campaign donations from unions. Every Board member except me has received a donation from SEIU, a national union heavily influencing this ordinance.

Smaller unions have largely been ignored in the drafting process. You, the taxpayer, have been left out entirely until the public hearing. Roughly 80 percent of the County workforce is unaffiliated with a union and haven't indicated if this is even something they want. Which begs the question, why are we doing this?

Public collective bargaining is new to Virginia, only recently enabled by the General Assembly without guidance on infrastructure or funding to set up the multi-million-dollar team of lawyers and administrators to make sure the process is "fair." But while Virginia is moving full throttle into what legal experts have called "the wild west" of setting up this process, other parts of the country are harrowing examples of how it can wreak havoc on a community.

Wisconsin got rid of public sector collective bargaining back in 2011, recovered from a \$3.6 billion budget deficit and saw a surplus without raising taxes. New York has the highest tax burden in the country – it also has one of the strongest unionized public worker bases and bargaining agreements. Look up the infamous "rubber rooms" they set up because they couldn't get rid of bad teachers. If you're still not convinced, check out

California, Washington, New Jersey, and Michigan to see if those are the kind of public services or taxes you want.

Public collective bargaining, especially as the ordinance stands now, will only serve big unions while you foot their bill and receive less effective government. Make no mistake, these national unions with local chapters are experts in this complex legislation, most locals are not. You can imagine who will get the better deal.

I fundamentally do not support public collective bargaining, but if the ordinance is going to pass, we need to at least take the time to get it right and listen to our employees and community. I urge you to reach out to your Board member before the vote on October 19th or email the entire Board at clerktothebos@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Put Herrity, Springfield District Supervisor Springfield, VA

Karrie Delaney's policies hurt children and families

Dear Editor,

Karrie Delaney's re-election (VA-District 67) campaign claims she is a pro-child, pro-family moderate. Her voting record challenges that.

It is not pro-child or pro-family to: Tell children (K-12) they can change their sex, require schools to facilitate that choice and refer for treatments for sterilization causing puberty blockers without parental knowledge – even when parents object! – then discipline teachers who challenge the child's diagnosis. Delaney co-sponsored HB 145 directing the drafting of these guidelines.

Take funding from and be "honored to earn the endorsement of Planned Parenthood (PP) Advocates of Virginia." PP's racist founder Margaret Sanger

targeted People of Color for "birth CONTROL." PP is expanding from abortion to hormone therapy for transgender patients in 5 VA clinics – referred by Fairfax schools without parental knowledge. PP publicizes it helps teens get abortions without parental knowledge. Message: PP cares; your parents don't! PP avoids reporting requirements of sexual abuse claiming reporting puts minors in danger – covering up the crime by aborting the evidence. If parents knew what was happening in PP "clinics", the school board meeting revolts would move to PP.

Move "back-alley" abortions, to the storefront. Killing a baby before or after birth is never pro-child. Delaney expanded abortion and required all health plans and Medicaid to include abortion: even

employers with religious objections. Delaney removed common-sense protections requiring informed consent for an abortion, and abortion facilities to meet the same health standards as other surgical facilities. Non-doctors can now perform abortions throughout the first 3 months of pregnancy.

Oppose the consciences of health care and adoption/child welfare providers, Churches, Religious Schools, Ministries, etc. to operate and hire workers consistent with the religious tenets of their Faith.

Karrie Delaney's campaign cannot change her radical voting record. We need adults who understand the REAL NEEDS OF REAL CHILDREN. All incumbent Democrats voted in lockstep.

Mary Beth Style Centreville, VA

Requests to Descano and Herring re: porn in schools

Dear Editor,

Today, I submitted requests to Attorney General Mark Herring and the Fairfax Commonwealth's Attorney, Steve Descano, that they conduct an immediate investigation of the now well-publicized obscene, pornographic books discovered in the Fairfax High School library. This investigation should determine whether the distribution of these books and others like them in our school libraries violate Virginia criminal laws that prohibit the publication, production, possession,

reproduction, distribution, and exhibition of obscene material and child pornography. Specifically, the circumstances related to how these books were purchased and made available to students through the school libraries should be fully investigated and those responsible should be held accountable in accordance with the applicable laws. Further, the Commonwealth's Attorney and Attorney General should investigate whether the authors and the publishers of these books have violated Virginia's laws. Finally, there should be a review

of all books in all school libraries throughout Fairfax County and all obscene material and pornographic books should be removed from the schools. Our children deserve better. These books, if distributed or displayed in the workplace, would constitute sexual harassment; and these books certainly create a hostile learning environment for our children. We expect the Attorney General and the Commonwealth's Attorney to act immediately to protect our children.

Christopher Henzel McLean, Virginia

Maintain election integrity

Dear Editor,

Two weeks ago, my wife and I were visiting family in Springfield, VA on our most recent visit to your beautiful area. We noted several times while at restaurants, shopping, or in the hotel the lower percentage of people wearing masks while out in public compared to where we live outside of Columbus, OH. We concluded the fear in the general population of contracting Covid 19 must be lower in your area than in ours.

Given this, we were surprised to see in the news today the Fairfax County

Supervisors sent a letter to the Governor asking him to waive the witness-signature requirement on absentee ballots, supposedly because of the risk of the witness contracting the virus.

Since the fear of getting Covid in your area does not seem very high to a casual observer, one has to ask is this really because the polls have tightened in the race between McAuliffe and Youngkin, and has nothing to do with safety? Where was this request months ago when Covid was more prevalent than today and a lower percentage of the population was vaccinated?

Could it be because at that point McAuliffe had a comfortable lead in the polls and his election looked likely, but now the outcome is seriously in doubt? Any objective person should question the timing of this request and whether it is really an undisguised attempt to promote the submission of fraudulent absentee ballots without the requirement of a witness signature to verify its proper execution? Just a question to think about from the Buckeye state.

Neal Gearinger Sunbury, OH

A vote for Glenn Youngkin is a vote for the economy

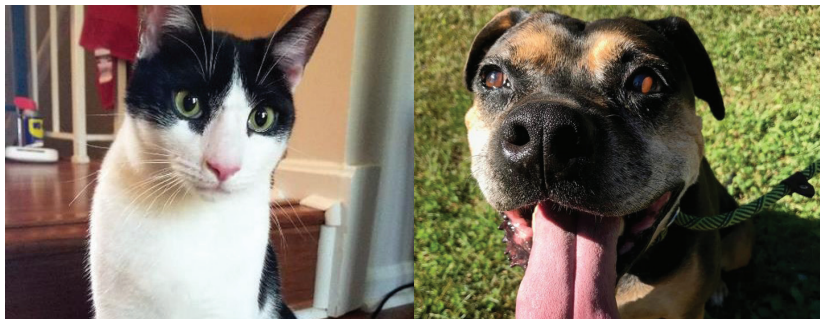
Dear Editor,

Last week, we saw Terry McAuliffe and Glenn Youngkin square off in the second gubernatorial debate. During the first and second debates, Youngkin impressed me with his eloquent responses to hard questions, in addition to his poise and demeanor on stage. However, what I most appreciate about Youngkin is his seriousness in bringing

jobs and businesses back to our state. Over the past year, I've seen how poor, Democrat-led economic policies have negatively impacted our community. Just last month, I saw that new jobless claims in Virginia have recently surged by 300%, with more than 15,000 Virginians filing for unemployment. As we look to get back on our feet after the COVID pandemic, it's essential that we have

a governor who believes in getting Virginians back to work, supporting small businesses, and alleviating burdensome taxes. Virginia needs a businessman to help usher in a new era of economic development for our state, so that's why I'll be voting for Glenn Youngkin in November.

Sean Rastatter Centreville, VA



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MUSICAL THEATRE RETURNS TO KENNEDY CENTER

TONY WINNER HADESTOWN

ON STAGE THROUGH OCTOBER 31



T. CHARLES ERICKSON

By Keith Loria

SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

It's been 19 months since the Kennedy Center's stage has presented

a full-length musical theatre production for a live audience, but thankfully that all changes this weekend with the start of its 2021-2022 season.

And quite a start it is.

"HadesTown," the winner of eight Tony Awards in 2019, including Best New Musical, begins its national tour in the Kennedy Center Opera House from October 13-31.

The acclaimed new musical was written by singer-songwriter Anais Mitchell and developed with innovative director Rachel Chavkin—both Tony winners for their parts.

"HadesTown" follows two mythic tales—one based on the ancient Greek myth where Orpheus goes to the underworld to rescue his lover, Eurydice; the other of King Hades and his wife

Persephone.

Nicholas Barasch, who started his Broadway career at the age of 10, plays Orpheus, whose character goes

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Debi Smith presents songs from "Then and Now" at The Birchmere



COURTESY PHOTO

The Falls Church singer opens for Garrison Keillor October 20

By Keith Loria

SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Debi Smith has been making music for as long as she can remember.

"I started singing in folk groups at church and in school, and while in college, I sang in a folk trio, and that's where I really got interested in doing

this as a career," Smith said. "When I started realizing that people would hire me! I had a lot of songs in my repertoire because I would just sit around and play."

After college, Smith worked at the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, D.C., and moonlighted as a musician. That's when she performed

as part of the all-woman Irish group The Hags.

She also started touring with her sister Megan as The Smith Sisters back in the early '80s, and the duo recorded five successful albums.

"We toured the college circuit at first, but then worked with Columbia Artists Manage-

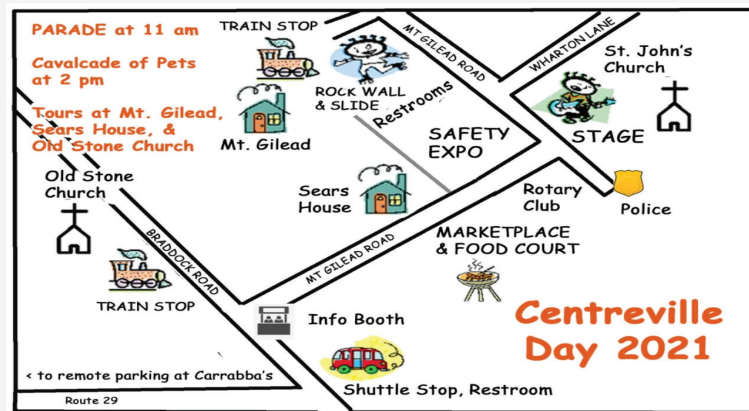
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HOT LINKS

BY COLLIN COPE

Centreville Day • October 16 • Begins at 11 a.m. • FREE

Centreville Day returns to Northern Virginia October 16 for its annual celebration, bringing fun experiences for the whole family. The festival hosts various local food vendors and businesses, as well as a longstanding parade featuring members of local organizations and other passionate Centreville residents looking to join in on the fun. The festival begins at 11 a.m., admission will be free and all pets are welcome! For more information, visit centrevilleday.org.



Yoga on the Magnolia Terrace • Through October 19 • \$10

For a limited time only, spend an evening at Carlyle House Historic Park for Yoga on the Magnolia Terrace. During an hour long session of Vinyasa Flow Yoga, engage in a deeply relaxing exercise of the body and the mind in a collective setting. The program will start strong and slowly mellow out over the course of the hour. The instructor advises attendees to bring water, a towel and a yoga mat. Tickets are \$10 and can be found at <https://bit.ly/3v4pj8p>.



'How to Write: Your First Book.' • October 20 • \$5

On October 20 at 7 p.m., visit Carlyle House Historic Park for 'How to Write: Your First Book.' Hosted by Vera Kurian, author of the novel *Never Saw Me Coming*, and co-hosted by author of *Things We Lost to the Water*, Eric Nguyen, this socially-distanced and masked discussion will center the authors' experiences when writing their first books and will provide pointers for what aspiring authors can expect when writing their own work. General admission will be \$5, but the purchase of either novel also allows for admission. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/2X7yAzZ>.



COURTESY PHOTOS



By Keith Loria
SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Judy Collins has enjoyed quite a storied career over her 60 years in the music biz. She’s won a Grammy, charted more than a dozen hit songs, written a novel, was a guest on The Muppet Show and made waves for her “naked” cover sleeve on the 1979 album, “Hard Times for Lovers.”

Now 82, and looking as amazing as ever, Collins continues to create new music, perform, and even hosts her own podcast. Still, she considered herself a bit fortunate to have some time off during the past year and a half.

“I had just come off a month in touring, including a couple of weeks in Norway, and it was exhausting,” Collins said. “I’m very happy that I was able to get through the pandemic and I’m still wearing my mask and keeping a distance and staying safe.”

There were a couple of times during her long career where she had long downtimes, including in 1977-78 when a health issue kept her from performing, but mostly she’s been on stage for the better part of six decades.

“My work continues to be wonderfully interesting and wonderfully satisfying,” Collins said.

Collins will appear at The Birchmere October 17, doing what she does best.

“It will be me singing a lot of my new songs, and of course there will be about half a dozen of the hits,” she said. “I am putting out this new album in February. They are all brand new and were done primarily before and during the pandemic.”

The new album is titled, “Girl From Colorado.” One of the songs is about Thomas Murton, a penologist best known for his wardenship of the prison farms of Arkansas; another is called “Spellbound,” which she wrote in Hawaii; and then there’s one she wrote while in Arizona which recounts her life there in 1962.

“The songs are very much reflective of all the things I’ve been thinking

about,” Collins said. “I have a bonus track on the album as well—a version of ‘The Blizzard,’ which I wrote in the late ’80s.”

Although Collins has always written songs and her 26 albums always have a new song or two, this marks the first time she has completed a full album of new material of her own.

“This is the first time in my career I have done all my own songs and on my own label,” she said. “It’s a new adventure for me.”

Another new adventure for the legendary singer is a podcast that she started during the pandemic.

“It’s called ‘Since You’ve Asked,’ and I started out with Julia Cameron, who wrote ‘The Artist’s Way,’ and then Jeff Daniels and Ben Harper,” Collins said. “Coming up are Clive Davis, Betty Buckley, and Christiane Amanpour. It’s been a lot of fun.”

Collins’ career began when she used to sing on her father’s radio show and she further got interested in music by singing in church choirs and performing opera at the local opera house.

“My father was a performer and I was taught at a very young age not to pay attention to the size of the venue or the size of the audience; it doesn’t make a difference,” she said. “You do the show you want to do and you’ll stay in the public eye. That’s what I have been doing my whole life.”

Collins was an important interpretive singer to emerge from the folk revival of the late ’50s and early ’60s. By the time she was 22, she was already a force to be reckoned with in the music world, and over the decades she has achieved great success with songs such as “Send in the Clowns,” “Both Sides Now,” and “Amazing Grace.”

Those are songs fans can expect to hear at her upcoming gig and she is so grateful to her audiences who are showing up to see her perform.

“They are going to hear a beautiful show and it’s going to be wonderful,” Collins said. “I am very much a brand-new girl every day.”

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T. Charles Erickson

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on a hell-raising journey to the underworld and back.

“I was a big fan of the show before I was even in it, so when I learned they were launching a national tour back in 2019, I really wanted to be a part of it,” Barasch said. “Orpheus is a role I wanted to play since I first saw it on Broadway.”

The actor hounded his reps to get him an audition, and it happened in early 2020, right before the pandemic. So, even though he got the role and the show was supposed to launch in the fall of 2020, he’s had to wait a year to play this dream part.

“It’s been a longtime coming, but I’m really excited to finally be getting to play him,” Barasch said. “Orpheus is a unique leading-man role, and I don’t feel like a typical leading man anyway. I’m a redhead, more on the sensitive side, and I am not drawn towards the big vibrato. He also sings high in falsetto a lot, and in recent jobs, I’ve had to do that a lot, so it seemed perfect for me.”

Of course, the actor was also drawn to the score and story, and feels audiences will be captivated by the production, just as they have been during the Broadway run.

The actor’s other Broadway credits include “The Mystery of Edward Drood” and “She Loves Me,” for which earned him a Drama Desk Award, but it was the 2009 revival of “West Side Story” where it all began.

“I was doing community theatre and it was really just a fun activity, and Broadway wasn’t anything I ever thought about, I was a kid,” Barasch said. “According to my mom, I was the one who pushed to get an agent because that sounded alluring to me. Eventually, I signed with a manager and went out on auditions in New York City, and I landed ‘West Side Story,’ which was pretty surreal.”

He continued to work consistently on stage, with his last Broadway role being in “She Loves Me” as a senior in high school. “Hometown” marks his first national tour.

The actor noted that while it’s very similar to the Broadway production, there have been some changes made to the touring version.

“We have a new set, a new cast, and Rachel Chavkin, our director, is still coming up with new ideas to tell the story in this particular space,” Barasch said. “The Kennedy Center is our official opening of the tour and everyone is so excited to get started.”

The production also stars Morgan Siobhan Green as Eurydice, Tony Award winner Levi Kreis as Hermes, Kimberly Marable as Persephone, and Olivier Award nominee Kevyn Morrow as Hades.

“What makes the show so fresh and new is that it’s basically a folk opera,” Barasch said. “It’s almost entirely sung through and you have the benefit of these sweeping, huge Broadway numbers, and you get all the wonder visually with the lights and smoke and sets, but you also get a gorgeous score, where at times you feel like you’re in a living room somewhere listening to someone play a guitar. It’s all encompassing and the story is a timeless love story.”

DEBI SMITH

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ment and toured the U.S., and went overseas,” Smith said. “But Megan decided to do something else—she’s more of a scientist—and I kept performing.”

Smith would play with guitarist Al Petteway and also joined the popular The Four Bitchin’ Babes. She released eight solo albums, the latest being the brand-new “Then and Now” recording.

Smith will open for Garrison Keillor October 20 at the Birchmere.

“I’m excited to be opening for Garrison Keillor as I’ve done shows with him before with my sister,” said the Falls Church-based singer. “I’ll be doing a 30-minute set and I’ll be playing songs from my new CD, which I did during the pandemic.”

Smith found herself with some extra time at home, and needed to do something to save her sanity, and knew creating new music was just what she needed.

“I learned how to record on my computer and learned how to do my own instruments,” Smith

said. “I reviewed a lot of the material that I cut my teeth on—the artists that I loved, the songs that I loved, and my album is a retrospective and tribute to the people, the artists and music that inspired me at the beginning.”

She plays most of the music on the recording, though she did bring in guitarist Al Petteway and Marcy Marxer to help.

Some of the people who she pays tribute to, Smith actually ended up performing with in her career, including Doc Watson and Tom Paxton.

“These are all traditional songs, some I learned in elementary school; for instance, one of the first things I started doing was singing patriotic songs, because that’s what you did when you were in chorus back then, so I included ‘America the Beautiful,’” Smith said.

Because Keillor’s show is going to be about what it’s like getting older, Smith felt this was a great compliment.

“This album fits perfectly, because I am looking back,” she said.

Some of the songs she’ll do are “Polly Vonn” from Peter, Paul and Mary;

“Forever Young,” by Bob Dylan “I Was Born in East Virginia,” the popular hit by The Carter Family.

“They inspired me early in my career and I was thrilled to have the opportunity to sing with Janette Carter at The Carter Family Fold when I was starting out, and I have always enjoyed performing their legendary songs,” Smith said.

Although she’s played The Birchmere numerous times, and has been a seasoned performer for decades, Smith admitted she’s a little nervous for the gig as it will be her first one back since the pandemic began.

“You can sing in your living room and that’s great, but when you can get up and sing in front of people, I just love to sing and see people enjoying it, and sharing that moment together,” Smith said. “I’m excited about my songs, and very excited to see Garrison Keillor who is just mesmerizing. He’s funny and off-the-cuff, and you never know exactly what’s going to happen. It will be a show where you leave feeling good, and I think we all need that right now.”

celebrity
extra

by Dana Jackson



DEPOSITPHOTOS

Lori Loughlin

Q: Is it true that Lori Loughlin is returning to “When Calls the Heart”? I’m really surprised she’s getting her career back after the college admissions scandal. – P.M.

A: Lori Loughlin was best known as Aunt Becky on the hit sitcom “Full House” before her acting career came to a halt after she was charged with conspiracy and fraud in a college admissions cheating scandal. As a result, she was terminated from her role as Abigail on the Hallmark Channel series “When Calls the Heart” before eventually going to prison.

A few months after her release, it was announced that Loughlin will reprise the role of Abigail for two episodes of the “When Calls the Heart” spinoff known as “When Hope Calls.” The first season aired on “Hallmark,” but its sophomore season will be on the newly branded GAC Family channel. “When Hope Calls” is about orphaned sisters Lillian (Morgan Kohan) and Grace (Jocelyn Hudon) who are reunited years later as adults in the early 1900s.

GAC Family was previously known as the Great American Country

channel when it was owned by Discovery, Inc. You can find it in most cable TV packages as well as on satellite television.

As for why Loughlin has been rehired, perhaps the producers just want closure for the character of Abigail, and Loughlin’s comeback will be short-lived. Whether Loughlin’s acting career recovers is ultimately up to viewers.

Q: I miss the legal drama “All Rise” on CBS. Will the actress who played Judge Carmichael turn up in anything else soon? – B.A.

A: Simone Missick portrayed District Court Judge Lola Carmichael in “All Rise,” but she won’t have to search far for her next role, because the series has been rescued by the OWN channel. Co-star Marg Helgenberger won’t return, however, since she had already landed a part on the new NBC series “Getaway.” Look for new episodes of “All Rise” in 2022.

Q: I was thrilled to see Kevin Kline in the new Melissa McCarthy movie. I hadn’t seen him since “A Fish Called Wanda.” Where

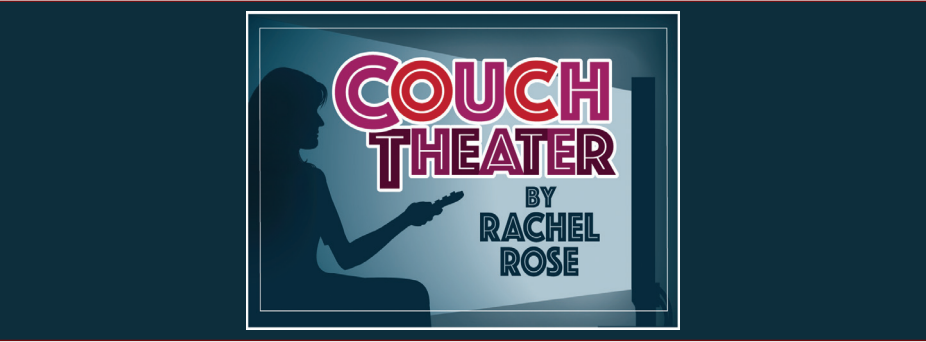
has he been all these years? – R.W.

A: He’s been acting! While Kevin Kline’s career hasn’t been as high-profile as it was in the 1980s with films like “Sophie’s Choice,” “The Big Chill” and his hilarious, Oscar-winning performance in “A Fish Called Wanda,” he’s still sought after by directors. Kline’s steadiest role has been voice-over work as Mr. Fishoeder on the animated series “Bob’s Burgers,” but in front of the camera he’s played Errol Flynn in the movie “The Last of Robin Hood” and Cyrano de Bergerac and Hamlet in “Great Performances.”

In addition to “The Starling” with Melissa McCarthy, you can see Kline in the film “Here Today,” which was released in May and starred Billy Crystal and Tiffany Haddish, as well as “The Good House” opposite Sigourney Weaver, which was released in September.

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

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“Muppets Haunted Mansion”

(TV-PG) -- If you grew up watching “The Great Muppet Caper” and “The Muppets Take Manhattan,” your childhood was awesome. The Muppets have always had a sweetness and humor that is timeless and appeals to all ages. So absolutely everyone should be excited for this hilarious and harrowing new holiday-themed movie. The plot is simple: World famous daredevil artist Gonzo takes on the challenge to spend one night at Disney’s Haunted Mansion. Rumor has it that the film is packed with “easter eggs” for Disney fans, and items from haunted mansions at all four Disney parks are featured. And, as with previous Muppet movies, original songs abound! A slew of big names make appearances, including Danny Trejo, Craig Robinson, Ed Asner, John Stamos and Taraji P. Henson. (Disney+)

“Baking Impossible”

(Season 1) -- When I’ve watched countless competitive baking shows, whether a great sugar challenge or a super-stuffed cupcake-tower tournament, one thing

has always been missing from the equation: structural engineers. Clearly someone at the Netflix new programs table heard my lament. Their new sweets-competition show pairs professional bakers and professional engineers to create delicious treats that go higher, spin faster and dazzle judges more than ever. The stakes are high, too, as participants have a \$100,000 grand prize motivating their efforts. Nine teams push the limits of creativity and ingenuity over six episodes. (Netflix)

“The Many Saints of Newark”

(R) -- In what is arguably the most anticipated prequel of the decade, we finally learn how Tony Soprano became a player in the Cosa Nostra. The much-ballyhooed casting of Michael Gandolfini in the role made infamous by his late father, James Gandolfini, has already been highly praised. His physical resemblance and mannerisms are eerily similar to his dad, and any inconsistencies in personality can be chalked up to the character being 30 years younger. But fair warning, you can’t

come to this film green. Knowledge of “The Sopranos” series is necessary to make sense of characters and relationships. It might even be good idea to binge a few episodes as a crash refresher. “Saints” focuses on telling the story of the Moltisanti arm of the family. Whether or not we finally learn the significance of Tony’s fondness for the band Journey remains to be seen. (HBO Max)

“Megan Leavey”

(PG-13) -- Everyone loves dogs. Most people appreciate the skill, patience and dedication it takes to train a dog in military service. So a movie based on a true story about Megan Leavey, the woman who did just that, should be fairly engaging. The problem with this movie is the casting. Kate Mara just isn’t believable as a Marine, even one with a giant heart for canines. When she’s injured and discharged home, Megan’s mission becomes finding a way to permanently adopt Rex, the German Shepherd she successfully trained to find land mines and who subsequently became a war hero. You can guess the ending. (Prime Video)

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Barks! I don't know much about my mama. She is a beautiful lady who did her best to raise her puppies in the way we should go, so we would be good canine citizens of our community. Barkingly, she wanted us to have the bestest "forever homes" with humans to love who will love us too. Paws, most of all, she didn't want us to be wanting anything; so she worked with the Homeless Animals Rescue Team (HART) to help us be taken care of before finding her home.

What I don't know is mama's history. There are many reasons dogs are abandoned these days so it could be anything. Maybe she ran off, got separated from her humans and they couldn't find her. It's pawssible she became pregnant, maybe her humans abandoned her. Or, maybe her humans got too busy to keep her? Paws, or maybe her humans were expecting a new little mini-human and couldn't care for her too. Some humans just abandon their dogs. There are pawlenty of reasons why dogs become part of a pawnderful rescue like HART. Thankfully, mama was rescued by HART while she was pregnant and was allowed to have her puppies. That made her

happy. Mama wanted her babies to be born in a safe environment. Barks! HART took care of her needs, as well as her puppies, since humans who love animals donated financially to help with expenses.

Expenses? Do you wonder how dogs and cats are rescued and end up at pawssome rescues like HART? Paws, a long story short. The rescue is notified by various sources of pawssome dogs needing rescue. WOOFs! HART arranges transportation from their location to the rescue. Transportation costs include operating the vehicle used and the travel expenses of the handler.

Barks, another expense coming to mind is veterinary care. As with mama, if she needed help during the delivery of her babies, she would have been taken to a veterinarian. Paws, dogs and cats, are spayed or neutered, given an overall check-up and necessary preventatives and vaccinations. Special medical attention is provided too. Barks, though veterinarians reduce their fees for rescues, there are expenses that are covered through donations by humans who love animals.

Woofingly, once the dog or cat is ready to begin their journey to finding their "forever homes" they go to a foster home or a pawssome boarding pawlance where they learn to live with humans and await that

pawssomely grand day. At the foster's home or the boarding pawlance, the expenses include food, treats, water, toys, leashes, collars, and pawssibly medications. In mama's case, she and her puppies went to a foster home where they were cared for until ready for adoption.

HART is hosting two upcoming events to benefit saving the lives of dogs and cats:

Bring family, friends, and dogs to the Woofs & Whiskers Fall Fest, October 17, Vanish Brewery, 42245 Black Hops Lane, Leesburg, (Lucketts), 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit <https://bit.ly/3DCAmBE> to learn more.

The 5th Annual Pups 'N Pints 5k, October 24-31, is a virtual event with a week to complete. Run, walk, strut, or push that stroller anywhere, anytime that works for you. Get friends and family to sign up and go as a group- bring Fido! A prize will be awarded to the participant who brings in the most donations. Visit <https://pnp5k.com/> for details.

Unavailable to attend these events? Woofs, support the work of HART by becoming a sponsor. Pawlcase visit <https://bit.ly/3DAZAaq>

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Eric is around 1-year-old, not declawed nor friendly with dogs. He is friendly with cats and older mini-humans. A sweet affectionate fella who loves chin rubs and being with his humans. He loves playtime and toys. Loud, sudden noises scare him. He will need patience during transition.

Homeless Animals Rescue Team, www.hart90.org, 703-691-HART, hart90office@hart90.org

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Art News

Annual Art Safari returns for an in-person day of activities for kids and families for the first time since 2019! Join outdoor waterfront art activities and select projects in the Grand Hall. Painting stations, watercolor postcards, papier-mache animal, silk screen printing and more. Noon to 4 p.m. RSVPs are requested. Free. Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3oXcFXQ>.

Fall Flowers & Foliage Bring autumn's rich colors and textures into your home with the help of professional floral designer Betty Ann Galway. 1 to 2:30 p.m. October 16. Cost is \$40 plus a \$30 supply fee. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3Ayf0u7>.

The Magic of Bill Blagg Live! Witness the impossible with this top illusionist in his mind-bending and hilarious magic show. 7 p.m. October 16. Tickets are \$19. Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4373 Mason Pond Dr., Fairfax. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3AySUYI>.

Rodney Crowell brings the best of country music back with songs that have garnered him two Grammy Awards and an induction into the Songwriter's Hall of Fame. 8 p.m. October 16. Tickets start at \$42. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/2X6r6gt>.

Waterfront Art Market Discover new artworks from a rotating lineup of studio artists. Shop from paintings and photographs to jewelry and fiber arts, as well as everything in between. October 17 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/2XbD2xG>.

Sphinx Virtuosi Prepare to stretch beyond the usual notions of the classical music canon with a dynamic program of music. 3 p.m. October 17. Tickets are \$34 to \$53. Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4373 Mason Pond Dr., Fairfax. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3v7CIC7>.

Workhouse Haunt: The Collection Get ready for terror at the outdoor walk-through haunted trail. 7 to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 7 to 10 p.m. Sundays. Through November 6. Timed-entry tickets must be purchased on line. Pricing varies. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3oIE4SZ>.

artRESTON Painters Exhibit Vivid paintings, mixed media works and photography created by members of the League of Reston Artists. Through October 31. Joann Rose Gallery, 1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3awN13K>.

Seeing the Life Through Paintings features oil and acrylic works of scenes and travels by Nina Joffey. Exhibit continues through October 31. Free. RCC Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., Reston. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3AiquTy>.

Hypotheses is all about the process of intellectual experimentation and/or the exploration of new ideas and techniques in an artist's practice. Exhibit runs through October 31. Free. Target Gallery at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3tDS4Ii>.

Community Information

Farmers' Markets Visit a variety of vendors to purchase produce, pastries, bread, meat and more. 8 a.m. to noon. Fridays through Nov. 12. Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Rd., McLean. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3fK9H2t>. 3 to 7 p.m. Fridays through Oct. 29. 5844-5862 Kingstowne Center, Alexandria. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/34lWuHG>.

Community Market includes themed activities including vendors, artist demos, food, entertainment and more. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. October 16. Free. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3hTCNiO>.

Frying Pan Farm Park Anniversary Enjoy food trucks, a tractor parade, tours, farm demonstrations, fun photo opportunities and more. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. October 16. Free. Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Rd., Herndon. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3BHzyBg>.

Drill Like a Soldier The Continental Army was created from colonial volunteers. Farmers and tradespeople learned to march and fight as a unit. 1 p.m. October 16. Cost is \$8. Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Rd., Chantilly. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/2X3LOgW>.

Robotics Workshop Learn about building and programming robots with Vex IQ Robotics Team. Ages 8 to 13. 2 to 4 p.m. October 16. Free. Registration is required. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Rd., Burke. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3v6WjJh>.

Eisman Appreciation Day Join the academy for a day of golf and fun. Games, prizes, contests, music and more. 2 to 6 p.m. October 16. Free. RSVP encouraged. Laurel Hill Golf Club, 8701 Laurel Crest Dr., Lorton. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3v3Bjaa>.

Community Rabies Clinic Preregistration is required to get a vaccination for your pet at this community curbside clinic. Noon to 2 p.m. October 17. Cost is \$20 per pet. Mason Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3oRDEUx>.

Invasive Invaders Discuss what invasive species are and why they are bad. Learn how to identify common invasive species in the park. 2 p.m. October 17. Cost is \$25 per family. Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3FDOPGd>.

The Women of Historic Huntley Historic Huntley has been home to some interesting women and has seen the lives of women change dramatically since the house was built in 1825. 11 a.m. October 18. Cost is \$8. Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/2X4IL8f>.

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The RFP is available at the following web address: <https://www.blueridgectc.edu/finance-office/purchasing/procurement/>

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Questions and requests for additional information will be received in writing until 5:00 pm EST, October 22, 2021 by:

Kevin Cappello
Procurement & Purchasing Card Manager
Blue Ridge Community & Technical College
13650 Apple Harvest Drive
Martinsburg, WV 25403
kcappell@blueridgectc.edu

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The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine & Beer On Premises / Mixed Beverage Restaurant license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Mina Tawdaros, Owner

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

3008833 (10-08-21, 10-15-21)

[(Full name(s) of owner(s))]:
MBOX50 LLC

Trading as:
Matchbox
10408 Fairfax Blvd
Fairfax, Fairfax County, VA 22030-2250

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine & Beer On & Off Premises/Delivery permit/ Mixed Beverage Restaurant license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Alireza Azima, Managing Member

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

3008837 (10-15-21, 10-22-21)

[(Full name(s) of owner(s))]:
ShunFengRestaurant LLC

Trading as:
China Star Restaurant
9600 Main St Ste G
Fairfax, Fairfax County, VA 22031-3798

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine & Beer On Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Shunhe Yan, Member

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

3008834 (10-08-21, 10-15-21)

[(Full name(s) of owner(s))]:
BLM of Herndon LLC

Trading as:
Two Amigos Restaurant
1141 Elden Street Suite 106-107
Herndon, Fairfax County, VA 20170

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine & Beer On Premises/ Mixed Beverage On Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Jose E. Barraza Lopez, Member

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

3008842 (10-15-21, 10-22-21)

Legal Notice

Legal Notice
Notification is hereby given that JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., 1111 Polaris Parkway, Columbus, Ohio 43240 has filed an application with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (the "OCC") on or about October 15, 2021, as specified in 12 CFR Part 5, for permission to establish a domestic branch at the northwest corner of the intersection of Sunrise Valley Drive and Reston Parkway (aka Route 602), Reston, Fairfax County, VA 20191. Any person wishing to comment on this application may file comments in writing with the Licensing Manager, Large Banks Licensing Operations, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20219 within 30 days of the date of this publication. The public portion of the filing is available upon request from the OCC. The public may find information about the filing (including the closing date of the comment period) in the OCC's Weekly Bulletin available at www.occ.gov.

CLASSIFIEDS

To place a classified ad or a Business & Services ad, please contact:
Marcia Patch • 703-904-1004
marcia@wspnet.com

Legal Notice

Notice of Fairfax County Bond Referendum

On November 2, 2021, in conjunction with the General Election to be held the same day, Fairfax County will hold a referendum election asking the qualified voters of Fairfax County to vote on the following question:

PUBLIC SCHOOL BONDS

Shall Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money, and issue capital improvement bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$360,000,000 for the purposes of providing funds, in addition to funds from school bonds previously authorized, to finance, including reimbursement to the County for temporary financing for, the costs of school improvements, including acquiring, building, expanding, and renovating properties, including new sites, new buildings or additions, renovations and improvements to existing buildings, and furnishings and equipment, for the Fairfax County public school system?

Ad Run Dates: September 13, 2021 and October 11, 2021

AD#52049



TOWN OF
Herndon
VIRGINIA

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, October 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Police Department Community Room located at 397 Herndon Parkway, Herndon and a public hearing on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Council Chambers Building located at 765 Lynn Street, Herndon on the following item:

Ordinance, to consider zoning ordinance text amendment, **ZOTA #21-03**, to amend Chapter 78 (ZONING), Article VII (Use Regulations), Article VIII (Accessory Uses), to revise or establish new limitations on size, bulk, and setbacks for accessory dwelling units; to eliminate the special exception requirement for accessory dwelling units in certain situations; and to eliminate the minimum age and physical, mental, or cognitive disability requirements for accessory dwelling units.

The proposed item is available for review by the public on the town's website www.herndon-va.gov beginning at 3:00 pm 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 item are invited to attend the public hearing and to state their opinions. Individuals may submit comments to town_clerk@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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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, October 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Police Department Community Room, located at 397 Herndon Parkway, Herndon and a public hearing on Monday, October 25, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Council Chambers Building located at 765 Lynn Street, Herndon on the following items:

SPECIAL EXCEPTION - SE #21-04, 148 Herndon Mill Circle, to consider a special exception to permit an accessory dwelling unit through addition of a secondary kitchen within the first floor of the attached primary dwelling structure. The property is zoned RTC, Residential Townhouse Cluster. The property is designated in the Herndon 2030 Comprehensive Plan as "Neighborhood Conservation." The property is located on the east side of Herndon Mill Circle, approximately 700 feet from its intersection with Jonquil Lane, and is approximately 2,000 square feet in land area. Fairfax County Tax Map Number: 0171-27-0074. Applicants/Owners: Tara M. Woodruff and Daniel W. Dukes.

SPECIAL EXCEPTION - SE #21-05, 299 Herndon Parkway, Suite 108, Fancy Lashes and Beyond, LLC, to consider a special exception to permit a personal service use consisting of cosmetics and aesthetic services. The property is zoned CO, Commercial Office. The property is designated in the Herndon 2030 Comprehensive Plan as "Business Corridor Use." The property is located in the Herndon Park Condominium office building and is located at the northeast corner of the intersection Herndon Parkway and Elden Street. The property consists of approximately 966 square feet of floor area in a multi-unit building. Fairfax County Tax Map Reference Number: 0-171-13-0108. Applicant: Fancy Lashes and Beyond, LLC. Owners: Tommy Nguyen and Phuong Le Tran.

The proposed items are available for review by the public on the town's website www.herndon-va.gov beginning October 15, 2021, 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

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Viki L. Wellershaus, Town Clerk

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