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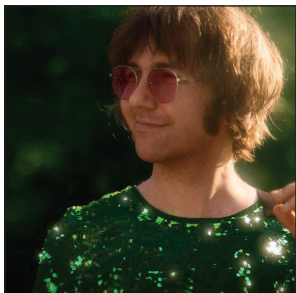
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# Youngkin wins!

## Republicans sweep top three offices in statewide races

By Heather Zwicker  
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Unofficial results are in for the top three statewide contests in Virginia Tuesday night.

Glenn Youngkin, Winsome Sears and Jason Miyares each won their races by slim margins, pulling a stunning upset after nearly 10 years of the GOP losing statewide elections. Absentee ballots may be accepted until noon November 5 so results will be certified November 15, according to the Virginia Department of Elections website.

The race between Youngkin and McAuliffe had McAuliffe polling ahead for several weeks, but statistics started to change and going into Election Day it showed the race between the two men as neck and neck. Election Night, numbers for Youngkin showed as much as six points ahead of McAuliffe.

The governor's race was 50.87 percent for Youngkin, 48.45 percent for McAuliffe and 0.69 percent for Princess Blanding, at the writing of this story. Youngkin won handily in a majority of counties in the state. Some exceptions included Alexandria City, Charlottesville, Fairfax, Henrico, Loudoun, and Norfolk counties, which McAuliffe carried by a large margin. The Associated Press called the election

for Youngkin in the wee hours of Wednesday morning. However, declaring there were still a lot of votes to count, Terry McAuliffe refused to concede election night. He conceded the race around 10 a.m. the next day.

"While last night we came up short, I am proud that we spent this campaign fighting for the values we so deeply believe in. We must protect Virginia's great public schools and invest in our students," said McAuliffe. "We must protect affordable health care coverage, raise the minimum wage faster, and expand paid leave so working families have a fighting shot. We must protect voting rights, protect a woman's right to choose, and, above all else, we must protect our democracy. While there will be setbacks along the way, I am confident that the long term path of Virginia is toward inclusion, openness and tolerance for all." McAuliffe then congratulated his opponent and thanked his family and campaign staff.

Changing up his usual casual maroon vest and button down shirt for a navy suit and red power tie, Youngkin took the stage at Westfields Marriott in Chantilly early Wednesday morning, clapping and singing along with the crowd to Norman Greenbaum's "Spirit in the Sky." Although they'd been standing for hours, cheering folks in the packed ballroom waved



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**Governor-elect Glenn Youngkin chats with a young voter outside Waples Mill Elementary School in Oakton.**

a variety of signs from Parents for Youngkin, Democrats for Youngkin, Farmers for Youngkin and Students for Youngkin to name a few.

"Alrighty Virginia we won this thing," exclaimed the new governor elect to begin his uplifting victory speech. "First of all thank you for waiting, waiting for a few minutes more than we thought. Breakfast will be served shortly," he joked. The day had started early for the

governor-elect who greeted voters at several polling sites throughout northern Virginia earlier in the day.

Youngkin said a defining moment that had started with two people on a walk, is now millions of Virginians walking together, sharing dreams and hopes for Virginia. The 25-year businessman answered a call to public service when he told his

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# 'Hopping Mad' mama and papa bears elect Youngkin

By Asra Q. Nomani • SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

With the DJ pumping out rock band Huey Lewis and the News' 1980s hit song, "The Power of Love," local mother Suparna Dutta was grinning ear to ear in a ballroom at the Westfields Marriott on election night. The results had just scrolled across the TV monitors in the ballroom here at local Republican Glenn Youngkin's election watch party. Youngkin was the winner and the crowd roared approvingly, including Dutta.

Little did Youngkin know but the groundwork for his victory was actually laid on June 7, 2020, months before he even decided to run for office, with a mother who would become one of the many "hopping mad" parents in a mama and papa bear movement that would bring him to office.

That June night, Ann Bonitatibus, the white principal at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, sent a "call to action" to our mostly Asian, mostly immigrant parents and told us we needed to check our "privileges," remove the school's Colonial mascot as a "symbol that perpetuated racism" and gerrymander admissions so the school's racial demographics matched the county's racial demographics - with our 70 percent Asian student body much higher than the county's 20 percent Asian population.

The tragedy of George Floyd's killing in late May 2020 gave administrators like the TJ principal just the moral high ground they needed to ram their policy changes through school systems, with parents conveniently distracted managing the crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic.

That's when Democrat operatives in Virginia set their aim on America's No. 1 high school, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. The day of the principal's letter, a local Democratic political operative named Lowell Feld published a false headline on a blog Blue Virginia that he'd started, dedicated to "Virginia politics from a progressive and Democratic perspective." He didn't respond to requests for comment. The headline claimed "ZERO African Americans" had been granted admission to the school. Washington Post reporter Hannah Natanson tweeted out the false information, soliciting outrage. The headline is still up.

Reading the principal's letter, parents from China had traumatic flashbacks to their childhoods when government leaders shamed them during the brutal Cultural Revolution of the 1960s and 1970s, when Mao Tse-Tung, the leader of the Chinese Communist Party, waged a bloody purge of the nation's intellectuals, weaponizing an army of youth into a paramilitary movement called the Red Guards. Children would turn in their parents, teachers, and other adults for holding ideas that questioned Mao.

The next morning, another TJ mother wrote to the principal, telling her that her activist agenda was off the mark: "After not sleeping at all last night, I'm hopping mad!!!"

Dutta and her husband dispatched a letter to the principal, noting: "Your message espouses a sham, reductionist view of history and the

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# Bringing Texas dogs to the DMV

*Sarah Yuhas-Schultz is helping stray dogs from across the country*

Stray dogs in Texas haven't stayed without homes for too long thanks to the rescuing efforts of Sarah Yuhas-Schultz, the president and co-founder of The Little Black Dog Rescue (TLBD). The nonprofit is coming up on its one-year anniversary.

Yuhas-Schultz, an Annandale resident, first began the rescue when she realized that she could help more dogs with the type of help that people around her were willing to offer these animals.

"I just saw so much potential and didn't want to waste it. I saw the ability to help dogs more. And the rescue was started to provide a forum for them to do that," she said.

When she initially kicked things off the ground, she looked to Texas, which she explained has one of

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## PUBLIC SAFETY



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The photo taken from WMATA video footage shows two possible suspects.

### ATF offers reward for information that leads to arrest in murder

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has donated \$10,000 to be used as a reward for information that leads to the arrest of the man who shot and killed Nelson Alexander Sr., 73, October 20.

Detectives discovered in the early morning hours, prior to the fatal shooting, a 2009 Nissan Murano was stolen from the 5200 block of Dover Place in the City of Alexandria. Detectives believe the stolen Murano was seen on surveillance footage captured by the ATM shortly after the fatal shooting of Alexander. A lookout for the Murano was immediately and continuously broadcasted through law enforcement channels until our officers found the vehicle unoccupied the morning of October 24 on Marshall Street, near the scene of the murder. Detectives determined the Murano was likely abandoned shortly after the shooting. Detectives from the Fairfax County Police Department Cyber and Forensics Division continue to process the vehicle for forensic evidence.

The discovery of the stolen vehicle led detectives to request surveillance footage from Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). A review of the surveillance footage revealed three individuals, to include the suspected shooter, boarding a WMATA bus around 1:20 a.m. October 20 near the Seven Corners Shopping Center in the 6200 block of Arlington Boulevard. The men rode the bus until they reached their destination in the City of Alexandria, near where the Murano was stolen.

In the surveillance footage, the unmasked man can be seen drinking from a cup. Detectives are asking for help identifying where the cup may have been purchased. We further ask business owners in the Seven Corners Shopping Center area to review their surveillance footage to help assist with identifying the men involved.

Tips can be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by phone - 1-866-411-TIPS (866-411-8477).

### City of Fairfax arrests one in burglary

City of Fairfax Police investigated a burglary at Tobacco Hut located at 10470 Fairfax Boulevard October 27.

A male subject broke out the glass to the front doors of the business with a rock before entering. He then stole vaping products before fleeing on foot. With the assistance of the Fairfax County Police, Luis Castillo, 18, of 11760 Rockaway Lane, Fairfax was taken into custody November 1.

Castillo was arrested for Breaking and Entering and Petit Larceny. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and held on no bond.



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Damage to the front of the townhouse.

### One injured in Lorton townhouse fire

Units were dispatched for a reported townhouse fire in the 7400 block of Larne Lane in the Lorton area of Fairfax County at approximately 8:32 p.m. October 26.

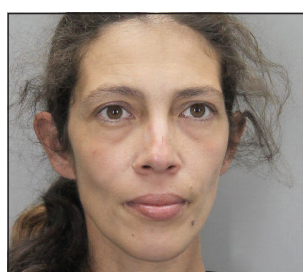
Crews arrived on the scene of a two-story, end unit townhouse with smoke evident from the front door. Firefighters quickly located a fire in the hallway, near the front door, with some extension to adjoining rooms. The fire was rapidly extinguished. One person was transported to the hospital for a check-up of a minor injury. There were no firefighter injuries reported.

Three occupants were home at the time of the fire. One of the occupants heard screaming and went downstairs to investigate. She observed fire in the hallway near the front door. The occupants were unable to evacuate through the front door due to the fire, so they jumped out the first-floor kitchen window. All three were able to self-evacuate. One of the occupants then removed the front door and attempted to extinguish the fire.

Fire investigators determined that the fire was accidental in nature and started in the first-floor hallway. The cause of the fire was the ignition of natural gas that had been leaking from a stove top burner left on for several hours.

Nine occupants were displaced because of the fire. Red Cross assistance was offered and accepted. Damages

as a result of the fire was approximately \$118,750.



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Melinda S. Halteh



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Joshua C. Hebb

### City of Fairfax arrests two in malicious wounding incident

City of Fairfax Police charged two subjects in connection with a malicious wounding case which occurred during the early evening hours of October 25.

Officers responded to the parking lot of 9738 Fairfax Boulevard, Advance Auto Parts, for a verbal altercation between acquaintances. Investigation revealed that two subjects were sitting inside a vehicle talking when they were approached by two acquaintances. The subjects proceeded to assault both occupants of the vehicle by spraying them in the face with mace. One victim, after exiting the vehicle, was then kicked repeatedly. The two suspects then fled the area. Both victims were transported to Fairfax Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

With the assistance of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, Melinda S. Halteh, 34, of 9753 Alwaes Drive, Fairfax and Joshua C. Hebb, 36, of 4109 Wadesworth Court, Annandale were arrested. Halteh was charged with one count of Malicious Wounding (18.2-51), two counts of Bodily Injury by Means of Caustic Substance (18.2-52), and one count of Assault and Battery (18.2-57). Hebb was charged with one count of Malicious Wounding (18.2-51) and one count of Assault and Battery (18.2-57). Both subjects were held on no bond at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

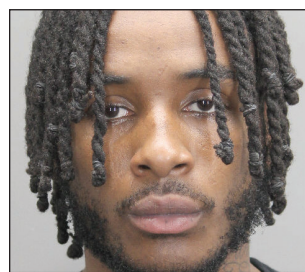
### City of Alexandria to resume enforcement on vehicle registrations, licenses, HOV restrictions

Starting December 1, the City of Alexandria will resume enforcement of state vehicle

registration decals, expired driver's licenses, and HOV (High Occupancy Vehicle) lane restrictions, which includes ticketing for registration violations; motorists not traveling in compliance with the HOV rules; and related parking violations.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Governor Ralph Northam's order to close Virginia Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) offices and mobile units, in April 2020, the City temporarily suspended issuing citations for expired state vehicle registration decals; expired driver's licenses; and suspended HOV lane restrictions. Although DMV offices reopened in the fall of 2020, the City continued to suspend enforcement of the requirements because of a several month DMV backlog in scheduling the necessary appointments.

Visit [dmvnow.com](http://dmvnow.com) for information on renewal of existing vehicle registrations and driver's licenses.



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De'onte Trayvon Watkins

### Centreville man arrested after shooting at Chantilly Wegmans

Two men had an argument in the Wegmans parking lot at 14300 block of Newbrook Drive that escalated into a physical altercation at 7:43 p.m. October 23.

During the altercation, De'onte Trayvon Watkins of Centreville produced a handgun and shot the victim. The victim was taken to the hospital with injuries that were deemed non-life-threatening. The shooter remained at the scene and was later charged with malicious wounding.

### McLean man convicted of sexual exploitation of minors

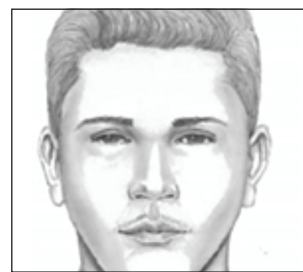
A federal jury convicted a McLean man October 27 for producing, receiving, and possessing child pornography.

According to court records and evidence presented at trial, from at least 2017 to 2020, Zackary Ellis Sanders, 26, engaged in sexual conversations over multiple mobile messaging platforms with at least six different minors. In these conversations, he directed five minors to engage in sexually explicit and self-harming conduct, record themselves doing so, and send the resulting videos to him. He also received videos of a sixth minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

Additional forensic

evidence recovered from multiple laptops and thumb drives found in Sanders's bedroom pursuant to a court-authorized search established that he possessed different images and videos depicting the sexual abuse of other children, including videos depicting the sexual abuse of a toddler and prepubescent children being sexually abused and subjected to sadistic acts. Sanders obtained these images from a Darkweb website, the sole purpose of which was to share and facilitate the viewing of such material.

Sanders was convicted of production, receipt, and possession of child pornography. He is scheduled to be sentenced March 4, 2022 and faces a mandatory minimum penalty of 15 years in prison. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after taking into account the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.



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These sketches depict a suspect in two separate sexual assaults.

### City of Fairfax asks for help identifying suspect

The City of Fairfax Police Department is asking for the public's help to identify a suspect in two separate sexual assaults.

The incidents occurred during the evening hours at Gateway Park located at 3333 Old Pickett Road October 10 and October 20.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male in his early 20s. He is approximately 5'3" to 5'7" with a slender build. The suspect was last seen riding away from the area on a bicycle in the area of Pickett Road. Anyone with information can contact Detective A.L. Leightley at 703-385-7953, the City of Fairfax Police Department at 703-385-7924, or Crime Solvers at 703-591-8477.

### Encounter a raccoon at Luria Park? Call the health department

The Fairfax County Health Department confirmed rabies

in a raccoon that was chasing people and pets in Luria Park, located at 7624 Holmes Run Dr. in Falls Church October 22.

If you, someone you know, or a pet had contact with the animal, you are urged to call the Fairfax County Health Department Rabies Program at 703-246-6004, TTY 711. Any one or any pet that had contact with the animal may have been exposed to rabies.

Rabies is a serious disease caused by a virus that can infect wildlife, particularly foxes, raccoons, skunks and bats, and domestic animals, such as dogs and cats. The rabies virus is found in the saliva, brain and spinal tissue of an infected animal. People get rabies when they are bitten or scratched by an animal that is sick with the disease. The virus can also be passed along when an infected animal's saliva or central nervous tissue enters an open wound, mouth, nose or eyes of another mammal. To date, 18 animals have been diagnosed with rabies in Fairfax County in 2021.

Animals with rabies may act normally during the early stages of the disease, making it difficult to know if the animal is infected. As the disease progresses, animals often show changes in behavior. For example, wild animals may act very docile and domestic animals may become aggressive. Rabid animals may stagger, drool, or become paralyzed. Protect yourself and your family from rabies: stay away from wild animals and be sure pets are vaccinated against rabies every year. Remember, if the animal is not your own, leave it alone!

### Two arrested for fraud at Fairfax bank

City of Fairfax Police reported to Bank of America at 9500 Main Street for a fraud case October 27.

The investigation revealed that two subjects presented fraudulent documents and attempted to transfer funds from an existing customer's account into a second account. Bank management prevented the transaction after noticing several signs consistent with fraudulent activity. No funds were transferred or lost as a result of the attempt.

Jeffrey Snow, 53, of Miami, Fla. and Atif Hoque, 25, of Jamaica, N.Y. were arrested and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

Snow was charged with Identity Theft, Attempting to Obtain Money by False Pretense, Attempted Credit Card Fraud and Possession of a Fictitious License. Hoque was charged with Conspiracy to Attempt to Obtain Money by False Pretense, Conspiracy to Commit Identity Theft and Conspiracy to Commit Credit Card Fraud. Both subjects were held on no bond.



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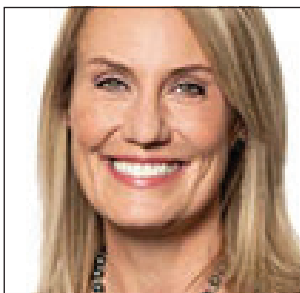
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Jennifer Taylor

**NVTC president receives Distinguished Alumni Award from GMU**

Northern Virginia Technology Council (NVTC), the trade association representing the national capital region's technology community, today announced that **Jennifer Taylor**, NVTC's president and CEO, has been awarded the George Mason University's School of Business Distinguished Alumni Award. Taylor received her Master's of Business Administration from Mason in 1998.

Taylor is president and CEO of NVTC, one of the largest regional technology councils in the nation with a mission to accelerate technology innovation and promote world-class workforce development. Within Taylor's first year at NVTC, she has modernized operations, increased revenue through membership and sponsorship growth, launched new programming for members, and completed a five-year strategic plan to position the region as one of the nation's most vibrant and thriving tech hubs.

"My learning experience at Mason's School of Business has reaped so many rewards for me over my 30-year career in our region. I not only learned critical business principles in disciplines from accounting, economics, strategic planning, entrepreneurship, to change management, I have also put them into practice in every position I have held. My degree gave me the knowledge and the confidence to perform and grow in my profession," said Taylor. "I invite our next-generation of leaders to pursue a degree at this prestigious university, so that they too may access the growing number of in-demand jobs in our region. It's your time and Mason's time."

Each year, George Mason University awards 14 alumni, one awardee per college, the title of Distinguished Alumni on behalf of their affiliated academic unit or alumni affinity constituency. The School of Business Distinguished Alumni Award is given to a graduate who has made significant contributions to George Mason University through their level of engagement within the university, their service to the community, and professional accomplishments in their field.

"Jennifer epitomizes the career and growth opportunities that a degree from Mason can yield for all of its students, regardless of their background or stage in life," said Dr. Gregory Washington, president of Mason and a member of the NVTC board of directors. "As CEO of NVTC, Jennifer is committed to strengthening our workforce and closing the region's skills gap, and I am thrilled to have a Mason alum at the head of such a pivotal community organization at this critical moment in time."

Prior to NVTC, Taylor served as vice president of Industry Affairs at the Consumer Technology Association (CTA) where she engaged with its 2,000 plus member companies and launched its 21st Century

Workforce Council and the Diversity and Inclusion Working Group. Taylor has also held leadership positions at Caring Village, AARP and the American Red Cross. She currently serves on three Board of Directors: George Mason University MBA School of Management Advisory Council, GOVirginia Region7, and TECNA (Technology Councils of North America). Taylor holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and an MBA from George Mason University.

**BLM-Eastern States unveils new field station in Lorton**

The Bureau of Land Management Eastern States held a ceremony October 28 commemorating the signing of a **Memorandum of Understanding with the Chesapeake Conservancy**, and officially opening the new Lower Potomac Field Station Office at the Meadowood Special Recreation Management Area in Lorton.

"Partnerships are vital to sustain public lands," said Mitchell Leverette, BLM Eastern States state director. "We are thrilled that we were able to meet here today to unveil our new building and sign the MOU with the Chesapeake Conservancy, signifying our commitment to continue working together for our shared stakeholders."

The MOU establishes a general framework for cooperation between the BLM and the Chesapeake Conservancy. Roles and responsibilities between both parties are clearly defined to preserve, interpret, and enhance the enjoyment of the Chesapeake Bay area.

The Meadowood Special Recreation Management Area is an 800-acre mosaic of meadows, hardwood forests, freshwater ponds, and riparian acres that support rich and diverse communities of native flora and fauna. The BLM began its efforts in acquiring the Meadowood SRMA in the late 1990s and obtained property ownership in 2001. The LPFS staff is integral to the success of projects, events, programs, and activities conducted at the SRMA.

Prior to the construction of the new field station building, BLM staff utilized three existing structures that were acquired in the early 2000s. All were marginally functional as office spaces and expensive to maintain. The LPFS staff now operates in a central and modernized building space, enhancing its ability to serve the public.

"We are excited to build on the partnership we have enjoyed with the Bureau of Land Management for several years, beginning with the successful Rivers of the Chesapeake Land and Water Conservation Fund Collaborative Landscapes Initiative, that resulted in the expansion of Meadowood by 14 acres," said Chesapeake Conservancy President and CEO Joel Dunn. "We found then that our organizations have much in common when it comes to conserving land, providing recreational and educational opportunities, and enhancing environmental stewardship within the Chesapeake. The Memorandum of Understanding that we signed today memorializes our pledge to bolster and sustain our partnership."

For more information on the Meadowood Special Recreation Area and the Lower Potomac Field Station, visit <https://on.doi.gov/3mubugx>.



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Pictured in photo, from left to right: Park Board Chairman Bill Bouie (honored for volunteer service to Reston Community Center), Cindy Fortuno, Roberta Korzen, Britta Stratford, Cristin Bratt, FCPA Executive Director Jai Cole, volunteer Dr. Jeffrey Kretsch (honored for volunteer service to the Park Authority), Emilie Shumate and Sarah Oberther.

**Two Park Authority nominees honored at VRPS conference**

Two Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) nominees were honored by the Virginia Recreation and Park Society (VRPS) at its annual conference last week in Harrisonburg.

**Dr. Jeffrey Kretsch** received the organization's Distinguished Volunteer Service Award, and **Northrop Grumman** was honored in the Distinguished Private Sector Service category.

"I am so proud of those who won VRPS awards this year, as well as those additional volunteers and staff members who were nominated. This year is special because of the innovation that was necessary to continue providing programs and services through a global pandemic. I am so proud to be able to work every day with such creative passionate people," said FCPA Executive Director Jai Cole.

Cole also offered congratulations to Park Authority Board Chairman **Bill Bouie**, who was honored as a Distinguished Volunteer for his outstanding service with Reston Community Center. Bouie, a telecommunications executive, coach, athlete and youth sports advocate, was recently named to his seventh term on the nine-member Reston Community Center (RCC) Board. He currently is the board's vice-chair. Bouie's leadership and vision have been a big part of RCC's programming, equity and fiscal success over the years. In addition, the complete renovation of the Terry L. Smith Aquatics Center at the RCC was chosen as the best new renovation (bricks and mortar).

"No one has embodied Reston values more than Bill Bouie," said Leila Gordon, RCC executive director. "He gives and engenders respect; he believes in the power of each individual to contribute to the common good if they are given the tools to realize their potential. Bill makes us all better by showing us the example of someone who is a true servant leader and who loves building community."

RCC opened the doors to its renovated aquatics center in early 2020. The \$5.5 million project replaced a 40-year-old pool and its aging infrastructure with two new, state-of-the-art pools: a 25-yard lap pool and a warm water exercise pool.

As a volunteer at Turner Farm Park since 2012, Kretsch has helped to maintain the site's roll-top observatory and telescopes, served as a liaison, leader and coordinator for other volunteers at the site, and coordinated programs and permits at the park. Working with others in the Analemma Society, he hosts regular astronomy programs at the observatory that are free to the public. He has

spent hours helping the Park Authority apply to become an International Urban Dark Sky Place by taking sky quality measurements and lighting inventories, while bolstering community support for the project. During the pandemic, Kretsch helped the FCPA pivot to virtual programming and led Zoom lectures on astronomy topics. In addition, he helps coordinate Eagle Scout projects at the park.

Since 2001 Northrop Grumman has provided generous funding totaling more than \$169,000 to support environmental education in Fairfax County parks. Much of the funding supported the Meaningful Watershed Environmental Education (MWEE) programs at Hidden Oaks Nature Center, which engage fourth and seventh grade students in hands-on, educational field trips focusing on the importance of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. In 2020, when COVID-19 shuttered schools and parks, the aerospace and defense company allowed Hidden Oaks to modify its in-person, hands-on MWEE field trips and use the \$10,000 donation to provide Science Educational Support stewardship education field trips via short videos to county elementary and middle school students. The videos, in English and Spanish, taught students about oceans, stream monitoring, moon phases, turtles and other environmental topics.

VRPS is a private, non-profit professional organization, founded in 1953. Its purpose is to unite all professionals, students, and interested lay persons engaged in the field of recreation, parks and other leisure services in Virginia into one body. Members work together to promote and improve the profession in all its

diversity. VRPS is affiliated with the National Recreation and Park Association. I am thrilled to have a Mason alum at the head of such a pivotal community organization at this critical moment in time."



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Inova Mount Vernon Hospital's therapeutic recreation team won a **\$3,000 grant to continue building the horticultural therapy program at the hospital.** L to R: Ginger Myers, PT; Jan Lane, HTR; Paula Berntsen, CTRS; Ted Denning, CTRS; and Maria Bruce, CTRS.

**Inova Mount Vernon wins therapeutic garden grant**

After receiving thousands of votes from the public, **Inova Mount Vernon Hospital** announced their therapeutic recreation team won first place in this year's National Garden Bureau (NGB) Therapeutic Garden Grant.

In addition to a variety of tools and supplies, the team will receive \$3,000 towards improving the horticulture therapy program.

Each year, the NGB selects three therapeutic garden programs as recipients of a grant to help expand or perpetuate their therapeutic garden. These programs then compete for a first, second and third-place prize. In early September, a 60-second video describing Inova Mount Vernon Hospital's horticultural therapy program was posted to the NGB website, along with those

of two other finalists. The public was then asked to vote for the most deserving garden.

"We are thrilled to have won NGB's Therapeutic Garden Grant," said Paula Berntsen, CTRS, recreational therapist at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital. "This grant will go a long way toward helping us procure the equipment and supplies we need to grow our horticultural program to not only improve our outdoor garden space, but also enhance the special rehabilitative care we provide our patients."

The Therapeutic Garden Grant is a philanthropic program of NGB dedicated to supporting therapeutic gardens across North America. Inova Mount Vernon Hospital's horticultural therapy program is one of only a few programs in the Northern Virginia region.

Inova Mount Vernon Hospital's horticultural therapy program started in June 2019 as part of the therapeutic recreation department and in partnership with Jan Lane, HTR, of GardenLane, LLC. Horticultural therapy is a weekly, year-round program that centers on the ways in which plants and nature relate to a patient's experience in rehabilitation and healing.

"Horticultural therapy offers patients a number of benefits including improved memory, cognitive abilities, task initiation, language skills and socialization. It can also help strengthen muscles and improve coordination, balance and endurance," Lane said. "It is a joy to see patients get such a sense of accomplishment as they work to complete a project and make progress toward their therapeutic goals as well."



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Winsome Sears delivers her victory speech to a packed crowd in Chantilly on Election Night.

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wife during that walk in May 2020 that he wanted to run for office.

“Together, together we will change the trajectory of this Commonwealth, and friends we’re going to start that transformation on Day One.” The words Day One were echoed by the crowd, referring to Youngkin’s Day One Game Plan. He said we’re going to restore excellence in our schools by investing in teachers, facilities and special education. The governor-elect then committed to introducing choice into the public school system. “Friends, we’re gonna embrace our parents not ignore them,” he said.

“Friends we will reduce our cost of living. On Day One we will declare the largest tax refund in the history of Virginia,” said Youngkin. He promised to eliminate or suspend a variety of taxes including the grocery tax, the gas tax, and cutting taxes on the retirement income of veterans. He said these cuts will save families \$1,500 Day One.

Youngkin promised to keep our communities safe by comprehensively funding law enforcement. “Because they stand up for us and we are going to stand up for them,” he said. He committed to funding higher salaries, better equipment and investing in the mental health system. “We will replace the entire parole board on Day One,” he said, eliciting more cheers from the crowd.

Additionally he declared, “Virginia will be open for business,” as he discussed the economy. He recounted the thousands of stories he heard on the 100,000 miles of campaign trail he traversed across the state. “This stopped being a campaign long ago,” said Youngkin. “This is the spirit of Virginia coming together

like never before; the spirit of Washington and Jefferson and Madison and Monroe and Patrick Henry, of Virginians standing up and taking our Commonwealth back.”

In the lieutenant governor’s race, Sears garnered 50.94 percent of the vote to Democratic Delegate Hala Ayala’s 49.06 percent and AP projected her the winner early Wednesday afternoon.

“I’m here because you voted for me. I’m here because you put your trust in me,” Sears told the enthusiastic crowd in Chantilly. She is the first woman of color to win statewide office in Virginia.

“I’m telling you what you’re looking at is the American Dream.” Sears recounted the story of her father immigrating to America from Jamaica in 1963 at the height of the civil rights movement. She said her father came because America was where the jobs and the opportunities were. The former Marine initiated a U-S-A chant with the crowd before telling them we are now going to be about the business of the Commonwealth. “I didn’t run to make history,” she said. “I just wanted to leave it better than I found it.”

In the attorney general’s race, Miyares captured 50.69 percent of the vote to Mark Herring’s 49.31 percent as of Wednesday afternoon. Miyares, the son of an immigrant and first Latino ever to be elected statewide, also talked about the American Dream in a victory statement he released on social media.

“I’m humbled and honored. This election is proof that the American Dream is alive and well,” he said. “I’d like to thank you, Virginia, for giving me the opportunity to make history -- On Day one, we’ll work toward a safe and secure Virginia and ending the criminal first, victim last mindset. Virginia has spoken - we want safe

streets, we want our police to be well trained and supported in the community - and we want the rule of law respected. I intend on delivering on my campaign promises.”

Although things went smoothly on election night, Fairfax County did experience a hiccup. There were 20,000 ballots from four early-voting sites had to be rescanned due to a technical error. “We couldn’t read the encrypted thumb drives that are used in voting machines to record the votes,” said Brian Worthy, Fairfax County Office of Public Affairs. “These drives were corrupted in four of the voting machines used at early voting sites. Worthy noted that while this does not happen frequently, it’s not uncommon. “As a result we had to rescan the paper ballots from these machines, and this is why we use paper ballots which ensures there’s always an auditable record.”

The Fairfax County registrar released the votes from early voting in the 7 o’clock hour as pledged, according to Worthy. This was different from 2020 when they had reported 100 percent of the votes from polling places by 10 p.m. election day.

Worthy said there’s no way to tell for sure how many mail-in ballots might be received between now and noon Friday. “Up until Friday, we’ll also be counting the mail-in ballots returned in the drop boxes on Election Day,” he explained. “I don’t have a good count at this point of how many we have, but it won’t be a significant number, and we won’t be releasing these numbers until Friday or Saturday.”

According to reports, nearly 56 percent of registered voters in Fairfax County actually cast a ballot for this election.

*Editor’s note: Percentages may have changed since this story was written.*



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the highest numbers of stray dogs in the country. She fostered connections with rescues and people there, mostly through Facebook, in order to find dogs.

“It is one of the most high-risk areas when we’re looking at dog populations and their outcomes. We wanted to make sure that we were pulling from those high-risk areas, we wanted to benefit the dogs — or feel like we were providing a tangible benefit to the dogs and Facebook is really the primary way to make those connections,” Yuhas-Schiltz said.

She explained that everyone who volunteers with TLBD has a full time job and other responsibilities, but that nothing could be done without them and the work they do.

As for the dog adoption process, Yuhas-Schiltz said that the group’s adoptions fees are cheaper than other rescues in the area. But what is most important to the rescue is setting up the right dog with the right person.

To some want-to-be pet owners, some animals may be seen as harder to take care of than others. Certain dogs at TLBD are old and have health issues or disabilities. She said that these sorts of conditions typically indicate that the dog will have a harder time being adopted. With dogs who do need this much care, Yuhas-Schiltz explained that adoption fees can be removed if that is what is creat-

ing a barrier for people who might want to take care of them.

Though TLBD has found great success since beginning as a pandemic project, it has had its share of hitches along the way. The pandemic and post-COVID scene can be challenging to navigate, Yuhas-Schiltz said.

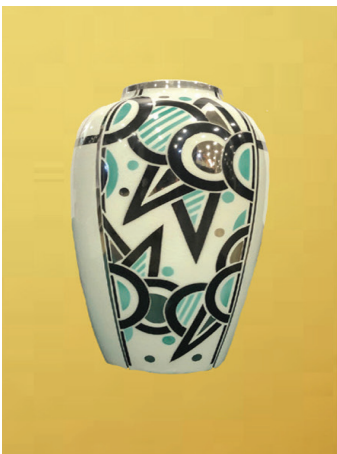
With people returning to work in person, it is harder to have fosters who can take a pet into their home. In order to adapt, the rescue is changing up how many dogs it brings in from Texas.

“We are doing lower volume transports from Texas, shifting from like 25 to 15, at a lower frequency. So we’re doing once a month instead of twice a month,” Yuhas-Schiltz said.

Yuhas-Schiltz is even fostering two dogs at the moment — Rouge, a dog she describes as “deceptively beautiful,” and Angie, who she explained is the sweetest dog, even without the full use of her back legs.

While she loves seeing the people who volunteer, foster, and adopt experience growth, watching the dogs come into their own is the best part of this work for Yuhas-Schiltz.

“I like seeing a dog that was challenging and scared and anxious coming off the transport ... and seeing a foster be able to connect with them and care for them in a way that they haven’t gotten before. And then really — the dog opening up and being able to relax enough to enjoy time with people. That is such a sweet thing to observe,” she said.



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# Community center for people with disabilities set to open at Frying Pan Farm Park

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ServiceSource, a national nonprofit that supports people with disabilities, is working to open a new community center in Herndon, located at 2739 West Ox Road in Frying Pan Farm Park.

Known as the Ellmore Farmhouse, the two-story, 3,300 square foot structure was built in 1891 and served as a 50-acre dairy farm until the 1950s. It was later deemed eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and has since belonged to the county's property inventory through the Park Authority after it was purchased as part of Frying Pan Farm Park in 2001.

ServiceSource is currently in the process of raising funds to renovate the complex. The organization has a total fundraising goal of \$660k and has already raised nearly \$470k, aiming to raise \$500k by the end of the year. The organization plans to draw on partnerships, nonprofit contributions and individual donations to meet its goal, including a virtual event planned for December to celebrate the organization's 50-year anniversary. Once renovations to the building are completed, the Ellmore Farmhouse will employ up to 15 adults with disabilities, who will work in a grab-and-go cafe and specialty handcrafts store.

The farmhouse will serve as ServiceSource's ninth Long-Term Community Integration Services (LTCIS) program in the northern Virginia area and the first in Herndon. More than 29,000 people with disabilities are served

annually by its resources and more than 500 participate in the LTCIS program, according to ServiceSource's case statement for the Ellmore Farmhouse. The program is designed to be embedded in the community on a smaller scale for maximum impact for participants.

The Board of Supervisors in May unanimously approved a 29-year lease for ServiceSource to take custody of the property under the county's Resident Curator Program. The program was established to make use of dormant properties in the county's inventory by entering long-term partnerships with organizations who agree in turn to renovate the properties along federal guidelines.

ServiceSource's application built upon its existing relationship with the Park Authority, as the two organizations first joined up in 2017 to provide services for the Clemyjontri and Lake Accotink parks. The Park Authority has since agreed to establish an internship and employment program in coordination with ServiceSource.

Under the terms of the curator program, applicants undergo a competitive screening process run by the Park Authority, and successful candidates are provided the property with a rent-free lease. ServiceSource was selected by the Park Authority to be a resident curator in 2019, but the pandemic delayed approval by the Board of Supervisors until this year.

The county's agreement for the curator program stipulates that ServiceSource will improve the Ellmore Farmhouse by introducing new features that will comply with the Americans

with Disabilities Act. It will also incorporate green designs all while keeping the historic nature of the building intact.

"This is a really nice property and a good use of the Resident Curator Program," Hunter Mill District Supervisor Walter Alcorn said at the May hearing. "I'm very pleased this is going forward."

Besides programs like the handcrafts store, of which 100 percent of proceeds from sales will go to the artisan responsible, the farmhouse will also host numerous programs which will keep participants and other guests busy. In a typical week, according to ServiceSource's plan for the farmhouse, about 15-20 participants will gather Monday-Friday to engage in activities such as volunteering around Frying Pan Farm Park, walking local trails, and visiting the Herndon Senior Center. Participants can also garden, volunteer with animals, and undertake other therapeutic activities like dance and yoga.

Park visitors will have access to many of these amenities. The farmhouse plans to open an outdoor cafe whose food will be made by individuals working at ServiceSource's Disability Resource Center at its headquarters in Oakton. Other programs like dance classes and educational events will be open to the public as well as space permits.

ServiceSource anticipates that renovations will begin early next year and continue through the summer. According to its timeline for the project, the grand opening for the Ellmore Farmhouse is slated for July 2022.

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problems of inequality and injustice which, in our view, belittles the intelligence and values of many of your students and their parents."

Almost two weeks later, on June 19, I testified for the first time to the Fairfax County Public Schools' school board, all 12 members endorsed by the Democratic Party, warning them that our school faced a race war fomented by our principal and a few activist alumni. A former reporter for the Wall Street Journal, I began investigating what was behind this "call to action."

A TJ father, Glenn Miller, told me, "There are three words you have to know to understand what is driving this activism: critical race theory." In the 1980s, Glenn was a student at Harvard Law School as a professor, Derrick Bell, started teaching the nascent field of "critical race theory," teaching that all of society's ills can be viewed through the lens of race, as the principal was now viewing the admissions' issue. The theory hadn't yet become a household name. Dutta was also learning about it.

For all the demonization of Republicans for opposing critical race theory, it's Democratic political operatives who have pushed critical race theory, from school boards to social studies classrooms. Democratic policymakers in Richmond seized on the social justice moment of the George Floyd killing. Atif Qarni, Virginia's Secretary of Education, urged readers to "check out" language inserted into the 2020 state budget bill for "diversity" at "Governor's Schools" such as TJ.

A group of TJ alumni activists, calling themselves, "TJ Alumni Action Group," and affiliated with the local Fairfax County Democratic Committee, weaponized the false news of the admissions numbers to push for admissions changes, including a call to "Occupy TJ" and even dismantle the school completely. Dutta watched these developments, shocked by the subterfuge in the process.

The next week, Dutta spoke to the school board for the first time ever, expressing her opposition. She was so nervous she couldn't figure out how to turn on her video, but yet she persisted. I testified again to the board, this time telling them that K-12 students are in the crosshairs of a "Woke Inc." industry, selling the snake oil activism of "critical race theory."

In late August 2020, as Youngkin's campaign was in its most nascent stage, we established a grassroots organization, Coalition for TJ, to advocate for diversity and excellence at TJ. Through the fall and winter, our parents held protests at the school and testified to the school board, state legislature, and office of the Virginia Education Secretary Atif Qarni, only to be dismissed, smeared, muted, and treated like dirt. Dutta had become an accidental activist, rallying parents to our protests. We coordinated with many other local parents who had organized another new group, Open FCPS, to

convince the school board to open the schools.

One morning, as a group of our Coalition for TJ parents, including Dutta, readied to speak to Virginia Governor Ralph Northam, we got bad news. Northam was canceling the meeting. For many of our parents, they overcame cultural barriers, challenging authority, and their activism came from a place of moral courage. As Asian parents, we faced disparaging references to us as "Asian tiger moms," so one day I thought: let us embrace our sacred duty as "mama bears" and "papa bears," and our new moniker was born.

In spring 2021, as Democratic and Republican lawmakers canvassed to win the nomination for governor and lieutenant governor, our parents organized debates. None of the Democratic candidates appeared. We asked McAuliffe's campaign for a meeting. His staffer told one of our members that the campaign had a suggested contribution of \$20,000 for a one-hour virtual visit. Our group balked.

Meanwhile, Youngkin met with parents, expressing his support for a merit-based admission to TJ. When Youngkin won the Republican Committee's nomination, Dutta raised her hand to volunteer to lead an Educators for Youngkin Coalition. She worked tirelessly, organizing webinars and door-knocking for Youngkin, going from being an anonymous mother to introducing him this past week to a crowd of about 500 cheering supporters in his last campaign stop in Fairfax County.

Everywhere, mama bears and papa bears were facing a national strategy network of activists and educators hijacking schools with their agendas. That cycle broke election night.

In the Marriott ballroom, Dutta embraced friends, old and new, as I did a TV interview about our parents' campaign, wearing a shirt to which I'd added the words: "Mama and Papa Bear Movement."

Later, Dutta stood in front of the stage, shoulder to shoulder with so many parents whom school board, school, and state education officials have ignored, belittled, and dismissed since June 2020. She and this new movement of "hopping mad" mama and papa bears had defeated the machine that had been silencing us for so long. As Youngkin shook hands with his fans after his acceptance speech, he saw my shirt, interlocked his fingers together as if in prayer, and, with his hands clasped, declared, "Way to go, mama bears! You guys were awesome."

Indeed, nearby, Dutta was a manifestation of awesome: humble, courageous, resilient, and determined. "I'm so happy," she said, grinning.

Dutta is the living embodiment of the best of a mama bear and the American Dream, expressing it, protecting it, and allowing her teen son a late night so he could be a part of history, before scooping him up and taking him safely home, to awaken to the new day that she and the mama and papa bear movement had forged for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

# Democratic incumbents hold on in Fairfax after GOP flips house of delegates

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Virginia Republicans flipped control of the House of Delegates, returning to a majority in the lower chamber of the General Assembly following a Democratic rout in 2019. Democrats previously held 55 of the House's 100 seats, but as of Wednesday morning Republicans were projected to pick up seven, paving the way for a slim 52-48 GOP majority.

Despite a dismal statewide showing, Democratic incumbents in Fairfax County were re-elected in mostly lopsided victories on Tuesday night. "Unfortunately, despite our effort and positive result here in Fairfax County, we came up short for Virginia," Democratic Committee Chair Bryan Graham posted to Twitter, adding that "Fairfax County overwhelmingly rejected the message of Youngkin. We are sending all 15 incumbents back to the House of Delegates and two new amazing women."

"It's a new day in Virginia! We'll soon have a governor, lieutenant governor, and attorney general who understand that government exists to serve the people — not the other way around," the Fairfax County Republican Committee posted on Twitter. "Last night's victories would not have been possible without the sustained efforts of countless Virginians — many of them right here in Fairfax County."

Here's a recap of the results from delegate races across the county (note that these are unofficial results since elections have not been officially certified).

In House District 34, incumbent Democrat Kathleen Murphy defeated Republican

challenger Gary Pan with 56 percent of the vote.

In District 35, Republican challenger Kevin McGrath lost to Democratic incumbent Mark Keam, who has represented the district since 2010. Keam pulled in 68 percent of the vote.

Longtime Democratic incumbent Ken Plum, who has represented District 36 since 1982, was re-elected to another term after defeating Republican challenger Matt Lang with 71 percent of the vote.

In District 37, Democratic incumbent David Bulova won 66 percent of votes cast against Republican challenger Kenny Meteiver.

Republican challenger Tom Pafford was unsuccessful in his bid to unseat Kaye Kory in District 38. Kory won approximately 69 percent of the vote.

Democratic incumbent Vivian Watts defeated Republican challenger Maureen Brody in District 39, carrying 66 percent of the vote.

In District 40, Democrat Dan Helmer held his seat that he first won in 2019, defeating Republican challenger Harold Pyon in a relatively close race with 55 percent of the vote.

District 41 Democratic incumbent and House Speaker Eileen Filler-Corn defeated Republican nominee John Wolfe with 65 percent of the vote. Since Republicans will now control the House, Filler-Corn will become minority leader, if she is re-elected to leadership.

In District 42, Republican challenger Ed McGovern lost to Democratic incumbent Kathy Tran, who carried about 60 percent of the vote.

Mark Sickles, the longtime District 43 incumbent who was first elected in 2003, will represent his seat once again after defeating Republican challenger

Brenton Hammond with nearly 70 percent of the vote.

In District 44, Democratic incumbent Paul Krizek won his race against Republican challenger Richard Hayden, taking 67 percent of the vote.

In District 45, Democratic nominee Elizabeth Bennett-Parker defeated Republican nominee J.D. Maddox with nearly 70 percent of the vote. Bennett-Parker had previously unseated incumbent Mark Levine in the Democratic primary.

District 48 incumbent Richard C. "Rip" Sullivan, Jr. carried 66 percent of votes cast against Republican challenger Edward Monroe.

In District 49, Democratic incumbent Alfonso Lopez won 72 percent of the vote in a three-way race against Republican challenger Timothy Kilcullen and Independent candidate Terry Modglin.

Democratic incumbent Marcus Simon held onto his seat against Republican challenger Sarah White in District 53, winning 70 percent of votes cast.

District 67 Democratic incumbent Karrie Delaney carried nearly 61 percent of the vote against Republican challenger Bob Frizzelle.

After unseating District 86 incumbent Ibraheem Samirah in the Democratic primary, Irene Shin defeated Republican nominee Julie Perry with nearly 66 percent of the vote.

In addition, nearly 70 percent of Fairfax voters also approved a bond referendum for Fairfax County Public Schools, with about 30 percent voting against. The \$360 million bond will fund long-term capital improvement projects like school renovations and site acquisitions, expenses not covered in the school system's fund.



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## Football week 10 roundup

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Here's the week 10 roundup for high school football.

**Robinson at Fairfax**

On October 30, the Fairfax Lions stunned the Robinson Rams with a 52-28 win, handing the Rams their first loss of the season and taking down the last undefeated Class 6 team in the region. Both teams are 8-1.

**Woodson at Lake Braddock**

The Woodson Cavaliers were decisively defeated by the Lake Braddock Bruins 55-7. The Cavaliers are 2-7

and the Bruins are 7-2.

**West Springfield at West Potomac**

In a high-scoring match, the West Springfield Spartans pulled off a narrow victory against the West Potomac Wolverines 59-56. West Springfield is 7-2 and West Potomac is 6-3.

**Mount Vernon at Hayfield**

The Hayfield Hawks were propelled to victory over the Mount Vernon Majors thanks in large part to senior running back Devicell Drummond-Wiggins, who had five touchdowns among his 29 carries and 287 rushing yards. The final score

was 47-35. Both teams are 5-5.

**Fairfax at Falls Church**

After their game in September was postponed, the Fairfax Lions and Falls Church played their rescheduled match October 29, where the Lions beat the Jaguars 49-19. The Jaguars are 1-8.

**Chantilly at Westfield**

The Chantilly Chargers fell to the Westfield Bulldogs in a nail-biting match that ended in a 14-13 win for Westfield thanks to a blocked extra point in the fourth quarter. Both teams are 5-4.

**Marshall at Wakefield**

The Marshall Statesmen fell to the Wakefield Warriors 14-10. The Statesmen are 4-5 and the Warriors are 5-4.

**Centreville at Oakton**

The Centreville Wildcats won out against the Oakton Cougars, handing Oakton their fifth straight loss for a final score of 42-20. Centreville is 7-2 and Oakton is 4-5.

**Annandale at Justice**

The Annandale Atoms were handily beaten by the Justice Wolves 51-20. The Atoms are 2-8 and the Wolves are 5-4.

**Herndon at Langley**

The Langley Saxons

and Herndon Hornets both headed into this game winless and Langley came out on top 33-21. The Saxons are 1-8 and the Hornets are 0-8.

**Alexandria City at South County**

The Alexandria City Titans fell to the South County Stallions 34-10, who rebounded from their first loss of the season last week against West Potomac. Alexandria City is 4-5 and South County is 8-1.

**Lewis at Falls Church**

The Falls Church Jaguars picked up their first win of the season against the Lewis Lancers October 30. The

final score was 35-14, making both teams 1-8.

**South Lakes at Madison**

The South Lakes Seahawks were dispatched by the Madison Warhawks 34-6. The Seahawks are 4-5 and the Warhawks are 8-1.

**Washington-Liberty at McLean**

Both teams were 2-6 heading into this week, and the Washington-Liberty Generals were bested by the McLean Highlanders 30-16. Washington-Liberty is 2-7 and McLean is 3-6.

Edison had a bye week. The Eagles are 3-7.

# McLean volleyball wins Liberty District championship

By Michael Marrow  
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The McLean Highlanders swept the Herndon Hornets in the Liberty District championship match for girls varsity volleyball October 28, narrowly winning all three sets by scores of 25-23, 25-22 and 25-21. It was McLean's 19th straight win this season and their first district championship win since 2001.

Both teams were bolstered

by all-district players. For McLean, junior Charlotte Carson and sophomore Alice Holoubek were named second team all-district, and seniors Nicole Mallus and Ella Park were first team all-district. For Herndon, senior Katie Cazenias and junior Phoebe Adams were awarded second team all-district, and senior Akasha Anderson was named first team all-district and crowned Liberty District player of the year.

"I didn't play my junior

year and was injured my sophomore year," Anderson said. She has committed to play volleyball at Auburn University. "It felt really good to come back my senior year and win it." Anderson is "one of the most phenomenal athletes I have ever seen," Herndon Coach Jessica Tramontozzi added. "She fully embodies that award. It's been a long time coming."

The teams played at McLean High School, where

an enthusiastic crowd of students showed up to support both teams. "We've never had this many people show up to our games," Anderson said. "It's been fun to show people that volleyball is a fun sport to watch and it's not just football or basketball."

The first point went to McLean, though neither team would decisively hold the upper hand in any of the three sets. Anderson served as the tip of the spear for the Hornets throughout, with

McLean's Mallus playing a standout game as well.

Whenever either team would go on a run, as McLean did midway through the first set, the other would adjust and return the favor. "I'm really proud of the girls for staying calm under pressure, particularly when Herndon went on run," McLean coach Samantha Stewart said after the game. "It can be hard to stay confident when you have a gun like Akasha on the other side of the net."

The Hornets seemed ready to dominate the end of the first set until the Highlanders buckled down, arresting a Herndon run to 20 points and creeping into the lead 22-21. After the next two points went to McLean, Herndon was determined to fight until the end, making the score 24-23 until a point for McLean concluded the first set.

A strong start to the second set for the Hornets was promptly reversed by the Highlanders. McLean would go on to lead Herndon for much of the set, interrupted by a few ties and a brief 17-18 lead for the Hornets. The teams fought with intensity, featuring numerous diving saves on both sides and balls ricocheting off the ceiling that were kept in play.

With the score at 24-22 in the Highlanders favor, McLean closed out the second set with an ace serve by sophomore Caitlyn Lee.

With two already under their belt, the Highlanders headed into the final set confident, the Hornets determined to make their mark. Both teams took turns leading, with Herndon gaining momentum after tying the score at 14-14 and picking up a three-point lead.

The Highlanders were able to tie the game back up at 20 points, and after Herndon tied it again at 21-21, the

final four points went to McLean. The game-winning point came when senior Ella Park stuffed Herndon at the net, eliciting a roar from the stands and a rush to the court by McLean's student section.

"We've played this team before and we've swept them both times," Park said after the game. "But today they brought so much energy and we had to pick up the intensity and put 110 percent into every point." She noted that "it's great to end on a huge point, but all of us on the team coming together is what really made the moment."

Though it was not an ideal result, Tramontozzi said she was "Absolutely thrilled," with Herndon's performance. "This is the best playing we've had all season," Tramontozzi said. "We were coming into tonight off a five-set nailbiter grinded out against a tough opponent in semis, whereas our opponent had an easy three-setter, so I think they came into tonight a little more fresh than we did. I think the outcome would be different if we had a week to prepare," she added. "Hopefully we'll see them again in regionals and have another shot."

"We've always been bottom of the district, and this year we were so excited to be able to make it to the semis, let alone the finals," Anderson said. "We gave it our all, and obviously it wasn't enough. But McLean is a really good team, and they're going to do really well, and I'm really happy for them."

Stewart said she was looking forward to regionals, where McLean's girls' varsity volleyball team would have another chance to prove their mettle. "If they stay calm and confident and build it point-by-point," she observed, "no one has really shown they can stop them."



Nicole Mallus scores a point vs. Herndon

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## Optimize two hormones that can assist with weight loss

**KEYS TO BETTER HEALTH**  
CINDY SANTA ANA



Some of us struggle to maintain a healthy weight and balanced blood sugar. I am one of those people. But, one of the most powerful tools I have found to help myself and my clients is to balance our hunger hormones. They are Ghrelin and Leptin. Balancing these two powerful hormones can have profound benefits to our health and our waistline.

Ghrelin is our hunger hormone – made in the intestinal tract – and it’s responsible for making us hungry. It rises before and decreases after meals. There are several habits and practices that tend to increase ghrelin and we don’t want that to happen.

**Ghrelin increases when you...**

1. Eat greasy high carbohydrate meals with little to no protein.
2. Constantly smell sweet foods, like at a bakery or the office donut table. Just smelling that food tells your brain to increase ghrelin!
3. Eating before bed increases ghrelin and inhibits quality sleep.
4. Skipping meals for a long period

of time or excessive dieting can increase ghrelin 24 percent.

5. Eating too much fructose! This doesn’t register in our body to increase insulin which means that ghrelin will increase in our body shortly thereafter.

6. Manage stress because lack of sleep and high stress can trigger ghrelin production.

**Ways to decrease ghrelin: (Hint: This is what we want!)**

1. Eating on a schedule prevents over-production of ghrelin.
2. Eating a good quality breakfast with protein, fiber and fat – produces less ghrelin throughout the day.
3. Fiber also keeps ghrelin levels down. Get your fiber from veggies!
4. Eat quality protein as it suppresses ghrelin.

**Leptin** – is a hormone responsible for signaling the brain to store or burn fat.

After you eat, your body releases leptin which tells your body to stop feeling hungry and start burning calories. Interestingly, the more fat your body carries, the more leptin you produce, but your body starts to become resistant – similar to insulin resistance. We want to optimize this hormone by eating foods that increase your body’s sensitivity to leptin.

**Habits that decrease leptin – which we don’t want:**

1. Eating the majority of your calories at dinner can delay leptin production for 2 hrs after a meal.
2. Alcohol. The body doesn’t produce leptin with alcohol in the liver.
3. Caffeine can decrease leptin levels.
4. High fructose corn syrup can cause leptin resistance.
5. Simple carbohydrate consumption can slow leptin movement. Think white flour and foods with refined sugar, like cereals and pasta.

**To increase leptin – which is what we do want:**

1. Omega 3 fatty acids – especially from fatty fish, like salmon and halibut.
2. Protein improves leptin sensitivity, which lowers caloric intake by helping you feel fuller faster. Thirty grams when you break your fast and at least another 60 grams throughout the day.
3. EPA – one of the omega 3 fatty acids can increase leptin production by enhancing the metabolism of glucose.
4. Zinc increases leptin levels. Eat grass-fed beef, certain nuts and oysters.

These practices are important in helping us to maintain a healthy weight and balanced blood sugar levels. If you struggle with these, let’s chat. Reach out at [www.UnlockBetterHealth.com](http://www.UnlockBetterHealth.com).



UNSPASH

## Learn about prostate cancer and sexual health



**By Inger Rosner, MD**  
SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Any diagnosis of cancer is unnerving. Prostate cancer infringes on the most intimate aspects of a man’s life. Inger Rosner, MD, in Urology at the Inova Schar Cancer Institute, and Jennifer Bires, MSW, LCSW, OSW-C, executive director at Life with Cancer provides answers to commonly asked questions about prostate cancer and sexual health.

The prostate is a small, walnut-shaped organ located behind the rectum in men. It functions in partnership with the seminal glands to produce fluid to nourish and transport sperm. Prostate cancer is the most common form of cancer among men, with about 300,000 new cases diagnosed every year. Because prostate cancer affects a region of the body near the male reproductive organs, treatment can raise concerns about how it will impact a patient’s sexual health, including libido, sexual function, well-being, and body image.

**I have been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Now what?**

While the physical mechanics of an erection are important, treatment for prostate cancer has a psychological component. The fear of being diagnosed with cancer and the impending changes that will take place can have a profound effect on how the patient views himself. Life with Cancer, a program of the Inova Schar Cancer Institute, has individual therapists and nurses with expertise in sexual health who can walk patients through the experience and connect them with resources to learn how to have your best sexual life during and after treatment. In addition, support groups provide patients with information on how to manage outcomes, identify topics to address with their care team, and listen to stories of people who have overcome or learned creative strategies to live with the experience.

**Who will take care of me when I am receiving treatment for prostate cancer?**

While undergoing treatment for prostate cancer, the physician and assisting staff will take care of you. As a patient, you should feel empowered to have frank and honest conversations with your physician about your concerns about treatment. If you are having issues with your erections during and after your treatment, the care team can identify the best treatment for a patient with full knowledge of the patient’s needs. Additional expertise can also be brought onto the care team to address specific concerns for sexual health.

**How is prostate cancer treated?**

Treatment for prostate cancer depends on the stage/grade of cancer, the patient’s risk category, age, health, and long-term treatment goals. Before prostate cancer treatment, it is very important to talk with your cancer care team about what to expect and the changes your body may experience during treatment and follow-up care.

Radical prostatectomy is the removal of cancer and the prostate from the body. Surgery is an option if the prostate cancer has not spread to other organs or tissues. The surgery also helps the healthcare provider know if additional treatment is needed. After removing the prostate, the urinary tract and the bladder may need to be reconstructed, which will require a temporary Foley catheter while the tissue heals.

Radiation is another type of prostate cancer treatment. During treatment, a targeted beam of radiation is directed at the prostate, while minimizing exposure to the surrounding healthy tissue. It can be used as the primary treatment for prostate cancer (in place of surgery) or after surgery if the cancer is not fully removed or if it returns.

Androgen Deprivation Therapy (ADT) is a type of hormone therapy that blocks testosterone, which prostate cancer cells use to grow. ADT therapy is often used in conjunction with other treatments.

Chemotherapy uses drugs to destroy cancer cells anywhere in the body. It is used for advanced stages of prostate cancer or for cases where cancer has spread to other organs or tissues. The drugs affect all cells so dose and frequency are carefully controlled.

Immunotherapy stimulates the body’s immune system to find and attack cancer cells. This treatment is still new and under review in clinical trials. This therapy has not been approved for widespread use.

Does prostate cancer treatment result in erectile dysfunction (ED)?

Men often experience some degree of erectile dysfunction (ED) after most treatments for prostate cancer. ED occurs when a man cannot attain or maintain an erection long enough for satisfying sexual activity. ED occurs when the nerves that control blood flow to the penis are affected by treatment. The degree of ED a patient experiences is in part related to the degree of ED prior to surgery. It may take months to a year for ED to subside. ED treatment options are available. Despite concerns about ED, an erection is not needed for a man to climax. In addition, sexual desire is not lost with surgery or radiation treatment, unless hormones are also given as

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part of treatment.

**What treatment options are available for ED?**

ED can be treated with a variety of medications and therapies. They include PDE5 inhibitors (common drug

names include Viagra, Cialis, Levitra, and Stendra) are oral drugs that increase the blood flow to the penis, a vacuum erection device, intraurethral medication, penile injections and penile implants. Prostate

cancer patients can discuss with these options with their healthcare team.

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## Stop sexualizing our children

Dear Editor,

It only takes watching one or two school board meetings to quickly learn that the Fairfax County Public School Board is more concerned with your child having a master's or PhD degree level in Sex Ed over the achievement of basic proficiency in math, science, history, writing and literacy.

One can be 100% pro LGBTQIA rights but also opposed to the main focus of school board meetings on sexuality, lifestyle preferences and ... the condoning of porn in schools. Frankly, we (regardless of sexual orientation) should all be able to get behind the fact that porn in schools of any format is bad, and in particular the defending of novels with graphic writing and images of pedophilia porn in school libraries is horrifying. Children go to school to learn the basics - reading, writing, math, science, history, art, music and gain a foundation in academia to thrive and achieve in adulthood. Students do not go to school to be exposed to pornographic material at the expense of reading the classics, history, and quality literature. If parents truly want to expose their children to such materials, they absolutely can, in the privacy of their own homes. If excerpts from these very books are barred from being read out loud at school board

meeting because "there are minors in the audience," then why in the heck are they in our school libraries?

You might think - one or two books in a school library are harmless. What else is there to be concerned about? One word for you - surveys.

As young as 11 year olds in Fairfax County Public Schools are being asked - How many times have you done ...it in the last 3 months? Would you ever be asked that as an adult? Never. What sick and twisted individuals are asking children these questions. This should be a wake up call to all parents that change is overdue. Our children are falling behind and Virginia ranks number 50 in math in the US. Why? Well, if a top priority for kids as young as age 11 is to discuss "how many times they have done "it"", why wouldn't academic performance be spiraling?

See the survey attached for your viewing pleasure.

To the Fairfax County School Board - Stop pedaling porn to our kids. Stop sexualizing our children. Do your elected job to promote academic achievement.

Elizabeth McCauley  
Concerned Mother and Fairfax County Taxpayer

The next section asks about sexual behavior. Remember, your answers are confidential.

132. Have you ever had sexual intercourse?  
 Yes  No

133. How old were you when you had sex intercourse for the first time?  
 I have never had sexual intercourse  
 11 years old or younger  
 12 years old  
 13 years old  
 14 years old  
 15 years old  
 16 years old  
 17 years old or older

134. During your life, with how many people have you had sexual intercourse?  
 I have never had sexual intercourse  
 1 person  
 2 people  
 3 people  
 4 people  
 5 people  
 6 or more people

135. During the past 3 months, with how many people have you had sexual intercourse?  
 I have never had sexual intercourse  
 I have had sexual intercourse but not during the past 3 months  
 1 person  
 2 people  
 3 people  
 4 people  
 5 people  
 6 or more people

136. Did you drink alcohol or use drugs before you had sexual intercourse the last time?  
 I have never had sexual intercourse  
 Yes  
 No

137. The last time you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use a condom?  
 I have never had sexual intercourse  
 Yes  
 No

138. The last time you had sexual intercourse, what one method did you or your partner use to prevent pregnancy? **Select only ONE response.**  
 I have never had sexual intercourse  
 No method was used to prevent pregnancy  
 Birth control pills  
 Condoms  
 An IUD (such as Mirena or ParaGard) or implant (such as Implanon or Nexplanon)  
 A shot (such as Depo-Provera), patch (such as Ortho Evra), or birth control ring (such as NuvaRing)  
 Withdrawal or some other method  
 Not sure

139. Have you ever had oral sex?  
 Yes  No

140. ...drink 100% fruit juices such as orange juice, apple juice, or grape juice? (Do not count punch, Kool-Aid, sports drinks, or other fruit-flavored drinks.)  
 I did not drink 100% fruit juice during the past 7 days  
 1 to 3 times during the past 7 days  
 4 to 6 times during the past 7 days  
 1 time per day  
 2 times per day  
 3 times per day  
 4 or more times per day

## Recognize Republican heroes

Dear Editor,

It is about time we recognized the true heroes of the Republican Party.

They are not the dopey louts who rampaged through our nation's capital and the moral cowards who still cover for them. They are not the ranting

demagogues exploiting the emotions of the resentful. They were the unsung people not seeking attention, but doing their jobs: from poll workers to police officers. They were Republican state legislators and governors who did not bend to pressure to overturn the elections in their state. They were Republican judges who did

not allow mere allegations unsupported by credible evidence to deny votes that happened. They were a Vice President who stayed loyal to the Constitution and the rule of law above any man. They were Republican congressional representatives and senators who did not fear to try and hold their own president accountable,

and dared to stand on their conscience instead of follow the majority in their party. They did not win. But they showed more bravery than the majority in their party who did.

It is Republicans like those who could save the soul of the party from being lost to a band of fascists, if they find the nerve to do

so. My father was a lifelong Republican who served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After the sacrifices that generation made to defeat fascism, I'm glad he was not alive to see his party dishonored by America's Mussolini.

James Tweed  
Ocean City, NJ

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## Domestic violence awareness

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the article titled "Fairfax County engages with community during Domestic Violence Awareness Month", published in your newspaper on October 15th, 2021. I would like to note that you mentioned that part of this community outreach was to show the community that there are resources available for them to utilize not just during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, but throughout the entire year. This is an extremely important concept, considering the lack of reporting and

utilizing these resources could be directly related with the idea of "public vs. private issues". This indicates that a lot of victims believe themselves to be alone in their situation, and are not sure where to turn. I believe it is important we start to move towards establishing a collective feeling and shared belief among society, and we can start with Fairfax County.

As mentioned in the article, the numbers of people being received by DVAC Pre-COVID dropped from an average of 1,200 people a year to just 800. This is a significant drop, especially considering the numbers of victims have

most likely increased significantly due to quarantine and being in close quarters with potential offenders.

With COVID, individuals have started to reach a state of feeling no longer understood among society, and reporting or even committing acts of violence, sexual or not, becomes seemingly inconsequential in this state. I believe addressing this state of mind is the next step in bringing awareness to domestic violence.

Riley Sims  
Centreville, VA

## Climate change and how VA is responding

Dear Editor,

Climate change is real. It not only has the potential to, but will devastate the planet if we do not immediately begin to seriously address it, and correct the error of our ways. This is why I am encouraged by the ongoing emergence of Virginia as the national leader in the offshore wind industry and clean renewable energy in general. Recently, the Port of Virginia and Dominion Energy agreed to a deal to commit much of the port to be leased to be used for the assembly of the offshore wind turbines for Virginia Beach. Those turbines will provide millions of people, and hundreds of

thousands of homes with clean and renewable energy.

It is well past time that the politicians in Washington get serious about addressing the growing climate crisis. The fact that here in Virginia, Richmond and Dominion Energy understand the urgency facing all of us is a revelation. As we continue to move towards clean renewable energy and grow our ability to produce nuclear, solar, and wind power,

I can only hope the rest of the country and world will take notice and follow suit for the sake of future generations.

Cory Turner  
Vienna, VA

### We Need Your Voice!

The McLean Community Center is seeking public input at a Community Listening Session.



**WHEN** Thursday, Nov. 18, 6-8 p.m.

**WHERE** McLean Community Center  
1234 Ingleside Avenue  
McLean, Va. 22101

**WHY** This is an opportunity for MCC district residents to give valuable input and express their ideas about the future programming and strategic priorities of the center.

**WHO** High school youth (9th through 12th grade) through adults, who reside in Dranesville Small District 1A.

**HOW TO REGISTER** Visit [qrco.de/MCCvoice](http://qrco.de/MCCvoice) or scan:

As a "thank you," all participants will receive a \$25 voucher that can be applied towards a future performance at The Alden Theatre or MCC class and/or camp registration fees.



Dear Editor,

What are your neighbors like in Vienna? Here is an example. Woken up at night on 30 Jun 2021 to the sound of my dog barking and find out there are neighbors from across the street from me on Tazewell Rd NW Vienna in front of my house yelling and cussing at the top of their lungs. They're terrorizing my dog who obviously was barking because of what was going on. They are hurling their verbal threats, even yelling at me to call the police. They're in my yard cussing and yelling and it goes on for quite some time. They maliciously yell that they're standing in my yard and continue cussing, all the time directing it at my house as they are standing looking at my house. Is that legal? Isn't there a law against abusive people cussing, yelling,

and harassing people? What are your neighbors like? It's the same people whose visitors dump trash in my yard and their workers used my electricity without permission when building their house and used water from another neighbor also without asking permission and nothing was done about it. Then another set of neighbors at the corner of Tazewell Rd and Holmes Drive throw parties and are drinking alcohol in the street at all hours of the night, they have visitors who bring their little kids. Shouldn't they have their alcohol level tested before they drive? What kind of parents drink alcohol and then go drive with their kids in the car?

Dave Minyard  
Vienna, VA



## Create a healthier home through smart updates

### Courtesy of Family Features

Many homeowners looking to improve their living spaces seek out upgrades that can add visual appeal, improve functionality or increase resale value. However, some updates can also benefit the mental and physical health of those who occupy the space.

While making your home healthier can involve simple steps like decluttering, swapping out cleaning products for natural versions and opening windows to let in more fresh air, there are other projects that can be done to create longer-lasting results. Consider these ideas to create spaces that are not only functional and beautiful but also impart a sense of well-being.

### Apply a fresh coat of paint

Changing the color of a room can transform your

space while also positively impacting your mood. Bright, warm colors like yellow may be uplifting while cooler shades like beige, pale green and soft blue can be soothing. Repainting can also help prevent mold and mildew growth on walls while repelling dust and allergens. Traditional oil- and latex-based paints give off gases that may cause issues such as eye and respiratory irritation. Look for paints with no volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and that are certified not to contain heavy metals, carcinogens and other harmful compounds.

### Upgrade your flooring

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more at [wideplankflooring.com](http://wideplankflooring.com).

### Add natural light

If your home lacks adequate natural lighting, adding or replacing windows and skylights can allow more sunlight into your living space. This offers several benefits, including an improved sense of well-being and increased productivity, not to mention the potential cost savings when you install energy-efficient versions. Additionally, light-blocking shades and adjustable light technologies can work with natural circadian rhythms to enhance sleep.

### Modernize the kitchen

From appliances to countertops, there are a variety of kitchen upgrades that can make your space healthier. Incorporating automated technology like a touchless faucet can reduce the amount of contact with germs while a water filtration system can

improve the quality of your drinking water. Updating your countertops with a non-porous material like quartz, which replicates the look of natural stone, provides a contemporary aesthetic, and the antimicrobial surface will not harbor bacteria or viruses.

### Create a bathroom oasis

Even a small space like the bathroom can benefit from wellness-focused updates. Soaking tubs and spa showers with hydrotherapy showerheads can help reduce stress and provide a mental respite. Additionally, a heated towel rack not only brings a touch of luxury but can reduce energy usage and keep towels free of mold and mildew between washes. Touchless faucets and toilets can also help reduce the spread of germs while bringing convenience.

## Practical steps to plan a remodel

### Courtesy of Family Features

If you're planning a home remodeling project but don't know where to start, you're not alone. Starting any remodel or renovation can be nerve-wracking, but having the right steps in place, from picking the project to smart financing strategies, can lessen the stress.

Before beginning any project, homeowners should consider what projects they want to prioritize, what they can afford and smart financial solutions to pay for it all. This can help you complete the project on time, on budget and with less stress.

### Do your research

Part of being prepared for a renovation project is doing your research. That means considering design and material options that reflect your personal tastes and what might add the greatest value to your lifestyle and home. It's also important to plan ahead for factors like long lead times for contractors or supplies.

### Establish a Budget

Before you begin planning a project, determine what you can afford. If your list of upgrades is larger than your budget allows, consider a short-term budget and a long-term one so you can tackle some smaller projects more immediately and save the bigger renovations

until you've had a chance to save or secure additional financing.

### Set a financial strategy

Setting a budget and determining your financial strategy aren't quite the same thing. Once you have a budget set, you'll need to decide how to pay for the work. According to a survey by online lender LightStream, savings accounts provide at least some capital for about 66% of homeowners who plan to renovate. However, in today's uncertain economy, depleting a savings account may make you nervous, especially if you're tapping into an emergency fund.

Credit cards are a financial strategy about 30% of homeowners will use. However, unless card charges are paid off quickly, you may end up carrying that debt for years, making your project much more expensive due to high interest rates over a long repayment timeline.

An unsecured consumer loan, like those provided by LightStream, may be another financing option and can often save thousands in interest charges compared to credit cards. Homeowners with good credit can borrow up to \$100,000 at fixed rates with no fees. Funds can be deposited directly into customers' bank accounts as soon as the day they apply and can be used to pay for any renovation service, finishes or products.

### Prioritize projects

With your budget in mind, you can turn your attention to which renovations to prioritize. When possible, begin with your home's most immediate needs, even if they may not be the most exciting projects. Go for lasting impacts rather than cosmetic fixes. Repairing a leaky roof or crumbling foundation may not be as dreamy as creating a chef's kitchen, but it's important to make sure the projects you elect to do sooner set you up for success - and improved home values - later.

Beyond critical repairs, the survey found the most popular projects homeowners planned this year include kitchen (38%) and bathroom remodels (32%). Building home offices also jumped in popularity as the pandemic drove a focus on upgrading remote workspace, doubling to more than 26% of planned projects.

### Consider the Environment

For many homeowners, Mother Nature plays a role as to which renovations are prioritized.

About 35% of survey respondents said they plan to invest in projects that improve their outdoor living spaces. When it comes to indoor improvements, consumers are interested in incorporating eco-friendly and sustainable products such as smart systems, energy-efficient lighting, solar panels,

air and water filtration systems, insulated windows and other money-saving, eco-sensitive products.

Many people are also

choosing to work with companies that are committed to environmental responsibility. For example, through a partnership with American

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# Grammy-winning Steep Canyon Rangers make a stop in Alexandria



## Bluegrass band excited to be heading to The Birchmere

**By Keith Loria**  
SPECIAL TO THE  
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

The Steep Canyon Rangers rose to fame when they collaborated with fellow-banjo enthusiast—and mega movie star, Steve Martin for the 2012 bluegrass album, “Rare Bird Alert,” and the band won a Grammy Award the fol-

lowing year with “Nobody Knows You” taking the Best Bluegrass Album prize in 2013.

The Rangers are made up of Woody Platt on guitar and vocals, Graham Sharp on banjo and vocals, Mike Guggino on mandolin/mandola and vocals, Nicky Sanders on fiddle and vocals, Mike Ashworth on drums and vocals, and Barrett Smith on bass and vo-

cal. The band will be heading to The Birchmere November 7 for a fun night of bluegrass.

“Those coming out can expect a band that’s excited to play,” Platt said. “After the downtime and COVID shutdown, we are just ready to get back out and play. We have a lot of new music.”

He’s not kidding. Last year, with the pandemic

in full swing, the Rangers found time to release three albums, all of which have become beloved by fans. One was a recording of the live 2019 performance at Merlefest in Wilkesboro, N.C., where it only played songs by famous North Carolina songwriters; another was “Be Still Moses,” where they teamed with Boyz II Men and their hometown Asheville Sym-

phony to overhaul the Rangers’ original recording from the “Lovin’ Pretty Women album”; and the third was “Arm In Arm,” a collection of all new original music.

“Just having the opportunity to not only play live again, but play these new songs, is exciting for all of us,” Platt said. “We are extra excited because of the venue. The Birchmere is one we truly love and have been

following our entire career. We’ve done a lot of live recordings from there, so when we step out on their stage, it’s a big deal for us.”

The genesis of the Steep Canyon Rangers goes back to 1999, when the band members met as students at UNC-Chapel Hill, and bonded over a love of bluegrass.

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## Aaron Lee Tasjan opens up about sexuality in new album



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### The queer singer comes to Jammin Java on Saturday

**By Keith Loria**  
SPECIAL TO THE  
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Aaron Lee Tasjan has been making a name for himself in the music biz for more than 15 years, and though he’s never been shy about talking about his love life in dating both men and women, his song repertoire has never really embraced his identity.

That all changed with the release of his third album earlier this year, with “Tasjan! Tasjan! Tasjan!” containing three songs with lyrics touching on the important LGBTQ themes from his life and exploring his sexuality.

“It’s very much a part of my identity and who I am, my queerness,” he said. “It’s a part of myself that I am sharing to acknowledge who I am. I think it’s

important because it’s continuing to open doors for new generations of artists to walk inside, so artists can be accepted from out of the gate.”

And while listeners might think that some of his songs were inspired by the pandemic, Tasjan noted that it’s an album that he had planned pre-pandemic and it’s full of honesty and his views of the world around him.

Tasjan plays Jammin Java November 6, just a few months after wowing our area with a performance at The Birchmere. This is the fourth time he’s been invited to perform at the popular Vienna stage, and he’s thrilled to be back.

“Jammin Java is just a great room for songwriters; it’s an ideal setting for the kind of music I do, which is story songs,” Tasjan said. “These could be stories of things I’ve observed directly from my

own life, and I find the audience there is really engaged and coming there for this experience of great songs and stories.”

He enjoys the “spontaneous moments” at concerts and might pull up a musician friend on stage to do something spur of the moment. And he doesn’t create a set list, letting the audience guide him to where he’s going to go on the night.

“I tell a lot of stories on stage about how the songs came to be or where I was in my life when I wrote the songs,” Tasjan said. “Musically, I really mix it up. I play acoustic guitar but I also do an electric guitar, electric mandolin, piano, organ, and I just go from thing to thing.”

Although he didn’t sing or play an instrument as a child, Tasjan

See **TASJAN** Page B4

## HOTLINKS BY COLLIN COPE

### The Tea is Hot • November 6

Join Colvin Run Mill November 6 for *Hearty Teas For The Winter Months*. Have the chance to try a variety of premium teas in order to find the perfect blend to help keep warm during the upcoming winter months. Additionally, Colvin Run Mill is a museum based inside of a historical water-mill, with fun events and history for the whole family. Tickets and further information can be found at <https://bit.ly/3Blj9fE>.



### Sounds of Hope & Harmony • November 9 • \$45

This November 9, enjoy The National Symphony Orchestra’s very own Horn quartet with a performance in the outdoor Secret Garden at The Rectory on Princess Street in Alexandria. As audience favorites from the orchestra, the four performers are excited to return to the spotlight. The show will begin at 5 p.m., with an additional performance starting at 6:30 p.m. Tickets starting at \$45 are available online at <https://bit.ly/3GKWeEk> and more information about the event can be found at <https://bit.ly/3bwZdlv>.



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### Winter Walk of Lights

This week, the Meadowlark Botanical Gardens’ annual Winter Walk of Lights provides a senior discount to all attendees over the age of 55. Before November 18, seniors will be able to purchase onsite tickets at a 50 percent discount, with senior tickets costing only \$10 and general admission being \$20. The walk, spanning just more than half a mile, will feature various seasonal lights and decorations to ensure a positive start to the upcoming holiday season. The walk will operate nightly from 5:30 until 10 p.m. and tickets are available online at <https://bit.ly/3mDeGOK>.



## Art News

**The Cassaday Concoction** with the 19th Street Band brings hard-punching rock and roll to stage. Show starts at 8 p.m. November 5. Tickets are \$12. The State Theatre, 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3Czt3S3>.

**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/3olE4SZ>.

**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. November 6 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3vPAqCd>.

**Homegrown: American Stories in Music and Film** Join the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra for music from the Americana tradition with film

shorts. An interactive talkback with the filmmakers on stage follows the performance. 6 p.m. November 6. Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915E. Campus Dr., Alexandria. 3 p.m. November 7. Tickets are \$5 to \$85. George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr., Alexandria. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3jXs86K>.

**Jerusalem Quartet** brings together Conductor Pinchas Zukerman and Cellist Amanda Forsyth to join forces with them to perform a trio of radiant Romantic-era works by Bruckner, Dvorak and

Brahms. 4 p.m. November 7. Tickets start at \$36. Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4373 Mason Pond Dr., Fairfax. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3pUj1aL>.

**Pipe Organ Concert** Ben LaPrairie, associate director of music for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will perform at 4 p.m. November 7. Free, but donations are accepted. St. Andrew the Apostle Church, 6720 Union Mill Rd., Clifton. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3CAA6tK>.

**Broadway!** John Lloyd Young interprets the

showstoppers that shapes his earliest Broadway aspirations in this concert. 8 p.m. November 11. Tickets start at \$37. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3pUIYag>.

**In Between: Phantoms Algorithms Joining Worlds** features artworks by David Alexander, side by side with his children Luca and Sienna. Through November 28. Reception is 2 p.m. November 7. Joann Rose Gallery, 1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3micuV7>.

**A Retrospective Exhibit**

Brush, watercolor, oil and acrylic paintings by Lassic Corbett is the November exhibit. Free. RCC Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., Reston. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/2Zvh7CF>.

**Lingering Glimpses** is a solo exhibition of photography by Soomin Ham. This ongoing project commemorates American soldiers who lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan. Through November 28. Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St., Studio 312, Alexandria. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/2Z3THU8>.

## 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>.

**Wilderness Walk** Get off the beaten path with a naturalist to explore less popular trails, identify plants and tracks of animals that live within the park. 1 p.m. November 5. Cost is \$7. Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Rd., Chantilly. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3BC5WfK>.

**Geocaching Workshop** Students learn to use handheld Global Positioning

System (GPS) units to locate hidden treasure caches within the park. 2 p.m. November 6. Cost is \$23. Lake Fairfax, 1400 Lake Fairfax Dr., Reston. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3ECjlit>.

**Watershed Cleanup** Keep area waters clean. Collect trash from streams and trails. Compile and report results. Great for school or scout service hours. 9 a.m. November 6. Please visit <https://bit.ly/3my9hki> to sign up.

**Scotch and Food Pairings** Discover which scotch whiskies complement which foods to perfection as we pair a different scotch with food samples representing each dinner

course: appetizer, entrée, cheese course, and dessert. 4 p.m. November 6. Cost is \$60. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Rd., Alexandria. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3CAXiId>.

**Native American Campfire Cookout** Discover how native people used the resources where they lived to survive and learn some easy recipes. 3 p.m. November 7. Cost is \$12. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3EAS1B7>.

**Annual Duck Race** Honor and support veterans, and others, living with a brain injury in Northern Virginia by sponsoring a

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**Enslaved Lives and the Legacy of Slavery** Join a historian for a tour of Huntley that examines the relationship of the Mason family to slavery and recovers insights into the lives of the Humphrey family and other enslaved people whose labor maintained Mason wealth and social status. 11 a.m. November 10. Cost is \$8. Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3mApAgI>.

**ONGOING Bull Run Festival of Lights** Drive through more

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**Winter Walk of Lights** Stroll along this half-mile long, one-way route for an enchanting and safe evening activity. 5:30 to 10 p.m. November 11 through January 2. Purchase timed-entry tickets starting at \$16 plus an online fee. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3mwtl6Q>.

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12 Sultry Horne

13 "— you serious?"

14 Barn roof spinner

15 Strict disciplinarian

17 Noble Italian family

18 Swift

19 Sculpted trunks

21 Old Olds

22 Doctor Zhivago

23 Wye follower

26 Moreover

28 On edge

31 Sciences' partner

33 Observe

35 Campus VIP

36 "Hogwash!"

38 Finale

40 Water tester

41 Love god

43 Inherited

45 Painter's motion

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51 Nashville's st.

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9 Baby's bed

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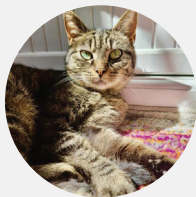
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### STRIPEY

**Breed:** Domestic short hair  
**Age:** 5 years  
**Gender:** Female spayed

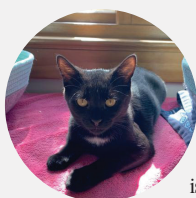
Stripey was rescued from a rural shelter. She's very sweet and loves being pet. She's been enjoying playtime and lap time in her foster home. As you can see by those stunning emerald eyes, she's a beautiful blend of brown tabby and poise. Looking for a companion while you work - Stripey has been a fantastic kitty to have around during this pandemic.



### Jett

**Breed:** Domestic short hair  
**Age:** 5 months  
**Gender:** Male neutered

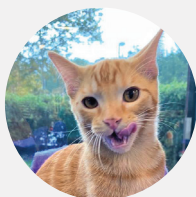
Jett is a perfect gentleman and as easy going as they come. He is very playful. He and his mom will play for hours on end. He also loves to cuddle though and will start purring immediately when he sees you. He loves laying in the sun and playing in water. He is fine with being held for short periods and gentle pushes away when he is ready to get down. He warmed up very quickly with the other older male cat in the house with no attempt at dominance issues at all. He may be ok with a cat-friendly dog. Jett does need to go to a home with another cat or kitten.



### Sunbeam

**Breed:** Domestic short hair  
**Age:** 5 months  
**Gender:** Male neutered

Sunbeam was rescued from a rural shelter along with his mother and brother. All of these darlings adore people, laps, sleeping next to you and more. Sunbeam would love to go to a home with other cats and would love a buddy to play with!



### Tabitha

**Breed:** Domestic short hair  
**Age:** 1 year  
**Gender:** Female spayed

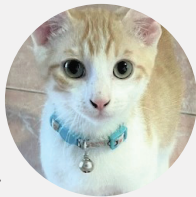
Tabitha is a wonderful "Tabico" mix of a petite lady. She's brown tabby with a touch of calico on her forehead with her distinct orange stripe and front beige paw. This makes her all the more lovable of a mix. Tabitha came to us after having her kittens and as a young momma, she's spayed and ready to find her own home. You can see this darling girl knows how to pose and ham it up for her photos. She's full of personality and love to give kisses.



### Bruce

**Breed:** Domestic short hair  
**Age:** 4 months  
**Gender:** Male neutered

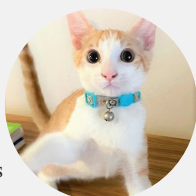
Bruce and his brother Wayne are a perfect pair of orange and white "twins" that are hard to tell apart. Both of them are sweet, affectionate boys and love to play and be wherever the people are. Always the center of attention, Bruce is a leading man ready for the limelight.



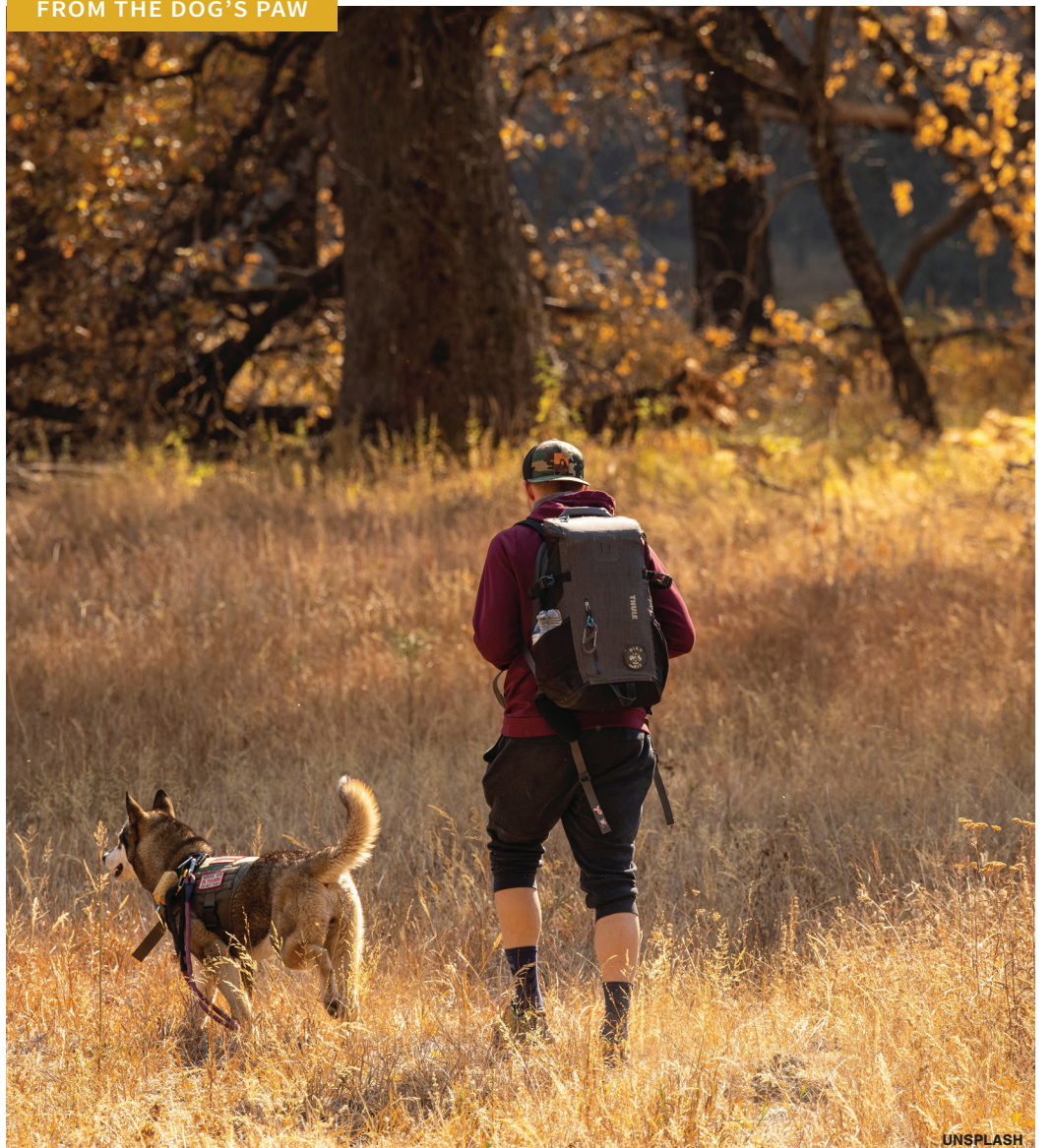
### Wayne

**Breed:** Domestic short hair  
**Age:** 4 months  
**Gender:** Male neutered

Wayne, the other half to his brother Bruce, has fun seeking out places to hide and pounce as he sneaks up on his brother. These boys love people, pets and warm laps. Don't miss out on this dashing duo!



FROM THE DOG'S PAW



## Hiking with your dog, paw 1

By Noah! Abby!

SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

**W**OOFS! Hiking is a great way to enjoy nature with your dog. It provides you and your canine buddy adventure and time of bonding. Paws, the outdoors, especially in areas new to your dog, can be quite refreshing with the pawsome scents of nature. Paws, Abby, and I are pawlanning to take Dad on a hike, but we have to prepare for this to be the bestest adventure it can be.

Barkingly, since we live close to the Shenandoah National Park, a pawlance we want to explore with Dad, we were surprised to learn that not all trails are dog-friendly. Paws, before we go anywhere, whether it's a national, state, or local park, Dad researches to learn what, if any, trails are dog-friendly and the expectations for bringing a dog along. Barksly, he cannot hike without Noah or me assisting him; it's impawtant we go. Barkingly, if you take your dog on trails not permitted, you could face stiff fines and have the ire of unhappy human hikers.

Paws, it's a good idea to become familiar with the rules governing humans with pets at each park you visit. While you may find they are relatively universal, you could find some differences and better prepared than surprised.

Paws, first and foremost, always be prepared to pick up your dog's "gifts" to the universe. While humans sometimes think it's not a problem to leave it since they are out in the woods away from traveled areas, it's not polite to do so. Paws, leaving the "gifts" can cause environmental problems, be an issue with wildlife, and could become a pawfully gross experience for another hiker who doesn't see it in time. Barks, carry bags to pick up the "gifts" and properly dispose. If carrying these bags is an issue, you can purchase products to allow easy storage until later. For example, my human has found small coffee cans with tight lids to be pawsome helpful- seals out the odor for a bit too, and does not take much room to carry.

Woofs, Abby and I must always be on a short leash when hiking. A 6-foot leash is best and must always be under the control of our human. Paws, the Flexi-leashes are not permitted as they allow the dog to get ahead of the human. Remember, there are pawlenty of humans who are pawsi-

tively afraid of dogs even though your's might be the sweetest and cutest dogs ever- which is not pawssible since Abby, and I hold those titles. WOOF! Paws, do not allow your dog to roam off-leash even if they are well voice-command trained. Off-leash, your dog can easily take off into an area where you cannot see or prevent them from getting into trouble. Think skunks, snakes, other critters, or eating something dangerous.

**BARK!** If the park has an off-leash area, use caution if not familiar with it. Only permit your dog to go off-leash if they obey verbal commands, you can see them at all times, and you have worked on a reliable recall. Remember, you don't know whether the dogs roaming in off-leash areas have had appropriate vaccinations and preventatives.

Abby is a youngster puppy, while I'm a senior dog. Quite an age difference but happily, for us, not too much of a health or ability difference for hiking. We pawbably will not go as fast as Abby wants, but we'll go at a good pace for all. Barks! Our humans take us to the veterinarian regularly for wellness exams as required by age. These visits help him to know what we are healthy enough to do! Some dogs are not suited for long hikes due to their breed and age. Others could have health issues that could strain on hikes. Discuss activity levels and ability with your veterinarian.

Woofs! An essential pawrt of hiking is to take pawlenty of water and a collapsible bowl. Dogs don't sweat like humans; panting is their method of keeping cool. Bringing water helps keep them cool and comfortable. Barkingly, remember that your dog will find it in ponds, puddles, lakes, and streams if you don't take water. These water sources are not healthy, pawssibly containing bacteria causing your dog to become ill.

More hiking tips next week.

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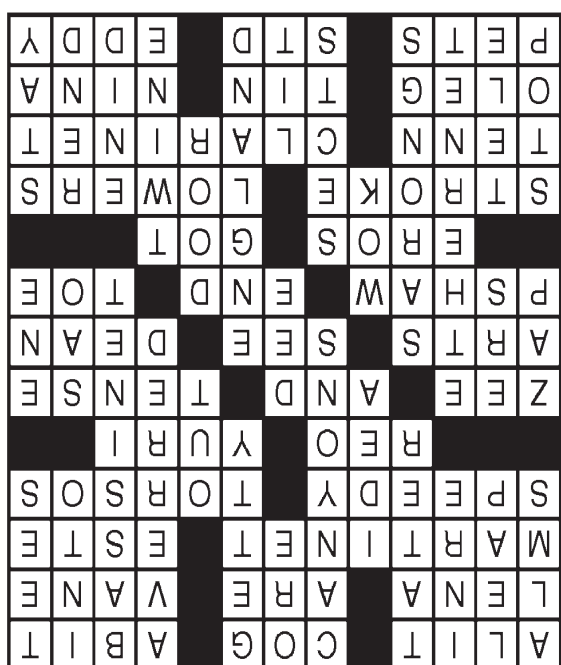
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Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

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## Fat-Free Apple-Butterscotch Salad

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 (4-serving) package sugar-free instant butterscotch pudding mix
- 2/3 cup nonfat dry milk powder
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 (8-ounce) can crushed pineapple, packed in fruit juice, undrained
- 3/4 cup reduced-calorie whipped topping
- 1 teaspoon coconut extract
- 2 tablespoons flaked coconut
- 2 cups cored, unpeeled and diced Red Delicious apples

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a large bowl, combine dry pudding mix, dry milk powder, undrained pineapple and water. Mix well using a wire whisk.
  2. Blend in whipped topping and coconut extract. Add apples.
  3. Mix well to combine. Fold in coconut.
  4. Refrigerate for at least 15 minutes. Makes 6 (1/2 cup) servings.
- \* Each serving equals: 108 calories, 0g fat, 3g protein, 24g carb., 277mg sodium, 1g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Fruit, 1/2 Starch.



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## BLUEGRASS

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“We met as freshman and our friendship started long before the music,” Platt said. “It was born out of stairways and backrooms at parties, and we just got into bluegrass in a major way, and we started focusing on that day-in and day-out.”

The band started playing festivals and finding some success, but once Martin discovered them and collaborated with them, their popularity soared.

“When we graduated, and started playing out, we had enough work to make us all want to take a run at this and see what happens,”

Platt said. “I’m proud to say that these friendships pre-date the touring act, and that’s been a secret for us staying focused, staying together and making it all happen. We weren’t a bunch of hired guns that were hired to play together, we learned how to play together and that’s helped us become who we are.”

During the lockdown, the band members didn’t get together much, and thankfully had most of the music from their releases already recorded and in the can, so that allowed them to focus on things behind the scenes during the off time.

“We did some drive-in shows, which was very unique for us to try something new,” Platt said. “But

we really didn’t see much of each other at all. Some of us took a breather and dug in deep with family, some got more creative. We all took our own route, but we came out of the pandemic even stronger than we were as a band.”

At The Birchmere, the Rangers will primarily be playing songs from the new releases.

“But we play a pretty long show, so we’ll be sure to play some of our favorites from our catalogue throughout,” Platt said. “The passion that you feel from the band and the energy that surrounds the show right now, is as strong as it’s ever been. There’s definitely a longing for what we do.”



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## TASJAN

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somehow always felt drawn to music.

“I was always obsessed with music, and even before I tried to sing, I would take my little league baseball bat and turn it into a guitar and do things like that,” he said. “When I was 10 years old, my family went on vacation and I found a guitar pick in the apartment we were staying in, and I carried that around with me for three years before I even owned or played a guitar.”

Once he did pick up the guitar, he knew it was meant to be, and the lyrics of songs came quickly.

“I used to think about a lot of life’s deep questions from a very young age and music plugged all the holes of my life in, and made me feel like a person who could survive storms,” he said.

Tasjan began in the industry as one of the founding members of the glam-rock band Semi Precious Weapons. From there, he started as a New York-based session musician and freelance guitarist who worked with the likes of the New York Dolls,

Marc Cohn and Jack White. He finally embarked on a solo career about seven years ago when he moved to Nashville.

“I started playing the music I was exposed to as a kid, mainly the Travelling Wilburys,” he said. “Finding that music really opened a lot of doors at once. I have a lot of stylistic capabilities when it comes to music and I can translate a lot of styles because I have a specific lyrical voice.”

Once his tour ends, Tasjan will approach the new year looking for his next record deal and continuing to write music that matters and is true to himself.

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Any person who desires to protest the application and be a party to the matter must submit a signed and dated written request setting forth (1) a precise statement of the party's interest and how the party could be aggrieved if the application was granted; (2) a full and clear statement of the facts that the person is prepared to provide by competent evidence; (3) a statement of the specific relief sought; (4) the name of the applicant and case number assigned to the application; and (5) a certification that a copy of the protest was sent to the applicant. The case number assigned to this application is MC21004251.H.

Written protests must be mailed to DMV Motor Carrier Services, Attn: Operating Authority, P. O. Box 27412, Richmond, VA 23269-0001 and must be postmarked on or before **November 19, 2021**.

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

### Public Notice – Environmental Permit

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater in a water body in Fairfax County, Virginia.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** October 30, 2021 through November 29, 2021

**PERMIT NAME:** Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board.

**APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER:** George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, MS 1E4, Fairfax, VA 22030. VA0090221.

**FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION:** Point of View WWTP, 7301 Old Spring Drive, Lorton, VA 22079.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** George Mason University has applied for a reissuance of a permit for the public Point of View WWTP. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewaters from a conference center and one residential building at a rate of 0.005 million gallons per day in a water body with future expansion to 0.01 million gallons per day. Sludge from the facility will be disposed by pump and haul to an approved facility. The facility proposes to release the treated sewage wastewater in Thompson Creek in Fairfax County in the Potomac River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: physical and chemical properties, nutrients, organic matter, solids, bacteria, and inorganics.

This facility is subject to the requirements of 9VAC25-820 and has registered for coverage under the General VPDES Watershed Permit Regulation for Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus Discharges and Nutrient Trading in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed in Virginia (Nutrient GP). As a condition of this permit, the permittee will be required to offset in advance, any loads of total nitrogen or total phosphorus that are expected to be discharged in a given calendar year. Nutrient offsets for the Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus loadings were obtained from Arlington County to cover the expected loadings from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026.

**HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING:** DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing (on the draft permit) (on the draft modifications to the permit) by hand-delivery, e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. DEQ must receive hand-delivery and postal mail by close of business and email and fax comments by 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requester, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

**CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**  
Name: Ann Zimmerman  
Address: DEQ Northern Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, VA 22193.  
Phone: (703) 583 – 3805  
E-mail: [Ann.Zimmerman@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:Ann.Zimmerman@deq.virginia.gov)  
Fax: (804) 698 - 4178  
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No.	Property Owner(s)	Account Nos.	Description
1.	Leroy M. Blakely Heirs, et al.	Tax Map No. 0821-09-0003 Account No. 410165089 TACS No. 49078	Lee District; 4703 Care Drive, Alexandria; Glenwood Park; Lot 3; 11,856 Square Feet, More or Less
2.	William Michael Bowers	Tax Map No: 0831-14A-0036B Account No: 410170376 TACS No: 480401	Mt. Vernon District; 2246 Farrington Avenue; Alexandria; Huntington; Section 3; Lot 36B; 3,614 Square Feet, More or Less
3.	Gene Paul Callis and Helen A. Callis, et al.	Tax Map No: 0404-04-0007 Account No: 410060240 TACS No: 296950	Dranesville District; 6705 Osborn Street, Falls Church; Z.B. Groves; Lot 7; 7,500 Square Feet, More or Less
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5.	Hand K Consulting, LLC	Tax Map No. 0483-04-0020 Account No: 410027783 TACS No: 449437	Providence District; 2932 Sayre Road, Fairfax; Poplar Terrace; Lot 20; 21,780 Square Feet, More or Less
6.	Moses H. Karkenny, et al.	Tax Map No: 0462-01-0042A Account No: 410015757 TACS No: 49472	Sully District; Near Fox Mill Road and Hunt Road; Oakton; Vacant Land; 1.7177 Acres, More or Less
7.	The Root Al Memorial Foundation, Inc. aka The Al Root Memorial Foundation, Inc.	Tax Map No: 0593-02-0009 Account No: 410076452 TACS No: 494954	Mason District; 0411 Spicewood Court, Annandale; Woodburn Heights; Section 2; Lot 9; 0.047 Acres, More or Less
8.	The Root Al Memorial Foundation, Inc. aka The Al Root Memorial Foundation, Inc.	Tax Map No: 0593-02-0010 Account No: 410076453 TACS No: 494954	Mason District; 0407 Spicewood Court, Annandale; Woodburn Heights; Section 2; Lot 10; 0.021 Acres, More or Less
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13.	The Root Al Memorial Foundation, Inc. aka The Al Root Memorial Foundation, Inc.	Tax Map No: 0593-02-0015 Account No: 410076458 TACS No: 494954	Mason District; 0406 Spicewood Court, Annandale; Woodburn Heights; Section 2; Lot 15; 1.107 Acres, More or Less
14.	Srong A. Van	Tax Map No: 1074-1133-A Account No: 410245493 TACS No: 364021	Mt. Vernon District; 9664 Hagel Circle, Lorton; Terrace Towne Homes of Gunston Condo; Phase 2B; Building 33; Unit A

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#### SUGARLAND RUN (SOUTH) STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

The Town of Herndon, Virginia, is hosting an **online public information meeting** on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to gain input from the public on the **proposed Concept Plan for the Sugarland Run (South) Stream Restoration Project**. Members of the public are invited to join the virtual meeting to learn, ask questions, and provide input about the project.

This project will restore approximately 1,200 linear feet of natural stream and stabilize the steep, eroded stream banks along Sugarland Run from W&O Trail crossing downstream to the pedestrian bridge crossing. This stretch of stream runs parallel to the Herndon Parkway. The completed project will reduce sedimentation and improve water quality of the stream using natural channel design techniques.

For more information about this project and to obtain the meeting link, please visit:

<https://www.herndon-va.gov/departments/public-works/public-works-projects/sugarland-run-stream-restoration>

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Viki L. Wellershaus, Town Clerk

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### 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, November 9, 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, November 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Council Chambers Building located at 765 Lynn Street, Herndon on the following items:

**Resolution**, to consider a special exception, **SE #21-04, 148 Herndon Mill Circle**, to permit an accessory dwelling unit through addition of a secondary kitchen within the first floor of an 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.

**Resolution**, to consider a special exception, **SE #21-05, 299 Herndon Parkway, Suite 108, Fancy Lashes and Beyond, LLC**, to permit a personal service use consisting of cosmetics and aesthetic services within an existing commercial building. 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 within the Herndon Park Condominium office building and is located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Herndon Parkway and Elden Street. The property consists of approximately 966 square feet of floor area within a multi-unit building, Fairfax County Tax Map Reference Number: 0171-13-0108. 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](http://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 items are invited to attend the public hearing and to state their opinions. Individuals may submit comments to [town.clerk@herndon-va.gov](mailto:town.clerk@herndon-va.gov).

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Viki L. Wellershaus, Town Clerk

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### PUBLIC NOTICE WASHINGTON DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WESTERN SOLAR DEVELOPMENT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

#### Notice of Impacts to Wetlands in Accordance with Section 2(b) of E.O. 11990, Protection of Wetlands and DOT Order 5660.1A, Preservation of the Nation's Wetlands

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (Airports Authority) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the Western Solar Development project at Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD or the Airport), for a sublease of approximately 800 acres to Dominion Energy to construct a utility-scale solar photovoltaic (PV) system facility and a small-scale parking lot PV system (Proposed Action).

The Airports Authority's purpose and need for the Proposed Action being evaluated in this Draft EA is to monetize the value of land available within the Airport boundary and achieve elements of the Airports Authority sustainability goals to improve air quality, reduce emissions of global greenhouse gases, and provide on-site renewable energy. Dominion Energy's purpose and need for the Proposed Action is to obtain land near high energy demand areas in northern Virginia to construct and operate a utility-scale renewable energy facility to make progress toward meeting the mandates of the 2020 Virginia Clean Economy Act.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is the lead federal agency to ensure compliance with the *National Environmental Policy Act of 1969* (NEPA) for airport development actions. The Draft EA has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of Section 102(2)(c) NEPA, and Section 509(b)(5) of the *Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982*, as amended, as well as the requirements and guidelines of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 1050.1F, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*, FAA Order 5050.4B, *National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Instructions for Airport Actions*, and the FAA Order 1050.1F *Desk Reference*.

This Notice also serves to notify the public that this EA process will satisfy the public notice and comment requirements of Executive Order 11990, *Protection of Wetlands* and DOT Order 5660.1A, *Preservation of the Nation's Wetlands*. The Proposed Action includes the placement of fill in 0.66 acres of wetlands and permanent impacts to 135 linear feet of stream channel. It is anticipated that the project will qualify for a State Programmatic General Permit and Virginia Water Protection Permit based on further consultation with the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality which will include compensatory mitigation for project impacts.

This public review and comment period is also being conducted pursuant to the 1987 Programmatic Memorandum of Agreement among the FAA, the Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer (VASHPO) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (as regards Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act of 1966* - 36 CFR 800). The Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) as the VASHPO has determined that the proposed project would not have an adverse effect on historic resources.

Beginning **November 5th, 2021**, the Draft EA will be available for public review under the Environmental Information section of the Airports Authority website: <https://www.mwaa.com/about/environmental-information>. A physical copy of the Draft EA is available at the Brambleton Branch of the Loudoun County Library: Loudoun County Library, Brambleton Branch • 22850 Brambleton Plaza • Brambleton, Virginia 20148

As well as the Chantilly Regional Library branch of the Fairfax County Library: Fairfax County Library - Chantilly Regional Library • 4000 Stringfellow Road • Chantilly, Virginia 20151

Written comments on the information disclosed in the Draft EA may be submitted by email (preferred) or mailed to: Thomas Wasaff, Planning Department • Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority 45045 Aviation Drive, 3rd Floor • Dulles, VA 20166 • [environmental.comments@mwaa.com](mailto:environmental.comments@mwaa.com)

All comments must be received no later than **5:00 PM, December 10th, 2021**. Please ensure adequate time for mailing. Comments can only be accepted with the full name and address of the individual commenting. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment - including your personal identifying information - may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, it cannot be guaranteed that it will be withheld. Comments received on the Draft EA and responses to those comments will be disclosed in the Final EA.

The Airports Authority will host a virtual public workshop from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm Eastern Time on **December 2nd, 2021** to provide information on the Draft EA, and to solicit comments from the public. An opportunity to submit written comments will be provided during and after the public workshop. The virtual workshop can be attended by clicking the highlighted link provided on the Airports Authority's website:

<https://www.mwaa.com/notice-availability-1>

Members of the public unable to attend the virtual public workshop or who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Thomas Wasaff with the Airports Authority to receive a copy of presentation materials. Public workshop materials will be made available under the Environmental Information section of the Airports Authority website.

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**[(Full name(s) of owner(s))]:** Lezzet Vienna LLC

**Trading as:**  
Lezzet Restaurant  
262 Cedar Ln Ste F & G  
Vienna, Fairfax, VA 22180-6668

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

Serkan Gozubuyuk

**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](http://www.abc.virginia.gov) or 800-552-3200.**

3008895 (10-29-21, 11-05-21)

**[(Full name(s) of owner(s))]:** ALX Beverages, LLC

**Trading as:**  
ALX Beverages  
257 Sunset Park Drive  
Fairfax, Herndon, VA 20170-5220

**The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Farm Winery license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.**

Andrew Kelley, Manager

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**TOWN OF Herndon VIRGINIA**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Architectural Review Board of the Town of Herndon, Virginia, will hold a work session on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. in the Herndon Police Department Community Room located at 397 Herndon Parkway, Herndon and a public hearing on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. in the Herndon Council Chambers Building located at 765 Lynn Street, Herndon on the following item:

**APPLICATION FOR SIGNAGE, ARB #21-021**, to consider an application for two exterior wall signs located at 466 Herndon Parkway, Herndon, Virginia, approximately 900 feet south-east of the intersection of Herndon Parkway and Spring Street, further identified as Fairfax County Tax Map 0164-02-0015A. The property is zoned as O & LI, Office and Light Industrial District, and consists of 131,586 square feet of land. Owner: Fitzroy Williams, SSC Property Holdings INC. Applicant/Agent: Gary Brent, MG Permits.

The proposed item is available for review by the public on the town's website [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov) beginning October 29, 2021 after 3:00 p.m.

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**TOWN OF Herndon VIRGINIA**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the **Historic District Review Board** of the Town of Herndon, Virginia, will hold a work session on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Police Department Community Room located at 397 Herndon Parkway, Herndon and a public hearing on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Council Chambers Building located at 765 Lynn Street, Herndon on the following item:

**APPLICATION FOR BUILDING ADDITION, HDRB #21-013**, to consider an application for a one-story with basement, 2,410 square foot, rear addition to a single family detached residence located at 809 Monroe Street, Herndon, Virginia, approximately 200 feet north of the intersection of Monroe Street and Madison Street, and further identified as Fairfax County Tax Map 0104-02-0035. The property is zoned as R-10, Single Family Detach Residential, and consists of 19,533 square feet of land. Applicant/Owner: Shane Todd-Williams.

The proposed item is available for review by the public on the town's website [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov) beginning October 29, 2021 after 3:00 p.m.

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Notice is hereby given that VIP RIDE LLC, 3126 Alan Shepard Street, Herndon, VA 20171, has filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing passenger transportation as a common carrier over irregular routes, providing service in the Cities of Richmond, Virginia and the Counties of Chesterfield, Hanover, Goochland, and Henrico, Virginia and Statewide throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia for passenger transportation as a Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Carrier, as defined in the Code of Virginia Section 46.2-2000.

Any person who desires to protest the application and be a party to the matter must submit a signed and dated written request setting forth (1) a precise statement of the party's interest and how the party could be aggrieved if the application was granted; (2) a full and clear statement of the facts that the person is prepared to provide by competent evidence; (3) a statement of the specific relief sought; (4) the name of the applicant and case number assigned to the application; and (5) a certification that a copy of the protest was sent to the applicant. The case number assigned to this application is MC2100456ST.

Written protests must be mailed to DMV Motor Carrier Services, Attn: Operating Authority, P.O. Box 27412, Richmond, VA 23269-0001 and must be postmarked on or before (FUTURE DATE).

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