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FCPD investigates "Shopping Cart Killer"

Man arrested in Harrisonburg linked to two killings in Fairfax County

By Heather Zwicker FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

he Fairfax County Police Department is investigating an alleged serial killer.

FCPD Chief Kevin Davis is calling the suspect the "Shopping Cart Killer" because he connects with his victims on dating sites and then meets them at motels. The chief said the suspect does unspeakable things with his victims and transports their bodies to their final resting place in a shopping

"The good thing he's in custody," said Davis. "The identifying other victims."

After the Harrisonburg Police arrested Anthony Robinson, 35, of Washington, D.C. first-degree murder in ad-



or altering a dead body afies of two victims were dead in an undeveloped lot found in Harrisonburg, that same night. Charges County.

Detectives from FCPD November 23 and charged Major Crimes Bureau were Inn Hotel in the 6100 block him with two counts of contacted December 7 to assist the Metropolitan Police dition to two felony counts Department with the case of cords show that the suspect tively believe the remains

challenge that remains is of concealing, transporting missing person Cheyenne Brown, 29, of Washington, ter two victims were found D.C. Brown, took the Metro to the Huntington Station September 30 and had not are forthcoming in Fairfax been heard from since. Cell phone records show she was in the vicinity of The Moon of Richmond Highway in Alexandria. Additional re-



the vicinity of that hotel on are that of Ms. Brown," the same day.

Harrisonburg victims had been transported in a shopping cart, detectives noticed during their investigation a shopping cart near the edge of the woods in the 2400 block of Fairhaven Avenue just off Route 1 December 15. Upon further investigation, detectives found a plastic container containing human remains.

"Detectives

and the victim were both in discovered in the container said Maj. Ed O'Carroll, Remembering that the chief of the Fairfax County Major Crimes, Cyber and Forensics Bureau. "The tentative identification is based upon a very distinct tattoo that Ms. Brown had on her body." Further DNA analysis is required to positively and scientifically confirm her identity he said.

> According to O'Carroll, Brown's remains were not alone in the container. The

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City of Fairfax Police investigation finds no evidence of hate crime

Student's lawyer disputes police statement



Students protest in front of Fairfax High School December 16.

By Laura Scudder FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

he City of Fairfax Police said in a news I release posted to Twitter December 18 there was no evidence of a hate crime in the altercation that occurred December 14 at Fairfax High School.

According to the release no racist language was used by either student and the female student said that her hijab had come partially undone during the altercation exposing her hair. She also said that allegations of racial slurs circulating on social media are false.

The school administration is addressing concerns regarding other student behaviors, according to City of Fairfax Police Sgt. Brock

Rutter. These concerns are separate from the physical altercation. Rutter said, "It's important to note that both students and their parents have indicated their desire to work with school administration on resolutions.'

The incident started out as a hate crime, according to Abed Ayoub, legal director of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee. He said witnesses heard people make Islamophobic and racist comments.

Ayoub told a WTOP reporter that his client spent the evening in an area emergency room and that medical reports documenting contusions and bruises were given to the police. City of Fairfax Police continue to investigate the altercation, they said in their statement.

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Reston local spends

his time outside of school volunteering

Aaron Letteri's latest project involved collecting coats to donate to those enduring homelessness

aron Letteri has been volunteering since he was Aabout 7 or 8 years old. Now, as a senior in high school at the Lab School of Washington, which he attends to help with his dyslexia, the Reston local notes that he can see himself volunteering well into the future.

"I just want to meet new people through volunteering and also you get to help your community at the same time, which feels good," he said. Letteri's mother, Raba, also noted that he has been do-

ing this sort of work since he was younger, even offering up his own piggy bank to help other people.

"He told me he felt good when he helped others," she said. Raba explained that he also used to collect bicycles for children who could not afford them and were in need, as well as help out with and participate in various triathlons.

Most recently, Letteri has been volunteering to collect coats for Cornerstones to help the homeless. Over the past four years, Letteri has collected more than a hundred coats

"My mom helps me with this too. She posts a thing on Facebook, like a flier, [and] on Nextdoor ... asking to donate coats, and people around our neighborhood and my

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COURTESY PHOTO Jonah Smith

Man arrested after entering home, threatening victim

City of Fairfax Police responded to the 10600 block of Railroad Court for a burglary at 8:22 a.m. December 12.

with a knife

Jonah Smith, 47, of no fixed address, entered the victim's home through an unsecured door without force and refused to leave. During the interaction, Smith displayed a knife and lunged towards one of the residents. The victim, who was armed with a firearm, discharged one round into the floor of the living room. The suspect was then held at gunpoint until police arrived on scene. The subject was arrested without incident and no injuries were sustained by either party.

Smith was charged with Burglary with a Weapon and Attempted Malicious Wounding. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and held on no bond.

Alexandria Police charge man in crash

The Alexandria Police Department's Crash Reconstruction Team is investigating a motor vehicle crash which occurred in the 500 block of Four Mile Road, December 11, at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Preliminary investigation found that the suspect, Mr. Luis Antonio Ortiz, a 40-year-old Alexandria resident, crashed into a pedestrian and numerous parked vehicles. The victim, a 29-yearold female, was transported to George Washington University Hospital with serious but not life-threatening injuries.

The suspect was arrested at the scene for DUI Maiming and DUI Second Offense. The investigation remains ongoing. Any witnesses or individuals with information about this incident are asked to contact Officer J. Burney at 703-859-0806 or call APD's non-emer-

gency number at 703-746-4444 The Alexandria Police Department is committed to spreading the word about the dangers of drunk driving and to remind all drivers: If you plan to drink alcohol, plan for a sober ride home. Historically, the December holiday season experiences more drunk-driving-related fatalities than any

other holiday period through- determined that the fire was out the year.



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Kione Alexandra Bean

Maryland man arrested inside stolen vehicle

An officer saw a 2017 Cadillac Escalade at Beauregard St and Lachine Lane at 8:57 p.m. December

The vehicle had been reported stolen from a nearby jurisdiction. The vehicle was parked with a single occupant inside. The officer took the occupant of the vehicle, Kione Alexandra Bean, 23, of Maryland, into custody. The man was charged with grand larceny and possession with intent to distribute marijuana.



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Hybla Valley apartment fire caused by improperly discarded smoking materials

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and the City of Alexandria Fire Department were dispatched for a reported apartment fire in the 2600 block of Arlington Drive in the Hybla Valley area of Fairfax County at approximately 7:58 a.m. December

Units arrived on the scene of a three-story, garden apartment with fire showing from the third floor. A second alarm was requested. Crews were trian fatality in the county to able to bring the fire under control quickly.

One occupant was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. No firefighter injuries were reported.

One occupant was home at the time of the fire. Approximately 25 residents of other apartments were in the building at the time. The fire was discovered by a resident of a neighboring building who reported fire evident from the third-floor balcony. Simultaneously, a fire alarm pull station was activated in the fire building. It is undetermined if the smoke alarms in the apartments were working.

Fire

accidental in nature and started on the balcony of the apartment. The cause of the fire is improperly discarded smoking

Approximately 17 residents have been displaced because of the fire. All the displaced are being assisted by the Red Cross and the Fairfax County Department of Emergency Management and Security. Damages as a result of the fire were approximately \$166,000.

Falls Church woman dies after pedestrian accident

A Falls Church woman has succumbed to injuries she suffered in an accident which occurred at 11 a.m. December

Nguyet Ly, 68, of Falls Church, was walking east in the westbound travel lane near the shoulder of Leesburg Pike and Magnolia Drive in the Fairfax County section of Falls Church.

Detectives from the Fairfax County Police Department Crash Reconstruction Unit continue to investigate the crash. Preliminarily, detectives determined there is no sidewalk on that portion of the roadway where Ly was walking. The driver of the 2018 Subaru Impreza was making a right turn out of a business in the 5900 block of Leesburg Pike and struck Ly in the roadway. Ly was taken to a hospital where she died later that evening. Speed and alcohol do not appear to be factors in the crash. The investigation remains active, and details of the investigation will be presented to the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney for

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

This is the 13th pedesdate in 2021. Year to date, in 2020 there were 14 pedestrian fatalities.

Juvenile arrested for sex offense in school

A 13-year-old boy has been charged with abduction and attempted sexual battery for an incident that occurred at Carl Sandburg Middle School in Alexandria. A school resource officer was notified by a school official on October 6 of an attempted assault that occurred in a courtyard inside the school earlier that day.

The officer worked alongside detectives from the investigators Fairfax County Police Major Crimes Bureau and determined a juvenile student told the victim to get him a milk from the cafeteria. When the victim, another student, did not retrieve a milk, the juvenile offender told the victim to get on their knees. When the victim refused, the victim was forced down. The offender then began to pull his pants nile arrived at Inova Hospital down when a school official intervened to stop the act prior to it progressing.

After a thorough investigation involving numerous interviews, combing through digital data and the execution of a search warrant, detectives obtained petitions for abduction and attempted sexual battery. The teen was served with the petitions December 15.

Victim specialists from the Major Crimes Bureau's Victim Services Division have been assigned to ensure that the victim's family is receivassistance.

Any student or juvenile who is a victim of a crime can call the non-emergency number, 703-691-2131, or 911 to report crimes. Most middle and high schools throughout the county have school resource officers to assist with any needs. If a juvenile is not capable or comfortable filing a report, they can report any incident to a trusted adult. Fairfax County Public Schools has a website to assist with filing sexual harassment complaints online; found at https:// www.fcps.edu/title-ix.



Cesar Augusto Lopez

Manassas man arrested in Clifton

A motors officer attempted a traffic stop at 8:02 p.m. December 16 in the 5600 block of Willow Lake Court

The driver, Cesar Augusto Lopez, 21, of Manassas, fled, endangering the lives of several officers in the process. The driver eventually crashed the vehicle in a nearby ditch and was taken into custody. The officers were not injured in the incident. The driver was also not injured, nor was a child who was in the fleeing

Lopez was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with five counts of attempted malicious wounding of a law enforcement officer, two counts of failure to obey commands to stop, child endangerment, driving on a suspended license, altered license plates, and reckless driving.

Alexandria Police investigate shooting

The Alexandria Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division is investigating a call for service made approximately at 11:58 p.m. December 11, in which a juvewith a gunshot wound to the upper leg.

While at the hospital the 16-year-old juvenile succumbed to his injury.

Preliminary investigation suggests that there is no threat to public safety and that this was an isolated incident. We refrain from publicly disclosing personal information when juveniles are involved.

The investigation remains ongoing. Any witnesses or individuals with information about this incident are asked to ing appropriate resources and contact Detective Ryan Clinch by phone at 703-597-6355, email at ryan.clinch@alexandriava.gov or call APD's non-emergency number at 703-746-4444.

Ashburn man arrested in Fairfax

City of Fairfax Police officers responded to the Home Depot at 3201 Old Lee Highway for a report of larceny that just occurred December 11 at approximately 12:22 p.m.

An employee reported that a subject had a cart full of items and walked past the point of sale without any payment of the items. Officers located a subject nearby that matched the description of the person who left the business without payment.

Darwin Carlos Caporale, 39, of Ashburn, admitted to officers that he did not pay for the items. Caporale was issued a summons for petit larceny, issued a trespass notice from the business and released.

NOVA-DC task force arrests Herndon man

Herndon man is being held without bond after being arrested December 17 by the Virginia State Police, as part of the NOVA-DC Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task

Dustin Amos, 33, was charged with 2 felony counts of using a communications system to solicit a minor.

The investigation was initiated December 17 when the NOVA-DC ICAC Task Force was contacted by the Minnesota Human Trafficking Investigator's Task Force coordinated by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. A detective assigned to the task force and working in an undercover capacity came in contact with Amos online. Further investigation by Virginia State Police led to Amos being located and

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later taken into custody without incident.

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office is assisting the NOVA-DC ICAC Task Force investigation, due to the fact that Amos identified himself in his online communications as a sheriff's office employee.

For important information and helpful tips on how to keep your child safe from online predators, please go to the NOVA-DC ICAC Task Force website at https://www.novadcicac.org.

FCPS SRO charged with assaulting a student

A 26-year-old man has been arrested following an assault that occurred around 12:30 p.m. December 13 inside Stone Middle School in Centreville.

The school resource officer responded to a classroom at 5500 Sully Park Drive where he was notified of an assault between a student and a security officer. The officer determined that a verbal altercation took place between the victim and Fairfax County Public School Security Officer Lamar Hardy. of Centreville. The altercation escalated and Hardy assaulted the victim which led to them both falling to the ground. While on the ground, Hardy restrained the victim and brought him out into the hallway where he released him. Hardy and the victim both went back into the classroom until the end of the period when another school employee reported the incident. No injuries were reported to the

The officer conducted several interviews and coordinated with the school administration. This afternoon, the officer obtained a summons releasable warrant for misdemeanor assault. Hardy was later arrested and served with his copy.

Free holiday Lyft rides offered to Prevent **Drunk Driving**

A local nonprofit organization announced that free safe rides will be offered to would-be drunk drivers throughout the Washington -metropolitan area during the winter holidays through January 1.

Offered by the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), the 2021 Holiday SoberRide® program will be in operation nightly, beginning at 10 p.m. until 4 a.m., as a way to keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally highrisk holiday.

Each evening, during this six-hour period, area residents ages 21 and older celebrating with alcohol may download Lyft to their phones, then enter a SoberRide® code in the app's 'Promo' section to receive their no-cost (up to \$15) safe transportation home. A separate Holiday SoberRide® promo code will be posted at 9 p.m. on December 24 and 31 on www. SoberRide.com.

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remains of another unknown individual were also discovered. Both were in an advanced state of decomposition. Davis said they have leads they are following which they hope will help identify the second set of remains.

When the remains were found, flyers for missing California woman Stephanie Harrison were also discovered along Route 1, according to FCPD officials. Detectives then reached out to police in Redding, Calif. Based on the flyer and recent registration records, FCPD detectives believe the woman stayed at the same hotel. They continue to explore the possibility that she may be the fourth victim.

The Harrisonburg victims were Allene Elizabeth "Beth" Redmon,

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Fairfax High School students gathered outside school grounds December 16 to protest an alleged racist incident that happened between two students two days earlier, where one student allegedly pushed and took off a female Muslim student's hijab while uttering slurs.

"Approx. 350 students are exercising their right to protest following an incident between two students on Tues. The school is conducting an investigation into the incident and no further details can be shared at this stage as administrators work to establish the facts" Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) said in a tweet.

FCPS also noted that, "FCPS and City of Fairfax Schools support the rights 54, of Harrisonburg and Tonita Lorice Smith, 39 of Charlottesville. Before the discovery, both Harrisonburg and Charlottesville Police departments were conducting separate missing person investigations. Although the two victims were found within a short distance of each other, their deaths took place at different times, according to the Harrisonburg Police Department. Of the four women killed, two victims have been identified, one tentatively identified and one unknown, according to the chief. The victims range in age from 29 to 54.

"There may be other victims in this case," said O'Carroll. He asked for the public to either call the Fairfax County Major Crimes Bureau at 703-246-7800, option 2, or the Crime Tip Line at 1-866-411-TIPS. "Justice will prevail and the offender will be held accountable,"

of students to peacefully protest."

Thursday's walkout comes with an online petition on change.org, which had reached more than 27,000 signatures as of December 20. The petition alleged that the male student used racial slurs against the other student, knocked her out and took off her hijab, leaving her exposed without her head covering.

Ekran Mohamed told NBC Washington that she initially lightly shoved the other student after he was saying offensive things. After that, he pushed her into a desk. Both students received the same punishment, with students saying they were made to serve in-school suspension

"[He] threw me across the room. I hit my left side on the desk, and my chest hit the chair," initially said.

Online videos show

O'Carroll said they were not ruling out if Robinson had an accomplice, "for what he did and how he or they did it."

The FCPD chief noted that Robinson was transient, with address history as far north as New York, and had a varied job history over the years. Davis said they are painstakingly going through Robinson's history. Detectives continue to follow additional leads and would like to speak with anyone who may have information about Robinson, this case, or may have had previous interactions with him.

Robinson has an attorney, but they have not issued a statement, according the Chief Kelley Warner, of the Harrisonburg Police Department.

These are being investigated as the 20th and 21st homicides year to date in Fairfax County. In 2020, there were 15 homicides year to date.

students in the hallways of Fairfax High School, as well as outdoors, chanting and standing together in protest.

Shortly after the incident, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) National, the country's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, called for the alleged incident to be investigated as a hate crime.

"It is the responsibility of administrators and educators to ensure the safety of all students, and by allowing the suspected assailant to return to school - where he reportedly threatened more students - they have failed in that duty. This incident must be investigated as a possible hate crime by law enforcement, and the alleged assailant must be suspended while the investigation takes place," CAIR National Communications Director Ibrahim Hooper said in a press release.



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school donate jackets, and we produce that much," he explained.

A lot of the work that Letteri participates in occurs through the CORE Foundation, which "helps social entrepreneurs identify support for their plans, contributes resources to get them started, helps them market their initiatives, and provides an infrastructure that improves their chance of success," according to its website.

"I would say the best thing I've been doing since I was 7 is helping the CORE Foundation with volunteering ... that's been my favorite spot to volunteer because it helps other people and it helps my community," he

He has done various work through the CORE Foundation — like participating in the Reston Superhero Splash and Dash, a triathlon event. Letteri's mother said that his involvement in triathlons when he was younger led him to volunteering at such events.

"He saw how much it's fun to swim, bike and run," she said, noting that he wanted to see that same joy he got from it in others.

For the most part, Letteri has not run into challenges while volunteering. He mainly volunteers during the summer or on weekends so that it does not affect his schoolwork.

When not busy with school or helping others, Letteri has a passion for music

particularly playing the guitar. He worked at Reston Music over the summer.

"They taught me how to basically clean the shop and ... [I] was helping out in a local music store and also working with the CORE Foundation during the summer," he said.

For Letteri, who wants to major in audio engineering when he eventually heads to college, working at Reston Music helped him a lot.

"The owner helped me learn all the different types of instruments - like the saxophones and the trombones and the violin - and the different types they rent to people and they were just teaching me about the instruments and all the parts of it, basically, just to increase my knowledge," he explained.

Many transportation plans lack funding, County staff says

By Michael Marrow FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

county staff on the status of transportation projects, the transportation committee of the Board of Supervisors held a meeting on December 14, where officials discussed transportation priorities and funding for current

and future projects. The meeting began with a presentation on pedestrian and bicycle improvements from representatives of the Fairfax County Department Transportation. According to Chris Wells, program manager for the county's Active Transportation Program that seeks to reduce reliance on motor vehicles, pedestrian and bicycle activity increased substantially during inadequacies in the current

infrastructure. A leading problem, Wells said at the meeting, is that new pedestrian and bicycle projects lack the req-2019, the board approved a \$3 billion Transportation Priorities Plan, which provided funding for projects through FY 2025. Several projects approved in the TPP were then deferred

The board also previ-\$100 million in new funding for pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, adding an addendum to the TPP that will run through FY 2027.

"The board recognizes that additional investment counties of Arlington and is needed in our bike and Henrico. "We have to folpedestrian infrastructure," FCDOT Director Tom what they're willing to ac-Biesiadny said, calling the cept, so we can't just build additional \$100 million investment a "good start." He said that the earliest in VDOT right-of-way must more to do."

time the TPP would be up- receive VDOT approval and dated would likely be fall of abide by regulations.

public feedback, FCDOT is ing in Tysons, which would increase parking turnover in high-traffic areas.

The county will also be launching a pilot program that offers free and reduced fees for low-income transit riders. The program, funded by a state grant, will run for three years and is expected to be in full swing by summer 2022, according to a presentation from FCDOT Deputy Director Gregg Steverson. Once the grant expires, county leaders will decide whether they want to continue funding the program.

Funding for transportaa variety of sources. County revenues raised through measures like bonds and taxes make up the largest share of funds, followed closely by regional grants. uisite funding to proceed. In Federal and state grants as well as private funds also contribute.

ing, Wells noted other considerations besides funding influence project planning as well. He stated that past 2025 to find additional VDOT right-of-way is a factor in most county transportation projects, estimatously set a goal to identify ing that "upwards of 90 percent" are impacted.

> Roads in Commonwealth are typically owned by VDOT, with the exception of roads in cities as well as the low their rules in terms of adding that county projects

The county actively FCDOT is currently identifies potential trans-Following a previous pursuing other initiatives portation projects through as well. Following a conmethods like commissioned to receive an update from sultant study and extensive surveys. County residents can also request projects, crafting an implementation such as sidewalk improvestrategy for managed park- ments or bicycle lanes, directly with FCDOT.

> However, those projects can end up on a list of unfunded requests alongside others made by county officials and residents, which according to Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross, runs nearly 1,000 items

"I can't tell my constituents with a straight face we'll put it on a list," Gross said at the meeting. She then asked whether the list of unfunded requests is capped, considering the current list risks providing "false hope."

Biesiadny replied that the pandemic, highlighting tion projects can come from no projects on the running list are officially approved. The list allows FCDOT to get a full survey of needed projects in the county, Biesiadny added, which officials can then prioritize to address.

When asked what level of funding might be In the committee meet- needed to see most projects through, Biesiadny said that FCDOT has not tried to estimate the total cost of every requested project, though he emphasized strides have been made in recent years.

> "The pandemic has sharpened everyone's focus" on bicycle and pedestrian projects, he said, adding that "the board is stepping up." He referenced that the county has previously allocated \$536 million to stand-alone bike and pedestrian projects, which he called a "significant investment."

"We've made a lot of anything," Biesiadny said, progress," Biesiadny said. "But there's still much

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Fairfax apartment complex valet trash service not picking up trash



By Brad Byrne SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Misti McCloud, who lives at Eaves Fair Lakes apartment complex in Fairfax, said the trash at her apartment is not getting picked up. It is a part of a series of apartments by Avalon, including other communities in Fairfax, Reston, and the Mosaic District.

"Bags of trash are left strewn in the roads of the neighborhood, attracting rodents and vermin, but the property management team refuses to fix the situation," she explained.

McCloud and other residents of the Avalon community are required by the property to pay \$25 per month for valet trash pickup. Each unit pays \$300 a year for a service that they are not able to opt-out of, and that service is not being delivered, she

According to the Eaves Fair Lakes website, valet trash service is supposed to be delivered five days per Hampshire apartment comweek. However, there are no specific utility responsibility prices listed for those wanting to move into the apartment complex, and instead listing "Resident".

According to Apartments. com, valet trash removal involves a valet waste company

contracted by the property management company. It is supposed to be a convenience to be able to leave your trash outside of your apartment and have someone else take vour trash for you. Valet trash would also be a safer option to avoid emptying trash at night. The main difference between regular residential trash removal and valet trash removal is that valet trash is picked up right outside the apartment door, instead of a residential trash can at the curb.

More than 90 percent of residents and businesses in Fairfax County have a private collection company pick up trash and recycling.

Problems with valet trash have been happening across the United States and locally as well. In Birmingham, Ala., instances of valet trash not being picked up have been common, with it being attributed to the labor shortage of truck drivers because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In nearby Adelphi, Md., The Gallery on New plex is also having issues with trash piling up in place due to the valet trash service failing to pick up five nights a week.

AvalonBay Communities did not respond to questions and did not give information on who is contracted for valet

Board of Supervisors expands real estate tax relief program for seniors and people with disabilities

By Michael Marrow

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Board he I Supervisors expanded real estate tax relief for seniors and people with disabilities for the first time in 15 years December 7, adding a new income bracket and raising the income and net worth threshold for eligibility.

The county's tax relief program allows all county residents at least 65 years old, as well as those who are permanently or totally disabled, to receive tax relief for real estate, rent and vehicles. The expansion applies only to real estate relief.

Fairfax County additionally offers tax relief for disabled veterans and their spouses, surviving spouses of a member of the armed forces killed in action, or surviving spouses of a first responder who died in the line of duty.

Previously, the real estate tax relief program consisted of three brackets of 100 percent, 50 percent and 25 percent tax relief for gross incomes of \$52,000 and \$62,001-\$72,000, respectively. Eligible applicants were required to have combined net assets under \$340,000, which excludes the value of the home, furnishings and up to one acre of land.

The expansion modifies the brackets by creating a new one and raising the income threshold. There will now be four brackets, which new participants.

75 percent, 50 percent and 25 percent relief for incomes of \$60,000 or below, \$60,001-\$70,000, \$70,001-\$80,000 and \$80,001-\$90,000, respectively.

It also raises the maximum eligible net worth and amount of land that can be excluded. Those with a combined net worth less than \$400,000 are now eligible, and up to five acres of land that cannot be subdivided from the net worth calculation of homes can be excluded.

Participants will additionally be able to defer tax payments under the expansion. Households must have a combined income of \$100,000 or less and a combined net worth of \$500,000 or less to be eligible for deferment. According to the policy, deferred taxes would be subject to interest at the Wall Street Journal prime rate plus 1 percent per year for a maximum annual interest rate of 8 percent.

The current program relieves approximately \$28.7 million annually, according to Fairfax County Tax Administration Director Jay or less, \$52,001-\$62,000 Doshi. The expansion is expected to grow that amount by \$12.7 million, with a possible additional \$2.2 million once tax deferrals begin.

Doshi added that about 7,000 people participate in the real estate tax relief program, 800 of which are people with disabilities. The recent changes are expected to add about 2,500



"As real estate assessments and the cost of living rise, there are real impacts on those with low or fixed incomes, especially our seniors," Board Chairman Jeff McKay wrote when asked what prompted the expansion.

"Despite a robust residential real estate market, I continue to be concerned about our heavy reliance on property taxes to balance the budget," McKay added. "We will continue our work to advocate to the General Assembly for increased taxing authority to diversify our income sources."

McKay stated that the Board may review eligibility requirements for renters and vehicles "in the coming years." He explained that the income and net worth threshold is different for renters than homeowners because renters do not pay real estate taxes. He then noted the county offers other programs for rental assistance, including through the Housing Voucher Program and county-owned affordable

nior renters in the office.

Commonwealth is projected to rise by 75 percent between 2020-2040, according to the Urban Institute, a Washington, DC-based think tank that studies economic and social policy. The increased demand for affordable housing for seniors is projected to outstrip supply, the Urban Institute says, raising the need for more extensive social assistance.

McKay wrote that the Board set a goal of building 5,000 new affordable homes by 2034, which includes housing for seniors. As of May 2021, more than 1,800 new units were already constructed.

The expanded real estate tax relief will be phased in over the next two years. The increased net worth and income caps will go into effect in January, and the new 75 percent tax relief bracket and tax deferral option will be implemented in January

Applications for the tax relief program are available at https://bit.ly/32donnU and can be emailed, mailed, The number of se- or faxed to the county's tax

Make some easy holiday cookies



hese cookies are my new holiday favorites because they are easy to make and contain no gluten, dairy, or refined sugar. The key is to find an all-I fruit spread or make one yourself by cooking down some fresh berries with monk fruit or stevia.

THUMBPRINT JAM COOKIES

INGREDIENTS:

2 cups almond meal

1 tbsp vanilla extract

1/4 tsp baking soda 1/4 tsp sea salt

1 tbsp coconut or almond milk

1/4 cup melted coconut oil

2 tbsp of your favorite jam 2 tbsp almond meal for dusting

1/4 cup raw honey **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Preheat the oven to 350° F. Line a rimmed cookie sheet with parchment paper. 2. Combine the first three dry ingredients into a mixing bowl. Mix well with a wooden

3. Add in the coconut oil, honey, vanilla, and coconut milk. Mix all of the ingredients together until they form into dough. Roll dough into a large ball, then, separate into

4. Roll each section into a small ball and dip half of each ball into the almond meal. Place the balls on the parchment-lined cookie sheet dipped in almond meal facing up. Press your thumb into the center of each ball, leaving a small indentation in the center of the cookie.

5. Fill the indentation with a small ½ tsp of jam. Bake for 8-10 minutes. The cookies will be soft, so be careful when you transfer them onto a cooling rack to allow them to cool. Store in an airtight container or for longer storage, keep in the fridge.



Five things you should know about dental exams



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

aving your teeth

Checked and prop-

erly cleaned regularly is

one of the most important

things you can do to support

your overall dental health.

Professional cleaning is in-

cluded in a normal dental

checkup, which should be

performed twice a year.

the best way to prevent dental problems and maintain your oral health.

Why are dental exams so important?

Routine dental exams involve more than just scraping plaque and polishing your teeth. Having your teeth professionally cleaned is a fantastic opportunity to not only check in with the dentist and have an examination performed but also to learn about your oral health and how you can maintain your smile with your home care regimen.

Regular dental exams as Five things you didn't know were included in a dental

exam

Screening for cavities During a dental exam, the detection and treatment of cavities are a major priority. During your cleaning and inspection, the dentist is able to detect if and how deep a cavity has developed or identify signs of other conditions such as gum disease.

Screening for oral cancer

Because of the recent increase in the incidence of oral

cancer, dentists have begun your dental health. to include oral cancer screenings in standard dental exams. This helps identify any issues as early as possible, increasing the likelihood of effective treatment.

Dental x-rays

Dental X-rays are an important diagnostic tool used by dentists to discover cavities, evaluate the bone structure beneath the gums, and

Monitoring existing dental restorations

If you have fillings, veneers, crowns, or any existing dental work or restorations, the dentist will inspect them during your dental exam to verify they are in good order. These types of repairs do not last indefinitely, and scheduling regular exams allows you to stay ahead of dental failure inspect the jaw joints. The and schedule repairs on your dentist will take X-rays when own time rather than having a needed to thoroughly assess dental emergency.

Schedule any necessary work

If Dr. Kumar discovers any cavities or other dental work that has to be done during your cleaning or dental exam, he will design a treatment plan and inform you of the steps that are required to restore your dental health.

For the best dental care in Reston, contact Natural Smiles Dental Center. To book an appointment, call (703) 595-4405 or visit our office at 1800 Michael Faraday Dr STE 205, Reston.

Government should act on climate change

Dear Editor,

There is an old saying that government regulations are written in blood. Like in the FDA, OSHA, or any other agency, the policies reflect that people have to die much of the time for the government to act. A lot of this is due to the sheer number of things the officials need to manage-data to process, studies to complete, people to try and listen to, political deadlock to struggle withand everything is suspended in the bureaucracy; it makes sense that drastic events are what create the change. Other times, the regulations these issues require will threaten the people in power, giving the government incentive to ignore what needs to be done. It's

horrible, but it happens. It's what is happening with our current climate regulations. This opinion piece is a warning of the blood being spilled in the climate crisis that is being ignored by the people in power, a plea for citizens to petition our negligent government to act before more are killed, a cry for help for the sake of humanity.

If this sounds dramatic, I assure you that it is only because America is not the first to see the effects of global climate change. But we are next on the list to face extinctions, starvation, sickness, hurricanes, and drought—an inexhaustive list. Thousands in Asia have already been dying directly from these effects in floods, heat waves, and storms

according to the World Meteorological Organization. The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs listed Bangladesh as especially vulnerable to sea level rise that threatens their populations. Eun-Soom Im with the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology has predicted temperatures hot enough in South Asia that they are not survivable for more than a couple hours. After seeing what has devastated vulnerable countries, I feel that my 'dramatic' words are more than justified in getting this point across, especially because these are not only my words. Experts across the world have published work after work on countless climate issues while the people facing them cry out

for help. They all cry the same: if our downward spiral continues and we do nothing to live alongside the natural world rather than exploiting it, the massive amounts of unnecessary deaths will continue to grow until no one can escape the consequences. Not even America.

Unfortunately, the cries of scientists and sufferers have fallen on ears deafened by luxury. We have let the exploitation continue for so long only because we did not want to sacrifice the benefits. These benefits have long run thin, climbing the chain of power and money, leaving more people behind in the dust. All while the problems have been creeping up on us for quite some time-they are no longer hiding halfway across the world. According

to the United States NOAA, there are droughts in the southwest, American stronger hurricanes along the east coast, crops that struggle to grow, and extinctions threatening the plants and animals we depend on. Behind most of this is the carbon we pump into our atmosphere, the way we farm, and the scarce patchwork of habitable nature we have left alone after we carve out cities and towns and road networks. But it is not hopeless; we have the technology and resources to put a stop to this. All these behaviors are necessary and feasible to change right now, but it requires the effort of united people rather than individuals acting alone.

We are united in one

simple way: the government that works for us. We the people must make them act on climate change. We must force their pens to sign regulations in the blood from the wounds they refuse to treat, regardless of the sacrifices these regulations will require. In comparison to what future generations will face on our current course, these sacrifices are trivial and greedy not to make. If we let the climate continue to change for the benefit of those in power, we will be kneeling at the feet of our own actions waiting for them to deal the final blow. We must act now, while the cards are still in our bloody hands.

Elliott Foster

Competitive supply means higher electric bills for Virginians

Dear Editor;

Recently, an op-ed in the pages, of this newspaper made the assertion that a power outage in the Del Ray neighborhood of Alexandria, is an indicator of poor service from the local electric company and, therefore, Virginians should consider transitioning to a practice called "competitive supply" by deregulating the state's electricity marketplace.

Let me competitive supply will mean higher electric bills for

deregulation in Virginia, the author of the other op-ed, Mr. Bill Greene, cited a study done by a think tank in California that found that competitive supply saves ratepayers money.

In reality, competitive suppliers are often shady companies that rip-off unsuspecting customers with promises of lower electric bills that go up over time.

For a more realistic understanding of competitive supply, a recent report by the Wall Street Journal found analyzing U.S. Energy data that: "U.S. consumers more on power than if they their electricity, than if they before the Committee that the

who signed up with retail energy companies emerged from deregulation paid \$19.2 billion more than they would have if they'd stuck with incumbent utilities from 2010 through 2019."

What about other states which embraced competitive supply?

In Connecticut, about 25,000 people in the state get their power from competitive suppliers. But according to an analysis by Connecticut's government watchdog, over the past five years, ratepayers using third party suppliers

had stuck with the local energy company.

Worse, competitive suppliers often use "illegal and deceptive" sales tactics to cheat the least sophisticated customers. The AARP in Connecticut, recently penned an op-ed to speak out against a tactic that competitive suppliers use to cheat people called "auto-renew." Sign up for a good deal, but get "autorenewed" into a costly longterm contract that keeps going up; a bait-and-switch.

In Massachusetts, since 1997, customers have paid \$426 million dollars mo

had stuck with their local power company.

The attorney general of Massachusetts (a Democrat) representatives from the Governor's office (a Republican), both recently testified in the state legislature that competitive suppliers are ripping off the state's residents.

Mr. Greene wrote that I stated that in Massachusetts: "it is time to admit deregulation was a mistake and end the competitive electric supply industry in the Bay State." Actually, I was only paraphrasing the state's Attorney General who testified

competitive supply "industry is harming our residents."

Finally, what the author of the piece advocating for deregulation fails to mention, is that utilities well-regulated by the government are the key to an efficiently-maintained electrical grid. Regulation means that when the power grid fails, like it did that one night in Del Ray, that the local power company is mandated to quickly repair that outage. On the flip side, deregulation only means a less reliable grid and higher power bills.

> Gary Meltz **Tomorrow**

The negative impacts of the Medicare reimbursement cuts currently under consideration in the Build Back **Better reconciliation**

Dear Editor;

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Privia Medical Group — Mid Atlantic has worked tirelessly to provide care in our community. Our

more than 1,100 physician and provider partners impress me daily with their dedication, ingenuity, and sheer stamina. We've battled an unrelenting foe-physically, emotionally, and even financially. But now

we're facing an additional and heedless challenge-not from the virus, but from Congress. Looming cuts in Medicare will cause further stress on our medical group, as well as others across the nation, at this critical time and may disrupt our ability to deliver care to the communities we serve. Congress needs to act to prevent these cuts from taking effect and impacting the 1.5 million Medicare patients that call Virginia home.

Providers are facing cuts upwards of 10% in Medicare reimbursement starting in January 2022. These potential cuts would exacerbate the financial pressure facing all providers. What needs to happen to prevent this hardship? Congress should delay the pending 2% Medicare sequester and eliminate the 4% Medicare Pay-As-You-Go cut. Congress also should cancel a scheduled 3.75% decrease in the Medicare conversion factor.

We are not alone in our concern about these potential cuts. A recent survey of medical groups like ours, conducted by AMGA, the trade association representing multispecialty medical groups and integrated systems, found that the potential impact of the cuts include hiring freezes and reduction in staff, elimination of services, and

not accepting new Medicare beneficiaries.

To add further financial stress, Congress may consider cuts to the Medicare Advantage (MA) program, an increasingly popular choice of Medicare recipients. These possible cuts to MA are in addition to the possible 10% cuts to traditional Medicare, creating an untenable situation for the entire healthcare delivery system. These cuts threaten our ability to do our absolute best for our patients and community. Clearly, these cuts could not come at a worse possible time, especially as we see the impact of coronavirus variants we are now battling.

To support our continued ability to fight against COVID-19 and provide care to our patients and community, Privia Medical Group - Mid Atlantic has a simple request of Congress - stop these cuts before they go into effect. The pandemic is ongoing, and it will take years for our healthcare system and our communities recover. Healthcare organizations continue to experience untold strain, and we need financial stability, not cuts, to survive in the present.

> Fred Taveel, MD Chief Medical Officer - Privia Medical Group — Mid-Atlantic

In response to "FCPS reinstates pornographic books to school libraries"

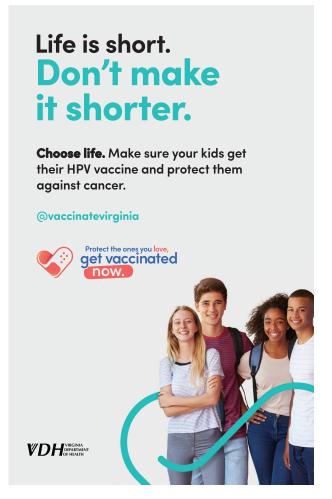
Dear Editor,

Your article, "FCPS reinstates pornographic books school to libraries," published December 3, 2021, did not comply with modern norms and best practices for journalism. described in the article, FCPS used an internal review process to evaluate parents' concerns about some library titles and determined the titles were educationally appropriate and not in violation obscenity therefore, the books are not pornographic, and the headline is inaccurate.

Overall, the article does not provide a balanced approach to this news item. The headline is purposefully salacious and seems designed to provoke outrage. News content that provokes outrage and does not accurately portray the facts of an event is a disservice to our community.

The reporting tone inappropriately sympathetic to concerns raised by the objecting parents and makes no recognition of the homophobic nature of the complaints. Historically, intolerant nonheterosexual and noncisgendered people have baselessly associated this population with pedophilia and obscenity as means of shaming and ostracizing the population. This has led to public health crises in the population. There is nothing moral about intolerance of nonbinary gender and heterosexual preferences. The local paper should not be in the business of advocating for hate and intolerance in our community.

Jennifer Victor, associate professor of Political Science George Mason University







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Kennedy Center presents Broadway favorite

"Beautiful: The Carole King Musical"

Sara Sheperd stars in the popular jukebox musical

By Keith Loria

SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

S ara Sheperd has been involved with "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" since the very beginning. The actress was part of the original Broadway company in 2013 as a swing, covering for both the role of Carole King and her mom.

She also was the dance captain for the show, a job she would hold for the entirety of the two-Tony-winning musical's run.

"The Broadway company closed in September of 2019, and the pandemic hit not far after, and I got a call about playing Carole for the tour last year and I was so thrilled to be coming back to the show," Sheperd said.

With a book by Tony Award and Academy Award nominee Douglas McGrath, direction by Marc Bruni, and choreography by Josh Prince, "Beautiful" is currently playing at the Kennedy Center, with performances through January 2.

The popular jukebox musical tells the story of the early life and career of the legendary singer, using songs

that she wrote, often together with Gerry Goffin, and other contemporary songs by Barry Mann, Cynthia Weil, Phil Spector, and others.

That means that Sheperd gets to sing such classics as "I Feel The Earth Move," "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman," "You've Got A Friend," and of course, the title song.

"Carole King is a person, and everyone knows 'Tapestry'; it just touches so many people through their core, there's so much nostalgia associated with her," Sheperd said. "The entire first act of our show is about all this great music she wrote that other people covered, so it's not just about 'Tapestry.' I have to say, I didn't know she wrote half of these songs when I first started."

Always a gifted songwriter, King's credits include "One Fine Day," "Some Kind of Wonderful" and "The Locomotion."

"It's such a cool thing to see how she wrote all of these wonderful songs," Sheperd said. "I think what makes her story so special is we go on her journey. We didn't just create a plot and shove the songs into them;



we get to see how from the age of 16, her life as an artist is molded. She's so down to earth, open and grounded. She's just a normal person and people love to hear her music."

That's one of the reasons that the show lasted on

Broadway for six years and more than 2,400 performances, becoming the 27th-longest musical of all time.

"So many people grew to love her and when you get to be a fly on the wall for a couple of hours and get a glimpse of what her real story is like, I think that's another reason why this show works besides just the great music," Sheperd said. "And then you get to throw on real elements on Broadway numbers, with our Drifters and Shirelles. It's just a joy."

Before King was a

chart-topping legend, she was simply Carol Klein of Brooklyn, who fought her way into the record business as a teenager and, by the time she reached her 20s, had the husband of her dreams and

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Shakespeare Theatre Company presents Britney Spears musical Broadway bound

"Once Upon a One More Time" is wowing crowds

By Keith Loria

SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

What do you get when you combine fairy tale princesses, women empowerment and the music of Britney Spears?

The answer is the amusing and highly entertaining musical, "Once Upon a One More Time," which is playing at the Shakespeare Theatre Company through January 9, and is on track to becoming the best-selling show in the theatre's history.

When the show opened earlier this month, Spears herself was thrilled at the result, noting, "I'm so excited to have a musical with my songs—especially one that takes place in such a magical world filled with characters that I grew up on, who I love and adore. This is a dream come true for me!"

"Once Upon a One More Time" is already ticketed for a Broadway run sometime soon, and its stellar cast and empowering story is a big reason why.

Led by the wonderful Briga Heelan, (TV's "Great News" and "Ground Floor") as Cinderella, and Justin Guarini (former Season 1 American Idol runner-up) as Prince Charming, the musical hits all the right notes, as popular Spears tunes including "Hit Me Baby One More Time," "You Drive Me Crazy" and "Stronger" are interwoven through a very 21st Century look at fairytales.

Aisha Jackson as Snow White, Mimi Scardulla and Tess Soltau as Stepsisters Belinda and Betany and Lauren Zakrin as Little Mermaid all deliver memorable standout performances.

Tony-nominated Broadway veteran Emily Skinner wickedly

plays Cinderella's stepmother to perfection and is enjoying being involved in such a high-energy production.

"It's an original script, not based on a movie like so many shows are today, and while it very cleverly uses Britney Spears' music, the writing is all new and has a clever feminist slant to it, and that is what attracted me to it," Skinner said.

The story takes place in fairytale land, with all the characters people know and love—everyone from Rapunzel to Snow White, to The Little Mermaid are featured.

"All the famous princesses have a book club and one day the Fairy God Mother shows up, and it's Betty Friedan's 'The Feminist Mystique, which turns their entire ethos on their ear," Skinner said. "They realize they don't have to

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Skiing Santa • December 24 • Free

Come on down to Old Town Alexandria December 24 to catch Santa Claus on an annual cruise down the Potomac River on his favorite water skis. Gather around with various locals, families and business owners for a free afternoon of fun to celebrate the holiday and the upcoming new year! For the best viewing experience, the public is encouraged to consider Alexandria's Waterfront Park (1 King Street and 1A Prince Street), the Alexandria City Marina (0 Cameron Street), Founders Park (351 N. Union Street), and Point Lumley Park (1 Duke Street). For more information, please visit https://bit.ly/3GTDNwi.

Bird Walks at Dyke Marsh • December 26 • 8 a.m.

Head on over to Dyke Marsh in Alexandria December 26 for a Sunday morning bird watch with fellow morning walkers and bird enthusiasts alike. Every Sunday morning, experienced birders, organized by preservation group Friends of Dyke Marsh, host an 8 a.m. walk pointing out and discussing the array of live birds coexisting in the marsh. For the walk, meet at the south parking lot of the Belle Haven picnic area. For more information, please visit https://bit.ly/3yAmYUt.



Celebrate Old Year's Day With The Arts • December 31 1 - 5 p.m.

This December 31, Alexandria's Torpedo Factory is holding an Old Year's Day celebration in which local artists, as well as those interested in appreciating their crafts, have the opportunity to work together in a hands-on environment. While perfect for families of young children, this event will also entertain older art enthusiasts looking to find a more in-depth understanding of the craft. The event will be held from 1 until 5 p.m., with more information available online at https://bit.ly/3mzGDiD.

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provides recipes and community through YouTube

Darlene Fabrizi shares series and stories with viewers this holiday season

By Laura Scudder

FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

n time for the holiday season, Darlene Fabrizi has your holiday recipes covered. Her YouTube channel, Souper at 60, provides at least two recipes a week, including whole meals, baked treats and dinner options

"This Christmas month, I started back in early December. doing a series — a Christmas series - called 'Home Sweet Home' and ... I just wanted to make it all about a homey, warm, kind of old-fashioned Christmas," Fabrizi explained. She said that the videos in this series feature recipes, decorating and even a trip to a Christmas tree farm.

Lately, Fabrizi said she's done so much baking to prepare for Christmas, but she enjoys both cooking and baking equally.

"I love to cook, I love to entertain, I love to bake, I just love to do all that kind of stuff. So I thought, well, that sounds like dinner," she said, noting that she And I also do something called something — I think I should try it. And I could do it on my own this special recipe. terms," she said of beginning her and daughter-in-law.

Her favorite Christmas dish to make is an apricot brandy cake, you have to change the camera, and then I do a complete video which she said was passed down you have to change the focus, to her by her great grandmother, change the lighting and set up ipe. And they love it, they just who she believes got the recipe from a newspaper. It's at least a half of the recipe. It could be like made me feel like a superstar,"

just put a video out on that.

least more than 1,000 views on recipes she shares are typically when sharing a recipe found somewhere other than her own family's recipe box.

cooking after she got married, watching cooking shows on PBS particularly Nathalie Dupree – lar great influence on her time in about it," she said. the kitchen.

everything I possibly could from tion of certain videos. her. So I do have some of her her spaghetti sauce and meatballs ... that's gonna be our Christmas

Fabrizi does everything channel. The name came to her from cooking to production to email, and I'll go through them while sitting around with her son editing afterward - all by herself and I'll choose one and I'll get for Souper at 60.

four hours when it's all said and

done. And that doesn't even in-Fabrizi regularly earns at clude the editing," she explained.

Now that she is a creator, her channel's videos, and the Fabrizi has met others in the YouTube community — which original. She is sure to give credit is one of the best parts of her experiences.

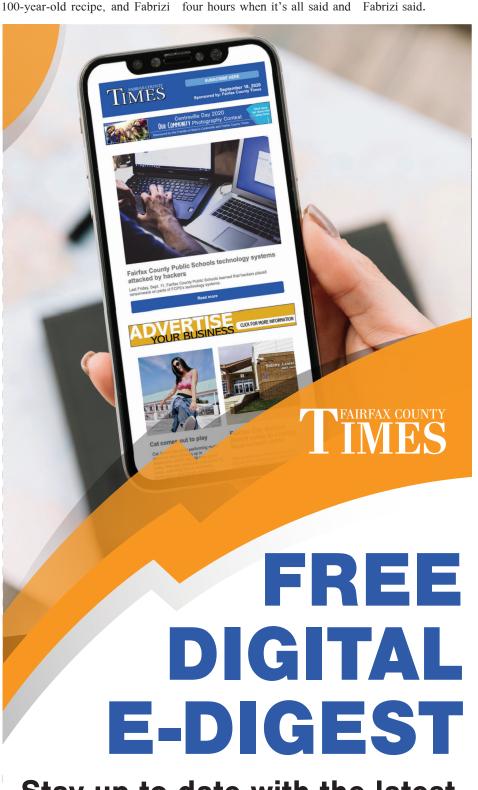
"I have met other YouTubers that have become some of the Fabrizi noted she began really best friends — just cherish really good friends and sometimes we call, sometimes we text. You know if somebody is having a for inspiration and to learn. Aside bad day or had a bad video go from that, there was one particu- out or a bad comment, we talk

Aside from networking and "And then another great, collaboration with others, Fabrizi great, great influence was my said the interactions she has with mother-in-law - who was the viewers and subscribers are alcook of all cooks, and very ways wonderful. Oftentimes, Italian. I learned to cook a lot of Fabrizi will encourage people to Italian dishes. And I just followed play "comment tag," where peoher around the kitchen like a lit- ple leave positive comments for tle girl. I just want to consume one another in the comment sec-

"I have really faithful subrecipes. In fact, I'll be making scribers. They are there all the time, they leave the most wonderful, encouraging comments ... might not be able to give away a TFR, and it stands for Tube Friend Recipe. And I've asked people to send me recipes on my back to you. We'll go back and "There's so much going on: forth if I need to ask questions for them on them and their recdifferent things for the second love it. And one lady said, 'You Fabrizi said.







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Six tips to keep pets safe and warm this winter

Courtesy of Family Features

Just as people prepare their homes, cars and families for extreme temperatures and weather events of winter, it's important to remember pets' needs this time of

As cold weather sets in, Dr. Jennifer Freeman, DVM, resident veterinarian at PetSmart, shares these tips to prepare and ensure your pets are warm and happy throughout winter.

Take caution when outdoors

When temperatures reach levels of extreme cold, Freeman recommends limiting outdoor walks and monitoring your pet's behavior for signs of stress or discomfort. Letting your dog outside to use the bathroom or go for a quick walk is OK, but never leave a pet outside for a long period of time, especially during a winter storm.

"Don't let your dog off its leash after snowfall, as snow can mask familiar scents," Freeman said. "This can cause your pet to become disoriented or lost if they get too far away."

Add extra layers

Despite efforts to limit time outdoors, your pet needs to go outside for bathroom breaks and exercise. Pets who are small, short-haired, old or have any health issues or illnesses may be more sensitive to cold weath-

Pet sweaters can help keep your pet warm. If your pet is shivering, that's a sign they need extra layers. To help trap body heat and protect paws from extreme cold, consider using booties when venturing outside.

Watch out for hazardous

Many people use snow-melting products like deicers, antifreeze and salt, which can cause skin irritation and be fatal if ingested by your pet. Pet parents should keep an eye on their pets when they're outside and be mindful of hazards. After a walk, it's important to thoroughly rinse your pet's paws and stomach, Freeman said, especially after walking in areas where these products are frequently used.

Keep skin protected

Just like humans, many pets get dry skin during the winter. When your pet needs a bath, try using a pet-friendly moisturizing shampoo to help keep skin healthy and hydrated. If your pet's skin seems extra dry, supplements like fish oil can be added to your pets' food to help the skin and coat. It's important to keep an eye on skin health and check with your vet if issues persist as they could be signs of larger problems.

Have an emergency plan

"While creating emergency kits in case of a storm or power outage, don't forget about your pet's needs," Freeman said. "A pet's kit should include supplies needed to keep them fed, warm and secure during emergency conditions like blizzards or extreme cold. Items like sweaters, insulated vests, paw booties, petsafe ice melt and a heated bed or pad can help avoid risks associated with freezing temperatures."

Gather any other care items your pet may require such as medications, puppy pads, waste bags, litter box supplies and calming spray. Freeman also suggests storing a oneweek supply of food in a waterproof container along with bottled water and portable bowls as well as a list of feeding routines and behavioral considerations in case others need to care for your pet.

Ensure identification information is current

While winter emergencies may add to the importance, it's crucial your pet wears a tag displaying your phone number year-round. Microchip and register your pet with current contact information and tuck a copy of their vaccination and medical records, veterinary contact information and a current photo in your emergency kit.

Find products to help protect your pet this winter at PetSmart.



The night before Christmas



By Noah! Samson! Abby!

SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Woofs, t'was the night before Christmas, and throughout the neighborhood, the quiet of the blessed evening is beginning to fall. The humans have gone to attend their various Christmas Eve church services while the critters of the land quietly scurry behind to start their festive preparations for the glorious day.

Abby, Samson, and I are new to the neighborhood and the land where we have met new friends and their humans. We have met more than a few wild animal friends living amongst us throughout these wooded acres.

Suddenly, upon the rooftop, there arose such clatter, we grabbed our winter coats and rushed outside to take a gander at what is the matter. We look up to find a scurry of squirrels and small critters pulling and tugging and tying Christmas lights around the rooftop, moving quickly, getting the job done as they have more houses to decorate in these acres called home.

Barking, yelping, jumping, and running about, our new dog friends, Max, Carly, Ruby, Gus, Buddy, and Thumper, join us bringing presents to the doorsteps of all the homes. They woof, they paw, they smile as they ready for the day at hand.

Paws, as we turn to go back inside, we see a white glistening from the west it comes, it gets brighter as we look, and something to behold having not seen this before. As we look, the mountains across the way have a fresh coating of new winter snow. The mountains almost seem to be smiling at us as we stare and look at their beauty.

GROWL! I hear from Abby with barks and a few more. She loves barking at all that is new to her. Lately, it's everything. As I turn, I see it standing there, black and powerful-looking staring at us. It isn't afraid, nor does it want to harm us. It must be the blessing of Christmas Eve as the large animal walks toward us. We don't want to run inside or turn away as the large black bear wants to celebrate too. For he decorated his cave and land around it with colorful lights to his cub's delight. We find Mama bear preparing her fish and insects porridge for not only her family but for the rest of us as

we decorate for this Holy day. As we walk the lane, it's snowing again, creating a beautiful wintry scene. Looks like a white Christmas. We will run and play, throw snowballs, kick some too, at our humans getting them to play. The hill in the backyard will become a grand pawlace to go sledding and skiing with the animals and mini-humans.

We begin dancing and celebrating the pawlans that have been made and the decorations finished. We may have disturbed our pawnderful friends buck and doe, the many dear deer roaming around. They slowly appear from their habitat. For they are celebrating the season too, their antlers covered with green brush and red berries even a few lights. They stand watching our small pawty soon joining us.

Our friends, the turkeys, young and old, stay in their corner of the acres. They hope not to be seen or found wandering this time of year. They want to be pawrt of our celebration, but not the humans' Christmas day

dinner!

The beautiful birds join in the fun and decorating. The cardinals and bluebirds decorate the trees with their stunning colors, while the others bring berries, branches, and pine cones with garlands of greens to give the trees a final touch.

When the humans return home, they see the acres where we live peacefully together. Every home, every tree, anything that could be decorated has been by the animals enjoying themselves. As the night becomes even quieter, the humans and animals alike gather together and look toward the beauty of the snow falling with the mountains in the background. As the animals slowly join in, the humans begin to sing, "Silent Night... holy night...." Another quiet hush as the singing diminishes, a human shares, "For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life." - John

May your Christmas and holidays be full of joy and happiness!

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irt News

Bobby Thompson & Friends present a special holiday Allman/Domino's jam from mugs to sculpture, each show featuring members of Revelator Hill and Blueheart Revival. Doors open at 6 p.m. Show is at 7 p.m. December 26. Tickets are \$15. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. For more information visit https://bit.ly/3p0kJGC.

Cup 'O Jokes Jokes on Tap and Jammin Java bring you some of the DMV's best Hood Salomon uses traditional comics bring their new material to stage. 7:30 p.m. December 29. Free. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Avenue East,

visit https://bit.ly/3m7m0da. Singular Sensations

Kiln Club artist brings their unique, individual approach to their work in clay. Through January 2. Free. Scope Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union information visit https://bit.

Urban Forestry Sarah printing methods and conceptual photographic sculptures to illustrate the challenges Vienna. For more information exhibit explores the complex Gallery at Workhouse Arts Day's solo exhibition captures Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave.,

coexistence of humans and the Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, natural environment. Through January 8 in the Multiple Exposures Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. For more information visit https:// bit.ly/3sdtRtK.

Workhouse Glass St., Alexandria. For more National 2021 is an exhibition highlighting the depth and breadth of contemporary functional and sculptural glass artworks being created throughout the country. Through January 9 with competition reception January 8 faced by urban trees. This from 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Vulcan Animal Portraits Pamela holidays. McLean Community

Lorton. For more information visit https://bit.ly/3IT8L9R.

Pandemic Physiognomy a solo exhibition by Syahidah Osman whose work is an intimate peek into the struggles of juggling motherhood, work demands and the current social challenges in the western world. Through January 30. Free. Workhouse Way, Lorton. For more information visit https://bit. ly/32b5npH.

Curious Creatures: the personality of animals she portrays through etching and monoprint. Her inspiration comes from her photos taken at farms, zoos parks and home. Through January 30. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. For more information visit

https://bit.ly/32cOIC8. Traveling While Black Virtual Reality the immersion Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse of 360° footage draws viewers into living history lessons told around a booth in Ben's Chili Bowl. Through February 12 with the exception of county

McLean. For more information visit https://bit.ly/3EoGaXa.

Outsider Art Inside **Lorton** is a collaboration with the Lucy Burns Museum and features the work of inmate "outsider artists" with nor formal training or schooling. Some artwork was created in prison sanctioned programs. Fridays and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Through Feburary 28. Lucy Burns Museum, Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. For more information https://bit.ly/3IZaf28.

Community Information

to the public. For the map and more information visit https://bit.ly/30wYlLB.

many services by appointment only. ID cards, driv-

out the houses in the run- December 29. Herndon ning for the McLean holiday Fortnightly Library, 768 decorating contest through Center St., Herndon. To reg-January 2. Judging is open ister for an appointment visit https://bit.ly/3yAbNLa.

Family Nature Campfire Enjoy a cozy campfire with **DMV Connect** The DMV s'mores for up to nine peowill have a station to offer ple in your family or COVD bubble group. Great for celebrating family birthdays er's license, disabled parking and more. 4:30 to 5:30 placards and more. 10 a.m. p.m. December 30. Cost to 4 p.m. December 27. 10 is \$90 per group. Historic a.m. to 3:30 p.m. December Huntley, 6918 Harrison

Light Up McLean Check 28. 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Ln., Alexandria. For more light displays. Runs through fee. For more information information visit https://bit. ly/321uADv.

ONGOING

Buy Winter Lights Enjoy the serenity of winter lights in McLean Central Park through mid January. Free. McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. For more information visit https://bit.ly/3yv0PH2.

Bull Run Festival of than two miles of festive starting at \$16 plus an online Solutions of Virginia holds

January 2. 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 5:30 to 10 p.m. weekends. Cost is \$30 per vehicle in advance, \$40 at the gate. For more information visit zle. Through January 8. Call https://bit.ly/31kiLrp.

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Holiday lights at Frying Pan Farm Park in Herndon.



Visitors got to see Santa and Mrs. Claus at Sully Historic Site in Chantilly.

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

Henry Cavill is on the short list to become James Bond! He's certainly qualified, after three Superman films (combined grosses of \$2 billion) and a season of Netflix's "The Witcher" (season 2 just premiered, and there's already a pickup for season 3). He's currently shooting "Enola Holmes 2" and preparing "Argylle" for Apple TV+, with Sam Rockwell, Bryce Dallas Howard, Bryan Cranston, Catherine O'Hara, John Cena and Samuel L. Jackson, the first of three in a franchise. In "Argylle," Cavill plays a larger-than-life action hero (with a wink). That will be followed by the "Highlander" reboot (for which he's getting \$5 million). the start of yet another franchise for him. His last 007-type film, "The Man From U.N.C.L.E." (2015), grossed only \$107 million, which didn't cover its \$85

million-plus price tag. Hollywood studios are famous for their creative bookkeeping. Big-name stars are warned to get their money up front because the back-end profits often suffer from studios "cooking the books"! Anthony McCarten, writer of "Bohemian Rhapsody," recently sued 20th Century Fox because it claimed "Bohemian Rhapsody," which cost \$55 million, lost \$51 million. He was contracted to receive 5 percent of the profits, from the back end, but hasn't seen a cent of the \$900 million it grossed, so he filed a more than 50page lawsuit in Los Ange-



Henry Cavill

les Superior Court.

In 1989, James Garner sued Universal Pictures for \$16.5 million for syndication royalties from his "Rockford Files" series. He was only paid only \$249,000 of the \$119 million royalties, but six years later he settled out of court for an undisclosed sum (rumored to be \$6 million).

In 2013, Don Johnson sued Rysher Entertainment foreign-syndication monies owed for his "Nash Bridges" series (of which he was part owner). He sued for \$50 million, and a panel of judges ruled he be paid \$15 million. He persisted and was awarded an estimated \$19 million and 50 percent of the copyright of the series.

In July 2012, "Happy Days" cast members Anson Williams, Marion Ross, Don Most, Erin Moran and Patricia Bosley, widow of Tom Bosley, sued CBS for the unpaid use of their likenesses and names in merchandising and got \$65,000 in their settlement. Stars Ron Howard and Henry Winkler had their own deals and were already amply paid.

It had to happen: "General Hospital" stars Steve Burton (Jason Morgan, on and off since 1991) and Ingo Rademacher (Jasper Jax since 1996) were "dropped" from the show when they refused to get vaccinated after a Nov. 1 vaccine mandate. The other three soaps, "The Bold and The Beautiful," "Days of Our Lives" and "The Young and The Restless," have relied on testing, social distancing and other CDC guidelines. Will they get the point? Stay tuned. (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

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have a life centered around the handsome prince. They

can write their own story. As the stepmother. Skinner takes on something of a villainous role as she does in the original fairy tale, but the actress feels the charac-

ter is more misunderstood. "I think she's a mother who aggressively wants what's best for her daughters," she said. "She does lean towards the conflict side of this. The stepmother knows how to live in this construct and now she's being asked to do something else and she doesn't know if

she can do that."

One of Skinner's standout moments in the show is singing the Spears classic, "Toxic."

"Once Upon a One More Time" was written by Jon Hartmere and had originally been planned for a Chicago pre-Broadway bow in 2020, followed by a Broadway premiere this season.

"But then the pandemic happened, so we were two weeks into rehearsal when the world sort of stopped," Skinner said. "Shakespeare Theatre stepped forward and asked us to do a run here this year, and we were all excit-

Skinner is no stranger to being part of developing a

musical from the beginning, having been a part of early versions of "Side Show" and "The Cher Show."

"Watching how a show evolves from a lab and workshop to the original first production and then a Broadway production is very interesting to me," she said. "I'm looking forward to seeing how things shift and enjoying the ride along the way."

Leaving a full-house performance recently, audiences were dancing down the aisles and the theatre was full of joy and delight. Don't miss out on a chance to see a future Broadway hit while it's in our area.



ENCORE

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a flourishing career writing hits for the biggest acts in rock 'n' roll.

But as we see in "Beautiful," it wasn't until her personal life began to crack that she finally managed to find her true voice, writing the soundtrack for a generation.

Sheperd admits she wasn't that familiar with King's music before joining the show, mostly knowing her work because of James Taylor's "You've Got a Friend."

"It wasn't until doing the show that I got to hear most of her music and understand how amazing she really is," she said. "While in New York, she came to the show a few times and is just everything you would have wanted her to be. She was so open and shared stories and was thrilled for the show."

The actress feels a strong sense of responsibility with playing a real-life person, especially one so beloved.

"You want to feel like you're doing her justice," Sheperd said. "I try to honor her work and her name and her legacy. But you also need a little disconnect or it can be a little overwhelming. I try to bring my most authentic self to the piece because that's what Carole does."

Bringing the magic from the page to the screen

Witness Neil Goldberg's film production debut, "Pomp, Snow & CIRQUEumstance"

By Collin Cope

SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Following the second major year of the Coronavirus pandemic, live entertainment begins to see the light of day once again. However, for many military families, in-person entertainment can still be just as difficult to find as it can be to produce in the post-Covid world.

Nevertheless, the pandemic had little effect in the way of creativity and, as someone with a strong passion for live performance, author Neil Goldberg spent his time in quarantine writing his latest storybook, "Pomp, Snow, and CIRQUEumstance".

In the interest of improving entertainment options for service members and their families, Armed Forces Entertainment (AFE) reached out to Goldberg in the interest of holding a virtual narration of the book, but Goldberg had a

Given his personal passion for the arts, as well as his own experience working with AFE, Goldberg offered instead to produce a half-hour special of the same name in order to provide the families of service members something more to find joy in this holiday season."Being able to give back and bring smiles to people's faces has been the common denominator of so much of what I've done throughout my career," Goldberg said.

Designed to inspire and excite younger audiences about the values of humility and hard work, the film follows the story of three best friends as they face the challenges of failure and insecurity while working hard to succeed

In producing the film, it was important to Goldberg to ensure high quality. Working to create a sense of fantasy and dreaminess, the film presents the three characters. Pomp. Snow, and Cirqueumstance, with colorful outfits and styles bringing the magic from the pages of the book to the colors of the screen.

Additionally, having his own studio space in Florida allowed Goldberg to produce much of the film in-house,

paying special attention to the details of stage direction and placement when relating to athome audiences.

When designing the layout of the show, Goldberg wanted to ensure a quality viewing experience allowing for elements of the book to blend into the film."The live performance aspect happened 20 feet in front of the LED screen, so that the perspective of the characters from the animated pages of the storybook and the film would be in line with each other," he said.

Prior to the film's release, Goldberg also worked with the AFE in order to ship multiple boxes with copies of the book to military bases around the world. This provided young audiences with an even more

special experience in which they can read the book before watching the film in order to gain a stronger understanding of its plot and the message it

As a film designed to

inspire young audiences and bring families together, "Pomp, Snow, and Cirqueumstance" provides an excellent reminder of what is important in life, as well as to persevere when times get tough.

In-person choral singing for older adults returns to Fairfax County

New winter spring sessions begin in January in Fairfax, Falls Church, Reston and Vienna

By Georgetta Morque

SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Fairfax County older adults who love to sing can join together again in person when Encore Creativity for Older Adults, America's largest choral organization for adults over 55, returns to Fairfax, Falls Church, Vienna and Reston with its popular Encore Chorales, local groups that sing a fun and eclectic mix of music in many styles and from many different eras; Encore ROCKS, rock & roll choruses that take singers back to their favorite hits from the 50s through the 80s; and Sentimental Journey Singers, a choir for those with early Alzheimer's or memory impairments and their care part-

Encore welcomes returning singers and new singers to the Fairfax Encore Chorale at St George's United Methodist Church in Fairfax, the Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads Encore Chorale in Falls Church, the Encore Chorale of Reston at the Heritage Fellowship Church in Reston, Encore ROCKS Fairfax at Church of the Good Shepherd in Vienna and Sentimental Journey Singers at the award-winning Insight Memory Care Center in Fairfax.

The 15-week winter/ spring season begins the second week in January. All programs consist of 90-minute sessions held conveniently during the day each week and led by well-known professional conductors from the area. No auditions are necessary. Encore's mission is to provide an accessible arts education and performance opportunities for older adults regardless of ability or experience.

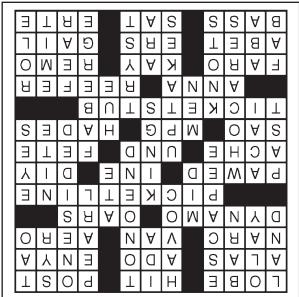
For those who prefer to sing virtually, Encore is also offering its Encore University, a comprehensive online program of singing plus enrichment courses in music history, music theory, dance and movement classes and more. Singers can combine both in-person singing with online classes for a full musical ex-

Sentimental Journey Singers is open to members of Insight Memory Care Center as well as the community at no charge. Participants will engage in therapeutic music activities and sing familiar songs and new pieces in a social group setting. The program is now in its third successful

"Singing is so uplifting for older adults, and we are thrilled to bring our in-person and online programs back to Fairfax County," said Joshua Vickery, CEO of Encore Creativity for Older Adults, an Annapolis-based non-profit organization celebrating its 15th anniversary in 2022.

Tuition is \$190.00 per person for each 15-week in-person chorale ROCKS programs. Tuition for the 10-week all-inclusive online program with up to 150 classes is \$185.00 per semester per person. Encore will follow all city, state and federal Covid-19 guidelines. For more information and registration, visit www. encorecreativity.org or call 301-261-5747.

Founded in 2007, Encore Creativity for Older Adults has more than 1,500 singers in 26 in-person ensembles across the nation, including Chorales and ROCKS programs and Sentimental Journey Singers, a choir for those with early Alzheimer's or memory impairments, a vibrant online university, plus summer camp, winter retreat and travel abroad programs.



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JOINT PUBLIC HEARING FOR TOWN OF CLIFTON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TOWN CODE JANUARY 4, 2022

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Clifton Town Council and the Town of Clifton Planning Commission will hold a Joint Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 2022 7:30 PM at 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton, VA 20124 to review and implement changes to certain provisions of the Subdivision Ordinance of the Town Code Chapter 10. The proposed changes are available for review and downloading on the Town's website at cliftonva.gov and a hard copy may be examined at the Clifton Post Office, 12644 Chapel Road, Clifton VA, 20124. All interested parties are invited to attend and express their views with respect to the proposed changes to Clifton's

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Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Herndon, Virginia, will hold a work session on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Police Department Community Room located at 397 Herndon Parkway, Herndon and a public hearing on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Council Chambers Building located at 765 Lynn Street, Herndon on the following item:

Ordinance, to amend and reenact Chapter 42 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), of the Code of Herndon, Article IV (Stopping, Standing, Parking), Division 4 (Residential Permit Parking), Section 42-223 (Designated Residential Parking Zones), to designate a new residential parking zone to be known as the "Madison Street Zone".

The proposed item is available for review by the public on the town's website www. herndon-va.gov beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, prior to the meeting.

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

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NOTICE OF DELINOUENT TAXES AND

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On January 31, 2022, or as soon thereafter as may be effected, actions will be commenced under the authority of Virginia Code

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No.	Property Owner(s)	Account Nos.	Description
1.	5901 Mt Eagle Dr Apt 1214, LLC	Tax Map No. 0833-31011214 Account No. 410173514 TACS No. 37088	Mt. Vernon District; 5901 Mount Eagle Drive, Unit 1214, Alexandria; Montebello Condo; Building 1; Phase 1
2.	Hwa Young Bae Sung R. Bae	Tax Map No. 0591-29010023 Account No. 410074836 TACS No. 36864	Providence District; 8300 Tobin Road, Unit 23, Annandale; Woodburn Village Condo; Unit 8300-23
3.	Robert E. Barnes Dale A. Barnes	Tax Map No. 1021-07070500 Account No. 410235076 TACS No. 574682	Mt. Vernon District; 7704 Schelhorn Road, Alexandria; Hybla Valley Farms; Lot 500; Block 7 26,034 Square Feet, More or Less
4.	Thomas C. Benson Veronica S. Benson	Tax Map No. 1014-01-0004 Account No. 410233269 TACS No. 495572	Lee Transportation District; 8340 Richmond Highway, Alexandria; Part of Woodlawn; 14,418 Square Feet, More or Less
5.	Raymond C. Charette, Jr. Heirs, et al.	Tax Map No. 1023-09B-0013 Account No. 410237822 TACS No. 92031	Mt. Vernon District; 2308 William and Mary Drive, Alexandria; Kirk; Lot 13; Block B; Section 16,626 Square Feet, More or Less
6.	Suresh V. Doki Madhavi Doki	Tax Map No. 0204-29-0148A Account No. 409931406 TACS No. 92207	Dranesville District; 1013 Founders Ridge Lane, McLean; Garfield Park; Lot 148-A; Section 4; 43,928 Square Feet, More or Less
7.	Richard H. Evans Patricia Ann Evans	Tax Map No. 0712-07-0023 Account No. 410122973 TACS No. 48290	Mason District; 6829 Cherry Lane, Annandale; McAdams Addition to Hillbrook; Lot 23; Section 3; 0.513 Acre, More or Less
8.	GMS Sunset, LLC	Tax Map No. 0173-09-0012 Account No. 409923348 TACS No. 95483	Dranesville Transportation District; Town of Herndon; 276 Sunset Park Drive, Suite 12, Herndon; Sunset Business Condo, Unit 12
9.	Alexa A. Kennedy	Tax Map No. 0451-03630017 Account No. 410008239 TACS No. 49482	Springfield District; 13128 Penndale Lane, Fairfar Greenbriar; Lot 17; Block 63; Section 17; 9,072 Square Feet, More or Less
10.	Zahoor A. Khan Husna B. Khan	Tax Map No. 0911-09-0115 Account No. 410193132 TACS No. 450124	Lee District; 6540 Gildar Street, Alexandria; Georgetown Woods; Lot 115; Section 3; 1,649 Square Feet, More or Less
11.	Mehrnaz Lajevardi Hamid J. Moghadas	Tax Map No. 1062-05-0057 Account No. 410240754 TACS No. 49530	Mt. Vernon District; 8704 Lorfax Drive, Lorton; Lorfax Heights; Lot 57; 21,915 Square Feet, Mor or Less
12.	Richard Graham Lamp	Tax Map No. 0924-01-0045 Account No. 410204725 TACS No. 495458	Lee Transportation District; Richmond Highway near Grand View Drive, Alexandria; Snake Hill; Vacant Land; 0.1848 Acre, More or Less
13.	Kashif Malik	Tax Map No. 0164-15020103 Account No. 409916503 TACS No. 92878	Dranesville District; Town of Herndon; 2109 Highcourt Lane, Unit 103, Herndon; Worldgate Condo; Phase 5
14.	Edward C. Rish Heirs, et al.	Tax Map No. 0783-16-0008 Account No. 410145121 TACS No. 364547	Springfield District; 6315 Falling Brook Drive, Burke; Summerday; Lot 8; 12,764 Square Feet, More or Less
15.	Serenity3, LLC	Tax Map No. 0813-56-A1 Account No. 410162145 TACS No. 495316	Lee District; Cobbs Road near Schebish Lane, Alexandria; Serenity 3 Subdivision; Outlot Al; Vacant Land; 11,325 Square Feet, More or Less
16.	Nancy Farr Taylor Heirs, et al.	Tax Map No. 0642-05-0006 Account No. 410093447 TACS No. 495055	Sully District; Compton Road, Centreville; Farr Property; Parcel 6; Vacant Land; 2.845 Acres, More or Less
17.	Michael Wind	Tax Map No. 0813-26-0019 Account No. 410161299 TACS No. 364597	Lee District; 6217 Cool Valley Court, Alexandria; Valleigh; Lot 19; 990 Square Feet, More or Less
18.	WPH Investments, LLC	Tax Map No. 0513-34- 0001M Account No. 410046711	Mason Transportation District; 6400 M Seven Corners Place, Suite 1M, Falls Church; Seven Corners Professional Park Condos: Building 1

Property subject to delinquent real estate taxes may be redeemed by paying all accumulated taxes, penalties, interest, costs and fees. Payments should be made payable to Fairfax County and mailed to Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC at the address shown below. Interested bidders and inquiries regarding the above-listed property should be directed to TACS by telephone to (703) 880-1078 or (804) 545-2500, by email to questions@taxva.com, or by mail to:

Corners Professional Park Condos; Building 1

Account No. 410046711

John A. Rife, Esq. TACS, PC Post Office Box 31800 Henrico, Virginia 23294-1800 Re: Fairfax County RE Taxes



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announcement in the **Fairfax County** Times

Contact **Marcia Patch** at 703-904-1004



Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Herndon, Virginia, will hold a work session on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Police Department Community Room located at 397 Herndon Parkway, Herndon and a public hearing on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Council Chambers Building located at 765 Lynn Street, Herndon on the following item:

Ordinance, to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Sixth Lease Amendment with T-Mobile Northeast LLC, successor-in-interest to Omnipoint Communications CAP Operations, LLC, to revise the premises description, approved equipment list, drawings, and monthly rent at the Town's 3rd Street Water Tower.

The proposed item is available for review by the public on the town's website www. herndon-va.gov beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, prior to the meeting.

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

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

Viki L. Wellershaus, Town Clerk

Virginia Department of Transportation

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Fairfax County Virtual Public Information Meeting

Braddock Road Multimodal Improvements

Thursday, January 13, 2022, 7 p.m. https://www.virginiadot.org/BraddockMultimodal

Find out about planned multimodal improvements and access management for just over three miles of Braddock Road (Route 620) between Humphries Drive in Burke and Ravensworth Road in Annandale, including the eastbound and westbound Braddock Road ramps to southbound I-495 (Capital Beltway Outer Loop). The proposed improvements aim to improve multimodal safety, mobility and accessibility for all users with intersection and interchange enhancements, new and upgraded shared-use paths along both sides of Braddock Road, and a pedestrian overpass just west of Burke Lake Road. Alternative concepts will be presented for three intersections along the Braddock Road corridor: Rolling Road, Wakefield Chapel Rd/Danbury Forest Drive and Burke Lake

The meeting will be held as a virtual/online meeting. Information for accessing and participating in the virtual meeting is available at https://www.virginiadot.org/BraddockMultimodal. The project team will make a short presentation beginning at 7 p.m. and answer questions for about an hour after the presentation.

Review project information and meeting details on the webpage above or during business hours at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030. Please call ahead at 703-259-2961 or TTY/TDD 711 to make an appointment with appropriate

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23 CFR 771, a document in the form of a Categorical Exclusion is under preparation to assess the project's potential impacts to environmental

Give your comments during the meeting, or by February 24, 2022 via the comment form on the project website, by mail to Mr. W. Calvin Britt, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030 or by email to meetingcomments@VDOT.virginia.gov. Please reference "Braddock Road Multimodal Improvements" in the subject line.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact VDOT Civil Rights at 703-259-1775.

> State Project: 0620-029-448, C501, P101, R201; 0620-029-548, B602, C501, P101, R201 UPC: 114627, 119477 Federal: STP-5B01 (123)

In case an alternate date is needed, the meeting will be held Monday, January 24, 2022 at the same time.