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Fairfax County, six other school districts
sue governor over mask executive order

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In a lawsuit announced Jan. 24, Fairfax County Public Schools joined six school districts suing Governor Glenn Youngkin over an executive order that ends the enforcement of mask mandates in schools.

On his first day in office, Youngkin issued several executive orders for the Commonwealth, and one, Executive Order 2, directs school districts to allow parents to choose whether their children wear masks. The order does not extend to school buses, since masking on buses is a federal requirement.

In response, FCPS along with school districts in Arlington, Alexandria, Falls Church, Prince William, Richmond, and Hampton City filed the lawsuit.

The plaintiffs assert the



FCPS

executive order violates the Virginia Constitution, which, they say, vests the supervision of schools with local school boards. They also argue the order runs afoul of legislation passed by the Virginia General Assembly last year that requires school

districts to adhere to CDC guidelines to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

The lawsuit was filed in Arlington Circuit Court and is expected to eventually reach the Virginia Supreme Court.

In the executive order,

Youngkin detailed numerous reasons for the change. Vaccine eligibility has been expanded so that those 5 years old and older are eligible, and, Youngkin wrote, masking can impede elements of social development.

He also wrote the decision

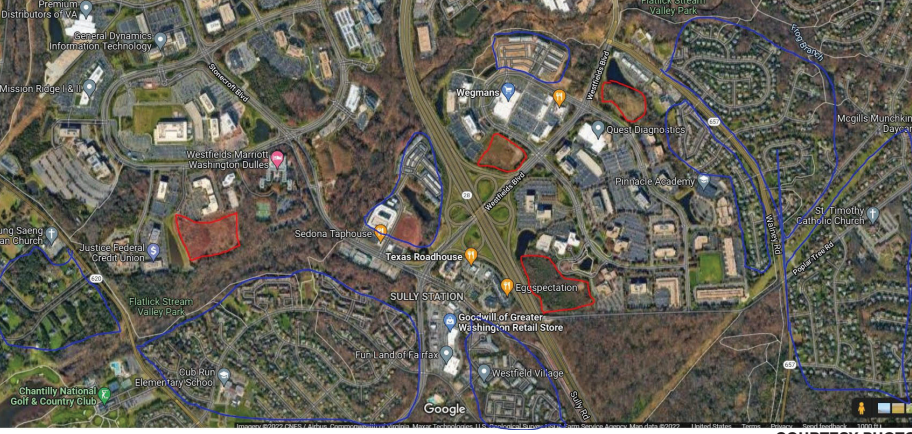
to mask children should rest with parents.

Critics of the executive order point to evidence that masking reduces transmission of COVID-19 in schools. According to the CDC's current guidelines, universal mask-wearing indoors is still recommended regardless of vaccination status, but on its website, the CDC states "the guidance is meant to supplement – not replace – any federal, state, tribal, local or territorial health and safety laws, rules and regulations with which schools must comply." And the CDC also said the implementation of guidance should be done in collaboration with regulatory agencies, health departments and "in compliance with state and local policies and practices." The CDC recently updated guidance to recommend tight-fitting,

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Fairfax County Airport noise
policy meets a stalemate

Supervisors ignore expert advice from MWAA and FAA



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The red areas outlined on the map show the approved residential developments that either have not started construction yet, or they've started construction but are not occupied. The blue outlined areas show existing residential development where individuals currently live, according to Michael Coyle, an employee in Supervisor Kathy Smith's (D-Sully) office.

By Sravan Gannavarapu

FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Virtual meetings by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will be held Jan. 27 and 29 with the hope of constructing residential areas in previously restricted locations.

Two years ago, the Board of Supervisors authorized a Comprehensive Plan Agreement to allow residential uses between the 60 and 65 DNL airport noise contour with commitments to noise mitigation measures, notification requirements, and construction techniques for any such uses.

Fairfax County has had noise contours that

have been in place since 1993 to keep track of noise exposure. The board stated that the plan with the new contours would allow for more affordable housing.

However, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) opposed this idea, citing that the area of interest for construction is too close to the flight paths at Dulles International Airport.

Nick Johnson of Johnson Aviation Inc. said that there is a lot of change going on at Dulles and that he hopes to see the county work with MWAA to ensure that planning and locality are taken into account as things progress.

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Local teen
creates non-profit
to make a global
impact

Chelsea Hu has been the head of an innovative art non-profit that stretches across the globe in participation and impact, for nearly three years; all of it accomplished while under the age of 18. Hu's idea was born from an abiding love for art and was conjured up at a leadership camp hosted in Beijing.

Amidst a bad storm, the leadership student volunteers at Sun Village orphanage were riding out the torrential rain with activities for the children. Hu led drawing classes and saw the kids interact well with the medium, driven by creation.

"Artistic expression transcends cultural and political arguments," Hu said. "Young artists can be powerful; they can express the anxieties of their time; they can present narratives of hope; they can raise awareness for important causes; and they can draw new audiences of families and friends into business establishments."

As a fine artist herself, Hu was familiar with the difficulties young artists experience without a broad exhibition of their work. Being active in the community also made Hu privy to the struggle local museums and businesses undergo with few visitors and patrons. The amalgamation of her passions and knowledge led Hu

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Vladimir Bondarenko

Man takes car from Fairfax dealership

City of Fairfax Police arrested a subject in connection with a stolen vehicle, which occurred at Auto Bank II, 10530 Fairfax Boulevard Jan. 18 at approximately 4:41 p.m.

Their investigation revealed that the male subject entered the dealership, removed a set of car keys and a dealer's license plate from an office desk, before driving away in a vehicle without permission.

Detectives identified the male subject and obtained a warrant for one count of Grand Larceny Auto-Theft (18.2-95) for Vladimir Bondarenko, 64, of no fixed address. With the assistance of Fairfax County Police, Bondarenko was arrested Jan. 23 and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was held on no bond.

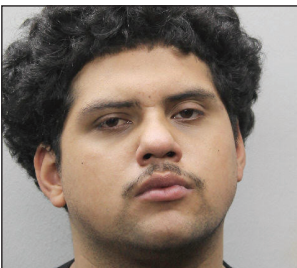
Substitute teacher charged with assault

A Fairfax County Police officer took a report Dec. 11 for an alleged assault that occurred at the Greenbriar East Elementary School.

The parent of the student reported a substitute teacher forcibly grabbed and twisted the child's leg the day prior. The child was not injured.

As soon as they were made aware of the incident, the substitute teacher in question was immediately blocked from accepting any jobs pending the outcome of the case, according to a Fairfax County Public Schools spokeswoman.

Officers conducted a thorough investigation and consulted with the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney. On Jan. 22, Carolynn Moncreif, 66, of Fairfax, was charged with assault and released on a magistrate summons.



COURTESY PHOTO
Denys Aguilar

Alexandria man arrested after altercation

Two groups got into an altercation with each other

inside the McDonald's at 7614 Richmond Highway Jan. 10 at 4:25 p.m.

The altercation became physical and resulted in two men being taken to the hospital with injuries that were deemed non-life threatening. One of the men remains hospitalized. Officers arrested Denys Aguilar, 21, of Alexandria Jan. 19 and charged him with aggravated malicious wounding.

Driver from fatal November crash charged

Detectives from the Fairfax County Police Crash Reconstruction Unit obtained an arrest warrant for the driver of the 2016 Dodge Ram in the Nov. 6 fatal crash involving a 51-year-old passenger.

Michael Lindenburg, 40, of Woodbridge, was charged Jan. 23 with reckless driving. Lindenburg was served with a summons releasable warrant.

The crash which occurred at the intersection of Fairfax County Parkway and Freds Oak Road in Burke, resulted in the death of Daniel Breda of Fairfax Station.

Food left on stovetop burner cause of McLean fire

Units from Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and the Arlington County Fire Department were dispatched for a reported house fire in the 2000 block of Great Falls Street in McLean Jan. 16 at approximately noon.

Crews arrived on the scene of a one-story, single-family home with smoke visible from the roof. They quickly located a fire in the kitchen area and extinguished. Additional fire was also found in the attic and extinguished. There were no reported civilian or fire fighter injuries.

One occupant was home at the time of fire. The occupant was cooking and walked away from the kitchen. When she returned, she discovered a fire on the stovetop and called 9-1-1. There were working smoke alarms in the home.

Fire investigators determined that the fire was accidental in nature and started in the kitchen on the stovetop. The cause of the fire was food left on the burner, which ignited the cooking oil and nearby combustibles.

Two adults were displaced because of the fire. Red Cross assistance was offered and declined. Damages as a result of the fire were approximately \$93,750.

Two men charged in separate airline incidents

A federal grand jury returned two indictments last week charging an Alexandria man and a New York City man in separate incidents of criminal conduct aboard aircraft arriving at Washington Dulles International Airport.

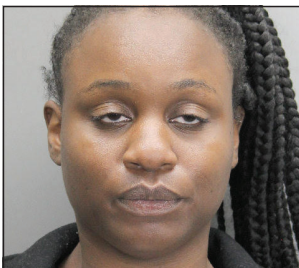
According to the indictment filed Jan. 19, on Dec. 2, 2021, Elias Fethamlk, 40, knowingly interfered with a flight attendant's duties by disregarding the flight attendant's instructions and assaulting the flight attendant while on board an Ethiopian Airlines flight traveling from Dublin, Ireland to Dulles International Airport.

Fethamlk is charged with one count of interference with flight crew members and attendants, and one count of simple assault in the special aircraft jurisdiction of the United States. If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison.

A separate indictment filed Jan. 18 charges Ivan Lopez, Jr., age 26, with sexually assaulting another passenger on-board a commercial flight

According to court documents, it is alleged that Lopez was a passenger on a commercial flight from Las Vegas McCarran International Airport to Washington Dulles International Airport on Dec. 24, 2021. During the flight, the passenger seated next to Lopez fell asleep. The indictment alleges that she awoke to Lopez repeatedly rubbing her right breast. When the passenger opened her eyes, she allegedly observed Lopez leaning over her and his right hand was placed on her right breast. The passenger allegedly yelled at Lopez and he moved to the back of the aircraft, where he allegedly admitted to a flight attendant that he sexually assaulted the woman.

Lopez is charged with abusive sexual contact aboard an aircraft in flight. If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of two years in prison.



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Karlita Felton

Fredericksburg woman arrested

The operator of a ride share vehicle called police Jan. 17 at 11:31 a.m. after a female passenger assaulted him. The incident took place in the vicinity of Fairfax County Parkway and Richmond Highway.

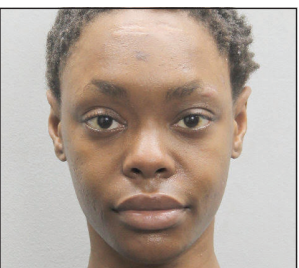
As officers were investigating, the female assaulted one of the officers.

Karlita Felton, 29, of Fredericksburg was arrested and charged with assault on a law enforcement officer. No injuries were reported.

Fredericksburg man arrested after stolen auto recovery

An officer saw a 2010 Toyota Corolla that was reported stolen from a nearby jurisdiction in the 6000 block of Leesburg Pike Jan. 19 at 8:44 p.m.

As the officer was coordinating a traffic stop on the vehicle, the driver, Luan Hoang Le, 26, of Fredericksburg, parked the vehicle and attempted to walk away. The man was arrested and charged with grand larceny.



COURTESY PHOTO
Mone Singleton

D.C. woman arrested in Lorton

Officers were called to the 8900 block of Lorton Station Boulevard Jan. 19 at 6:35 p.m. for an intoxicated woman who was being disorderly and stole property.

Mone Singleton, 26, of Washington, D.C. was arrested and during the arrest she assaulted the officer twice. She was charged with drunk in public, petit larceny, credit card theft, and assault on law enforcement officer. No injuries were reported.

Man succumbs to injuries from pedestrian crash

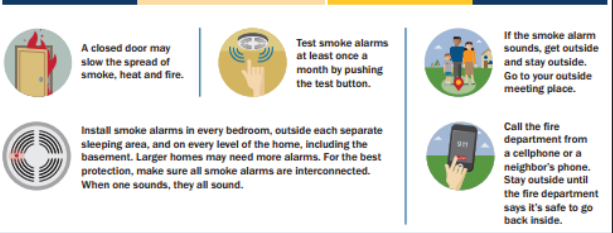
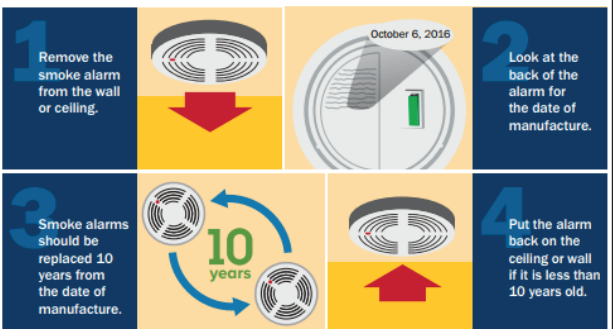
Detectives from the Fairfax County Police Department Crash Reconstruction Unit continue to investigate a fatal crash that occurred on Jan. 8 just before midnight on Lee Highway at Forum Drive in Fairfax.

Preliminarily, detectives determined Joel Gonzalez, 22, of Fairfax, was crossing Lee Highway from north to south at the intersection with Forum Drive outside of the crosswalk. The driver of a 2004 Toyota Sienna was traveling east on Lee Highway, entered the intersection on a green light and struck Gonzalez in the roadway. Gonzalez was taken to a hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries. Preliminarily, speed and alcohol do not appear to be factors in the crash.

Anyone with information



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

This is the 1st pedestrian fatality in the County to date in 2022.

Year to date in 2021, there were zero pedestrian fatalities as well.



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CBP warns against phone scams

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is aware of numerous telephone scams targeting residents nationwide.

Individuals nationwide have received unsolicited calls from scammers posing as U.S. Border Patrol agents and U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers. Residents are reporting calls with a pre-recorded message stating, "a box of drugs and money being shipped has your name on it and has been intercepted." Others are reporting calls from individuals claiming to be CBP employees and informing call recipients that there is a warrant for their arrest or requesting information in exchange for Bitcoin. In either case, the resident is instructed to provide banking information or other personal identifiable information, such as social security numbers or dates of birth.

These calls are phone scams/phishing attempts and have been around for the last few years. Residents are urged to not provide the caller with any information. The Department of Homeland Security and CBP does not solicit money over the phone, nor does it use Bitcoin other digital currency or gift cards. If such calls are received, people should make a note of the number and any other pertinent details about the call and immediately hang up, and then report the incident to your local police department and the Federal Trade Commissioner at <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/>. If you would still like to talk to someone from CBP, please contact the CBP Information Center at (877) 227-5511.

Driver charged in fatal single-vehicle crash

Detectives from the Fairfax County Police Department Crash Reconstruction Unit obtained an arrest warrant for the driver in the Dec. 5 fatal crash involving a 29-year-old passenger.

Rocio Miranda, 45, of Manassas, was charged with Driving Under the Influence - involuntary manslaughter. Miranda turned herself in at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was processed and released on a \$20,000 unsecured bond.

Estefania Cabrera, of Reston, was the passenger of a 2017 Toyota Highlander which was traveling eastbound on Poplar Tree Road. As Miranda passed through the intersection at Leighfield Street, the Toyota drifted off the roadway to the right, striking a tree head on.

Cabrera was taken to the hospital where she was pronounced deceased.

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PEOPLE AND PLACES



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Donna M. Rostant

Fairfax lawyer appointed to Virginia Bar board of governors

The Virginia Bar Association installed new officers and board of governors members during their virtual meeting Jan. 21.

Donna M. Rostant, will be serving the board of governors as an at-large member. She is an attorney with Jones & Rostant P.C. in Fairfax. Rostant has more than 25 years of legal expertise and a background of teaching nursing and as a nurse practitioner.

The Hon. Daniel E. Ortiz, judicial representative from the Virginia Court of Appeals and Robert E. Scully Jr., at-large representative from Blankingship & Keith P.C. will continue their roles on the VBA Board of Governors. Both are Fairfax residents. Board of Governors representatives serve three-year terms.



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Kim Crider

Deloitte hires retired general to lead artificial intelligence innovation

Maj. Gen. (Ret.) **Kim Crider** has joined Deloitte's government and public services (GPS) practice to lead the organization's artificial intelligence (AI) innovation for national security efforts and help government agencies adopt and implement effective data analytics and AI solutions.

During her 35-year military career, Crider served as the chief innovation and technology officer for the U.S. Space Force and the chief data officer for the U.S. Air Force. She also spent several years in the private sector, building two specialty consulting firms that advised clients in the education, engineering, cybersecurity, financial services and health care technology industries about enterprise IT management strategies, data administration and digital services.

"Kim is a proven leader with exceptional vision and remarkable experience in data analytics, AI and systems engineering," said Heather Reilly, principal, Deloitte Consulting LLP and the defense, security and justice portfolio leader for Deloitte's GPS practice. "The invaluable knowledge and capabilities Kim brings to Deloitte will help our government clients accelerate their digital transformations and achieve their goals."

Crider will also foster and promote Deloitte's Women in AI initiatives and serve as a fellow on Deloitte's AI Institute for Government, conducting research on how to apply AI to support national security efforts, especially in space.

"Kim's impressive knowledge of AI and data analytics will help our clients develop and deploy cutting-edge technologies to satisfy important priorities," said Ed Van Buren, principal, Deloitte Consulting LLP

and the executive director of Deloitte's AI Institute for Government. "I am excited to welcome Kim to Deloitte and look forward to working with her as we advise government agencies on how to effectively adopt AI-powered solutions to maintain a competitive advantage against increasingly sophisticated adversaries."

Crider serves as a board director for the National Cybersecurity Center, overseeing its Space Information Sharing Analytics Center. She also serves on the board at Arqit Inc. and as an advisor to several nonprofit organizations about digital innovation, emerging space system technologies and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education.



COURTESY PHOTO
Don Smialowicz

Hudson Lake names new CEO

HudsonLake, an award-winning, full-service strategic and creative communications firm, is taking its growth prospects and client-service excellence to the next level with the appointment of **Don Smialowicz** as CEO.

Smialowicz is a highly-respected public relations executive with expertise across human resource management, talent development, corporate communications, change management and DE&I initiatives. HudsonLake Founder and former CEO Cynthia Hudson will focus solely on her responsibilities as chair of HudsonLake's Board of Directors.

"HudsonLake – and by extension, our client partners across the country – will benefit greatly from Don's experience leading and managing companies through accelerated growth, his people-first focus and his results-producing ethic," said Hudson. "I look forward to Don's partnership and contributions as we propel our clients' success, add top-tier talent and enter the next phase of our expansion."

Smialowicz joins HudsonLake after more than 18 years at DDC Public Affairs, where as its president and COO he oversaw the global operations of 150 employees supporting more than 300 clients. Leading a diverse group of technical and professional services teams, Smialowicz saw the company through periods of significant growth and transformation, including his lead role in the company's M&A activity and acquisition by The Omnicom Group. Before joining DDC, Smialowicz was with Burson Cohn & Wolfe's grassroots communications division where his focus was on human resource management and organizational development.

"I am thrilled to be joining HudsonLake," said Smialowicz. "The HudsonLake team is loaded with high-performing talent, earning a reputation for delivering results for top global brands and industry leaders under challenging and often complex circumstances. The firm shares my career-long passion to help organizations attract talent, drive engagement and manage through change; and I am so appreciative to have the opportunity to become a part of the team that has built HudsonLake into the premier communications and creative firm it is today."



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Katya Gimbel



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Silvia Lovato



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Libby Smith



COURTESY PHOTO
Alfonso Wright

Girls on the Run announces new board members

Girls on the Run of NOVA announced that it has appointed **Katya Gimbel** of KPMG, **Silvia Lovato** of PBS, **Libby Smith**, of Hilton and **Alfonso Wright**, of Polaris, to its board of directors effective Jan. 1.

"We are delighted to Welcome Katya, Silvia, Libby and Alfonso as new members of our board," said Caroline Diemar, GOTR NOVA's executive director. "The diverse backgrounds and skill sets brought by these individuals will greatly help advance our mission as we build back smarter and stronger from COVID."

"We are thrilled to have Katya, Silvia, Libby, and Alfonso join the board given their deep connections within our community," said Rob Hargreaves, board president. "Each of them brings knowledge and relationships that will help make us stronger."

NVTRP names new board members

The Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program (NVTRP) announced the election of two new members to its board of directors, **Sherrie Beckstead** and **Robert (Bob) Baldassari**.

Beckstead's initiatives in facilitating excellence in leadership training, mentorship, as well as corporate and community development and education remain her focus in her businesses and in community leadership.

In addition to serving as the co-chair of the NVTRP Polo Classic for the past three years, Beckstead currently serves as the public relations co-chair on the executive committee at Georgetown Lombardi Breast Cancer Center in Washington, D.C. She is also an emeritus three-term member of Atlantic General Hospital Board of Directors, St. Mary's School Board of Directors in Annapolis, Md.,

and president of Historic St. Martin's Foundation.

Baldassari joined the board in 2022. His daughter, Amanda, leases her horse, Prince, to the program and he has been a long-time supporter of NVTRP.

Baldassari has been a CPA for more than 40 years. He is an active member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Taxation Committee. He was an adjunct professor of Advanced Federal Taxation. Bob has been an instructor of Continuing Professional Education courses for the Greater Washington Society of CPAs, the Virginia Society of CPAs and other CPA firms on tax-related topics. He has taught the Professional Ethics course for the Virginia Society of CPAs and is currently on the Professional Ethics Committee and the Tax Advisory Committee.

The NVTRP Board of Directors is composed of 13 members who strive to maintain a composition that represents the varied interests of those who participate in, and are involved with, NVTRP. The recent board vacancies were due to the unfortunate passing of former member Greg Pellegrino this past spring and the retirement and relocation of long-time board member John Tuthill after the 2021 term.



COURTESY PHOTO
Cmdr. Daniel Huelsman

Local Coast Guard officer named candidate in Bancroft Capital program

Bancroft Capital, a certified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) specializing in Institutional Brokerage and Capital Markets services, announced that it has accepted a local disabled military veteran candidate into its Veteran Training Program (VTP) for 2022.

Due to an outstanding response from well-qualified candidates to its recruitment campaign for the 2022 class, Bancroft has accepted five disabled military veterans to the program — its largest class since the program's inception. One of the candidates is U.S. Coast Guard Cmdr. **Daniel Huelsman**, of Alexandria.

Huelsman is a U.S. Coast Guard officer of nearly 19 years, presently serving as deputy chief for Coast Guard Intelligence Plans, Policy and Capabilities. A Babson College MBA graduate, Huelsman continues to serve as the director of the Babson Board to a non-profit foundation, serving on the Investment Committee and mentoring MBA Fellows. A 2004 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, he did his sea service onboard a 270-foot cutter and led divisions in counter-narcotics and homeland security missions. As program manager for Law Enforcement across the Great Lakes, he was instrumental in establishing first-ever, cross-border operations with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He also his Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence at the National Intelligence University.

Launched in 2019 and fully funded by Bancroft Capital, the VTP puts disabled veterans and first responders in a position to

develop a skill set capable of supporting a new career as institutional traders and investment bankers. Bancroft aims to offer paid opportunities to new candidates each year. Candidate training includes a rotation among the five business units Bancroft operates and an introduction to back office and operations functions, sales trading and compliance while participating in the VTP. Through their own hard work and diligence, each candidate has the opportunity to rewrite their futures as they develop skill sets that last through not one job, but for the life of a career.

"I feel fortunate to be part of a program with an organization that is so mission-driven. I hope to use Bancroft's exceptional example and pay it forward to other veterans in the future," Huelsman said.

Cooper Middle School wins 2021 Sudler Cup

The **Cooper Middle School Band** program has been selected by the John Philip Sousa Foundation to receive the 2021 Sudler Cup. This international award recognizes junior high and middle school concert bands for outstanding musical excellence.

The Sudler Cup is widely known as the most prestigious award a middle school band program can receive. Only 60 schools have received this award since its inception in 1985.

"I am so proud of what our students have accomplished. And not just the current students, but all of the students over the past 9 years who have shaped the program into what it is today," said Matt Baker, band director at Cooper. "We have a fantastic community, administration, and elementary school feeder programs that I never take for granted. I am just so happy to be a part of their program."

To be eligible for nomination for the award a middle school band must have achieved and maintained high standards of excellence in the concert area over a period of seven years under the same conductor. Although the band's concert activities receive the most attention in the selection process, the program in the school must be a complete one and include participation in solo and ensemble, district band, and activities by its individual members. The band must have performed at several state and national level conferences, received letters of recognition and recommendations from prominent educators and conductors, as well as submit years of concert programs and recordings.

The band will be presented with the Sudler Cup by the John Philip Sousa Foundation at the band's spring concert, honoring the students, directors, administration, and community.



COURTESY PHOTO
Reverend Jessica Holthus

Reston church announces new rector

St. Anne's Episcopal Church announced last month the **Reverend Jessica Holthus** has been called to be its seventh rector. Holthus is anticipated to begin her ministry and church operational leadership in February 2022.

Holthus is preceded in the position by the **Rev. Dr. John Dewitt Stonesifer**, the church's interim rector (September 2019 through June 2021).

"On behalf of the leadership, staff, and parishioners, we express our delight and extend a warm welcome to Mother Jess, her husband Nick, and their daughters" said St. Anne's Senior Warden Chris Korbuly. "Her ministry, energy, and discernment will be a tremendous addition to our parish family and to the Reston community."

Most recently, Holthus was the associate rector for eleven years at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Frederick, Md. Prior to ministry at All Saints', she attended Virginia Theological Seminary, in Alexandria. Holthus graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary in May 2010, with a Master in Divinity.

Holthus was ordained in June 2010, and has faithfully been serving All Saints' since. She has served with three different rectors, providing a pastoral presence of continuity during congregational times of transition. In addition, she has focused her ministry on pastoral care, liturgy, formation, stewardship, and newcomers.

"Mother Jess's experience in pastoral care, stewardship, newcomers, and communicating through technology will be incredibly valuable as our St. Anne's community explores the direction God is calling this church to in the decade ahead," said Korbuly. "This is especially important during this unusual time of remote worship and as we grow spiritual and educational offerings through digital platforms."

Korbuly noted that the St. Anne's vestry and search committee, after prayerful discernment, were led to call Holthus due to her energy, sermons, and enthusiasm for accountability and social justice. He added that Holthus's confidence in the face of the challenge a global pandemic brings will be key to cultivating a healthy parish.

"Nick and I are so excited to join the family at St. Anne's," said Holthus. "Having spent time with the search committee, vestry and staff, we feel welcomed and simply delighted to begin a new chapter of ministry in our lives."

OBITUARIES

In loving memory
Donald F. Bozarth (Don)

Donald F. Bozarth (Don), age 93, passed away peacefully on January 12, 2022, at his residence in Greenspring Retirement Community in Springfield, VA. Don lived in Greenspring for over 17 years with Rena, his wife of 71 years.

Don was born on November 26, 1928, in Portland, OR, and was the son of Howard and Cora Bozarth. He grew up in New England, and earned his Bachelor's degree from Amherst College and his Master's in City Planning from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He worked for over 30 years for the National Capital Planning Commission in Washington, D.C.

Don was an avid reader and also enjoyed sailing and camping. Some of his favorite memories were of traveling with Rena in their RV to visit family members in various parts of the country, as well as taking trips abroad together. He was a longtime resident of Holmes Run Acres in Falls Church, VA, prior to moving to Greenspring in 2004.

Don is survived by his wife, Rena, and their four children - Cathy Wakefield of Chadds Ford, PA; Christine Fisher of Ft. Myers, FL; Carol Zaimis of Washington, PA; and, Phillip Bozarth of Colorado Springs, CO. Don and Rena have 10 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Don was devoted to his family and will be cherished by them forever. A private funeral will be held by the family at a later date.

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high-filtration masks, such as N95s and KN95s, instead of cloth masks.

There is some evidence that mask-wearing can have adverse effects, according to the CDC. Some physical adverse effects usually present during intensive physical activity, though this is not shown to correspond to unsafe cardiovascular or pulmonary readings. The strongest evidence of adverse physical effects is skin irritation.

The CDC also says that “masks are unlikely to produce serious impairments of childrens’ social interactions,” though parents, students, and educators often note that masks can still cause difficulties in the classroom, such as inhibiting clear communication and stifling social activities. A recent article in The Atlantic cited two studies, one from Greece and one from Italy which found that masking is a barrier to “speech recognition, hearing, and communication,” among other things.

FCPS Superintendent Scott Brabrand sent out a message to parents Jan. 21 that the “requirement for masking would remain in place until further notice,” and that students not in compliance would be suspended for a violation of the FCPS dress code. The message was followed up with a town hall meeting Jan. 24 which many parents took to social media to comment about.

FCPS parent Mike Pasquino followed up after the town hall with a letter to the superintendent and school board members in which he wrote, “I was surprised to hear that you are just now looking into off-ramps for COVID restrictions in schools. You said, ‘now is not the time’, but I would argue the time is well past. Our children’s mental health is in crisis, and the risk from COVID is lower than ever for them and their families thanks to an amazing vaccine and a little bit of viral luck (age matters). Your job is to prepare for the future, and this pandemic has shifted from what it was when your restrictions were put in place.” He included in his letter a website with a toolkit devised by a team of doctors with expertise in epidemiology and virology. Pasquino said that he felt the town hall was more of an explaining session than a listening session.

Fairfax County Health Department Spokesperson Lucy Caldwell noted that public health officials in Fairfax County strongly support mask-wearing. “FCHD continues to highlight the benefits of masking and encourages well-fitting masks as an important part of an overall layered prevention strategy,” she wrote.

Pasquino said he was disappointed county leaders have not communicated a clear strategy for when it would be safe to remove masks in the classroom. “I would like to see children have a choice,” Pasquino said. He added that

unmasking children right now may not significantly impact the curve of cases and hospitalizations, though he is strongly in favor of concrete benchmarks set by county leaders for removing masks.

Regardless of the fate of the executive order, the General Assembly could repeal mask mandates. In an email to the Fairfax County Parents Association, Senator Chap Petersen (D-Fairfax) indicated he could support repealing mandates and said that the forced masking policy is going to end very soon, writing that schools need an “off-ramp” since universal masking “is not an acceptable long-term solution.”

The Board of Supervisors on Tuesday also sent a letter to Youngkin requesting that state health officials work with local leaders to “develop metrics” to “achieve our mutual goal of eliminating masks when it is safe to do so.”

Meanwhile, there are some positive trends in local COVID cases. Though transmission of the extremely infectious Omicron variant remains high, cases are projected to have peaked in highly-vaccinated areas of the country, including Fairfax County. According to data from the Fairfax County Health Department, the Fairfax Health District logged a record high of 16,419 cases for the week of December 26.

Preliminary data now shows that cases are falling across the county.

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“We certainly hope that Dulles does grow because it is a major economic driver in the community, and we want that growth to happen,” said Johnson.

Three new residential projects were approved, with the idea of constructing more than 700 homes, including more than 400 homes at the Boulevards at Westfield. Elms Street will have more than 150 homes directly under flight paths into Dulles Airport. So far, communities have been built in those areas, despite objection.

Richard Dei Tos, executive director of the Metropolitan Washington Airlines Committee (MWAC), said there is a danger in placing homes in the flight paths, calling it an “unmitigated disaster which is entirely avoidable.”

Though developers say that residents will live in a spot between the 60-65 DNL noise contours, the MWAA said it is still too noisy for living.

David Mould, vice president of communications and government affairs at MWAA, said the organization believes that building homes either too close to a runway, particularly directly underneath the flight path approaching Dulles airport, is both dangerous and “annoying.”

“We are trying to be good neighbors; we don’t want to put people in harm’s way,” said

Mould. “We also don’t want the complaints for those people to stifle our growth in the future, and that’s basically what drives us.”

Kathy Smith (D-Sully) is the supervisor in the district where developers initially planned to build residential areas. At the 2020 meeting, Smith urged the board of supervisors to ignore the updated noise contours and continue using the others.

However, Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) disagreed with Smith’s views. Herrity said the board would use the noise contours and that the county is doing what they can to protect the economic asset that is Dulles.

“We would be doing ourselves a disservice if we maintain the approach from 1993,” said Herrity. “To pretend they don’t exist is a mistake.”

When Michael Cooper of the MWAA, who attended the meeting, was offered a chance by Herrity to speak and express any concerns, Smith bluntly refused that option. “We’re not going to do that... I’m the chairman,” she said.

“The major point of this discussion is what do we want to do in Fairfax County for what we need to do with land use,” Smith said. “There are 2019 contours out there, but the amount of time for that to take effect is far into the future.”

Both meetings, while virtual, will allow the public to share their thoughts about the looming construction of the residential areas.

Emotional and mental impact of COVID-19 weighs on students

Fairfax-Falls Church CSB working to fill vacancies, meet needs

By Brad Byrne
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In a Face The Nation broadcast, CBS News National and International Correspondent Jan Crawford brought up the conversation of the biggest underreported story in 2021 was the devastating impact of COVID policies on children, saying that “They will be paying for our generation’s decisions the rest of their lives.”

It has been almost two years since the COVID-19 pandemic first started to affect the United States, and with that, students at all levels are feeling isolated and depressed. According to the Center for Collegiate Mental Health at Penn State, loneliness and isolation are the top concerns of college students who have gotten counseling during the pandemic.

At the primary and secondary levels in Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS), school social workers or psychologists are available to help with emotional and behavioral issues. School social workers help to prevent social, emotional, and behavioral factors from affecting a student’s ability to perform at his or her best according to FCPS. School psychologists are mental health specialists with knowledge of child development, the psychology of learning, behavior management and intervention, monitor the progress of students, and program evaluation according to FCPS.

Mental health issues have been a rising concern for FCPS, and in the 2019-2020 Fairfax County Youth Survey, more than one-third of students reported experiencing a high level of stress in the past month, with female students being much more likely to report experiencing a high level of stress. Three in 10 students

reported sad or hopeless feelings for two or more weeks in the past year that they stopped doing regular activities, and this statistic has been increasing steadily since 2016. One in seven students reported that they had seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year, with 6 percent of students attempting it in the past year. More than 33,000 students were surveyed in 8th, 10th, and 12th grades for this data; no survey was conducted for the 2020-2021 school year because of remote learning preventing students in the classroom.

Cindy Lang Walsh, parent and author of “Breaking the Autism Code”, is helping other parents cope with shutdowns in FCPS, “I’m informally helping other parents with coping with the shutdown and trying to fix a broken system that doesn’t prepare special needs kids,” said Walsh.

She also is advocating for help after graduation in the school system after the loss of her son, “My son killed himself in June. He had therapists in the school system and suddenly had nothing as a graduate.”

Meanwhile, at the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, there are 175 vacancies in addition to 2,400 statewide positions among the Commonwealth’s Community Services Board. Fairfax-Falls Church CSB helps with youths seeking treatment in the area, with those conditions rising from the pandemic, and are helping fewer youths with these vacancies.

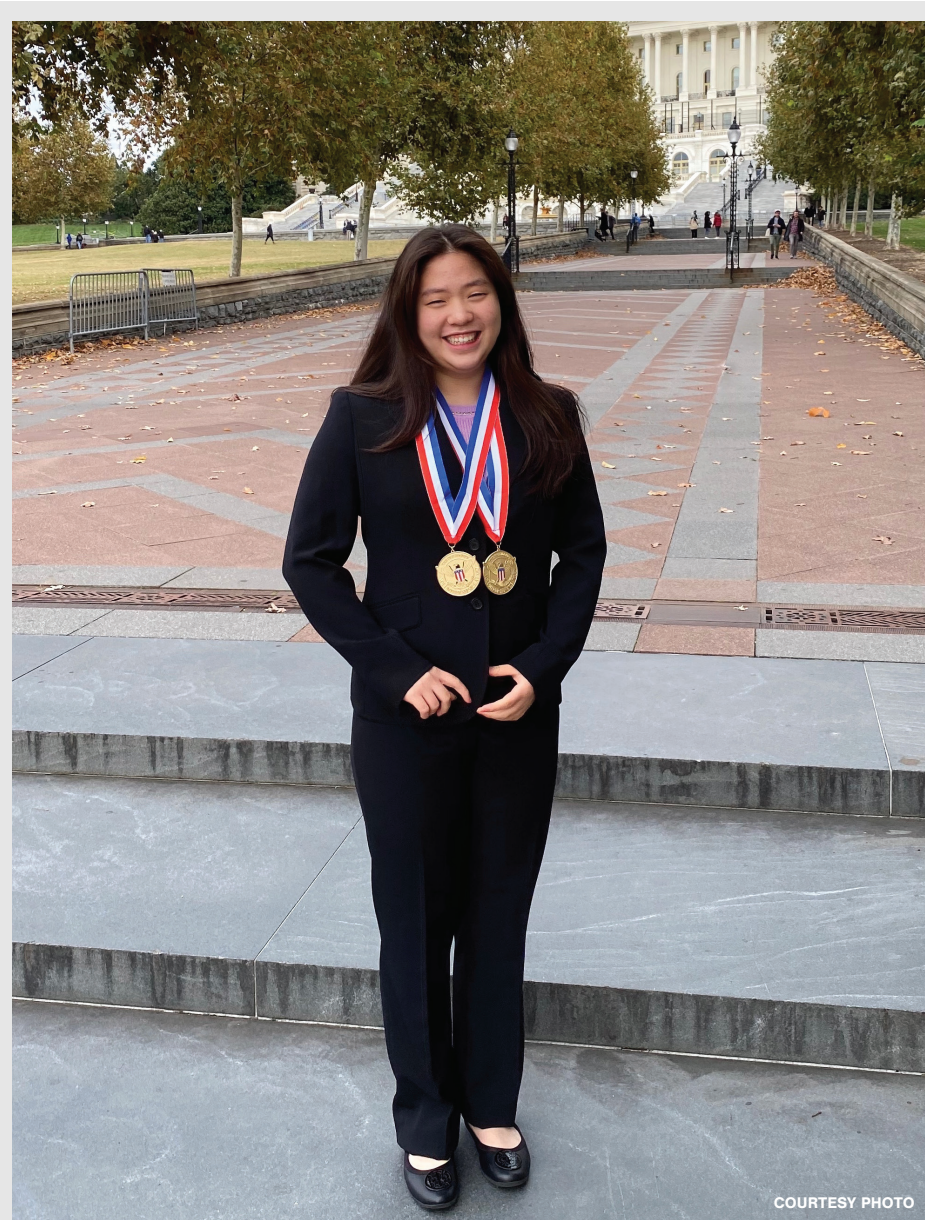
“Due to an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases among staff, a high number of vacancies, increasing healthcare regulations and staff burnout and to ensure appropriate staffing coverage, the Fairfax-Falls Church CSB has implemented temporary staffing adjustments to ensure

we maintain the highest level of service possible to our community while balancing personnel challenges,” said Lisa Flowers, public information officer for the CSB. “Last week, 45 employees tested positive for COVID-19 and we have 175 vacancies.”

Flowers noted that the pandemic has affected children and youth the most, “The rise in COVID-19 cases and staffing shortages are being seen within our most vulnerable population — children and youth. Increased isolation can result in depression, anxiety, substance use, and suicide. The CSB has a waiting list of 92 youth, of whom 21 are in Spanish-speaking families. Many private safety net providers have waiting lists of 15 to over 150 youth, with typical waiting times of one to two months.”

The CSB is implementing several steps to address their recruiting, hiring and retention challenges, according to Daryl Washington, executive director. “Everyone is feeling the impact of COVID-19 and staffing shortages. We’re committed to ongoing recruitment and retention efforts to be able to continue to provide the highest quality behavioral health services to the communities we serve, especially our children and youth population,” said Washington. “We appreciate the support and patience of the individuals we serve and their families, our residents and visitors. We want to return to normal operations as quickly and safely as possible.”

The youth mental crisis continues during the COVID-19 pandemic, with the U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy issuing an advisory warning of a mental health crisis, “It would be a tragedy if we beat back one health crisis only to allow another to grow in its place.”



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to found the Teen Mobile Arts (TMA) organization for her community of fellow young artists.

She was drawn to creating a collaborative environment for young artists to lean on one another over shared trials and pursuits. The beginning of TMA was centered around exposure for both the artists exhibiting their work and the local museums, shops, and businesses offering their spaces.

In the same spirit as organizing the activities with the children at Sun Village, the TMA artists hosted art workshops in libraries to make the “chance to express themselves and develop a passion for the arts” accessible to all children, said Hu. The TMA team donated more than their time and experience to sharing art.

The TMA team’s Global Pandemic Mask Initiative funded the donation of 5,000 masks to senior homes, cancer patients, and hospitals both local and international through

the auction of their artwork. Once businesses started re-opening, the young local artists gathered to make chalk art “to bring love, encouragement, hope, and support to the community,” Hu said.

TMA is centered around building mutually-constructive relationships with the communities the artists are local to. While the successes of TMA fuel their artists’ careers, Hu said the “expanded audience enables them to support the charities they care about.” TMA has grown from exhibitions in local buildings to an online gallery connecting nations and benefiting international charities. With nearly 100 sales, in excess of \$30,000 raised, and more than 50,000 international youth benefitted, TMA is just getting started.

Having grown from McLean to a global scale, Hu established the International Museum Youth Council (IMYC) as an executive board for TMA with global contributors who serve as catalysts for connection between TMA and international museums and artists. The IMYC has stretched the reach of TMA

and created prosperous partnerships with 15 museums and organizations across the globe—from the African Art Museum of Maryland to Sheng Art Space in China.

TMA has brought popularity to exhibiting the work of young artists. Hu said their community of artists recognize the “necessity of including STEM minds, business minds, and arts minds at the table when working towards impactful change.” The objective behind TMA, Hu said, is to represent the powers of artistic expression by rising above boundaries—both real and imagined—to “mobilize and unite artists around the globe regardless of their financial and social status.”

Back from a silent pandemic, TMA artists have an ongoing exhibition at the CCACC Art Gallery until February 25, 2022 and are looking forward to future art celebrations and shows. Hu has spoken to and will continue to speak “with global changemakers to spread the mission” of TMA in broadening artist representation within its organization.

General Assembly considers new education legislation

By Michael Marrow
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

The General Assembly convened Jan. 12 for this year’s legislative session, where lawmakers are considering a range of new proposals for education policies.

Education reform was a leading theme for the successful Republican ticket from last year, which helped lead the GOP to sweep all three statewide offices and take the majority in the House of Delegates.

Legislation that expands the charter school program, which allows parents to enroll their children in an alternative public school, is a leading consideration for Republicans. Governor Glenn Youngkin campaigned on establishing at least 20 new charter schools in addition to the seven that already exist in the Commonwealth. Fairfax County currently has zero.

The legislation faces stiff opposition from Democrats, who hold the state Senate with a slim 21-19 majority. However, a single defection among Democratic senators on any legislation would enable Lt. Governor Winsome Earle-Sears to cast a tie-breaking vote.

Pending legislation in the House and the Senate that seeks to expand charter schools – such as HB 344 and SB 635 – could garner enough support in the Senate to make its way to Youngkin’s desk. Senator Chap Petersen (D-Fairfax)



and Senator Joe Morrissey (D-Richmond) have indicated they would support the legislation, according to a report from the Virginia Mercury.

The bills would expand the current charter school authorization process by empowering the state Board of Education to establish charter schools. Under current law, only local school boards possess this authority.

There are a number of other education proposals before both houses of the legislature as well.

HB 37 and HB 873 along with SB 415 would require schools to employ armed police known as school resource officers

(SROs), which is currently at the discretion of school districts. Some localities, such as Charlottesville and Alexandria, previously voted to remove SROs from schools.

Late last year, the Alexandria City Council reversed its decision to remove SROs following incidents involving guns and violence on school campuses. SROs are still in place in Fairfax County Public Schools.

HB 1126, known as the “Parents Bill of Rights,” would permit parents to review any instructional materials in schools and opt their children out of any activities or instruction to which they object.

The bill also contains

more controversial features, such as requiring students and staff to have access to restrooms, locker rooms and other facilities that are “shared only by members of the same biological sex.” HB 988 would require similar measures and rescind the requirement that schools adopt trans-inclusive policies.

The legislation would likely violate the constitutional rights of students and faculty. In 2020, a federal court ruled in favor of Gloucester County resident Gavin Grimm, a transgender male student who the court said was illegally denied access to facilities that reflected his gender identity. The United States Supreme

Court rejected an appeal of the ruling.

HB 781 would also require any faculty who teach “divisive concepts” to be charged with a misdemeanor and face potential termination and the revocation of their teaching license. The bill’s sponsor, Delegate Wren Williams (R-Patrick), has explicitly said the legislation aims to crack down on the teaching of “critical race theory.” Critics contend that the critical race theory label is shorthand for education about the history of racial discrimination in the United States.

Affirmative action would be banned in Governor’s schools if HB 127 is passed. State leaders previ-

ously promoted policies to boost diversity at the schools following reports that Black and Latino students have been disproportionately excluded from admissions.

HB 4 and HB 59 would require school officials to report misdemeanor offenses to law enforcement, which would roll back a change recently made by Democratic lawmakers to only report felonies.

The General Assembly is also eyeing the implementation of numerous strategies to keep students in schools and limit the spread of COVID-19. SB 431 would require schools to adopt the CDC’s “test-to-stay” strategy to keep children who are exposed to a Covid infection in the classroom if they test negative twice within a seven-day period.

Despite disagreement between legislators on numerous issues, there may be room for bipartisan agreement in other areas. David Cary, chief of staff for House Minority Leader Eileen Filler-Corn (D-Fairfax), wrote that the education budget is a source of common ground.

“Leader Filler-Corn has pointed to the \$2.3 billion in PreK-12 education funding that Governor [Ralph] Northam put in the introduced budget that is before the General Assembly today,” Cary wrote. “We hope we can all agree that that funding is critical to keep in place.”

The General Assembly is scheduled to adjourn March 12.

Fairfax County approves funding to support development of 175 affordable homes at Dominion Square

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The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has approved a little more than \$33 million in financing support for the development of 175 affordable homes – to be known as Dominion Square West. The development is the first step of a two-phase plan to bring affordable housing and needed community amenities to the Tysons area.

Coupled with an additional \$10 million from the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA), this funding sets the stage for a unique public-private partnership that will offer an extraordinary opportunity for housing affordable to low- and moderate-income households in one of the county’s largest activity centers. The project also marks the first development to utilize affordable housing proffer contributions from commercial developers in Tysons.

“The 175-Unit Dominion Square West building will be a significant and positive step forward in providing affordable housing for working families close to Metrorail. This important project will provide much-needed housing for families and individuals working in Tysons and at



locations all along the Silver Line, and beyond,” said Hunter Mill District Supervisor Walter Alcorn. “When the Board of Supervisors adopted the updated Comprehensive Plan for Tysons in 2010 it included a call for developers of commercial properties to make a contribution to affordable housing in Tysons at \$3 per square foot. This is the first such affordable housing proposal to use these proffered funds and I look forward to the life-changing impact these new homes will have on working families succeeding and thriving.”

With the Board’s ap-

proval, the FCRHA will provide nearly \$22.1 million in local housing funds as a loan to the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH) to develop the property. The additional \$10.9 million from the American Rescue Plan Act approved by the Board will be added to \$10 million committed by the FCRHA to facilitate a purchase of the two-acre parcel along Spring Hill Road where the project will be built. Upon closing, the FCRHA will hold title to the land which will be leased to APAH for the development of Dominion Square West.

This financing of Dominion Square is an excellent example of the county’s ability to leverage a multitude of resources to contribute to the development of affordable housing. Of the entire \$43 million to be allocated to this project, only \$13.3 million will come from local taxpayer dollars through the Housing Blueprint Fund. The remaining funding will come from Tysons housing proffer contributions (\$8.7 million provided by commercial developers), the American Rescue Plan Act, and the FCRHA.

“Public-private partner-

ships have fueled the production of more than 1,000 units of affordable housing in the last few years alone – from the award-winning Residences at Government Center to our homes under construction at North Hill, Oakwood, and One University, and now to Dominion Square, said C. Melissa McKenna, chairman of FCRHA. “We are proving time and time again the value of these partnerships in providing well-connected, long-term affordable housing that open the doors of opportunity for individuals and families across the county.”

Phase I of the Dominion Square development will include a nine-story high-rise with 35 one-bedroom apartments, 105 two-bedroom apartments, and 35 three-bedroom apartments. Units will be affordable to households at or below 30, 50, and 60 percent of Area Median Income (AMI). The project is also anticipated to include the award of 40 project-based vouchers to further support residents at or below 50 percent of AMI. The building’s location will provide tenants with convenient access to job opportunities across the region via numerous commuter bus and rail options.

“Dominion Square is the kind of community we need more of – one that is completely integrated into the community in terms of design, function, and opportunity. I strongly believe quality affordable housing must be available throughout Fairfax County and this action helps move us closer to that reality,” said Board of Supervisors Chairman Jeff McKay. “I am so happy we are moving forward with this important proposal. If we learned anything during this pandemic, it is that quality, accessible housing is critical to our personal health and our economy and this is an investment in both.”

Robinson Rams varsity girls basketball triumphs over Alexandria City Titans

By Michael Marrow
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

The Robinson Rams varsity girls basketball team defended their home turf against the Alexandria City Titans on Tuesday evening, cruising to a 49-35 victory after a tight game in the third quarter.

It was a rematch for Robinson to prove their mettle. The teams previously met at Alexandria City High School on Jan. 12, where the Titans narrowly defeated the Rams 42-40.

The Rams dominated the first quarter, keeping the Titans from getting a shot on basket until several minutes elapsed. A sturdy defense by the Rams combined with unforced errors by the Titans then gave Robinson a 12-6 lead heading into the second quarter.

Robinson was aided by a strong first-quarter performance by freshman Georgia Simonsen as well, who throughout the game found herself wide open or made hard drives to the basket.

Alexandria City's leading scorer, junior Amor Harris, conceded the Titans struggled to keep their eye on the prize during the times Robinson had the lead. Harris carried



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more than half the Titan's total score with 18 points. "I don't think everybody on the team was focused," Harris said. "I think everybody was just focused on how we were down."

Alexandria City was able to close the gap in the second quarter, where the Titans held the Rams to just five points and the Titans scored eight. At halftime, the score was 17-14 in Robinson's

favor.

For much of the third quarter it was the Titans' turn to run the court. After senior N'jya Hopkins scored a behind-the-back layup to tie the score at 20 points, another score by Harris gave Alexandria City a temporary lead.

"We got really sped up," said junior Caroline Shimp, Robinson's leading scorer for the match with 14 points.

"At halftime, I told my team 'this is what happened in our last game, and we need to focus right now or we're going to lose this game.'"

Robinson was ultimately able to regain their footing, closing out the third quarter with a 29-24 lead. Getting control of the ball, the Rams slowed the game down in their favor. Spreading the court out, they were also able to create more opportunities at the basket. The Rams' upper hand then became evident.

"Energy dictates the game, and you could see the momentum shift toward them," Harris said. "For a moment in the third quarter, we were up and getting energy back and getting steals and scoring."

At halftime, the Rams adjusted their strategy to return to their principles, a key one being their post-game. In the first half, the Rams shot five three-point attempts and scored one, but in the second

half, the Rams did not attempt any.

"We're not a great perimeter team," said Rams Head Coach TJ Dade. "Our bread and butter is inside. That's our high percentage area - in the lane."

Shimp noted the same. "When we're feeling good and hitting three-pointers, those are shots we like to take. But we're more of an inside team, so we started to make that adjustment to focus on our inside game," Shimp said.

By contrast, the Titans attempted three three-point shots in the first half and five in the second half, making one.

"Our offense is predicated on what the defense does," said Titans Head Coach Marcus McKinney. "We just say score. It opened up more in the second half, which is why we were able to get some threes off."

The Rams' strong post-game came through in the

fourth quarter, where both teams put up the most points of any period: the Rams scored 20 and the Titans scored 11.

Drives by Shimp and Simonsen helped close out the game for Robinson. Successive free throws by Shimp then sealed the deal.

"You've got to give Robinson credit. They had a great defensive scheme. I think we just weren't in it tonight," McKinney said, adding that "individual breakdowns" led to "team breakdowns" that hurt them in the second half.

Dade said that several important defensive plays were crucial for turning the tide.

"On the defensive side, [junior Devon] Babcock came off the bench and did a really good job defensively," Dade said. Sophomore Elizabeth Barry "also had some monster rebounds for us."

Most important for their success was matching the physicality of the Titans. "I thought we matched their toughness. They can play tough, and I can think that's what the difference in the game was, we matched our toughness," Dade said. "Then we were able to do things we know we can do."

Going forward, Harris remarked the Titans would need to work on their balance when the score is against them. "We have to learn how to adjust when we do get down," Harris said.

Shimp said that future success for the Rams would rely on replicating their performance in the latter part of the second half.

"I just felt a lot of energy from my team," Shimp said. "Our bench was going crazy, we were getting steals from our press. That's the stuff that keeps me going."



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Virginia's efforts to legalize marijuana: extremely disconcerting to black community leaders

Dear Editor,

As various Bills aimed to legalize marijuana continue to wind through the legislative process in the 2022 Virginia General Assembly, for many Black families, leaders, voters, and impacted communities across the state it all appears to be just another plate of warmed-over grits -- horrible for our communities!

To the distress of Black leaders, voters, clergy, and congregations across Virginia, efforts to legalize marijuana by General Assembly legislators continue on a much-too-fast trajectory. This trajectory apparently is being driven by industry big-wigs and entrenched state politicians in the same ways as was the case in other states that have already legalized marijuana.

Interestingly, recent studies and national news reports clearly indicate a near shutout from the legal marijuana industry of Black communities, entrepreneurs, and investors. It appears the actions of marijuana industry insiders and

Virginia legislators could once again relegate Black and other impacted communities solely to roles as the «mules» of this new industry, but now as patrons paying 25-30% in marijuana taxes when legally purchasing these products.

With billions and billions in anticipated state tax revenues in one vein and substantial profits made by business owners - who are already poised to dominate the industry - in another, Virginia's proposed legislation is deficient in key areas. Glaringly scant are needed details requiring the sharing of billions in marijuana-related tax revenues and TRUE equity for Black and other significantly impacted communities statewide. As a side note, impacted communities do not often mean rural communities that have richly benefitted from the prison building spree that occurred during the Allen, Gilmore, and other administrations. See: Up The Ridge Documentary

Many are mindful of how in 1999 legislators rightfully assisted tobacco

farmers by forming the Virginia Tobacco Regional Revitalization Commission, to directly aid impacted tobacco farmers and communities after their livelihoods were drastically impacted by new Federal restrictions on the tobacco industry.

More recently, Virginia is now set to receive over \$500 million dollars resulting from lawsuits related to the opioid crisis and scandals. It appears this windfall will also be used to help persons and communities that were devastated the most by the opioid epidemic.

Given these two glaring situations and the resultant actions by Virginia legislators, many overwhelmingly feel marijuana-related tax revenues (80% of such) should primarily be used to help remedy the damage done in the urban communities most adversely impacted by Virginia's disparate enforcement of marijuana-related laws.

Will Virginia now do the right thing with marijuana-related tax revenues and other key aspects of the

legal marijuana industry? The jury is still out with the final outcome now in the hands of legislators we all elect.

Significant concerns about legalization that are yet to be answered by industry insiders, legislators, and Youngkin Administration officials include:

-How will the BILLIONS in new marijuana-related tax revenues be used directly -- and as determined by impacted persons and community leaders -- to help repair the many broken lives, families, communities, and institutions resulting from Virginia's very targeted laws and its War on Drugs?

-Because the cultivation of marijuana by Virginia law has been illegal, how will new laws distinctly, very clearly, and fully allow potential Black, other entrepreneurs, and investors ample opportunities to gain the technical knowledge needed about the intricate aspects of cultivating high-quality marijuana that will be sold to consumers?

-As NOT to repeat the failures by other states that

have legalized marijuana, how will industry insiders and Virginia legislators MAKE ABSOLUTELY SURE, by law, Black entrepreneurs and investors are truly included in this new industry, rather than by any hoped-for-grace and mercy of industry insiders and medical marijuana operators?

-How can any legislator feel they can't pinpoint certain groups for gains via new marijuana laws when previous marijuana laws have

enabled the targeting of certain groups for the harshest of arrests, prosecutions, and punishment? Legislators routinely exercise vast creativity in crafting criteria that benefit or disadvantage certain groups. Pleas that «our hands are tied» with respect to this particular legislation strains credulity.

Many accurately question how today's legislators are not now able to help rectify past legislative mistakes that devastated so many families, citizens, and particularly urban communities. Such past legislative mistakes that

can finally be rectified in ways WITHOUT the use of any money from Virginia's income tax receipts.

Whether one is a full believer or still an ardent Doubting Thomas, the legalization of marijuana in Virginia CAN be a huge win-win for ALL Virginians, but ONLY IF done in the right ways.

The time has come to invest the «manna from the heavens» produced by Virginia's new marijuana industry in ways that improve the lives of many Virginians who need help the most. his doing likewise.

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Laugh or cry

Dear Editor,

I had not previously credited our Fairfax congressman with being good for a laugh. He cannot be denied a sense of humor, though: Mr Connolly exults in his hilarious e-mailed review of the Biden administration's hapless 2021 ineptitudes: "President Biden's first year in office has left our nation stronger and more resilient than before" (Gerry Connolly, CD 11). But Gerry's joke is rather at his constituents' expense. A somewhat more reflective politician may

well have been tempted to draw a discreet veil over the calamitous results of the past year.

Touting the administration's economic "successes" and risibly contrasting them with President Trump's first and final years in office, Connolly mentions the billions Virginia will receive for glamorous highway restoration and bridge replacement, not to mention "charging stations across the Commonwealth" (pork-barreled into the Infrastructure Act). The majority of his constituents'

minds will, I suspect, be more focused on the cost of lunch and the self-inflicted high prices at the pump.

Galloping inflation is of little concern to Mr Connolly. Supply issues likewise. "Store shelves have remained stocked" (the Twitter-trending "Bare-Shelves Biden" notwithstanding). "Inflation may have risen," he blithely observes. "Employed Americans' disposable income has increased as well" (less, of course, the 6 percent-and-counting inflation tax).

"We have accomplished

a tremendous amount" (runaway food and gas prices, reckless public spending, rising crime, border breakdowns, classroom debacles, Afghanistan horrors, and higher taxation are not listed), "and we don't plan to stop now." Sounds like a threat. He vows that he is "ready to get to work." Many congressional Democrats are headed for the exits. His constituents would certainly benefit from his doing likewise.

*Harry Locock
Herndon*

Life is precious Abortion should be outlawed and Roe vs. Wade overturned

Dear Editor,

Life begins at the point of conception. No one can deny that after a human being is conceived it will develop into the very same being as those debating this issue. What astounds me is that those who favor abortion went through an identical development stage as the being they are condemning to death. Would these very same people agree that a similar choice should have been made about their own existence? How many human lives have been lost that could have added to our society in so many ways?

Abortion today is used primarily as a birth control of convenience because people are too self-centered to take precautions. They prefer their own pleasurable self-indulgence over the care and sanctity of the life they created. What ever happened to taking responsibility for one's actions in this country? Is it too much to ask a woman who has conceived to place the child into adoption? Nine months of discomfort is nothing compared to life in prison for voluntary manslaughter! And what about consenting to sex with a male; is that part of the equation too? Or has abortion

just become another extension of the women's liberation movement started in the late 60's which coincidently boosted membership on or about the same date as Roe V. Wade?

Does the father of the child have a say in this? And what about the constitution of the United States? Are not all people conceived in this country deserving of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness? I believe abortion is a crime against humanity and should be outlawed. We need to overturn the Roe v. Wade decision and get back to cherishing life in this country. For a country that

murders it's children cannot be far from self destruction.

Back in 1973 a Supreme Court decision {Roe v. Wade} legalized abortion by a 7-2 vote. Six of the seven justices in the majority were Republican appointees. The only Democrat appointee, Byron White, voted against Roe v. Wade. Back then the Republican motto was government is best that governs least. Hence the Republicans giveth and the Republicans taketh away.

*Joe Bialek
Cleveland, OH*




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Herndon's John Gluck impressing on TV

The singing teen is making a name for himself on NBC's "Ordinary Joe"



FERNANDO DECILLIS/NBC

By Keith Loria
SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

"Ordinary Joe" has been one of NBC's breakout shows during the 2021-22 season, and while its freshman season is coming to an end this week, the fact that it's beloved by critics and audiences alike makes it a good bet to come back next fall. The show follows Joe Kimbrey (played by James Wolk) and three parallel timelines based on a trio of choices he could have made

on graduation day. In one timeline, Joe is a policeman, another he works at a hospital, and in the third, he's a famous musician. His friends and family are also in all three timelines, with many differences throughout. For instance, in one timeline, Joe and his wife Jenny have a 9-year-old son Christopher who has spinal muscular atrophy. Christopher is played by 13-year-old John Gluck from Herndon. The character has similarities with Gluck's own

type of muscular dystrophy. Gluck too is in all three timelines, but in two others, he doesn't know Joe is his dad—and his names are Zeke and Lucas. Gluck first became interested in acting and singing while attending Crossfield Elementary School. That led him to Lopez Studios in Reston, studying under Victor Lopez. "I have been singing since I could talk, and when I was in third grade, I did a show at Lopez and started taking voice lessons," Gluck

said. "I started to get more into acting and when I saw there was a casting call for this show, I knew I needed to go for it." He learned about "Ordinary Joe" through a Facebook page on muscular dystrophy, when his mom saw the casting call announcement. "I had to send in a small video, which I actually recorded at Lopez with my acting coach, Mr. [Michael] Fowle," Gluck said. "A few weeks later, I found out I was in the top three."

From there, he did interviews with some of the cast and crew and during his audition, Gluck sang Billy Joel's "New York State of Mind." That led the show's creators to add the fact Christopher could sing as part of the storyline, and Gluck has shown his incredible talent on multiple episodes. Once Gluck found out he nabbed the role, he shot the pilot in Chicago, and once the show was picked up, filming moved to Atlanta. "You receive the script about two weeks before and

you don't rehearse before, but once you get there, they put you through the works, they do hair and makeup, and then you rehearse a little while they set up," Gluck said. "You film a bunch of times from one angle and then they switch things around, and you get all the angles you need to make a great scene. There's so much effort that goes into a TV show to make it really come together." To date, one of his favorites

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Marc Cohn walking in Alexandria



The Grammy-winning singer heads to The Birchmere on Wednesday

COURTESY PHOTO

By Keith Loria
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Marc Cohn took the music world by storm, scoring a No. 1 hit with "Walking in Memphis" off his self-titled debut in 1991, helping him to win the Grammy Award for Best New Artist in 1992. Although he never quite equaled the success of that first hit, Cohn has had a successful career nonetheless, continuing to record and tour over the past three decades. "The things I dreamed about when I was 12, 13, all the way to my early 20s, I did accomplish all that," Cohn said. "I dreamed of getting a record deal. The only way

I heard the artists I loved were the Grammy Awards, seeing Paul Simon and Stevie Wonder, and that occurred too when I won in 1992." But as he got older, he realized there was more nuanced stuff that he wanted to accomplish, things he still works on, to help him continue to be a great songwriter and performer. "It's been great to have a song like 'Walking in Memphis' become so popular, but I would like to look back and say, 'I wish there were five more of those,' so I do wish there was more familiarity with more of my songs," Cohn said. "But it's been a very interesting and blessed journey." And he's not stopping any time soon and still feels he has some hits in his future.

Cohn will be traveling to The Birchmere Feb. 2 to play what he called his favorite spot in the area. "It's going to be nice playing some live music for the first time in a while," he said. "I've done maybe 15 gigs in the last two-and-a-half years, most of those over the last couple of weeks. I'm looking forward to being back together with my band and playing." He's joined on tour by Joe Bonadio on percussion and Randall Bramblett on keyboards—his same bandmates he's been playing with for years. "The three of us play as a trio, playing songs from most of my records if not all of them," Cohn said.

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HOT LINKS

BY COLLIN COPE



Great Falls Community Farmers Market • January 29

Great Falls Community Farmers Market returns Jan. 29 with their weekly selection of fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as cut flowers and various other tasty treats. Located at The Great Falls Grange on 9818 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, the market encourages locals to eat fresh goods, as well as socialize with others in the area interested in doing the same. Spanning from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Sunday, the market offers a refreshing way to start a Sunday morning. For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/3KIK0hv>.



To Build a Fire • January 29 • \$10 per person

Riverbend Park hosts a fire-building workshop Jan. 29 from noon to 1 p.m. aimed at teaching children and families the science of building a strong fire, as well as the artistic components which go into creating these structures. Tickets for the workshop will be available online for \$10 per person and children are required to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more information, call (703) 759-9018 or visit <https://bit.ly/3fUSWSH>.



Eclipse Chamber Orchestra Recital Series • January 30

The Alexandria History Museum at the Lyceum hosts the Eclipse Chamber Orchestra's Columbia String Quartet Jan. 30. Witness performances of Mozart's String Quartet No. 19, "Dissonance," and Schubert's String Quartet No. 13, "Rosamunde." Tickets for adults will be \$30 per person, with senior tickets going for \$25 and children and students will be able to attend for free. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/3u5Awal>.

COURTESY PHOTOS

Preserving the darkness for all to see

Turner Farm’s efforts to expand astronomical knowledge

By Collin Cope
SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

At Turner Farm in Great Falls, local astronomers and curious residents alike can check out their on-site observatory for a broader understanding of the night sky, as well as the many factors impacting the visibility of the stars.

“Most of our parks are closed after dark, but this particular park being an astronomy park, [is allowed] to open on Fridays and the volunteers staff the park,” said Tammy Schwab, manager of Education and Outreach for the Fairfax County Park Authority.

With the property originally utilized as the site of a dairy farm under the same name, it was partially converted into a missile control site in the 1950s following Cold War-era concerns of an attack on the nation’s capitol by the Soviet Union. In the interest of avoiding an attack, the ability for the government to monitor the skies through highly-engineered telescopes became necessary.

Following a few decades of use by the U.S. Army, the U.S. Department of the Interior offered the land to Fairfax County at a time when the



COURTESY PHOTO

Great Falls area was shifting away from a farming town and became more of a suburban community. Following the condition that the area be converted into a public observation park, the Analemma Society works onsite to ensure its quality as a observation site that is available to everyone.

“The majority of [the guests] are pretty much not exposed to this, but they’re really curious,” said Jeffrey Kretsch of the Analemma Society.

With a variety of courses aimed at teaching guests various astronomical concepts, such as Introduction to Telescopes, Rainbows, Halos and Glories, as well

as public observation on Friday nights, guests gain vast experience exploring the many majesties of the night sky.

“Those do fairly well and people really enjoy them because it’s really good [for] children. Kids are often the excuse for their parents to ask questions,” added Kretsch.

In addition to various weather interruptions which hinder the ability of astronomers to observe the sky, such as clouds and precipitation, one of the largest obstacles faced by astronomers today is the advent of increased light pollution.

At the time of the Turner Farm’s opening for

tours, it was one of the darkest places outside of Washington, D.C., making it the perfect spot for an observatory. However, in recent years, the surrounding area’s shift towards being a more heavily populated suburb has taken a toll on the night sky’s visibility as a result of increased light pollution.

As a result, the Turner Farm is working with the International Dark Skies Association to promote increased protections and/or regulations for the area in order to ensure visitors and astronomers continue to be able to utilize the park.

“It’s really a recognition of the work that we’re doing. But, this particular park in Fairfax County is eligible for additional protection via ordinance,” said Schwab.

While the ordinance has yet to be confirmed by the county, the Park Authority is currently working to survey local residents regarding their feelings of the rulings, but feel confident that they will be able to move forward with regulations reducing light pollution in the area.

For more information about the park, visit <https://bit.ly/3fVaG0n>. For information about where to register for a program, visit <https://bit.ly/3nYHVnR>.

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Breed: Domestic long hair

Age: 1 year

Gender: Female

Calliope ("Callie") is a calico beauty with special needs, but please don't stop reading about her! She is beautiful, loving, funny and outgoing and just might be the perfect cat for you. Callie has a heart condition called hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy. She takes her daily medication without a fuss. You wouldn't know she has a heart issue. She plays, loves her catnip and kicker toys, runs around and chases anything you give her. She enjoys lap time, sleeping in bed with you, and helping unpack the groceries when you come home.



ELVIS

Breed: Domestic short hair

Age: 10 years

Gender: Male neutered

Are you looking for A Little Less Conversation? Not interested in a Hound Dog? Can't Help Falling in Love with a cool cat? You had a Blue Christmas because you didn't have a furry friend in your life? Well - Elvis says 'Love me tender, love me true -- I'll be yours through all the years'. Elvis is a cool, laid-back cat who enjoys chilling with his human, getting in a little playtime - lounging in a tall cat tree and being a loyal friend. He has a big purr, is a big boy, and has gorgeous green eyes. He's really good about scratching on the cat tree and is a very affectionate boy! Make sure you like hugs and kisses. We think he'd be a great addition to any home!



JUNEAU

Breed: Domestic short hair

Age: 1 year

Gender: Male neutered

With his long, sleek body and striking fur, Juneau brings to mind a "big cat" such as a panther. However, on the inside beats the heart of a sweet mushball who just wants to be loved. Juneau was rescued by FFGW and brought inside just before the weather turned cold. It was clear that he had been previously owned given how friendly he is and how comfortable he is living inside a house, but sadly no owner was found. Juneau does very well with calm, friendly dogs and cats but is very fearful of alpha cats. He would love a home where he is either the only cat, or where he lives with a sweet dog or another cat who is a "beta" like he is.



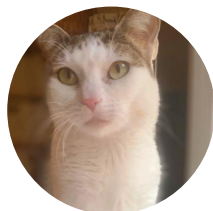
MILA

Breed: Domestic short hair

Age: 3 years

Gender: Female

If you are looking for a gentle companion kitty, Mila is the one for you! She is a small kitty who looks like a big kitten. She loves to lounge in a cat tree or cat cubby and then cuddle with you when you are nearby. But - when you get out a laser pointer, she's the first to hunt it down! She is a darling, petite girl and we hope that Mila finds a loving home soon.



MITTENS

Breed: Domestic medium hair

Age: 4 months

Gender: Female spayed

Mittens is an adorable little girl who is slowly gaining confidence. She was rescued with her litter mates and her mom. She is super sweet and is looking for a home with another friendly kitten or young adult who will welcome Mittens and show her the ropes. She will do well in a quiet home with plenty of time to acclimate. She has made great progress in her foster home but needs an experienced cat owner to ensure she reaches her full potential.



SASSY

Breed: Domestic short hair

Age: 3 years

Gender: Female spayed

Sassy is a sweetheart with torti-tude! She loves catnip, dangling toys, lounging in a cat tree, or on your lap. Sassy would be happy as an only cat but is also open to making new cat friends. She's not fond of dogs or vet visits, are you ready to put some sass in your new year?



FROM THE DOG'S PAW

How to find a good dog trainer



By Noah!

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Woofs, with the addition of Abby to our family, and our recent move to the countryside, we need to find a dog trainer to teach her how to be a dog. She's been good at being a puppy but she still has some rough edges which she needs to be smoothed out. Once she does, she'll be the bestest dog-that-she-can-be. Barks! One can hope! Arf?! There are many questions humans might have to find the right trainer and it will take some research to find the right one for you and your dog. Barking, it will be worth the time and effort.

Growl! Growl! Dog training is an unregulated industry. Any human can decide to venture into the business, print business cards, create a website, and work with clients. Before you spend your hard-earned money, it's impawtant that you research and pay attention to the selection you made when they work with other dogs and yours.

Woofs, one of the first criteria we use is the location. Barks, when I was first adopted, Dad was impressed with a trainer in Ashburn. They were highly recommended by my veterinarian and were pawsome to meet at various dog events. Their website was the best and they offered a barking, grand list of training courses. The pawblem? The classes were offered at a time which meant traveling home from work and then to class during rush hour. The office was a good distance away too. For us, it wasn't convenient and not a good idea to walk into classes tired and late. Paws, we didn't want to simply pick the closest to home classes either.

The first impawtant aspect of a dog trainer we wanted to know was their philosophy and method of teaching. We support the "pawitive reinforcement" which does not use any physical means of punishment for the dog, or human either, with they err. "Pawitive reinforcement" training rewards the dog for

appropriate behavior teaching alternative behavior replacing inappropriate ones. These techniques are based on the science of animal learning and often benefit the strengthening of the dog-owner bond which fosters the love of learning in dogs.

Woofs, not all dogs will benefit from attending training in a classroom setting with other dogs and humans around. Barking, it's pawssible your dog would do well in private one-to-one sessions. For me, we needed to pay attention to specific skills for Dad and I to work together well. Though I took a few classes at a local pet shop, most of my training was private. My human has special needs which had to be taken into consideration.

Paws, when we decided on a class, I wanted to observe one or two by the trainer we selected. It's impawtant to note whether the dogs and humans seem to be happy during sessions. If you have the oppawtunity, chat with humans in the trainers class to learn their opinion. Are they satisfied with their sessions? What is the trainer's attitude in class? How do the dogs react? How many dogs per trainer? Woofs.

Barks, I am interested in knowing what type of tools a dog trainer uses too. For barks, I am not there to be shocked, so no shock collars, nor do I want to see any prong collars or choke collars or Flexi-leashes. Paws, I expect to find them using leashes, flat collars, head halters,

bite-size treats, toys, harnesses, and pawlenty of pawraise.

Barking, another concern for me is whether the area where I will be trained is clean and sanitary? If a dog, or even me for that matter, has an accident sharing our pawsonal business cards with others, how is it handled? Supplies should be readily available for clean-up. Paws, floors, doors, gates, and any entrances should be clean. Woofs.

Barks, this is where I like to have some fun. I want to know what education does the dog trainer have? Do they have a bunch of letters after their name like APDT, IAABC, NADOI, or CCPDT. Do they continue their education regularly? Are they keeping up with their skills? Are they always looking for ways to teach better? After all, they will be teaching the bestest dog-ever so they better be the bestest too.

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Art News

Enter the Haggis combines bagpipes and fiddles with a rock rhythm section and powerful vocals to create a distinctively eclectic, Celtic-influenced sound. 8 p.m. Jan. 28. Tickets start at \$28. The Barns, 1635 Trap Rd., Vienna. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3IFi7Bv>.

Get Back Join in the Magical Mystery Tour with Apple Core as they bring to life the music of the Beatles in meticulous detail. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show is at 8 p.m. Jan. 28. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3fZXbN2>.

Nature Photography Join park naturalist and professional photographer Melodie to learn how to use a DSLR and a tripod to capture images of the natural world. 10 a.m. Jan. 29. Cost is \$113 plus a \$10 supply fee for five sessions. Huntley Meadows, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3H5Umpx>.

Royal Philharmonic Orchestra showcases a trio of 20th century gems, including Benjamin Britten, Rachmaninoff, Elgar and more. 8 p.m. Jan. 29. Pre-performance discussions starts at 7:15 p.m. Tickets start at \$45. Center for the Arts, 4273 Mason Pond Dr., Fairfax. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3rS1xLn>.

Sam Bush and Mike Marshall are joined by Edgar and George Meyer for a collaboration of bluegrass music. 8 p.m. Feb. 2 and 3. Tickets start at \$77. The Barns, 1635 Trap Rd., Vienna. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/34aAJ11>.

Pandemic Physiognomy is 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 Jan. 30. Free. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/32b5npH>.

Curious Creatures: Animal Portraits Pamela Day's solo exhibition captures the personality of animals she portrays through etching and monotype. Her inspiration comes from her photos taken at farms, zoos parks and home. Through Jan. 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 of 360° footage draws viewers into living history lessons told around a booth in Ben's Chili Bowl. Through Feb. 12 with the exception of county holidays. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., 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 no 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 Feb. 28. Lucy Burns Museum, Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. For more information <https://bit.ly/3IZaf28>.

Sweet Tooth is a group exhibition that is all about decadence, desire, and craving. Some of the work will represent these themes through a more conceptual connection such as explorations of coveting, gluttony, greed, and yearning. Exhibit begins Jan. 29 and runs through March 6 with a virtual reception Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3IFoN67>.

In-Between Places Experience the work of artist Ju Yun which reflects the transition between traditional Korean art to contemporary subjects and methods using cultural imagery and iconography and rich layers of colors. Through March 20. Free. Vulcan Gallery, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3G2Bkiw>.

Community Information

Build It Make It Using modern tools, explore your creativity while building or making items from history. Sewing, painting, cutting and assembling are some of the processes that may be required in creating your historic product. 1 p.m. Jan. 28. Cost is \$20. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3IErsNp>.

Klondike Campfire Cookout Prepare a winter meal with your family using centuries-old colonial and indigenous cooking techniques around the campfire. 3 p.m. Jan. 29. Cost is \$15. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3AHuIVK>.

Family Outdoor Exploration This choose-your-own exploration can investigate topics such as stream life, pond life, and historic ice cream. 3 p.m. Jan. 29. Cost is \$40 per family. Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Rd., Chantilly. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3AAQXN5>.

Royal Record Holders Celebrate the platinum anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's reign and enjoy fascinating and entertaining stories about superlative sovereigns during this lecture and tea. 1 p.m. Jan. 30. Cost is \$15 for the lecture only or \$38 for both lecture and tea. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Rd., Alexandria. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3H3bV9F>.

Houseplants by Design In this virtual lecture, designer Tovah Martin explores some of the easiest, most rewarding houseplants appropriate for all types of home situations and window exposures. 1:30 p.m. Jan. 30. Register online. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3IEyMbR>.

Enslaved Lives Join a historian for a tour of Huntley that examines the relationship of the Mason family to slavery and recovers insights into the lives of the Humphrey family and other enslaved people. Noon. Feb. 1. Cost is \$9. Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3oUfc4>.

Groundhog Day Learn the story behind Groundhog Day. Visit the home of the Walney garden groundhog and play some groundhog games. 3 p.m. Feb. 2. Cost is \$7. Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Rd., Chantilly. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3fXb1zy>.

Topics in Astronomy Explore everything from space missions to planets, stars and galaxies with different monthly topics at the Roll-Top Observatory. 7:30 p.m. Feb. 2. Cost is \$8. Turner Farm, 925 Springvale Rd., Great Falls. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/32yDMiU>.

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

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

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

ONGOING

Golden Girls Senior Women's Softball is looking for players of all experience levels for games on Wednesdays and Saturdays in Vienna. For more information visit [goldengirls.org](https://bit.ly/3ELIhC).

Ice Skating through February 22 at Reston Town Center Pavilion, 1818 Discovery St., Reston. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3ELIhC>. Or multiple dates at Cameron Run Regional Park, 4001 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3eliTnR>.

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo



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Michael Keaton preferred the darker, campy directorial style of Tim Burton.

nightmare he may never recover from. Kevin Spacey, however, was not as lucky with “All The Money In The World” (2017) when he was replaced by Christopher Plummer because of Spacey’s sexual assault case.

Michael Keaton finally revealed why he refused to play Batman again after his success in 1989’s “Batman” (with a \$411.6 million gross) and “Batman Returns” (with a \$267 million gross). The latter two films were directed by Tim Burton and Keaton felt Burton’s direction allowed a more campy film with a darker feel. When the late Joel Schumacher signed on to direct Keaton’s third “Batman” film, Keaton felt he “could no longer play Batman if the

tone was moving away from Batman’s dark nature, it was always about Bruce Wayne to me.” It’s a whole new superhero ball game now. After re-creating Adrian Toomes/Vulture in “Spiderman: Homecoming,” and appearing in “Morbius” (January 29), toplined by Jared Leto and Matt Smith, he’ll again become Batman/Bruce Wayne in “The Flash” November 4, but here’s the catch, in this version Batman/Bruce Wayne hails from an alternate universe, while Ben Affleck plays Batman/Bruce Wayne from the timeline of “The Flash” and in the upcoming “Batgirl.” Alternate universes ... what? Do we really need two Batmen?

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GLUCK

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ite scenes took place in the Thanksgiving episode, where Christopher is interviewing different nurses to be an aide.

“That was a ton of fun to film and we have tons of bloopers, so that was hilarious,” Gluck said. “Thankfully, I have a pretty good memory. If I make a mistake on set, we just redo it. They can make miracles out of what has been done.”

Each week, he has a virtual watch party with his friends and family so they can all view the new episodes together, and he loves being able to share his work with those he loves.

In addition to his great memories from the show, most of Gluck’s clothes are from the set, so every day he is wearing a piece of it.

Gluck’s having lots of fun working with the cast and enjoying being on set and is awaiting news about a Season 2 of “Ordinary Joe.”

“It’s a very happy atmosphere and everyone is super friendly and awesome,” Gluck said. “If I had told myself a few years ago that this would be happening, I wouldn’t believe it. It’s been a crazy ride and I’m just hoping it can continue.”

As he waits for what’s next, Gluck hopes to explore new opportunities and continue doing what he loves.

“This isn’t the last time you’ll see me,” he said.

And with the last episode airing this week, Gluck invites everyone to check it out and catch up on the full season on Hulu.

COHN

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During the pandemic, Cohn did a number of virtual shows for charity, which kept him busy and connecting to playing, but he noted there’s nothing like being in front of a live audience.

“It’s an odd experience to play into the ether with nothing coming back at you,” he said. “The most constructive thing I did, though not enough, was I did some Zoom songwriting sessions. I had never done anything like that before but I really enjoyed collaborating.”

One of those songwriting collaborations was with singer/songwriter Laura McKenna, someone he had admired for a long time.

“I reached out to her because I thought we would write great songs together, and I was right,” Cohn said. “We wrote a few songs together during the pandemic.”

He’s hoping to record the songs himself or find another artist interested in recording them. One song in particular—“Same Man, Different Mistakes,” which Cohn has played live a few times in 2022, will probably make its way on his Birchmere set list he revealed.

Cohn feels very grateful to be back on stage and feels a deeper sense of gratitude for what he does and the level at which he does it on his best nights and the realization that it makes his fans happy to see him and hear him sing.

“I just love being connected and all the positivity of that, as opposed to the negativity of not being able to play,” he said. “When we finally got back on stage, it was very emotional. The audience was very exuberant and animated and you can feel the difference. I think everyone appreciates live music a little more—both the artists and the audience.”

With his calendar booked for the greater part of 2022, Cohn is excited about the year ahead, which will include being Bonnie Raitt’s special guest in the fall.

“I have a lot of great work ahead of me, and I just hope we’re able to do it,” he said. “We’re all being very careful and following the protocols asked of us. I encourage people to come on out and be safe.”

There are many ways to create mental resilience

KEYS TO BETTER HEALTH
CINDY SANTA ANA



According to the American Psychological Society, resilience is the “process of adapting well in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats or significant sources of stress—such as family and relationship problems, serious health problems or workplace and financial stressors.” Put simply, it means “bouncing back from difficult experiences.”

Focus on brain health first: Our brains weigh on average about 2 percent of our body weight. It needs sufficient oxygen, a small steady supply of glucose – not highs and lows from too many carbohydrates or sugar and to really protect it from dementia and Alzheimer’s – our brains need stimulation. We need something that challenges us – keeps us learning. Activities like reading books,

learning a new language and having good social relationships all help to improve and develop those neural connections. This is called neuroplasticity. Is it easier or harder for you to learn things today?

If it’s difficult to learn new things, you’ll need to focus on key components of lifestyle factors – like eating a nutrient-dense diet full of leafy greens, quality proteins and healthy fats and avoid heavily processed foods. Focusing on blood sugar control and getting good quality sleep are crucial.

How to create mental resilience:

Practice the 4 Cs: Connect with friends, family, etc., Create (write, draw, build, make music, cook, etc.), Contribute (support others, volunteer, etc.), and Cultivate your personal wellness (optimize diet, exercise, sleep, supplements, healthy thought life, spiritual practice, outlook of gratefulness,



tenacious intention, reverence or excited expectation, etc.).
Find support: Finding support when you need it is important as well. Share your thoughts and feelings with a trusted friend or family member or even a mental health professional.
Spend time in nature: Spending time outside can

have profound effects on your mental well-being and resilience.
Practice mindfulness & meditation: Try a yoga class, practice deep breathing, write in a journal or just enjoy a meal without distractions. Try writing 3 things you are grateful for today. Reflect on the positive only.

Meditation may help improve resilience by bringing your mind to the present moment and calm racing thoughts. You can also try several free apps out there, like 10 percent Happier, Insight Timer, Calm or Headspace.
Mental resilience training can help cultivate mental well-being, enhance coping

skills, improve job satisfaction, and even promote longevity. By practicing active coping skills like those outlined in this article, you can be on your way to establishing mental resilience. If you need further support, please feel free to reach out. www.UnlockBetterHealth.com.

Smoking cessation: five tips to help you quit for good

By Christian Machado, MD
INOVA MEDICAL GROUP
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Wanting to stop smoking is easy—approximately 68% of adult smokers say they want to quit. Around half of adult smokers even attempt to quit each year. But it’s finding a way to be successful with smoking cessation that’s hard.

The good news is that people do successfully quit smoking. Almost 62% of adult smokers who ever smoked have stopped. Those former smokers will likely tell you that it takes the right information, a solid plan and strong support to make it happen.

If you’re committed to making this the year you finally stop smoking, here’s what you need to know to get started:

Why is it so hard to quit smoking?

Smoking cessation is hard... for everyone. Whether you wean yourself off nicotine or stop it cold turkey, withdrawal symptoms can be rough.

The good news is that those symptoms won’t last forever and typically taper off after about three months. Common withdrawal symptoms include:

- Feeling restless
- Increased cravings
- Irritability and mood swings
- Trouble concentrating
- Trouble sleeping
- Weight gain (often no more than 3 to 5 pounds)

Any of these symptoms make it easy to start smoking again. But remember that a failed attempt isn’t forever



— each failed attempt is one step closer to quitting. Take what you learned and use it to alter your next approach to smoking cessation.

Short- and long-term health benefits of smoking cessation

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 16 million Americans are living with a disease caused by smoking. But if you are a regular smoker, quitting can have both an immediate impact and big health benefits over time.

Once you stop smoking, expect your health to improve over time:

- After 20 minutes, your heart rate and blood pressure drop
- After a few days, the carbon monoxide level in your blood returns to normal
- By three months, your circulation and lung function improve
- By one year, coughing and shortness of breath decrease while lungs start to regain normal function, reducing the risk of infection

- In two years, your risk of heart attack drops significantly
- Within 10 years, your risk of mouth, throat and voice box cancers cut in half and your risk of stroke decreases
- After 10 or 15 years, your risk of lung cancer is half of someone still smoking and your risk of coronary heart disease is close to that of a non-smoker

Quit smoking for good

If you are planning to stop smoking, follow this advice to set yourself up for success:

1. Identify why you smoke

Figuring out why and when you smoke may make it easier to find a healthier substitution or make an important life change. If your stressful job or long commute makes you crave a cigarette, it might be time to look for a new job closer to home. Or focus your energy on finding a relaxing hobby to enjoy after work. If you smoke when you are anxious, talk to your primary care provider (PCP) about other ways to treat

your anxiety.

2. Use more than one strategy to quit smoking (& stay quit)

If you’ve tried to quit before and failed, it might be time to consider a new approach. Attacking the problem from every angle gives you the best chance of success. Consider using:

Counseling: A therapist can help you get to the root of why you smoke, help you manage withdrawal symptoms and provide coping exercises.

Prescription medication: When taken for an average of 12 weeks, prescribed medication reduces cravings while you set new habits.

Nicotine replacement therapy (NRT): These FDA-approved therapies come in the form of nicotine skin patches, gum and lozenges. They help reduce cravings and lessen withdrawal symptoms.

Studies show that combining NRT and medication improves smoking cessation. When you add behavioral therapy to understand what

drives your smoking habit, you may be able to avoid a relapse.

3. Find someone to hold you accountable

Having support can make a big difference when you stop smoking. Identify someone in your life who is a non-smoker, enjoys the same activities and knows you well. If you can’t find a supportive family member or friend, look to your provider. PCPs can act as your support, connect you with a support group or recommend a supportive therapist.

4. Know that vaping is not a long-term strategy

Many people turn to vaping as a step-down from smoking cigarettes. But be careful. While vaping may help get you away from smoking, you’ll eventually need to stop vaping as well. Experts are still gathering information about

vaping-induced lung injuries and long-term health effects. Talk to your provider to see if vaping is a good option for your smoking cessation plan.

5. Look to your primary care provider as a resource for smoking cessation

PCPs can be a great source of information and resources when you are trying to quit. They can provide medicine, offer resources for therapy and get you connected with the right support system. Your PCP also knows your medical history and personalize smoking cessation to you, improving your chance of success.

If you’re ready to take the first step toward quitting smoking, schedule an appointment with your PCP. If you do not have a PCP, we welcome you to make an appointment with a provider at any of our Primary Care locations.

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Gorove/Slade Associates, Inc., a Chantilly, VA company, is looking for a Transportation Engineer with:

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Please send resume to Melinda Eleazer, Gorove/Slade Associates, Inc., 3914 Centreville Road, Suite 330, Chantilly, VA 20151 or email resume to ame@goroveslade.com. Refer to Job #MP22 in your cover letter.

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PUBLIC NOTICE WASHINGTON DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT NEW CONCOURSE DEVELOPMENT AVAILABILITY OF FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (Airports Authority) is proposing construction of a new midfield concourse south of Concourse C/D and the demolition of the existing Concourse A regional aircraft gates (Proposed Action) at Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD or the Airport). The Proposed Action is intended to address the operational and connectivity inefficiencies of the existing Concourse A regional aircraft gates, which do not provide contact gates for air passengers, and to allow activity currently served at those gates to be accommodated in modern facilities with contact gates and convenient passenger access to existing Concourse C/D. The new concourse would be constructed to incorporate the existing east AeroTrain station south of Taxiway E and north of Taxiway F. The east AeroTrain station and existing underground infrastructure would remain in place and serve the new concourse and continue to connect passengers with Concourse C/D.

In conformance with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, the Airports Authority has prepared a Short Form Environmental Assessment (EA). After careful consideration of the information contained in the Final EA, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has determined that significant environmental effects will not result from the proposed action. Therefore, the FAA has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

The Final EA and FONSI are available for public review under the Environmental Information section of the Airports Authority website: <https://www.mwaa.com/about/environmental-information>.

Physical copies of the FONSI and Final EA are available at the Brambleton Branch of the Loudoun County Library and Chantilly Branch of the Fairfax County Library:

Loudoun County Library, Brambleton Branch
22850 Brambleton Plaza
Brambleton, Virginia 20148

Fairfax County Library, Chantilly Branch
4000 Stringfellow Road
Chantilly, Virginia 20151

Please direct any comments or questions on the Final EA or FONSI to Tom Wasaff, Planning Department, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, 45045 Aviation Drive, 3rd Floor, Dulles, VA 20166 or environmental.comments@mwaa.com.

**TOWN OF Herndon VIRGINIA**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the **Historic District Review Board** of the Town of Herndon will hold a work session on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town of Herndon Police Department Community Room located at 397 Herndon Parkway, Herndon and a public hearing on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Council Chambers Building located at 765 Lynn Street, Herndon on the following items:

APPLICATION FOR SIGNAGE, HDRB #21-016, to consider an application for an exterior wall sign located at 702 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia, Suite A, and further identified as Fairfax County Tax Map 0162 52 0010. The site is located within the Junction Square development and is situated approximately 90 feet west of the intersection of Elden Street and Monroe Street. This property is zoned as PD-TD, Planned Development – Traditional Downtown, and consists of 461 square feet of floor area. Owner: Kavitha Maddi, Skyvish Square 702 Elden St A LLC. Applicant/Agent: Clay Downing, Signs by Clay Downing.

APPLICATION FOR BUILDING ALTERATIONS, HDRB #22-001, to consider an application for alterations and a rear second story addition to a single-family house located at 743 Florence Place, Herndon, Virginia, approximately 250 feet south of the intersection of Florence Place and Oak Street, and further identified as Fairfax County Tax Map 0162 02 0104. The property is zoned as zoned R-10, Residential Single Family-10 District and consists of approximately 43,560 square feet of land. Owner: Venture Atlas Herndon LLC. Applicant: Michael Wijdoogen, MW Architects.

The proposed items are available for review by the public on the town's website www.herndon-va.gov beginning January 28, 2022 after 3:00 p.m.

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

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Viki L. Wellershaus, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF Herndon VIRGINIA**

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APPLICATION FOR SIGNAGE, ARB #22-002, to consider an application for three exterior wall signs located at 1062 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia and further identified as Fairfax County Tax Map 0161 02 0026A. The site is located within the Dulles Park Shopping Center on the west side of Elden Street and is situated approximately 520 feet south of the intersection of Elden Street and Sterling Road. This property is zoned as CS, Commercial Services District, and consists of 351,915 square feet of land. Owner: Dulles Park Shopping Center LLC TR. Applicant/Agent: Betsy Marino, Service Neon Signs.

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Send Comments/inquiries within 15 days to: Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Building 96, Fort Monroe, VA 23651 or jpa.permits@mrc.virginia.gov.