

# COMMUNITY NOTES

## Nexus Conference Set for March 31

Nexus 2016 Conference "Succeeding Together" and "Celebrating Partnerships" will be held on Thursday, March 31, from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Virginia Hills Center, 6500 Diana Lane.

The conference will provide the opportunity for attendees to share their vision of how the community can build together the best brainways among the young and topics will be how much has been done, what needs to be done and more.

Among the panelists will be Mount Vernon Supervisor Dan Storck and Fairfax County School Board members Karen Corbett Sanders (Mount Vernon) and Tamara Derenak Kaufax (Lee).

NEXUS is an outreach committee of the advisory board serving the Joe and Fredona Garfian Center for Community Mental Health in Mount Vernon.

## Watershed Cleanup Day April 2 at Huntley Meadows

Watershed Cleanup Day is Saturday, April 2, and Fairfax County residents including families, Scouts, students and community groups will be cleaning up the

county's waterways and preventing trash from reaching the Chesapeake Bay.

Volunteers are urged to put on some old clothes and boots, slip on some gloves and head to one of the designated cleanup sites. Trash bags will be provided.

Huntley Meadows Park at 3801 Lockheed Boulevard is among the cleanup sites. For more information call 703-768-2525.

## Marketing in a Hyper-Digital World Set for April 7

The Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation will present Marketing in a Hyper-Digital World: Best practices for websites, SEO, content and more on Thursday, April 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Express, 6055 Richmond Highway.

The program will feature Emily Paterson, CEO and Creative Director of Quatrain Creative, who specializes in search engine optimization and content creation for small businesses.

In addition, the SFDC will be kicking off the event with its inaugural "One Degree Ice Breaker" a speed networking session sponsored by One Degree Capital.

The event is free and open to

all and includes a light breakfast with time to network.

## South Fairfax Chamber to Meet April 7

The South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce will hold its Spring General Membership meeting on Thursday, April 7, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Wegmans at Hilltop Village Center, 7905 Hilltop Village Center Drive.

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Attendance is free for chamber members and their guests.

The South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce is the first chamber exclusively for businesses, nonprofit organizations, and individuals with interests in the southern part of Fairfax County bringing together diverse business and civic leaders in Lorton, Laurel Hill, Newington, Ft. Belvoir, South Springfield, Burke, Fairfax Station and Clifton to become part of a new voice in the South Fairfax region, one of the fastest growing business communities in northern Virginia.

To register for the event or for more information about the South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce go to <http://www.southfairfax-chamber.org>.

# CRIME LOG

The following incidents were reported by the Mount Vernon District Station of the Fairfax County Police Department for the period through March 27.

## WEAPONS BRANDISHING

\*Richmond Highway 8400 block — March 27, 2:08 a.m. A subject at a local bar was asked to leave and became agitated. He went to his vehicle and retrieved what appeared to be a pistol. He then pointed it at another patron of the bar. The suspect left the scene and was detained shortly thereafter. A BB gun that resembled a pistol was found, along with fictitious identifications, and narcotics. Luis Alberto Bran Rodas, 31, of Falls Church, was charged with brandishing a firearm, possession of fictitious identification, and possession with the intent to distribute a schedule II narcotic.

## ATTEMPTED MALICIOUS WOUNDING

\*Joseph Makell Court 2800 block — March 10, 5:40 p.m. Police arrest-

ed a 22-year-old man after allegedly attempt to shoot an acquaintance, a 27-year-old man. An investigation determined two men had gotten into an argument and it escalated. The suspect reportedly brandished a handgun and pointed it at the victim then got into his vehicle and started to leave. The victim walked up behind the vehicle and the suspect pointed the gun in his direction and fired one shot, then fled in the vehicle. Police responded and obtained two felony warrants for the suspect, George Addae, of Alexandria. The victim declined medical attention. Later that night, the victim reported the suspect had sent him several threatening messages and he feared Addae would show up at his home. Police followed up on an investigative lead and around 1 a.m. on Friday, March 11, saw a man they believed to be the suspect walking in the 8100 block of Lakepark Drive. Officers stopped him and determined it was Addae. He was taken into custody, transported to jail and charged with attempted malicious wounding, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony and additionally charged with presenting false

identification to law enforcement to avoid arrest.

## DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY/ RESISTING ARREST/PUBLIC INTOXICATION

\*Ladson Lane / Richmond Highway — March 23, 1:28 a.m. Police officers responded to the area for an unknown situation complaint where two individuals were fighting and a description was provided. A patrol officer observed an individual who appeared to be intoxicated and matched the description. The subject fled on foot and as officers attempted to detain him, he resisted. After placing the suspect under arrest, he then damaged a police cruiser. Micah Jemez Cosby, 34, of Maryland was charged with felony destruction of property, resisting arrest, and public intoxication. The suspect mugshot is not available at this time.

## BURGLARY

\*Central Park Circle 7900 block — See Crime Log Page 10

# RICHMOND REPORTS

## Proffer, Firearms Reforms; the Electric Chair Returns

By Sen. SCOTT SUROVELL (D-36th)

In the past two weeks, I reviewed action on my legislation and the state budget. This column covers some of the major bills to pass the state legislature.

We passed legislation to reform the proffer process for residential rezoning. Many localities have abused the process by requiring builders to make flat cash payments as high as \$40,000 per home instead of improvements linked to increase infrastructure demands created by a specific rezoning.

This practice abuses the intent underlying the proffer process. It drives up the cost of housing and lacks any meaningful accountability in Virginia's courts.

Going forward, for rezonings, proffers must be tied to an infrastructure impact specifically caused by the proposed development.

Additionally, the law completely excludes commercial rezonings and at the request of Fairfax County, excludes rezonings in tax districts servicing Metro stations and land zoned for higher densities adjacent to transit facilities — e.g. most of Route 1.

These changes will incentivize local governments to zone future development as mixed-use, higher-density, "smart growth" instead of more sprawl.

We also passed the first significant firearm legislation in a decade. First, Virginia will give universal reciprocity to out-of-state, concealed weapon permits,

unfortunately, even if you are legally prohibited from obtaining such a permit in Virginia.

We also passed legislation requiring people subject to protective orders to turn in their weapons within 24 hours and to require a State Police presence at all gun shows to conduct voluntary background checks upon request.

We passed legislation requiring execution by electric chair if lethal injection drugs are unavailable with little transparency or accountability on the drug procurement process.

The last two state supreme courts to review this method, Georgia and Nebraska, found that the electric chair is unconstitutional torture and it has been repealed by 85 percent of states formerly allowing it. I am urging Governor McAuliffe to veto the bill.

We passed the first legal framework in the United States to regulate fantasy sports. We also approved significant tolling reforms so that no tolls can be imposed on Virginia roads without legislative approval and private toll road operators cannot sue first-time offenders for more than \$2,100.

We passed a framework to start the widening of Interstate 66.

Finally, a vacancy on the Supreme Court of Virginia created a major conflict. The General Assembly refused to elect former Fairfax County Circuit Court Judge Jane Roush to a full-term.

This is the first time in 115 years and 33 recess vacancies that the

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## Update of Governor's Vetoes

By Del. PAUL KRIZEK (D-44th)

Rejoice! The season of Governor's vetoes are upon us. With the Democrats picking up enough seats to sustain Gov. Terry McAuliffe's vetoes, we are finally able to prevent some poorly-considered legislation from becoming law.

Last week, the Governor rejected legislation that would prohibit localities from making their own decisions to improve wage and benefit conditions. A number of localities have wage policies that allow the employees of contractors performing services for those localities to generate enough in-

come to allow them to live and raise a family in the area.

I agree with the Governor that companies not inclined to participate at these wage levels need not contract with the localities. House Bill 1371 would undermine these laudable policies to no apparent advantage.

This legislation attempts to restrict wage growth and impedes future labor agreements. I will vote to uphold the Governor's veto because Virginia's efforts should be focused on increasing wages, which will improve the lives of our families and aid our efforts to build a new Virginia

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