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Supervisors deny Village Gardens rezoning

BY HEATHER MICHON CORRESPONDENT

The Board of Supervisors denied rezoning permits for Southern Development's proposed Village Gardens housing project during its meeting on Wednesday night (Jan. 19). The 5-0 vote came at the end of a three-hour public hearing at the top of the meeting.

Southern Development introduced its plan for a 300 plus unit housing development on three parcels of land along Rt. 53, situated roughly between the Villages at Nahor and Garden Lane, back in early 2021. The land is currently zoned for agricultural use and would need to be rezoned for residential use for the plan to move forward.

From the beginning, the project faced strong opposition from residents of the Villages and Lake Monticello, both of which would border the development. Major concerns included water and sewer availability from Aqua Virginia, increased traffic on Rt. 53, and the impact of encroaching development on the county's quality of life.

Charlie Armstrong of Southern Development told the supervisors that his firm had held more than 50 meetings, both town halls, and one-on-one exchanges, with residents throughout 2021. "Any time there has been feedback we can incorporate to improve things, we have," he said in his presentation.

Among the many changes to the project, they redesigned the entrance to assure traffic from Village Gardens couldn't enter the Villages at Nahor and offered to construct a new left-turn lane into Lake Monticello's Monish Gate to relieve peak-hour traffic congestion on Rt. 53.

Southern Development, later joined by Stanley Martin Homes, repeatedly came before the Planning Commission with new proffers in the last quarter of 2021, with the commissioners finally voting to reject their rezoning request in mid-December.

At the hearing on Wednesday, at least 18 residents spoke out against the project, with only one in favor of it going forward.

In response to a question by Supervisor Chris Fairchild (Cunningham) about how much weight they could give to the number of people opposing the project, County Attorney Fred Payne said it could certainly be considered, but should not be seen as a referendum.

"Your duty is to evaluate the facts and the law and determine whether, in your judgment, approval or denial of this is in the interest of the county as a whole," he said. "Not merely nearby people or people who think they have an interest in it."

Supervisor Mozell Booker (Fork Union) said it was less about the number of people who spoke than "putting value on what they say." She voiced concerns about the availability of water and sewer, traffic, and questioned if the 2015 Comprehensive Plan, now under revision, gave them the guidance they needed to make these types of decisions.

"I think we've overdeveloped this area

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Obituary

JoAnne Kirk Henry



JoAnne Kirk Henry, 76, of Lake Monticello, Va. died on January 18, 2022 at her home.

Born July 3, 1945 in Providence, Rl, she was the first child of George and Josephine (Morley) Kirk. She was preceded in death by both her parents.

JoAnne was educated in the Catholic schools of Long Island, N.Y. finishing with the RN from St. John's Queens Hospital. Later she completed the BS in Nursing from the University of Virginia, a Master's in Nursing from New York University and a Doctorate also from UVa. Finally, she earned the Master of Public Health from the University of North Carolina.

The majority of JoAnne's professional career was as Professor and sometime Dean of the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Nursing. During that time, she was the Director of the VCU Office of Health Policy as well as Founding President of the

Virginia Partnership for Nursing. She was presented VCU's Distinguished Service Award and the Presidential Medallion.

In the Greater Richmond community, JoAnne was President of the Board of Directors of The Daily Planet, the Founding Director of the Central Virginia Nurse Leadership Institute and Chair of the Board of Trustees of St. Joseph's Villa.

Finally, JoAnne retired as Professor Emerita and moved to Lake Monticello where she continued to pursue her two favorite past-times: traveling with family and gardening with friends.

JoAnne is survived by her husband of 51+ years, James Slater Henry of Lake Monticello, Va.; her two sons, Jason Slater Henry and Joseph Kirk Henry (Catherine) and her two grandchildren, Bridget Michael Henry and Patrick Kirk Henry all of Richmond, Va.; and a set of superb sisters: Donna McCarthy (Patrick) and Reginia Kirk both of Lake Monticello, Va., Loretta Yeamans (John) and her family of Long Island, N.Y., and Mary Ellen Kirk-Jasinskas (Al) and Suzanne Kirk both of Richmond, Va.

A special Thank You to the superb sisters whose sacrifice, caring, support and love were unsurpassed during this difficult time.

Pursuant to her wishes, JoAnne will be cremated. There will be a Funeral Mass for the family at Saints Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church, Palmyra, Va. That service will be held at a later date. Interment will be at The University of Virginia Cemetery and will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to St. Joseph's Villa of Richmond, Va. online at https://www.neverstopbelieving.org/donate/.

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because it's the only place in Fluvanna where we have water and sewer," said Supervisor Patricia Eager, who serves as the board's liaison to the Planning Commission. The amount of development in that corner of the county was, in her view, increasing the stress on infrastructure, public safety, and schools.

Supervisor Tony O'Brien (Rivanna) said one issue with the current system is that the county could lose some leverage in controlling the development of new housing by denying projects like Village Gardens.

Under existing by-right zoning ordinances, "right now, there is absolutely nothing stopping, if we say no to this, for developers to buy land from a person and build 70 homes there. They still have to go through the same process, but what will not happen is there would be no proffers," he said, meaning there was no incentive for developers to make concessions or improve the surrounding area.

"If we decide we are not going to vote for something because people don't like it but it fits in our Comprehensive Plan, we really do send a chilling effect to the people that own property that might want to develop it and to the people that might want to invest in Fluvanna," he added.

While O'Brien said he respected everyone who had come out in opposition, "smart, planned growth is of a benefit to the entire community. Sprawled growth is not a benefit."

However, O'Brien ended up voting with the majority, with the motion to deny rezoning passing on a 5-0 vote.

Following the vote, Booker said she hoped that the board had "learned something from this discussion and that we're going to make some improvements and look at different things because a lot of good things were said here."

In other matters, supervisors voted 5-0 to approve motions to transfer and approve a total of \$23,359 for a detailed historic structure survey of the county courthouse in the Village of Palmyra.

They also approved \$2.8 million in agreements for three new pieces of fire apparatus, including a pump truck for Fork Union, a tanker for Palmyra, and a tower truck for Lake Monticello.

Fluco boys top Goochland with a big second half

BY DUNCAN NIXON CORRESPONDENT



Fluco boys top Goochland. Photo by Duncan Nixon

The Goochland County High School Bulldogs came to Fluvanna on Jan. 21, and it looked like it would be a close contest though the first half. The Flucos led at the intermission by only one point 27-26. The second half was a completely different story, as the Flucos started driving successfully to the basket and bombing from the outside. They won the third quarter 22-8 and the outcome was no longer in doubt. The Flucos also outscored Goochland in the fourth quarter by four for a final score of 68-49.

Goochland got off to a good start in the first quarter running to a 6-0 lead. The Flucos responded quickly as senior guard Kobe Edmonds scored on a lay-up and then fed his back court mate junior Bobby Gardner for a thunderous dunk. Junior Lance Bruce then sank two free throws, and the score was tied. Fluco freshman forward Benjamin Denby then scored on a lay-in and Edmonds scored off a steal. Denby had a nice, blocked shot. Gardner scored on a lay-in and the Fluco's twelve point run gave them a 12-6 lead. The Bulldogs bounced back with six points for a 12-12 tie at the end of the guarter.

In the second quarter, Edmonds had six points and Gardner five as the Flucos took a one point lead at the half. The Flucos long range shooting was off in the first half as the team failed to hit a single three-point shot. In the third quarter, the Flucos started to exert their superiority. Three-point baskets by Edmonds, Bruce and forward Blaise Silverman and several steals by Gardner took the Flucos to a 46-34 lead. Late in the quarter, Edmonds scored on a nice pass from Silverman and Gardner scored off a steal. Junior guard Tyler Coleman added three points at the end of the quarter for the 49-34 lead.

In the fourth quarter, the Flucos coasted to the win with Bruce and Coleman both hitting three-point shots. The Flucos won the fourth quarter 19-15. The Flucos were led in scoring again by Edmonds, who had 20 points. Bruce and Gardner both finished with 16, as the Flucos again relied heavily on their talented guard corps to pile up points.

After the game, Coach Heath Bralley noted that his team was a little stale early, which he attributed to very little practice time as a result of school closures due to snow. The Flucos did get it together impressively in the second half. Bralley was happy with the play of his guard trio of Edmonds, Gardner and Bruce and he noted that Denby, his freshman big man, was tough on defense with several decisive blocks, and that Coleman has also been coming on strong of late. The Flucos, who are currently 8-4, have a tough path in front of them with seven games in the next ten school days.

Governor's mask order stirs up Fluvanna schools Fire and rescue perform technical rescue

BY RUTHANN CARR CORRESPONDENT

As promised, one of Governor Glenn Youngkin's first duties after being sworn in on Jan. 15 was to rescind his predecessor's school mask mandate.

However, a threatened protest at the Fluvanna Public Schools didn't take place on Monday (Jan. 24).

School Superintendent Peter Gretz said: "We have had no issues today. (It was a) very smooth morning at all schools and on all buses."

A high school staff member who preferred to not be named, echoed Gretz' remark.

"Fortunately we did not have any disruptions this morning," the staff member said. "We were prepared for the worst. We are always at the door to give out masks on a daily basis so it was normal... We always have a few that take them but still don't put them on right away but eventually they get it on."

The governor's Executive Order #2 which took effect Jan. 24, said in part, "requiring virtually every child in Virginia to wear masks virtually every moment they are in school have proven ineffective and impractical."

The order allows parents to choose without providing a reason - to not have their children subject to mask mandates.

That action sent parents, students, school boards and the community into a tizzy.

A group of Chesapeake parents filed a lawsuit directly to the Virginia Supreme court claiming Youngkin is violating a law they believe made masking conditional as part of school reopening.

Virginia Senate Bill 1303 requiring masks be worn in schools and on buses.

Virginia's Attorney General Jason Miyares filed documents Jan. 20 asking the Supreme Court to dismiss the lawsuit.

Some school districts suspended their mask mandates, while others voted to abolish theirs.

In August, the Fluvanna School Board voted to implement universal masking. As of publication, the Board had not met to change that order.

Gretz sent an email to parents on Jan. 17 reminding parents that federal law requires students wear masks while riding the bus.

It also laid out the quandary the order puts schools in.

"Schools and school boards are compelled to follow Executive Orders, and are also compelled to follow statutory law," the email stated. "Ultimately, we want to keep our schools safe and healthy, maintain our ability to keep schools open, and ensure compliance with the law."

On Jan. 20, Gretz sent an email to Fluco staff and families that said he learned some parents were trying to organize students to come to school Monday (Jan. 24) without a mask.

"I urge you not to bring conflict to our schools Monday, and certainly not to involve children in it," Gretz wrote in the email." Our students have missed too much school; they need instruction, connection and normalcy. Deliberately encouraging students to come to school without masks will not only be disruptive, but damaging to the entire school and community."

Two days later, Gretz sent out another email - entitled "The Bus Rumor."

"I'm aware that a rumor has been circulating that we have instructed drivers to abandon what we've been doing thus far and start leaving unmasked children stranded on the side of the road on Monday. This is absolutely false."

Gretz said a memo was sent out telling drivers to continue the policy they've followed since the beginning of the school year. That policy is drivers won't let secondary (older) students board the bus if they refuse to wear a mask.

Elementary students who refuse to wear a mask will be taken to school where an administrator will take it from there.

"Certainly if the parent of an elementary student who refuses to put the mask on is there, the driver will explain to the parent that students are required to wear masks on the bus and leave the student with the parent if they still refuse," Gretz wrote.

The governor's Executive Order #2 also directed the Virginia Department of Health to issue new guidance to schools consistent with the Executive Order,

"I anticipate that the school board will discuss and consider this (mask) issue when it meets Thursday (Jan. 27) morning for the budget seminar."

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-Gladys Albright, Happy Face Project Team, Palmyra

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BY PAGE H. GIFFORD CORRESPONDENT



Where were you born and where did you grow up?

I was born in Oceanside and grew up in Great Neck, both of which are in Nassau County, Long Island, N.Y.

What did you do in your former life?

After spending four years in the U.S. Navy, I returned to school where I got my degree in physical education, a Master's in health education and certification for school administration. I was a teacher, assistant principal, and principal on Long Island and in Westchester County for 30 years before retiring.

When did you become interested in music/singing?

I think I came out of the womb singing. I was told that I inherited the musical gene from my late father. He died when I was an infant. I remember watching the performers on TV and always wanting to be like them.

How did you get your start?

I think my real start was when my third-grade teacher asked me to sing in front of the class and I really enjoyed it. However, when I was in high school, I started singing in choruses, choirs, quartets, and solos. After I was married and had a family, I was the lead singer in small party bands on the weekends to supplement our income. Once I retired, I joined a barbershop chorus and a guartet. Upon moving to Lake Monticello, I joined the barbershop chorus in Charlottesville and was in guartets for more than 10 years. I have also performed in several community theater musicals, both locally and back in New York

What is your favorite style of music?

I love all kinds of music. However, I have always enjoyed listening to the music of the 1930s and '40s also known as the

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We, The People.....

On Wednesday night, January 19, 2022, in a small auditorium in Fork Union, the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to deny a Rezoning Application that would destroy 122 acres of rural land. Approval would have meant loss of trees, natural habitats, land erosion and pollution of the Lake Monticello water shed.

The application has been working its way through the County processes for almost a year. But, when the developer started giving presentations to residents in and around Lake Monticello in early Summer, 2021, they awoke the giant called *WE THE PEOPLE*.

Over the course of six months, a small core of County residents representing thousands of neighbors began to seriously investigate the pros and cons of the proposed high-density housing development. We became "amateur experts" in the fields of historical land preservation, highway safety management, environmental protection, infrastructure impact analysis, and county budgeting. We wrote and made presentations at the Planning Commission meetings. We cut through the weeds of scientific studies and mathematical formulas to discern the bottom line and the effects on our community. We held meetings with Virginia governmental departments, civic organizations, and experts in the various fields involving the various areas of impact from over-development of rural land.

Our efforts paid off. Without all the hard work of our group representing *WE THE PEOPLE* and the support and encouragement of *WE THE PEOPLE*, we could not have done it.

We persevered despite an attempt by the County Attorney to stop our voice. Although rightfully applying Robert's Rules of Order to have a motion before the Board preceded with discussion, the County Attorney overstepped his boundaries when he dismissed those speaking before the Board as a small number and not truly representative of the residents of Fluvanna County.

We were disenfranchised at a public meeting conducted on our behalf by the people we elected to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. County Attorney, meet WE THE PEOPLE.

WE THE PEOPLE is every single resident standing behind that small core group. I am WE THE PEOPLE. You, the readers are WE THE PEOPLE. Even you, Mr. County Attorney, are WE THE PEOPLE.

WE THE PEOPLE is every life lost in establishing, protecting, and preserving our Country, our State, and our County.

WE THE PEOPLE are living and thriving in lovely rural Fluvanna County. Thank you, Board of Supervisors, for serving us,

WE THE PEOPLE.

Paid for by Sandi Radford

Fluvanna Faces from page 6.

Great American Songbook. This is why it is a treat to be the featured male vocalist with several big bands and jazz combos. My absolute favorite is singing with the Charlottesville Band (formerly known as the Municipal Band). It just feels amazing to be surrounded by the sound of 70 – 80 fine musicians.

Who are some of the singers who inspire you?

My favorite growing up was of course Frank Sinatra. I loved his smooth delivery and outstanding phrasing. Others were Tony Bennett, Rosemary Clooney, Dean Martin, and Ella Fitzgerald.

Do you play any instruments?

I was never formally trained as a musician but played some bass guitar and guitar in a few of the combos along with my singing. Now I enjoy playing the harmonica.

Name your three favorite songs?

That's a hard one as there are so many. I guess I have to say "Fly Me To The Moon," "The Way You Look Tonight," and "But Beautiful."

Who are your three favorite composers?

Again, very hard to pick three. Cole Porter, Johnny Mercer, Sammy Cahn/ Jimmy Van Heusen were all amazing.

THIS WEEK'S PET: ANNIE

Annie is a little nervous around new people, but once she gets to know you her sweetness really shows. She would do best in a home with no other dogs or cats. If she does go to a home with other dogs, she is very selective, so she would need to do a meet-and-greet first. She loves going out for long walks and playing in the yard. Annie is current on all her age-appropriate vaccines, Micro-chipped and spayed.

This sweet girl is now considered one of our lonely-hearts club members, which means she has been with us for more than 6 months. :(

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The Fluvanna SPCA will be closed to the public until further notice. We are trying to do our part to help cut down on the spread of COVID-19, and with our animals' and employees' best interests in mind we are trying to reduce foot traffic to help keep our employees healthy. The animals at the shelter will continue to receive wonderful care just as they normally do, so no need to worry. If you are interested in adopting or if you would like to drop off donations during this time that we are closed to the public, you can make an appointment to do so by contacting our shelter manager: manager@fspca.org We appreciate your understanding and support during this difficult time for everyone, and we will be sure to keep you updated as soon as we will be open again to the public.

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What are two of your favorite movie musicals?

42nd Street and Singing in the Rain.

What else do you do in your spare time?

I love to read. Mostly action hero, mysteries, and spy thrillers. I read a lot of David Baldacci, John Grisham, Clive Cussler. I also play golf when the weather is decent.

Which two singers would you like to have dinner with (dead or alive)?

Frank Sinatra – no surprise. Ella Fitzgerald - I admire the way she sang scat and made-up lyrics on the spot.

If you were stuck in an elevator, what three people would you want to be stranded with?

Barack Obama, Jon Batiste and Bob Schur, a good friend of mine who loved making music and always made me laugh.

Who do you enjoy spending time with?

My wife Mona. She has been the love of my life, my main support system, manager, press agent, and part-time roadie. I don't think I would be alive today if it wasn't for her. And she makes me laugh.

Now that you have reached 80, how do you view your past and present?

As with most people, I have had my ups and downs. I am grateful to the medical

professionals who have enhanced my life with their knowledge, care, and lifesaving medications. I am probably the happiest now that I have ever been. I play golf three times a week and sing in front of very appreciative audiences. I love this community and the friends I have made here. I am hopeful that there will be many good years ahead.

What are your plans for the future?

I hope to start traveling again once it is safe to do so. I especially enjoy cruising as I love being on the sea and the nightly musical performances. I hope to continue to be a good friend to those around me, enjoy every minute of what is left of my life and, of course, to keep on singing as long as I have a voice

I first learned about reverse mortgages almost 20 years ago, when my own parents were considering taking one.

Mom asked me to help her do some research, and I was quickly convinced at the benefits of reverse mortgages for my parents and other homeowners. Now I've focused my career on helping others take advantage of this unique way to improve their financial position and age in place with style and grace.

It's amazing to still hear false rumors out there, two decades later. As one of the few local reverse mortgage providers, I see it as my role to educate.

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- **3** The money you receive IS NOT taxed, because it's not income.
- 4 Your proceeds DO NOT impact Social Security, Medicare, or other benefits you've worked for.
- **5** You ARE NOT ever required to make a payment for as long as you live in your home.



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Indoor track team has state qualifiers

BY DUNCAN NIXON CORRESPONDENT

The Fluvanna County High School indoor track and field team recently traveled to Lynchburg to compete in the Walter Bass Invitational Track meet. Coach Melanie Kennedy said that two of the boys' relay teams turned in performances that qualify the teams for the state meet later in the year.

The 4X200 relay team of Aidan Girard, Kareem Ragland, Kameran Green and Addison Patchett had a time of 1:36.31, which was fast enough to qualify. The 4X400 relay team ran the cumulative mile in 3:40.13. The team consisted of Girard, Ragland, Green and Nathaniel Valentin.

Kennedy also said that Girard has qualified for the regional meet by posting a time of 38.05 in the 300m. The coach also pointed out the girls' 4X400 relay team of Aaniiyah Ragland, Rachel Warden, Olivia Farruggio and Anna Amato posted an excellent time of 4:32.66.



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Edited by Margie E. Burke

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We have started a new series of puzzles. The answers this week will not align with the previous. We apologize for any inconvenience. Next week the series will continue with the aligning answers.

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NEWS FROM YOUR LAKE MONTICELLO NEIGHBORS



Martin Luther King Jr. Day was the perfect snow day. Families had a blast sledding on the golf course at hole 14. The "sledding hill" never fails to provide a terrific opportunity for spontaneous fellowship and fun! Thank you, Rich Russell, for sharing this photo of Charleigh and Dave Johnson!

Romance at Lake Monticello - \$65 per person

Saturday, February 12th from 5-8PM at The Ashlawn Clubhouse Love is in the air. Share a 3-course fixed menu with your loved one. Delectable offerings like Oyster Rockerfeller, Roasted Pork Belly, Swordfish, Chocolate Pot de Creme, and Bananas Foster Cheesecake.

Chef's Table Wine Dinner - *\$65 per person* Thursday, February 3rd from 6-9PM at The Ashlawn Clubhouse Who doesn't like wining and dining? Savor the taste of 4 different courses that highlight a complimentary wine pairing.

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Plan Your Month at the Lake

Jan. 27:

LMOA Board Meeting: Get the facts straight from the source and let your opinion be heard. Our Board meets once a month at the Fairway Clubhouse at 7 PM. The Broadcast Committee will be streaming live on YouTube (search Lake Monticello Owners' Association) so you can watch from the comfort of your couch.

Jan. 28:

Live Music: Rivanna Winds -Traditional jazz music as well as polkas, marches, and waltzes at The Pub 6:00-8:30 PM. The Pub is located at 51 Bunker Blvd. County Neighbors are welcome!



Wine Dinner: at Ashlawn Clubhouse 6-9PM. Enjoy four food courses with wine pairings for \$65 per person (plus tax & service charge). The Ashlawn Clubhouse is located at 41 Ashlawn Blvd. near the Main Gate. County Neighbors are welcome!

Feb 4:

Feb. 3:

Live Music: Wrong Way Johnny, \$3 cover, high-energy blues, soul, and rock at The Pub 6-9

Candidate and Member Proposal

Petition Packets: LMOA Homeowners can pick up packets starting on Friday, February 4, 2022, from the Executive Assistant at 41 Ashlawn Blvd. These must be completed and filed by Friday, March 25, 2022.

Feb. 12:

Valentine's Dinner: at Ashlawn Clubhouse 5-8PM. Treat someone you love to 3 courses for \$65 per person (plus tax & service charge). We will serve a complimentary champagne toast & post-dinner treats while you listen to a live pianist.

YRF Hot Chocolate Bar: LMOA

Residents, come have complimentary hot chocolate and chocolate kisses at The Pub from 3-4 PM, hosted by the Young Residents and Families Committee.

Feb. 24:

LMOA Board Meeting: Fairway Clubhouse at 7 PM. Watch it live on YouTube (search Lake Monticello Owners' Association)!

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EVENT

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PUBLIC HEARING Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Notice is hereby given that, the Board of Supervisors of Fluvanna County, Virginia (the "County"), will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Carysbrook Performing Arts Center, 8880 James Madison Highway, Fork Union, VA 23055, to receive public comment and input regarding the proposed incurrence of debt, without a referendum, in the form of a lease-purchase agreement, in the maximum principal amount of \$5,231,500 (the "Lease Purchase Debt"), which is expected to be issued to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Proceeds of the Lease Purchase Debt will be used for the purpose of financing the leasing and acquisition of certain assets, including athletic field lighting, fire trucks and ambulances, public works equipment and a storage facility for such equipment, and vehicles for use by County staff and the Sheriff's Office, and to pay costs of issuance of the Lease Purchase Debt.

The public hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. at the Carysbrook Performing Arts Center, 8880 James Madison Highway, Fork Union, Virginia, 23055. For additional information please contact Caitlin Solis, Clerk to the Board, at 434-591-1910 or csolis@fluvannacounty.org.

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Marvin F. Moss Palmyra, VA 22963 Fluvanna's Future – a Modest Proposal January 21, 2022

During the discussion leading up to the recent defeat of the Village Green rezoning application, members of the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission and the public raised many interesting and challenging issues. That process has led me to attempt to address some of those and to suggest some ideas to deal with our short- and long-term planning for growth. This is an ideal time to do so in light of the requirement that we review and perhaps revise our current Comprehensive Plan. My suggestions are, in no way, meant to be critical of our current planning apparatus.

Among other things, during the Village Green review, I was impressed by the number of citizens, including a disproportionate number living in Lake Monticello, who opposed the proposed development based on their love of our rural environment and their stated desire to preserve it. Another recent successful citizen-driven effort to preserve our rural area involved the neighbors in and around a proposed development along Courthouse Road coming together to defeat it and to form a non-profit group to purchase the land in question and to place it ultimately under a conservation easement. The proposed development abuts Ballenger Creek, a major tributary of the Rivanna River. The group plans to make it eventually into a park open to the public. As one involved in the open space preservation effort for many years, I was heartened to see this.

Why is it important to protect our rural areas? First, when Fluvanna citizens are asked what they value most about our county, many respond that it is our rural areas, an asset which brought many of them here in the first place. Second, we have obligations as a county in the watershed of the Chesapeake Bay. The Commonwealth of Virginia, the other five Bay states, and the District of Columbia have signed an agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency entitled the "Chesapeake Bay Clean Water Blueprint." Among other things, it mandates serious reductions in the amount of phosphorous, nitrogen and silt in all the Bay's tributaries. Dense development without serious and effective environmental safeguards would have a serious detrimental impact on the ability of Fluvanna County and the Commonwealth of Virginia to meet the Total Maximum Daily Load Standards (TMDLS) contained in the Blueprint. The Blueprint sets 2025 as the year for meeting those goals. The Blueprint, which has been approved by the Federal Courts, also commits the EPA to hold the states in the Bay watershed accountable for complying with it including the possibility of imposing consequences for failure to meet the standards. That mandate not only includes the six Bay states and the District of Columbia but also the jurisdictions within those states.

It appears to me that we are now reacting to planning situations instead of actively pursuing development which would serve to implement our Comprehensive Plan. The Village Green project is a perfect example of this. Our Comprehensive Plan clearly states that dense multi-use development ought to be located in the area of Zion Crossroads, where Fluvanna County, at considerable expense, has to its great credit provided the modern infrastructure needed to implement our plan. Unfortunately, from my point of view, the first commercial project there was a self-storage facility which is not only ugly but also employs almost no one and uses virtually none of the water provided by the county's expensive new system.

Why was the area along Route 53 chosen for Village Green in lieu of the designated growth area in and around Zion Crossroads? The answer, I believe, is quite simple and that is that land prices in rural areas of the county are considerably cheaper than along Route 250 near the Interstate. This situation raises the question of how to deal with this reality. I would suggest that the BOS and the Planning Commission begin to think of incentives that could serve to entice developers to our designated growth area. These could possibly include real estate tax abatements, reduced water rates for a limited period, enhanced county participation in the pre-planning phase and clear and readily understandable zoning and subdivision ordinances.

Although over 40% of our population lives in the dense Lake Monticello, the citizens there and throughout Fluvanna County have over the years expressed a strong desire to keep our land as rural and undeveloped as possible. These goals were articulated in the series of Heritage Forums held here from 1999-2002.

Fluvanna County has already provided a prime example of excellent planning with the creation of the government center, recreational areas and cultural amenities at Pleasant Grove. Visitors to Fluvanna are amazed by Pleasant Grove. We need to expand on that by ensuring that our rural areas are protected and preserved by astute planning for the future.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Should you agree with my suggestions, please let me know by contacting me at mmoss8@centurylink.net



A happy COVID story

BY RUTHANN CARR CORRESPONDENT



Lauren Bishop cuts the ribbon to open her Devoted Hair Salon.

Lauren Bishop always wanted to have her own salon.

As she was working toward her cosmetology license the pandemic hit. But rather than derail her, it put Bishop on the right track.

On Saturday (Jan. 22) Bishop - surrounded by family, friends and customers – cut the ribbon officially opening Devoted Hair Salon at 68 Heritage Drive.

"I started this business in my parents' basement," Bishop said. "I was working at a salon in town and COVID sent us home. And you know, we're an eating bunch so we still had to work. So my parents were gracious enough to let us start this journey. This has been built basement up. This is a happy COVID story"

Bishop said in 14 months she went from one chair in her parents' Lake Monticello home to a commercial space with five chairs, a massage and esthetician room.

"All because of the needs of the communi-

ty," Bishop said.

The salon owner said a goal is to give back to Fluvanna in the same way it supported her. She has already sponsored a sports team, given to Boy Scouts and the Carysbrook Performing Arts

"We are committed to diversity. We want a safe, happy, loving place for everyone to get their hair done," Bishop said.

Bishop's fiancée, Marcus Brice is a barber at Devoted Hair Salon.

Darryl Gibson, president of the Fluvanna Chamber of Commerce, welcomed Bishop. Her salon fills out the plaza that includes Verizon, Papa Johns Pizza and the Elephantz Trunk.

Fluvanna Economic Director Jennifer Schmack came to the event to support Devoted Hair Salon and encouraged others to see Fluvanna as a viable place to open a business.

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