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**Out of Place, a site-situated installation and contemporary dance performance conceived by architect Ronit Eisenbach and dance artist Sharon Mansur.**

## NEWS

# New at Lake Anne

**Installation and performance combine action and form.**

**R**eston Community Center, the Initiative for Public Art – Reston, Friends of Lake Anne and the Reston Museum are co-presenting Out of Place, a site-situated installation and contempo-

rary dance performance conceived by architect Ronit Eisenbach and dance artist Sharon Mansur, inspired by the history of the planned community of 1960s New Town of Reston and the sculpture and architecture of Lake Anne Plaza. The dance performance will take place on Saturday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Lake Anne Plaza. A talk-back and reception, hosted by the Reston Museum, will be held immediately following the performance. The installation will be on view from April 23-May 13, 2012.

Admission is free. No advance reservations or tickets are needed; all are welcome. For more information, contact the Reston Community Center at [www.restoncommunitycenter.com](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com) or 703-476-4500. Note: The performance rain date will be Sunday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m.

**OUT OF PLACE EXPLORES** the productive tensions in Mansur and Eisenbach's creative practice and shared commitment to inquiry through making. Inspired by individual and collective acts of building and un-building, measuring and marking space, and the fluidity and mutability of both water and bodies, the artists examine the ways we perceive, shape and inhabit our world—inviting others to consider the same. This installation and performance is conceived by architect Ronit Eisenbach and dance artist Sharon Mansur, with installation design by Ronit Eisenbach, performance direction by Sharon Mansur and design assistance by Michael Fischer.

**ENJOY A NIGHT** in Reston by attending the GRACE opening reception of Play on the same evening, April 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. before the Out of Place performance at Lake Anne Plaza. Play, curated by Joanne Bauer, is an exhibition featuring six regional artists whose work explores different facets of play through sculpture, furniture, painting, fiber art, installation, and performance. Artists include Ed Bisese, Calder Brannock, Dickson Carroll, Jackie Levine, Marco Rando, and Ming-Yi Sung Zaleski. The exhibit will be on display at the GRACE gallery from April 26 through June 9. All are invited to attend the reception at 12001 Market Street, Suite 103, Reston Town Center.

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**Members of Helping Hungry Kids and employees of Altum in Reston after packing almost 200 meals for needy children on the weekend, Thursday, April 5.**

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## Helping Hungry Kids in Reston

**Reston-based group is in third year of providing weekend meals.**

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

**T**hree years ago, Sandy Amato and Connie Laurent-Roy began their quest to feed hungry children in the Reston area. They began simply, in Amato's basement, making about 80 meals a week for some children at Dogwood Elementary School that qualified for free lunches. The meals are for children to eat on weekends, when they cannot get meals at school.

Helping Hungry Kids is now in the midst of its third school year, and they provide meals for about 200 children per week. They currently partner with the Giving Circle of HOPE, which is also connected to the Northern Virginia Community Foundation.

During April, May and June, Helping Hungry Kids has spent about \$2,000 per month on food. Laurent-Roy says she is hoping to connect to corporations and other local businesses who are interested in making financial commitments to the organization.

"The more food and money we collect, the more the need and requests for food goes up, and that's a need we are always hoping to meet," she said. "We strive to be one of those organizations where you can see the impact of every penny."

**DOGWOOD PTA PRESIDENT** Susie Livingood serves as liaison for the school, while Tara Winfree coordinates for Forest Edge and Lake Anne Elementary Schools.

"Seventy percent of students at Dogwood qualify for free lunch, and this year almost 250 students put in a request for weekend meals," Laurent-Roy said. "Our goal is to branch out to every Northern Virginia Title One school within five years."

Inventories Coordinator Cathy Schagh keeps track of what needs to be purchased each week, and almost 2,400 items per week are packaged by volunteers each Thursday. Milk, granola bars, popcorn, applesauce, noodles and other food items go in each bag.

"We don't put in junk, no cookies, no potato chips or candy. But we also want to put in things the kids will eat, like mac and cheese," Laurent-Roy said.



**Patrick Francisco, a volunteer with Helping Hungry Kids, packs bagged meals for needy children into containers during the group's weekly meal packing event Thursday, April 5.**

Lately Altum, located in Reston, has volunteered space and tables for food storage and meal assembly. Last Thursday, April 5, volunteers at Altum packed their weekly bags in just 10 minutes and 49 seconds.

"We're always grateful for extra hands, and we were able to do it so quickly, because of our volunteers," said Geri Strzelecki, who coordinates the Altum volunteers and storage space.

Members of Helping Hungry Kids say their partnership with Altum has been very beneficial.

"We usually get about seven or eight volunteers, even when we know they're up to their neck in work," Schagh said. "But they have fun, they treat it like a contest, they always try and overwhelm the people who tie up and store the bags, which gets us done pretty quickly."

On the third Saturday of every month, volunteers are at the Fox Mill Giant, passing out lists of needed items to shoppers, as well as collecting money if people wish to donate.

"I've been to Giant with my mom and brother to hand out fliers, a lot of the customers were very nice and donated a lot of food," said Sam Kidd, a volunteer.

**MORE INFORMATION** on Helping Hungry Kids can be found by calling Laurent-Roy at 703-318-8850. Donations can be sent to Helping Hungry Kids, c/o Connie Laurent-Roy, 1656 Chimney House Road, Reston, VA 20191. Checks should be made out to Giving Circle of Hope/N. Va. Community Foundation, with "HHK" in the memo line.



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**Reston Chorale Artistic Director David Lang, Keyboard Artist Tordis Fahringer & Asst. Director Luke Frazier at the "Americana" Concert.**

## The Reston Chorale Presents 'Americana'

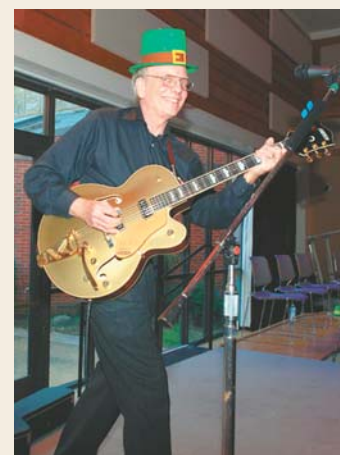
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**T**he Reston Chorale did two performances Saturday night at the Community Center, both to full capacity and very enthusiastic audiences. There was a complete blend of styles, progressing through time from the sweet and smooth work of Pre-Civil War Stephen Foster, down to the early rock and roll of Bill Haley and finally to the edginess of the contemporary group Owl City.

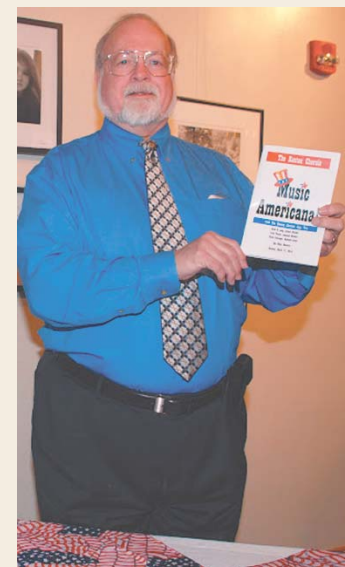
Artistic Director David Lang skillfully mixed in fine soloists and small groups with the large choral pieces and the result was a constantly stimulating program. From our emigrant filled nation came ballads, opera,

jazz, country, gospel, popular and traditional music that perfectly reflected wonderfully mixed population. There were memorable melodies, syncopations, hard and difficult rhythms, sentimental moments of lost love, and all from a dizzying plethora of genres.

After the driving, hoe-down sounds found in the last number, the traditional piece "Cindy," Maestro Lang concluded the performances with a crowd favorite. He had the whole audience join the Chorale in a sing-a-long that respected that day's popular Saint Patrick. All sang the "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling."




**Al Torzilli entertained the crowd with "Shake, Rattle & Roll" on St. Patrick's Day.**



**Chorale Board President Lloyd Kinzer displays the "Americana" concert program.**



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Members of the Reston Garden Club clean up around the Reston Library Wednesday, March 7.

## Garden Club Goes to Library

### Reston Garden Club, Hidden Lane Landscaping perform maintenance at Reston Library.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

Visitors to the Reston Library may have noticed the exterior looking a bit neater since Wednesday, March 7, thanks to the efforts of the Reston Garden Club in partnership with Hidden Lane Landscaping. Members of the club spent the day clearing brush, shrubs and dead grass, while maintaining beds and laying down mulch.

"We used to do most of our work along Bowman Towne Drive as part of our Adopt-A-Highway commitment, but gradually we started getting closer to the library," said club member Barbara Pelzner.

The club started coordinating with Peter Murray, owner and president of Hidden Lane, in January. Murray is no stranger to helping out the community, Hidden Lane has done landscaping work for the Embury Rucker Community Shelter's garden, including a children's vegetable garden.

"We feel like the library is one of the signature locations in this community, so it's something we want to look good," Murray said. "By cutting back all the grass, providing some new trees and edging and mulching the bed, this place is going to be much more appealing."

Other funding was provided by the Friends of Reston Library for several of the

trees that will be planted.

As piles of brush and other dead foliage grew larger, library patrons who showed up just before the building's 1 p.m. opening time noticed the change from their last visit.

"It looks so much cleaner, the building is more visible and it looks maintained rather than a wild preserve," said Janet Montgomery, who comes to the library every few days. "As soon as I pulled into the parking lot, I just felt something was different, and once you see the huge amount of stuff being taken away, it really shows how wild the landscaping had become."

Hidden Lane also took care of transporting the brush away from the library.

"We'll take the debris to the dump, where it can be turned into mulch," Murray said. "One of our goals here was not to generate extra waste, so we wanted to make sure the debris could be turned into something productive."

Club member Julie Bond said as patrons of the library, the club had a personal interest in the work.

"For the last two years, we've noticed the growth and wanted to make this entrance look a little nicer," she said. "But without the support of this community, Peter, the library and groups like the Friends of the Reston Library, we wouldn't have been able to pull this together so quickly."

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## SUNDAY/APRIL 15

### UUCF: A Sociological Perspective.

12:45 p.m. Fairfax Unitarian Church, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. The theological diversity of UU congregations sets us apart from other mainline denominations. Sociologists have developed typologies and theories that provide some useful insight into Unitarian Universalism.

## MONDAY/APRIL 16

### NARFE Dulles Chapter 1241

**Luncheon Meeting.** 11:30 a.m. Amphora Diner, 1151 Elden St., Herndon. With State Senator Mark Herring (D) District 33. \$17. 703-435-3523

## TUESDAY/APRIL 17

### Virtual Realty/Rail-ty Tour.

7 a.m. The Westin Washington Dulles Airport, 2520 Wasser Terrace, Herndon. Gerald L. Gordon of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, Scott York, Chairman of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, and others on how the Silver Line will impact development along the Dulles Corridor. [www.restonchamber.org](http://www.restonchamber.org).

## WEDNESDAY/APRIL 18

### R4 Collection Day: Reduce, Re-use, Recycle Reston.

1-4 p.m. Reston Town Center Pavilion, 11900 Market Street, Reston. A number of groups that will be on site to collect used items for recycling and re-use, including Bikes for the World (bicycle, sewing machine and hand tool collection); Reston Lions Club (eyeglasses, hearing aids); Secured Shred (document disposal on site); and Turtle Wings (computers and other electronics collection – removal and destruction of computer hard drives provided on site). Reston Town Center will accept specific items listed at [www.restontowncenter.com](http://www.restontowncenter.com).

## THURSDAY/APRIL 19

### MOMS Club of Herndon.

10 a.m. Trinity Presbyterian Church, 651 Dranesville Road, Herndon. "Your Family, Your Future Workshop" with Elizabeth A. Schwarzman and Rhoda Sherman from AXA Advisors, LLC, on juggling obligations and goals today, raising a family and ongoing financial issues, and the long-term future. Meetings held every 3rd Thursday of the month. [info@momsclubofherndon.org](mailto:info@momsclubofherndon.org) or [www.momsclubofherndon.org](http://www.momsclubofherndon.org).

## FRIDAY/APRIL 20

### Environmental Film.

7 p.m. Walker Nature Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. "Earth, the Operator's Manual," a documentary on climate change and sustainable energy. Discussion follows. \$5. 703-476-9689 or [naturecenter@reston.org](mailto:naturecenter@reston.org).

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# OPINION

## On Funding the Silver Line

Commonwealth will collect the dividends, but refuses to invest; Northern Virginia pays.

Northern Virginia localities should together commission a study now to determine how much growth is stimulated by the opening of the Metro stations in Tysons and along the toll road out to Dulles, how many new jobs created, quantify how much that growth leads to increased income and sales tax, and how much revenue (taxes) would get shipped off to Commonwealth coffers.

There should be a way to keep that money here in Northern Virginia.

Residents from around the region will pay for the majority of the construction of rail to Dulles via the Dulles Toll Road.

Virginia is all too happy to benefit from one of the biggest drivers of the Northern Virginia economic engine, Dulles Airport. Rail to Dulles, part of the plan for the airport since its conception, is a key part of supporting the expected volume growth in passengers and other commerce at the airport. But at every turn, the state has pushed paying for the rail line onto Northern Virginia, onto Fairfax and Loudoun county

governments, onto property owners in the corridor and especially onto drivers on the Dulles Toll Road.

While Virginia had committed to contributing an additional \$150 million to the rail project, and at various points the governor and the General Assembly dangled \$200-300 million, it now appears that money will not be forthcoming. It was never enough.

This is one more example of the Commonwealth of Virginia happily collecting revenues, including income and sales taxes, generated from the economic vitality of Northern Virginia, then forcing Northern Virginia residents to pay for the infrastructure of that economic activity out of local funds and personal pockets.

The most recent Virginia Department of Aviation report identifies at least \$17.5 billion in annual economic activity in Virginia from Dulles and Reagan National airports, with Dulles providing the majority of that. The num-

ber of jobs created and maintained by this activity is staggering, and in Virginia, the state collects 100 percent of the income tax; there is no local income tax.

The state collects the income tax from the good jobs generated here in Northern Virginia by the airports, by the high tech firms, by the business innovators, by proximity to the Pentagon and the federal government. Then the governor celebrates the result, that Virginia is top ranked as business friendly.

The Commonwealth collects much of the tax revenue that results from this activity, but would pay only three percent of the \$6.2 billion cost of rail to Dulles. This will force more than 80 percent of the costs of building rail to Dulles to local drivers and property owners. The toll road contribution is projected at 57 percent of the total.

Having major airports adequately served by rail and other transportation options is more than an amenity, it is part of sustaining the economic benefit that comes from major airports. The question is not whether we should be building rail to Dulles, but about who benefits and who pays.

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### EDITORIAL

## A Different Perspective Reston Growing?

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### COMMENTARY

America (Harvard University Press, 2001), "Yet if we shift our perspective to try to view the past in a way that faces east from Indian country, history takes on a very different appearance. Native Americans appear in the foreground, and Europeans enter from distant shores. North America becomes the 'old world' and Western Europe the 'new.'"

Modern day historians consign a very different interpretation to Virginia's later history than early writers who attempted to glorify the Old Dominion. As Professor Ronald L. Heinemann and others wrote in the Preface to Old Dominion – New Commonwealth: A History of Virginia, 1607, 2007, "But its allegiance to the losing and dying side in the Civil War, as well as its continued promotion of racial discrimination, consigned Virginia to mediocrity for the next century, mired there by a commitment to the Lost Cause that stifled economic and political renewal. Not until the defeat of massive resistance to racial desegregation in the 1960s was the state able to emerge from this malaise. Now

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BY JACK KENNY  
PAST PRESIDENT, REPUBLICAN  
CLUB OF GREATER RESTON



### A DIFFERING POINT OF VIEW

able in staff reports located on-line for each project.

The April 2012 Hudgins "All is Sunshine" Gram lists five proposed land use projects which propose a net increase of approximately 5,760 persons (most of whom will live within a half mile of a Silver Line Metro stop) with somewhere around 9,000 additional vehicles in Reston's gridlock. Let's assume that half of our population growth will use MetroRail for the work days. What about the weekends? Will bicycle lanes take up the slack? This is one month's count of projects: think about how many other Hudgins grams that have reported land use projects with additional population growth. Recall that planning number of 20,000 new residents that are needed to make the Silver Line meet the Federal Government standards for subsidizing urban rail.

Another unknown is the willingness of Loudoun County to contribute to the costs of Phase Two – extending Rail-to-Dulles into Ashburn.

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## OPINION

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with the beginning of a fifth century, Virginia is reclaiming its place among the first rank of states through its economic development and a more visible national leadership: a new commonwealth."

I have the great joy of sharing different perspectives on understanding Virginia's history in a class I am leading with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. While we memorize few dates and events as part of our history class, I am hopeful that all will leave it with a broadened view of how Virginia came to be the complex society it is today.

In the public policy arena where I work as a state legislator, I encounter many different perspectives on issues. Personal experiences, educational levels, political and religious beliefs, and constituency interests are among the factors that give us our perspective. No one person or belief has a corner on the truth. As we can view different perspectives on history, legislators must adopt ways to respect individual views while working together for the collective good. The current debate among budget conferees is a perfect example of the conflict of ideas and perspectives. Only history will be able to judge how well we are able to govern in the public's best interest.

### Kenny

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The only transportation item in the April "gram" is the repaving project of the Fairfax County Parkway. It will make the drive smoother but there are no immediate plans to increase the capacity: an additional two lanes. The same goes for the Reston Parkway, Sunrise Valley or Sunset Hills roads and for that matter, the intersection of Sunrise Valley Drive and the Reston Parkway.

As this column will not go to press until after the Reston Association Annual Meeting, it will be interesting to hear what plans the RA has developed for accommodating the increase in demand for recreational facilities, as well as the potential for additional revenue. Most apartment complexes add to or include RA dues in the rental cost.

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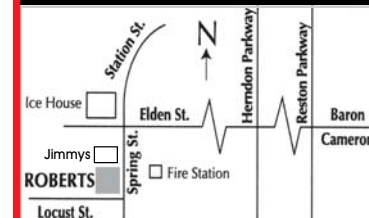
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## Home Life Style



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**BOWA basement renovation in Great Falls features ample storage for childrens' toys.**

## Design With Children in Mind

**BOWA Builders share tips for design that works for the whole family.**

By JOSHUA BAKER  
SPECIAL TO THE CONNECTION

Whether it's a closet, the kitchen or a study area, there are numerous ways to incorporate child-friendly design into any space, and children today are becoming more and more involved in the process. Even if the child is toddler-aged, simple tasks, such as picking colors, themes or bedding, can help them feel that they are part of the process. Besides being used more frequently, greater input in the planning stage should result in more pride in the space later and a desire to keep it neat and tidy.

**STUDY SPACES.** A well-designed study area can be invaluable when it comes to helping a child stay focused and motivated. The kitchen is a popular choice for such a designated area, as parents are readily available to answer questions, keep their young scholar on task, and supervise internet usage.

Have a wide hallway or nook elsewhere in the home that doesn't receive a lot of traffic? As another option, consider transforming this unused space by placing a desk against the wall, adding wall cabinets or shelving above it for hold-

ing supplies, and providing the area with adequate lighting.



A recent project in Vienna features a whimsical study that was built in one of the turrets of the house. The study opens up from the bedroom into an octagonal room, and includes a storage bench for additional seating, lots of windows streaming in natural light, and a high ceiling with three-dimensional hanging stars.

In another recent project, a reading nook was carved out under the stairs. This little hideaway features a daybed with big, comfy pillows and built-in shelving for holding the children's favorite books.

**STORAGE SPACES.** Children have stuff. Lots and lots of stuff. Books, toys, clothing, sports, hobby and school stuff. The question is: where to put it all? Collecting it as soon as it comes through the door can help to avoid it being strewn all over the place, as children (and their clutter) come home in a whirlwind of excitement from school, games and play dates.

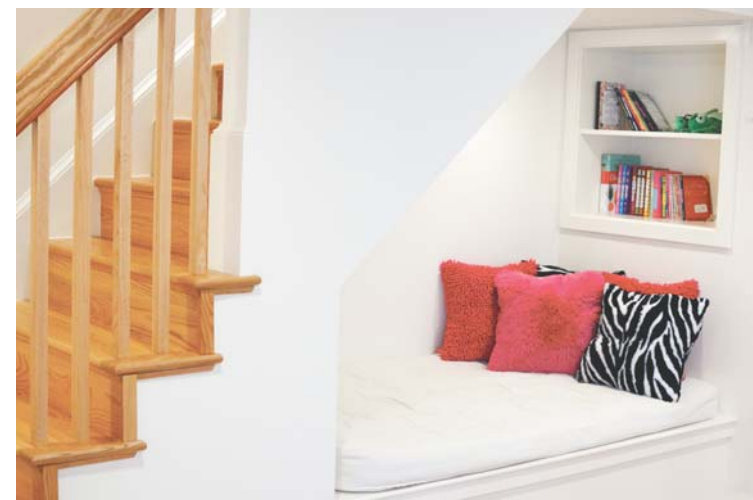


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**McLean basement renovation by BOWA features children's reading nook under the stairs.**

With plenty of drawers, cubbies, hooks and shelving will help encourage independence by giving children the ability to grab what they need and easily tidy up too. Some parents choose to remove the doors to make a closet even more inviting for their little ones to use. Hanging a set of curtains or draping fabric from a rod can add color and complement the overall design scheme, while hiding the contents at the same time.

**KITCHEN DESIGN FOR THE SOUS CHEF** There are a number of things to do to help a future chef feel at home in the kitchen.

If it's time for a kitchen renovation, consider creating a set of counters at a lower, child-friendly height so they can help with the

cooking. As children grow, this area will continue to come in handy when baking and doing other tasks. Also consider placing light-switches at lower heights for a youngster's easy reach, or installing light-switches with automatic sensors to avoid bumps in the dark. Worried about a little one climbing on the countertop? Providing children with their own set of dishes in a base cabinet will eliminate the need for them to reach those items on high shelves.

In addition, placing the microwave at a lower height allows for easier accessibility and can help foster an earlier sense of autonomy for one's loved one. Consider having a pull-out drawer-style microwave installed for easy access. A designated "kid's drawer" in the



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**Child's study in Vienna.**

refrigerator is a great way for them to conveniently grab snacks without risking spillage from a high shelf or pestering mom and dad.

And throughout the home, soft-close drawers and door dampers will help avoid pinched fingers. Designing for children requires creativity, innovation and the input of an experienced remodeler, as the

space should be fun and functional. Whatever the space is, and whether remodeling existing space or creating an addition, a residential design build contractor can help in figuring out the best options for a family's needs, budget and lifestyle.

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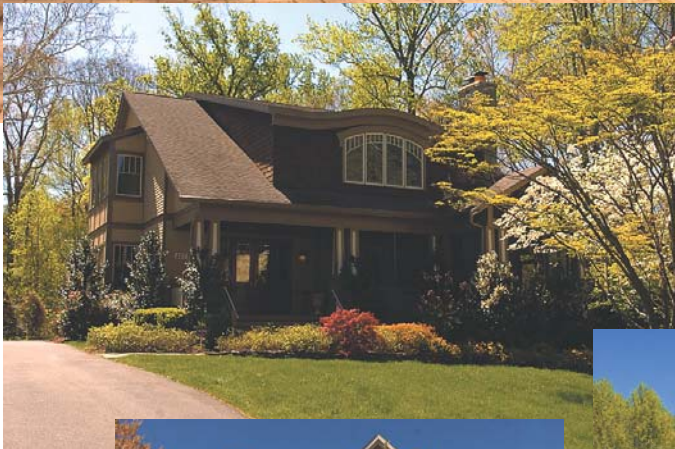
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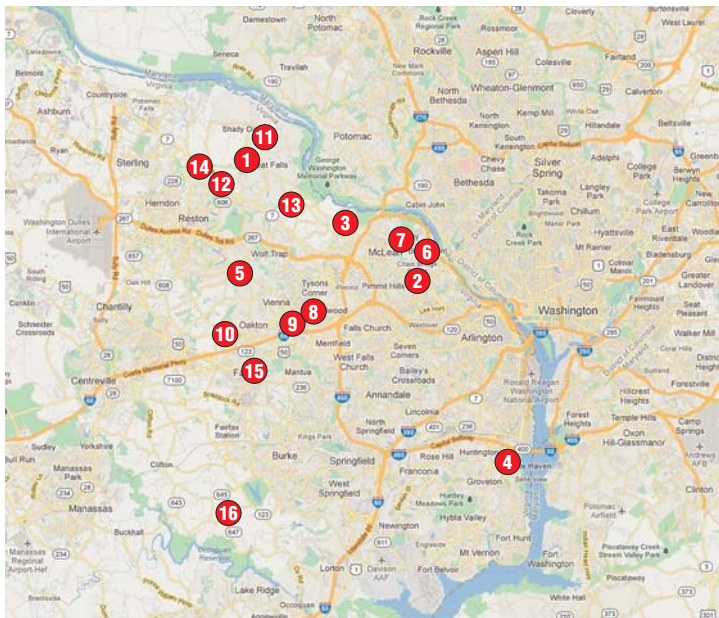
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# Herndon Boys' Soccer Ready for District Play

**Lanigan's Hornets enter this week's play unbeaten through six games.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Herndon High boys' soccer team has experienced a successful opening half of the season, going 4-0-2 over its first six games. The team's solid play thus far has the Hornets in a good mindset as they prepare for a tough Concorde District schedule ahead.

Herndon was idle over last week's spring break with the exception of a couple of practice sessions in preparation for this week's scheduled games versus visiting district opponent Oakton on Tuesday, April 10, and home team Washington-Lee (National District) Thursday night, April 12 at 7 in Arlington.

"We've been preparing for our big game with Oakton," said Herndon head coach Sean Lanigan, of his team's focus on its district opener versus the Cougars.

Herndon, along with both Oakton and Robinson Secondary, appear to be the top teams in the Concorde this season. Herndon does not meet the Rams of Robinson until late in the season on May 7, the Hornets' second-to-last regular season contest which is scheduled to take place at Robinson.

There have been occasions and will continue to be so throughout Herndon's remaining schedule in which the Hornets will have to play at less than full strength.

"We have had to play everyone this year with lots of boys missing games due to club [team] showcases," said Lanigan, a renowned club coach himself. "We were missing seven starters for the Madison game. We ended up tying [the Warhawks] 2-2."

That deadlock versus non-district opponent Madison, a member of the Liberty District, took place on March 23 in Vienna. It marked Herndon's second tie finish this season, the first coming four days later in a match at Jefferson (Liberty District) that ended 1-1.

Herndon's four wins thus far, all coming at home, have been against non-Northern Region opponent Broad Run (Dulles District), 7-1, in the season opener on March 12; South Lakes (Liberty District), 2-1, on March 21; First Colonial High of Virginia Beach, 2-1, on March 24; and Stone Bridge High (Liberty District) of Ashburn, 2-0, on March 29.

**HERNDON'S PATRICK** McLaughlin, one of the region's top players, tallied five goals in the season opener win over the Spartans of Broad Run. The senior midfielder scored his team's lone goal in the 1-1 tie versus the Jefferson Colonials and had an assist in the close game win over the South Lakes Seahawks. McLaughlin missed the last couple of games due to club team commitments.

Another key scorer for Herndon has been senior striker EK Korvah, who has three goals and three assists on the season.

"EK is another huge threat up front that other teams need to deal with," said Lanigan.

An outstanding season has also come from Bryant Fernandez, a senior midfielder who has six assists.



**Herndon High senior midfielder Bryant Fernandez (4), shown here during the Hornets' Concorde finals versus Oakton last year, has six assists to his credit this spring.**

"He is the best midfielder in the region," said coach Lanigan.

The Hornets have received a nice boost from newcomer and senior midfielder Abdi Yusef, a member of DC United Academy and a first year high school player.

"He's a very dynamic and fun player to watch," said Lanigan.

In the net for Herndon has been senior Jack Clarke, who has stopped two penalty kicks this season and played a solid all-around game at keeper.

"Jack has been a rock in goal," said Lanigan. "If he plays well and stays healthy we should have a decent chance to get far in the playoffs."

Herndon will work as hard as it can to earn the best seeding it can for the postseason Concorde District Tournament in mid-May. Four teams from each of the Northern Region's four districts will earn seedings for the 16-team regional playoffs, set to take place a week after districts.

"Our goals this year are to win the regular season title and to get to the district and regional finals," said Lanigan.

The two teams which make it to the region title game later this spring will qualify for the eight-team state tournament.

"We want to make a strong showing in states and with lady luck in our corner hopefully bring back a state championship to Herndon High School," said Lanigan, realizing the Hornets still have lots of hard work ahead of them.

Lanigan's squad had an outstanding 2011 season last spring, going 14-2-1 and reaching the district tournament finals before losing to Oakton. Following a first round region tournament win over Yorktown High, the Hornets' season ended with a quarterfinals round loss to West Springfield.

**FOLLOWING** this week's action against Oakton and Washington-Lee, Herndon is slated to play district games next week versus visiting Chantilly on Monday, April 16, and at Westfield on Wednesday, April 18. Both contests are set for 7 p.m. starts.

## Seahawks Take First two Games in S.C.

The South Lakes High baseball team won its first two games at the BATRUP Tournament over spring break week (April 2-6) in Bluffton, S.C.

The Seahawks' first game in South Carolina was Monday night, April 2. They opened the tournament with a big win over the host team, the Bluffton Bobcats, by a 9-3 score at Johnson Stadium.

With the temperature at 90 degrees for the first pitch of the 7 p.m. game, the Seahawks got off to a hot start with an early run in the first inning thanks to a deep fly by senior Billy McLaughlin, who eventually scored on a wild pitch. The Seahawks added four runs in the third inning, thanks to key hits by McLaughlin and senior Austin Schweppe, along with two errors by the Bobcats.

Seahawks pitchers kept the Bobcats off balance all day, yielding only three hits total. McLaughlin pitched the first three innings, followed by Schweppe who retired all six men he faced. Junior Bobby Rae Allen closed out the seventh inning.

Freshman catcher Jared Abelson was active behind the plate snagging multiple foul pops. Solid defense was displayed throughout most of the game by the Seahawks, including several running catches by junior left fielder Hayden Hall, a lunging grab by sophomore Josh Forrest on a line drive to start the third inning, and a game-ending unassisted double play by senior shortstop Ryan Forrest.

**THE FOLLOWING** morning saw the Seahawks pick up an-



**South Lakes' Hayden Hall takes a swing at a pitch during an earlier season game.**

other win - an 11-9 victory over the Whale Branch Warriors from Seabrook, S.C. For the second straight game, South Lakes scored in the first inning without a hit, benefiting from six straight walks which resulted in three runs. All of the runs came with two outs. After the Warriors took a 4-3 lead in the third inning, their erratic pitching continued and the Seahawks regained the lead after two more walks and a clutch two-run single by Billy McLaughlin.

The back-and-forth game continued in the fourth inning after Whale Branch tied it before South Lakes broke the game open with five runs, thanks to key hits by juniors Austin Gibbons and Hayden Hall and an RBI double by McLaughlin. The rally prompted the first 'wave' of the season by the Seahawk faithful in attendance for the morning game. The Warriors crept back in and pulled within 10-9 before South Lakes tacked on another run after singles by juniors Noah Rubin and Glenn Mitchell. Reliever Bobby Rae Allen shut down the opponents in the seventh inning for the second straight day, allowing no runs to cement the win.



**The Reston United Blue under-10 soccer team won a 5-3 contest over the McLean Rangers White in the finals of the McLean Premier Soccer Tournament two weeks ago. The United Blue won all four of their games over other talented teams from Arlington, Great Falls and Richmond.**



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8 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1635  
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[www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Reston Book Club.** 1 p.m. Reston  
Regional Library, 11925 Bowman  
Towne Drive, Reston. The Eye of the  
Needle by Ken Follett. Adults. 703-  
689-2700.

**Finding Your Fit on the Roller  
Coaster of College Admissions.**  
7 p.m. Reston Regional Library,  
11925 Bowman Towne Drive,  
Reston. Identify colleges that meet  
your child's needs. Age 13 and up.  
703-689-2700.

## THURSDAY/APRIL 12

**2012 Best of Reston.** 6 p.m. Hyatt  
Regency Reston, 1800 Presidents St.,  
Reston. The 21st Annual Best of  
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or [ali.robbs@restoninterfaith.org](mailto:ali.robbs@restoninterfaith.org).  
**Violinist Sonya Hayes with Frank  
Conlon.** 2 p.m. Reston Community  
Center, Hunters Woods, Center  
Stage, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston.  
Free. 703-503-3384 or -476-4500.

**Ringling Bros. and Barnum &  
Bailey Circus.** 7 p.m. George  
Mason University Patriot Center,  
4500 Patriot circle, Fairfax. "Fully  
Charged." Pre-show Party one hour  
before show time, free to ticket  
holders. \$14-\$30. 800-551-SEAT or  
[www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**Comedy Night.** 8:30 p.m. Sully's,  
14513 Lee Jackson Highway,  
Chantilly. Every Thursday. 703-818-  
9292 or [mysullys.com](http://mysullys.com).

**Robbie Schaefer and Ellis Paul.**  
The Barns at Wolftrap, 1635 Trap  
Road, Vienna. \$18.  
[www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Baby Steps Storytime.** 10:30 a.m.  
Reston Regional Library, 11925  
Bowman Towne Drive, Reston.  
Interactive storytime. Age 12-23  
months with adult. 703-689-2700.

**Book Discussion Group.** 7:30 p.m.  
Reston Regional Library, 11925  
Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Call  
for title. Adults. 703-689-2700.

**One-on-One Computer Tutoring.** 2  
p.m. Oakton Library, 10304  
Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn the  
basics of the Internet, Word and  
Excel. Call for appointment. Adults.  
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**One-on-One English Practice.** 2  
p.m. Oakton Library, 10304  
Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Call for  
appointment with an ESL volunteer.  
Adults. 703-242-4020.

**eBook/eReader Instruction.** 7:30  
p.m. Oakton Library, 10304  
Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn  
about library ebooks and how to  
access them with your compatible  
device. Call for appointment. Adults.  
703-242-4020.

**"Aida."** 7 p.m. Industrial Strength  
Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive,  
Herndon. Elton John and Tim Rice's  
contemporary musical, presented by  
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School. \$15-\$25.  
[www.lopezstudios.org](http://www.lopezstudios.org) or  
[www.eldenstreet.com](http://www.eldenstreet.com).

## FRIDAY/APRIL 13

**Giving Circle of HOPE 5<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Empty Bowls.** 5:30-8:30 p.m. Floris  
United Methodist Church, 13600  
Frying Pan Road, Herndon. All  
proceeds will go directly to Food for  
Others, the largest distributor of free  
food to needy people in Northern  
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pottery bowl and receive a supper of  
soup, bread, beverage and dessert.  
703-665-9334.

**Ringling Bros. and Barnum &  
Bailey Circus.** 10:30 a.m. and 7  
p.m. George Mason University Patriot  
Center, 4500 Patriot circle, Fairfax.  
"Fully Charged." Pre-show Party one  
hour before show time, free to ticket  
holders. \$14-\$30. 800-551-SEAT or  
[www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**Rachel Barton Pine.** 8 p.m. The Barns  
at Wolftrap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna.  
\$35. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Nature Unmasked.** 7 p.m. Walker  
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**Nature Myths on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>.** 7  
p.m. Walker Nature Center, 11450  
Glade Drive, Reston. Bats, snakes,  
spiders and other nighttime creatures.  
Bring a flashlight. \$4-\$6. 703-476-  
9689 or [naturecenter@reston.org](mailto:naturecenter@reston.org).

## SATURDAY/APRIL 14

**Founder's Day.** 12-3:30 p.m. Lake  
Anne Plaza, Reston. Celebrate  
Reston's 48<sup>th</sup> and Robert E. Simon's  
98<sup>th</sup> birthday. Live entertainment,  
dedication of commemorative bricks,  
birthday cake, Founder's Day Hunt  
and more.  
[RestonMuseum@gmail.com](mailto:RestonMuseum@gmail.com).

**Reston Little League Opening Day  
Parade.** 9 a.m. Reston Town Center,  
from Town Square Park down Market  
St. to the pavilion.  
[javofour@gmail.com](mailto:javofour@gmail.com).

**Weekend Bluegrass Concert  
Series: Dead Men's Hollow.**  
7:30 p.m. Holy Cross Lutheran  
Church, 1090 Sterling Road,  
Herndon. \$12, age 12 and under  
free.  
[www.holycrosslutheranchurch.net](http://www.holycrosslutheranchurch.net).

**Rock band Woven Green.** 9:30 p.m.  
Breakers Sky Lounge, 2445  
Centreville Road, Herndon. With Jam  
band Byrn. \$5 cover charge, no  
admittance under age 21.  
[www.breakersskylounge.com](http://www.breakersskylounge.com).

**5th Annual Run for the Arts 5k  
and Fun Run.** Wolf Trap National  
Park for the Performing Arts, 1551  
Trap Road, Vienna. 7-8 a.m. Packet  
Pickup at Encore Circle Lounge, 8:30  
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**Ringling Bros. and Barnum &  
Bailey Circus.** 11:30 a.m., 3:30  
p.m. and 7:30 p.m. George Mason  
University Patriot Center, 4500  
Patriot circle, Fairfax. "Fully  
Charged." Pre-show Party one hour  
before show time, free to ticket  
holders. \$14-\$30. 800-551-SEAT or  
[www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**Bandhouse Gigs' Tribute to Rod  
Stewart: Back to Gasoline  
Alley.** 7:30 p.m. The Barns at  
Wolftrap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna.  
\$25. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Bedtime Kahani.** 11 a.m. Herndon  
Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St.,  
Herndon. Traditional Indian stories  
as told by storyteller Smita Lal. Age  
4-6 with adult. 703-437-8855.

**Swan Lake.** 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
Classical Ballet Theatre Performance  
Studio, 320 Victory Drive, Herndon.  
\$10. [www.cbtnva.org/swanlake](http://www.cbtnva.org/swanlake).

**"Aida."** 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Industrial  
Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park  
Drive, Herndon. Elton John and Tim  
Rice's contemporary musical,  
presented by Lopez Studios  
Performing Arts School. \$15-\$25.  
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## SUNDAY/APRIL 15

**Swan Lake.** 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Ernst  
Theater, NVCC Annandale Campus,  
8333 Little River Turnpike,  
Annandale. With the Classical Ballet  
Theatre. \$15 adults and seniors, \$12  
military, students and children.  
[www.cbtnva.org/swanlake](http://www.cbtnva.org/swanlake).

**Ringling Bros. and Barnum &  
Bailey Circus.** 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.  
George Mason University Patriot  
Center, 4500 Patriot circle, Fairfax.  
"Fully Charged." Pre-show Party one  
hour before show time, free to ticket  
holders. \$14-\$30. 800-551-SEAT or  
[www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**Russian Storytellers.** 3 p.m. Center  
for the Arts at George Mason  
University, 4400 University Drive,  
Fairfax. American Youth  
Philharmonic, Daniel Spalding,  
conductor. Liadov's Baba-Yaga, Op.  
56 and The Enchanted Lake, Legend  
for Orchestra, Op. 62, Tcherpnin's  
The Distant Princess, Op. 4, Rimsky-  
Korsakov's A Night on Bald  
Mountain, Fantasy for Orchestra and  
Stravinsk.: Petrushka (1911). \$14  
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Drive, Herndon. Elton John and Tim  
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[www.eldenstreet.com](http://www.eldenstreet.com).

**April Bird Walk: Brown's Chapel  
Park.** 7:30 a.m. Brown's Chapel,  
1575 Chapel road, Reston. Age 16  
and up. Beginning and expert birders  
welcome. Free. 703-476-9689 or  
[naturecenter@reston.org](mailto:naturecenter@reston.org).

## MONDAY/APRIL 16

**English Conversation.** 10:30 a.m.  
Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven  
Place, Oakton. English practice for  
non-native speaking adults. 703-242-  
4020.

**Life Under a Log.** 10 a.m. Walker  
Nature Center, 11450 Glade Drive,  
Reston. Make a bug craft and take a  
short hike. Age 18-35 months. \$5-\$8.  
703-476-9689 or  
[naturecenter@reston.org](mailto:naturecenter@reston.org).

## TUESDAY/APRIL 17

**Preschool Storytime.** 10:30 a.m.  
Reston Regional Library, 11925  
Bowman Towne Drive, Reston.  
Stories and activities. Age 4-5 with  
adult. 703-689-2700.

**Director's Choice Book Club.** 7 p.m.  
Reston Regional Library, 11925  
Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Sam  
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Public Library, leads a monthly book  
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Tales: a retelling by Peter Ackroyd.  
Adults. 703-689-2700.

**One-on-One Computer Tutoring.** 3  
p.m. Oakton Library, 10304  
Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn the  
basics of the Internet, Word and  
Excel. Call for an appointment.  
Adults. 703-242-4020.

## WEDNESDAY/APRIL 18

**Open Mic Night.** 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m.  
Jimmy's Old Town Tavern, 697  
Spring St., Herndon. Every  
Wednesday. Register your band at  
[BluesSlide@aol.com](mailto:BluesSlide@aol.com) or 703-593-  
5206. [www.jimmystavern.com](http://www.jimmystavern.com).

**Yum Yum!** 7 p.m. Reston Regional  
Library, 11925 Bowman Towne  
Drive, Reston. Food stories for the  
family. All ages. 703-689-2700.

**Toddler Music Time.** 4 p.m. Herndon  
Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St.,  
Herndon. Experience melodies,  
rhythms and rhymes. Age 2-3 with  
adult. 703-437-8855.

**Jim Brickman.** 8 p.m. The Barns at  
Wolftrap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna.  
Pop pianist. \$35. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## THURSDAY/APRIL 19

**"Pride and Prejudice."** 7:30 p.m.  
Herndon High School Auditorium,  
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# Following Birds to Nicaragua

Lake Anne teacher's trip to Nicaragua makes learning "real."

BY AMIEE FREEMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**I**conic birds, such as the ruby throated hummingbird, birds that bear the names of our cities, like the Baltimore oriole, and birds that are thought of as uniquely North American birds, such as numerous wrens and warblers, plus more than 150 other varieties of birds travel hundreds of miles every year to spend the winter on an island in Lake Nicaragua. From September to March these birds make their home in the tropical forests of Ometepe Island. In the spring they return to eastern United States to find mates and raise their young.

This February, second grade Lake Anne Elementary teacher, Consuelo Bachelet, traveled to Nicaragua for ten days as part of the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center's Bridging the Americas Program to learn more about these migratory birds and help raise awareness about their plight.

Bachelet, a teacher in Lake Anne's Spanish Immersion Program, is a native of Chile. When she moved to the Northern Virginia region nine years ago, she did not know much about the birds of this area.

"I put out a bird feeder and I watched the birds. They were different from the birds I knew and I wanted to learn more about them. I even had my family learning about the birds with me. One year for Mother's Day, I received a pair of binoculars, I was so interested in these birds," said Bachelet.

**ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO**, a flyer arrived in teachers' mailboxes about the Smithsonian's Migratory Bird Center Bridging the Americas Program. Bachelet's growing interest in birds and her hope that she would gain material for the classroom led her to participate. She began attending Smithsonian-sponsored bird watching activities in Rock Creek Park in Washington and informational sessions on weekends and during summer break. Then this fall she and Christine Payack, a second grade teacher at Fairhill Elementary in Fairfax, were selected by the Smithsonian to travel to Nicaragua.

"I was really lucky," said Bachelet.

Prior to her trip, Bachelet introduced her class to the migratory birds. Each student was given a bird to learn about and to draw. These drawings and letters were sent to students in Nicaragua. The students also played a migrating game to simulate the arduous journey the birds take twice a year.

Located on the western side of Lake Nicaragua, Ometepe Island is formed in the shape of an irregular figure eight with volcanos rising from the center of each circle. The name Ometepe, according to Bachelet, means land between two hills. Ranching is the main occupation on the island. Due to the natural beauty of the island, there has been recent interest in eco-tourism.

During her visit, Bachelet visited 20 classrooms at five different schools to deliver artwork and letters produced by her students at Lake Anne and school materials donated by Lake Anne families.

Bachelet said that there was a general question as to whether the lessons about migratory birds resonated with the students. However, she said that teachers there were seeing real responses to the lessons. It is common for birds to be shot out of the trees with slingshots for sport or for food. Bachelet said that she learned from the teachers on Ometepe that if students saw someone about to shoot a bird out of the tree they would stop them and tell them about how these birds migrate and their importance.

**WITH LOCAL TEACHERS**, Bachelet visited a bird banding station run by Fauna and Flora International where they got to see migratory and resident birds up-close.

"Here," meaning in Virginia, said Bachelet, "the birds sing a lot. But because of the dense foliage in the summer, they are hard to see. When we were there, they were very easy to see. They come north to find a mate. Then in the winter they go back to the same forest, to the same tree even."

Bachelet was also able to Skype with students at Lake Anne.

"The connection was not great," said Bachelet, "but it was an excellent experience. For our students that type of activity is almost natural. But for the students there it was a wonder. I wondered what they were thinking as they talked with these students so far away."

"We could not have sent a better teacher than Señora Bachelet," said Lake Anne Principal Brendan Menuet. "Here was a teacher who was engaged in a learning activity in a Spanish speaking country. She was not there just for fun, not for vacation, it was a real learning opportunity. These are the types of things kids remember in high school. Plus, this activity meshes so well with what we are doing here at Lake Anne: it includes lessons about wildlife, global awareness, and Spanish. We could not have selected a better project than this. It makes learning real."



PHOTO BY AMIEE FREEMAN/THE CONNECTION

**Second grade Lake Anne Spanish Immersion teacher, Consuelo Bachelet, traveled to Nicaragua in February as part of the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center's Bridging the Americas Program to learn more about the birds that migrate between the eastern United States and Nicaragua. Here, Bachelet encourages her students to get up and dance.**

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## Look What I Saw, Really



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

A male patient sitting directly across from me being infused with his unique chemotherapy cocktail, a bit too far for a conversation, but certainly close enough for a knowing/empathetic glance. He didn't look too well; jaundice in the face, a baseball cap covering up a chemotherapy-affected hair line (as I can similarly attest) and a thin physique exuding the type of stress commonly found in cancer patients being infused. Dressed casually in blue jeans and a long sleeve cotton shirt; with his sneakers pointing toward the ceiling resting on the elevated foot support of the Barcalounger as the I.V. continues its drip. Accompanied by his wife, as I overheard her described, sitting supportively to his left.

Though I had never seen this man during my three-plus years of regular (every month, basically) infusions, he looked eerily familiar, or at least his circumstances and appearance did. The more I thought about it, more so after I had left the facility, the more obvious it became: he looked like me, or rather, I looked like him. It wasn't quite like looking in the mirror, but it was a bit like seeing the truth (of my appearance). Whatever I thought I looked like (see 3/7/2012 column titled "Look What She Saw, Really") or denied what I actually looked like, it became ever more apparent and clear the longer the two of us sat across from one another. Then the clincher: I found out from my oncology nurse that this man and I were approximately the same age. Which was extremely distressing because, by looking at his gaunt and frail appearance, I would have guessed that he was much older than me. Finding out that we were close in age was in fact was unsettling. Unsettling because this revelation came on top of my observation that he and I looked similar. And if I thought he looked much older than me, then maybe I too looked much older – and less healthy than I thought I did. If so, then maybe the woman in the supermarket whom I wrote about in my March 7th column had every reason to stare at me the way she did that day.

Seeing my fellow patient for what he and I apparently are, was not exactly like seeing a ghost, but it wasn't like seeing George Clooney, either. Whatever I think in my head about how I feel/how I look; presumably, if looks could kill, I'd be dead already. And since I don't want, nor think that I am dead already, considering now that my appearance might actually reflect the severity of my underlying diagnosis – in spite of how I think I feel and in spite of how people say I look, would be (A) news to me and (B) news that isn't very good.

The question is, whether it's news with which I can live. I have always tried to take this cancer diagnosis in stride and not let it effect my demeanor. Part of that strategy has involved a bit of denial to the seriousness/inevitability of it all. Seeing this fellow cancer patient sitting across from me, however, looking so familiar – and similar to me, caused not my life to pass before me, but rather my death. It's not what I had in mind when I went to the Center that day and it's rarely how I want to begin my day. Nevertheless, his image and its reality is in my head now. No wonder I felt the need to write about it.

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# Lunch with a Legend

**Reston founder  
Bob Simon celebrates  
98<sup>th</sup> birthday.**

BY MICHAEL MCKEE

Everybody knows Robert E. Simon, Jr. After all, he is Mr. Simon the visionary, the master urban planner and real estate developer. And after all, that's how Reston got its name, right? Robert E. Simon. Therefore, RESton. And everybody knows the legend of how he planned and developed Reston, and how he still lives in and at 98 continues to contribute significantly to the community. But how many really know about Bob Simon, the man?

Did you know that Bob so respects education that he can still tell you the names of all of his elementary school teachers? Did you know that he once worked on a ranch in Arizona? Can you imagine the pain of losing your father at age 21? I had lunch with Bob and learned that there is a lot of story behind the legend.

Bob grew up in New York, right in Manhattan. His family had a summer house in Bay Shore, Long Island until 1920 and his father was a well-known real estate investor in New York City. One of four children, and the only boy, he spent his summers in a variety of settings, including a couple of summers on a ranch in Arizona. Once his family stayed in Europe for 15 months.

**BOB'S BOYHOOD HEROES** were never investors or developers. Rather, they were tennis legends like the American Don Budge, 1938 Grand Slam Winner. But even before Budge, Bob appreciated the many French stars of the late 20s, such as Rene LaCoste and Henri Cochet, and later, the English champion Fred Perry. Bob was present at Forest Hills during the 1936



**Bob Simon receives a memento signed by all members of the Reston Community Orchestra from Dr. Michael McKee.**

championship match between Perry and the young Budge that went to match point several times before being won by Perry. Thereafter, Budge was to become the dominant name in tennis. As Bob recalls, "That was back when tennis was dignified, back before John McEnroe and others, back when the umpire was respected and always right."

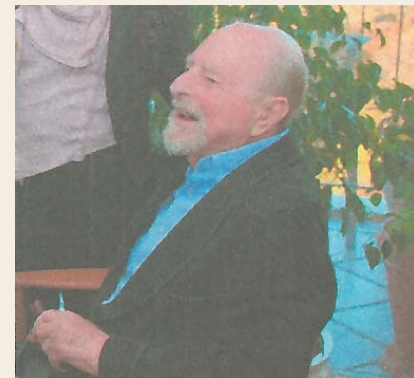
Bob continued his interest in tennis for many, many years, playing on the early Reston team and enjoying the sport until, as he puts it, "My knees and elbow retired."

After graduating from college at age 21, Bob was on a bicycle tour in England when he received a cable from New York: His father had just died and he returned to the United States at once.

It was 1935 and America was in the midst of the Great Depression. Despite enormous pressures, Bob's father had been surviving financially, even taking on paying trusteeships of two major hotels to help with the dwindling cash flow. But now, young Bob had to take over control of the family business. The first task was to ward off foreclosures, as none of the properties were even paying the mortgage charges. He lost two properties to foreclosure, but managed to retain all the others. (Interest back then was around 1.5 percent.) He used the proceeds to amortize the mortgages after paying his company a management fee.

Next came a review of the financial status of the corporation. To his amazement, he learned in his second year that, in his position as the president of the famous concert venue Carnegie Hall, the executive vice president of the company was embezzling funds. The Carnegie Hall Board of Directors comprised of Bob's father's friends — two judges and three lawyers. In a direct confrontation, young Bob presented his findings to all these older, experienced professionals. The result? The Board elected Bob as the new president.

When WWII erupted, Bob volunteered for the army. He was a private for three months, an acting corporal for another three, and spent the next three months going through OCS (Officer Candidate School) at what is now Fort Lee, Va. He became an officer in the Quartermaster Corps and served for four years. Assignments in Kansas City, Omaha, and Ann Arbor came next, followed by Europe for two years, mainly in Brussels and ending in Paris. A trusted friend and attor-



**Robert E. Simon, Jr. at his home in Heron House, Reston.**

## More on Founder

- ❖ The first Founder's Day was celebrated on April 17, 2004, on Reston's 40th Anniversary.
- ❖ Sunset Hill Farm was the name of the land where Simon was later to build much of Reston.
- ❖ Simon moved back to Reston in 1993; he had been living on Long Island.
- ❖ Reston was designated a national planning landmark by the American Institute of Certified Planners back in 2002: The group said that Reston was "one of the finest examples of American 20th Century conceptual new town planning" and that Bob Simon was a pioneer in the field.
- ❖ Simon bought 6,700 acres of farmland in 1961.
- ❖ Financial problems in the mid-60s prompted Simon to sell Reston to Gulf Oil.
- ❖ The remaining undeveloped land was then sold to Mobil Land Development Corp., who developed The Reston Town Center.
- ❖ Finally, Terrabrook became the developer of the remaining property, especially in the town center area.
- ❖ Simon is married to Cheryl Terio-Simon, an attorney, and they live in an apartment on the 13th floor of Heron House, overlooking Lake Anne.
- ❖ One of Simon's favorite phrases is biblical and states, "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

ney, a Carnegie Hall Board member ran the family company during this time.

**AFTER VE DAY IN 1945**, while still in Europe, Bob received monthly statements from his company in the mail. He again sat down to review the firm's books. This time he found discrepancies that led him to question the chief engineer of Carnegie Hall. He noticed that there were many extraordinary expenditures. For example, the amount of ice that had been paid for air conditioning looked problematic. Bills for 25 tons of ice had been regularly paid when he knew that the maximum capacity was only 20 tons. He had his proof. The statements clearly showed embezzlement. Again young Bob was correct and the engineer was fired.

As his career in real estate development matured in the 1950s, Bob was involved in many projects in California, Texas, Pennsylvania, and Canada, but nothing in Virginia. Then, in 1961 came the opportunity of a lifetime — to develop what we all now know as Reston. What followed is history, but not of Bob Simon the man, but of what became known as Robert E. Simon, Jr., the legend.

## Founder's Day

Join Reston Historic Trust and the Reston Museum at Founder's Day on Saturday, April 14 at Lake Anne Plaza to celebrate Reston's 48th and founder Robert E. Simon, Jr.'s 98th birthday. Festivities will begin at noon with musical entertainment provided by World View, a multicultural group of performers from Park View High School. The theater group from South Lakes High School will preview a selection of music from their spring production of "West Side Story." Remarks by elected officials will be followed by the dedication of the newly-installed commemorative bricks. Then enjoy

birthday cake at Reston Museum.

At 1 p.m., Jerry Ferguson of Fairfax Public Access will be available to videotape oral histories from residents that tell the unique story of Reston. All are invited to join the 2nd annual Amazing Founder's Day hunt beginning at the museum at 1:30 p.m. Participants will be given clues that direct them to ten stops throughout Reston. Those who successfully complete the hunt by 4 p.m. receive medals and are eligible for one of three grand prizes.

For more information, call 703-709-7700, e-mail [restonmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:restonmuseum@gmail.com), or visit [www.restonmuseum.org](http://www.restonmuseum.org).



## THE COUNTY LINE

# Interest in Budget Slows as Economy Picks Up

Employee compensation, human service funding compete for attention.

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

Rising property values, a relatively low unemployment rate, and the lack of hot-button issues — such as full-day kindergarten — have reduced public involvement in Fairfax County's proposed \$6.7 billion budget compared to recent years, according to county leaders.

During last year's budget cycle, Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at-large) said she heard from nearly 1,000 constituents advocating for their portion of the pie. This year, that number plummeted to 30.

"At budget time, I clear the decks to see as many people as possible," Bulova said. "My dance card is full."

Attendance at town hall meetings on the budget has also been low, according to several supervisors.

"The number of people who have signed up to speak is way down from last year," said Supervisor John Cook, (R-Braddock). "There is no one issue that's got people riled up. People are not scared. Things have stabilized. We're in a flat spot after several years of cuts."

Next week, the public will have the opportunity to weigh in on County Executive Anthony Griffin's proposed \$6.7 billion budget for the county's 1.1 million residents.

And supervisors want residents to know that their voice matters.

"Often testimony has caused us to adopt changes to the advertised budget," Bulova said. "It is critical that the community is engaged and at the table with us as we consider changes to what has been advertised."

### BUDGET BASICS

In his final year as county executive, Griffin has proposed a budget based on the current property tax rate of \$1.07 for every \$100 of assessed value, which means the average homeowner, will pay \$4,801 in property taxes, \$33.85 more than last year, and \$45.36 less than in fiscal year 2007.

The proposed General Fund total is \$3.5 billion, up \$143 million over fiscal year 2012. More than half of the budget (52.5 percent or \$1.85 billion) is earmarked for the school system.

To mitigate potential shortfalls, the board voted to advertise a 1-cent tax increase to \$1.08 per \$100 of assessed value. Supervisor Linda Smyth (D-Providence) called the one-penny increase an "insurance policy" against any funding shortfalls.

In addition to allowing the rise in property taxes, Griffin's budget also imposes several new fees, including a storm water fee would increase from 1.5 cents for every \$100 of assessed value to 2.5 cents for every \$100 of assessed value.

The board can approve a rate lower than the advertised rate, but they cannot adjust the tax rate without first advertising a higher rate. The \$1.08 rate will provide

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### FAIRFAX COUNTY BUDGET MEETINGS

Public Hearings on the FY 2013 advertised budget plan and the FY 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Program will be held in the board auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax, on the following dates and times:

- ❖ **Tuesday, April 10** at 6 p.m.
- ❖ **Wednesday, April 11** at 3 p.m.
- ❖ **Thursday, April 12**, at 3 p.m.

### OTHER IMPORTANT BUDGET DATES

- ❖ **Friday, April 20** – Budget Committee Meeting Pre-Markup Session
- ❖ **Tuesday, April 24** – Fiscal Year 2013 Board Budget Markup Session and approval of FY 2012 third quarter budget
- ❖ **Tuesday, May 1** – Formal adoption of FY 2013 Budget

some wiggle room and – if adopted – add \$19.95 million to the county executive's proposed budget. Each 1 cent increase in the real estate tax rate impacts the average residential taxpayer's annual bill by approximately \$45.

Budget analysts expect revenue in the county to increase a moderate 3.4 percent in 2013, and continue at that level for the next several years.

Although that's the fastest rate of growth since fiscal year 2007, it's still less than half the average annual growth in revenue during the boom period from 2000 to 2007.

"I agree we're seeing a mild recovery — not strong or vigorous," Bulova said. "I think that Tony Griffin has done a good job hitting the high notes. There are still cuts, but not as many and not as severe."

That doesn't mean, however, that this year's budget is without its share of challenges and competing interests.

Two groups, the Fairfax County Alliance for Human Services and the Fairfax County Government Employee Union, have signaled their commitment to keeping their issues front and center as the board moves toward adopting a the final budget on May 1.

Both groups want to see the board adopt the advertised tax rate.

### EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION

The largest new spending measure on the table is Griffin's proposed 2.18 percent market rate adjustment for the county's

wearing thin after three years without pay-for-performance or step increases.

Cook said he will encourage his colleagues to use their individual budget requests – which total about \$8.5 million – to bump up employee salaries beyond the market-rate-adjustment in the proposed budget.

"I think we need to sharpen the pencil and find the money," Cook said. "Look, if you want top services, you have to pay for top employees."

Bulova said the board is keeping its eye on what other jurisdictions are proposing for employee compensation. "We don't want to lose our best employees. We want to do right by our workforce."

### FUNDING HUMAN SERVICES

Fairfax County's Alliance for Human Services, a non-partisan partnership that advocates for public and private human service providers, is also lobbying the board to adopt the advertised tax rate, and use the additional \$19.95 million to fund "unmet human service needs."

"While Fairfax County's poverty rate is better than most (5.8 percent in 2011), it still translates to nearly 63,000 people living below the poverty level," the AHS said in a letter to the board.

"What I think is important to recognize is that it's not just one year of cuts, it's the accumulation of cuts since 2007, and the resulting increase in demand," said Amanda Andere, executive director of FACETS, a nonprofit that provides emergency shelter, food, and medical needs, as well as educational, life skills and career counseling programs.

"We're all concerned about our employee's salaries, but the bigger issue is what services have been cut," Andere said.

Linda Patterson, executive director of the Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC), which provides food and other services in the south county area, said any additional cuts in services have the potential to make those who are already struggling more vulnerable.

"I am especially concerned about the Community Services Board (CSB) cuts. Mental health services are vital for the well-being of our community. Any cuts not only stress the county system, but trickle down to non-profits like LCAC," Patterson said.

Lisa Whetzel, executive director of Our Daily Bread, a nonprofit that helps residents avoid homelessness, said ODB continues to get more requests for assistance than it can handle. Whetzel said ODB is encouraging supporters to attend Wednesday's budget hearing.

"The Board of Supervisors should vote to follow through with fully funding the 10-year plan to end homelessness," Whetzel said.

Both the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Reston Cham

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# Raising Money, Awareness of Kidney Disease

## Local resident, TV reporter in 2012 Kidney Walk.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**C**hantilly resident Jummy Olabanji has the distinction of being an on-air reporter with WJLA, the local ABC TV affiliate; and in 2002, she was part of the first class to graduate from Westfield High.

She's also one of 26 million adults in the U.S. who've been diagnosed with kidney disease. And on Sunday, April 22, at 3 p.m., she'll participate in the National Kidney Foundation's 2012 Kidney Walk at the Reston Town Center.

Normally, Olabanji doesn't seek the limelight for herself or want to be the subject of the news. But for this event, she's stepping out and speaking up to help others.

Diabetes and high blood pressure are the two main causes of kidney disease. And the groups most affected by it are



**Jummy Olabanji**

African Americans, Hispanics, Pacific Islanders, Native Americans and senior citizens. So when Olabanji's blood pressure started rising, she didn't ignore it.

"I'd started to notice my blood pressure was higher than normal and I didn't know why," she said. "But being an African American and knowing my family has high cholesterol, kidney disease and high blood pressure, I've always been health-conscious."

So she saw her doctor and, in spring 2011, received her diagnosis. "My uncle is on dialysis and I've known other extended family members who have kidney disease," said Olabanji. "So you al-

ways know it's there, but don't know for certain it'll happen to you."

Luckily, she said, her case "isn't bad, at all. But because I carry the gene and it affected my blood pressure, [the doctors] just wanted me to be more aware. I'm healthy, active and not overweight, but I've had to change my diet and add more exercises."

**BEFORE HER DIAGNOSIS**, Olabanji loved snacking on chips and would often salt her food. Now, she no longer uses table salt and asks restaurants not to put any additional salt on her meal. She also reads food labels to check out the sodium content because, she said, "Sodium isn't good for your heart and blood pressure."

In addition, she now does cardio exercises a couple times a week at a gym and checks her blood pressure at home. The 2006 Virginia Tech grad is also looking forward to participating in the upcoming Kidney Walk.

The nonprofit National Kidney Foundation is dedicated to preventing kidney disease and supporting people and families affected by it, while promoting the

importance of organ donation. Funds from the 5K or 1-mile memorial walk will help it carry out its goals, and that's why Olabanji is taking part.

"I'm a busy, young professional who hesitated to say anything about my condition to anyone because lots of people are in worse shape than I am," she said. "I'm fine. I'm simply trying to shed light on the wonderful work the Kidney Foundation is doing to raise money and help people in the community with preventative care and early detection."

"They're able to offer free, kidney-disease screenings because of the money they raise," continued Olabanji. "So anything I can do to help them, I'm happy to do."

April is National Organ Donation Month and, at the Kidney Walk, she'll be walking in honor of her uncle Diran Idowu who suffers from kidney disease and is searching for a replacement kidney. That's why she says she's become "kidney smart" and truly realized there's no cure for kidney disease.

"There are thousands of people across this country, just like my uncle, in need of a new kidney to live a longer, healthier life," said

Olabanji. "So many people die every year, waiting for a kidney. But you only need one kidney to survive; so I hope some people will share their spare."

**THE APRIL 22 WALK** falls on Olabanji's birthday, and she's delighted to spend it that way. Joining her in the 5K walk around the Reston Town Center will be nine of her close friends and family members. Their team name is Teal Team Six.

"I picked the name after I heard about the amazing heroism shown by the U.S. Navy's elite Seal Team Six squadron," she explained. "They took down one of the world's most-feared terrorists, and my team is going to fight for awareness of kidney disease. Teal happens to be one of my favorite colors, as well."

Olabanji hopes to raise \$1,000 for the event and has already collected \$745 in donations from friends, co-workers and relatives. Contributions to the Foundation may also be made at [donate.kidney.org/site/TR/Walk/NationalCapitalArea?pg=entry&fr\\_id=4311](http://donate.kidney.org/site/TR/Walk/NationalCapitalArea?pg=entry&fr_id=4311).

## THE COUNTY LINE

# Chambers Seek Support for Human Services

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ber of Commerce have pledged support for the county's Housing Blueprint. Adopted by the board in 2011, the blueprint bolsters the county's goal to prevent and end homelessness by 2018 by mapping out strategies to create 2,650 housing opportunities. It reflects the philosophy of the board that affordable housing is a continuum

ranging from the needs of the homeless to first-time homebuyers.

In a joint letter to the board, Eileen Curtis, president and CEO of the Dulles chamber and Mark Ingrao, president and CEO of the Reston chamber urged the board to provide funding to support the proposed investment in the Housing Blueprint as follows:

❖ \$4.1 million (continuing au-

thorization) for the Bridging Affordability Program

❖ \$5 million (\$3 million from Fund 319/\$2 million from the General Fund) to support acquisition of 200 units that address the Blueprint housing goals

❖ \$2.61 million in rental subsidies, matched by nonprofit partners who provide the housing and services to address underfunded goals outlined in the Blueprint.

"As chambers of commerce representing the leading businesses in Fairfax County, we recognize that housing policy is an essential factor in economic development," Ingrao and Curtis stated in the letter.

"A lot of folks are concerned about human services," Andere said. "These are things that are worthy of some investment."

# Employee Compensation in Fairfax County

## ❖ Proposed Salary Increase for FY-2013

Fairfax – 2.18 Percent (No step increases for public safety employees or pay for performance increases for general employees are proposed.)

### Alexandria – 2.3-5 percent

(Alexandria's FY 2013 proposed budget includes funding for merit-based pay increases ranging from 2.3 to 5 percent. No across-the-board pay increases are funded. Also, public safety employees at the top of their grade – those not eligible for a merit-based pay increase – will be eligible for a one-time 2.3 percent pay supplement

if warranted by performance.)

### Arlington – 2.5 percent

(Arlington's FY 2013 budget proposal including funding for merit/step increases, which average 2.5 percent. No COLA/market pay adjustment has been proposed.)

### Loudoun – 0.0 to 2 percent

(Loudoun County's budget proposal includes a zero percent increase option up to an average increase of 2 percent for all county employees. No merit increases are assumed in the proposal.)

### Prince George's – 0.0 percent

(No merit or cost-of-living adjustments are proposed for G-scale

employees. The County is currently in negotiations with the union.)

### Prince William – 3 percent

(This is a proposed pay-for-performance increase provided to employees who receive a "fully achieves" performance rating. As part of Prince William's "Performance Plus" system, employees who receive ratings above "fully achieves" will receive bonuses on top of the 3 percent increase. A one-time bonus of 1 percent will be provided to employees with an "exceeds" rating and a 2 percent bonus will be provided for those with a rating of "greatly exceeds."

The county proposes to increase the top of the pay scale to allow all employees to earn a merit this year.)

### Fairfax County Public Schools – 4.3 percent

(Fairfax County Public Schools have proposed merit increments, averaging 2.3 percent, as well as a 2 percent market scale adjustment.)

❖ Due to the timing of the budget releases, data was not available from Montgomery County or the District of Columbia. Information provided by Fairfax County Department of Management and Budget.

## FAITH NOTES

*Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community, including special holiday services. Send to [herndon@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:herndon@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday.*

**Trinity Presbyterian Church**, 651 Dranesville Road in Herndon, has Sunday Worship Service at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery and childcare are available during worship services. Youth and Adult Sunday School is held Sundays from 9:40-10:45 a.m. 703-437-5500 or [www.trinityherndon.org](http://www.trinityherndon.org).

**Dranesville United Methodist Church**, 1089 Liberty Meeting Court in Herndon, has announced their Palm Sunday, April 1 and Easter Sunday, April 8 services. There will be Traditional Worship services at 9 a.m. and Contemporary Worship services at 11:15. An Easter Egg Hunt will be held after each service on Easter Sunday. The Holy Thursday Service will be 7:30 p.m. April 5.

**Floris United Methodist Church**, 13600 Frying Pan Road in Herndon, has worship services at 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sundays, with a Latino service on Saturdays at 7 p.m. 703-793-0026 or [www.florisumc.org](http://www.florisumc.org).

**Adult Sunday school** will be held 9:30 a.m. Sundays at the Washington Plaza Baptist Church at Lake Anne Village Center. The group is studying the Gospel of Mark. Services follow at 11 a.m.