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The County Line

Long Lines Revisited

Bulova calls for bi-partisan group to address the issue, improve election process.

By Victoria Ross
The Connection

While voter turnout in Fairfax County on Election Day was at an all-time high—80.5 percent of registered voters cast their ballots, compared to 78.7 percent in 2008—some voters faced long lines and endured hours of waiting on a chilly day to cast their ballots.

Lines and wait-times varied throughout the County's 237 precincts. Voters at Vienna's Flint Hill Elementary School reported ample parking and virtually no lines. At other locations however, lines snaked around elementary school parking lots and through buildings, and it was not unusual for voters to have an hour-long wait.

Long wait times and other voting-day issues concerned Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at-large), who called for the creation of a bi-partisan commission to explore any inefficiency and analyze ways to streamline the process.

"While all together the day went well, I think it would be beneficial to examine what lessons we can learn from the 2012 Election," Bulova said on Wednesday, adding that she waited only 20 minutes at Villa precinct Tuesday morning to vote.

"I plan to present this issue to the Board of Supervisors at our next meeting and suggest the formation of a bi-partisan commission to identify ways

to reduce lines, decrease wait times, and streamline our election process," she said. The next Board of Supervisors meeting takes place on Tuesday, Nov. 20.

She said the commission will review and make recommendations regarding Fairfax County's election process. "The commission will be asked to concentrate on ways to improve the County's efficiency on Election Day, with a specific focus on addressing wait times, long lines, and other voting issues," Bulova said.

ELECTIONS OFFICIALS said a shortage of poll volunteers coupled with complicated ballot questions, bond issues and confusion over County-wide redistricting meant some voters took much longer to finish their ballots.

At the Bailey's Crossroads precinct, where it had been reported that some voters waited for more than three hours, Cameron Quinn, the County's chief election official, said fur-

ther investigation last week showed the last voter at the Skyline precinct voted at 9:30 p.m., according to the time stamp on the voting equipment. Polls closed at 7 p.m., so any voters arriving at 7 p.m. waited more than two hours before casting their ballots.

Some voters complained the County did not provide enough high-tech touchscreen voting equipment, preferred by 80 percent of voters over paper or optically-scanned ballots. According to election officials, there were between two and five touchscreens in every precinct this year, depending on the number of voters assigned to each precinct. Additionally, each precinct had one or two optical scan machines, and paper ballots for a projected 80 percent voter turnout.

"Rovers, who are in the field on Election Day to assist precinct officials with problems, also carry several spare machines in case of breakdowns. A number of these were rushed to precincts to prevent lines from building up too much when machines were down," Quinn said.

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ONE OF THE KEY REASONS for some of the long waits was the lack of precinct volunteers, Quinn said.

"This is a longstanding issue that has become more acute across the entire country over the past decade, particularly in large urban and suburban areas," Quinn said. "Despite the County executive's extraordinary request to all County employees to sign up, using County administrative leave, to work for Elec-

tion Day, there were relatively few additional officers resulting from that request."

"Given the extraordinary voter turnout, things went fairly smoothly on Election Day," Quinn said. "There were some precincts that had issues and problems, but no more than any presidential election, and smoother than anticipated, given the challenges as a result of Hurricane Sandy and the recent redistricting." While long lines created headaches for some Fairfax County voters, it was much worse in other parts of the state. In Prince William County, some voters faced five-hour waits before casting their ballots.

"Asking anyone to wait several hours is unacceptable," Virginia Democratic Party Chairman Brian Moran said in a statement Wednesday. "Why did it go so poorly this year and why were these long lines experienced? We're going to be a battleground state, so ultimately we don't want this to happen again. Let's take the proper steps. Let's fix it."



Photos by Deb Cobb/The Connection

Reaction to the announcement that President Barack Obama has been re-elected at the Fairfax County Democrats Victory Party on Nov. 6.



U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) helps a Greenspring resident find election officials at the Greenspring Polling Station to determine whether he can vote in the election.

Area Votes for Obama, Kaine, House Incumbents

President Barack Obama wins second term, Kaine wins Senate seat, Moran, Wolf, Connolly re-elected.

By Victoria Ross
The Connection

Elections, Obama won the county with nearly 60 percent of the vote.

In a bitter and historically expensive battle, President Barack Obama defeated Gov. Mitt Romney, winning a second term Tuesday after grabbing the key swing state of Virginia after midnight.

With the addition of the commonwealth's 13 electoral votes—as well as those of Colorado, Iowa, New Hampshire and Wisconsin—Obama sailed over the electoral cliff with the critical 270 electoral votes he needed for victory.

More than 200 Democrats gathered at the Tysons Sheraton Tuesday evening—some cautiously optimistic, some nervous—about the Democrats' chances of another four years for Obama in The White House.

Mondana Nicksolat, an Obama volunteer from McLean, said she was so nervous about Obama's chances for victory, "I feel like I'm getting ready to take a final exam. . . . I'm nervous. I'm not sure he will win," Nicksolat said. But as the evening wore on, Nicksolat became more optimistic.

"Obama shouldn't be called a politician," she said. "He is a human being. He has a lot in common with the American people. We are not all rich; we all did not go to elite schools; some of us are immigrants and we're Americans. Obama is with us."

Close to midnight, the Sheraton crowd erupted in cheers, hugs and tears when news networks projected the win for Obama.

"The country and women are safe for four more years," one guest shouted.

According to the Fairfax County Board of

Kaine Wins Senate Seat

It was one of the most competitive and closely-watched Senate races in the nation, but after 17 months of brutal campaigning, former Virginian Governor and DNC Chair Timothy M. Kaine grabbed the seat of retiring U.S. Sen. Jim Webb from former Governor George Allen. Kaine won 51.85 percent of the vote over Allen's 47.97 percent with 100 percent of the state's 2588 precincts reporting, according to the Virginia State Board of Elections.

The 11th District: Connolly

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) knows how close a race can be on election night, beating challenger Keith Fimian in 2010 by a razor-thin margin, but Connolly handily defeated Republican challenger Chris Perkins Tuesday night along with four other candidates: Chris DeCarlo (Independent), Mark Gibson (Independent), Joe Galdo (Green Party) and Peter Marchetti (Independent Green Party). Connolly received 60.05 percent of the vote, or 163,212 votes, compared to Perkins's 36.22 percent of the vote with 98,456 votes.

"Tonight our voters also sent a message about our politics. They want more functional government," Connolly said, standing with his daughter and wife at the

Sheraton. "They don't want more rabid, partisan rhetoric as a substitute for real solutions to real problems."

Connolly said he was honored "to have been reelected, by my widest margin ever, and to have received the thrust of our voters to represent them for the next two years. On their behalf I will fight for the values we share while seeking common ground to move our country forward."

Connolly also displayed his trademark wit when he told the crowd he had another announcement: "CBS News just called it for Tim Kaine. . . . Not so fast, Tea Party!"

The 10th District: Wolf

U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10), the most senior of the 11 members of the House of Representatives from Virginia, won his 17th consecutive term on Tuesday. This year, Wolf faced a challenge on two fronts: Democrat Kristin Cabral and Independent Kevin Chisholm fought hard to take his seat.

Wolf won 58.71 percent of the vote (194,817 votes) compared to Cabral's 38.38 percent of the vote (127,355 votes) with 192 of 195 precincts reporting at 1 a.m.

Wolf sits on the powerful House Appropriations Committee, where he is the chairman on the Commerce-Justice-Science subcommittee. In addition, he is the co-chairman of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, a bipartisan organization made up of more than 200 members of Congress who work together to raise awareness about international human rights issues.

The 8th District: Moran

U.S. Rep. James P. Moran won a 12th term in Congress, easily beating his Republican



State Del. Mark Keam (D-35) tweets election results from the Democrats victory party at the Tysons Sheraton Tuesday night.

opponent J. Patrick Murray with 63.42 percent (174,974 votes) of the vote over Murray's 31.5 percent of the vote (86,910 votes). A senior member of the Appropriations Committee, Moran serves as the ranking member on the Subcommittee on the Interior and Environment and also serves on the Defense and Military Construction Subcommittees. Throughout his two decades of service in the House of Representatives, Moran has championed regional transportation solutions, the environment, women's issues, technology, fair and open trade, and fiscal discipline. He is also well known for his efforts to protect federal employees and military retirees.

Herndon, Reston Honor Veterans

American Legion hosts Veterans Day Observance.

By Andrea Worker
The Connection

The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Let us observe two full minutes of silence." With those words, David Kirby, commander of Herndon-Reston American Legion Wayne M. Kidwell Post 184, opened the 2012 Veterans Day observance, addressing veterans, active duty members, town dignitaries and respectful citizens gathered on the green behind the Herndon Municipal Center. The commander was, of course, referring to 11 a.m., Nov. 11, 1918—the date and hour when hostilities on the Western Front of World War I officially came to an end. Originally celebrated as "Armistice Day" to remember those fallen in combat during that war, what we now call Veterans Day has evolved to honor those who made that ultimate sacrifice, and to thank all who have served and continue to do so.

The first of the two minutes of silence is observed to remember the approximately 20 million people who died during the war. The second minute is dedicated to those left behind who were most affected by those losses—the family and friends of fallen heroes.

AT THE START of his remarks, Kirby asked the crowd to especially remember the two former Navy Seals who had been killed during the recent attack on the US Embassy in Benghazi, Libya – Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods. "We revere these heroes," said Kirby, "because they revered us. They paid the price for a land worth serving. That price is also paid by their heartbroken families." Kirby noted that the American Legion was a major source of support for service personnel and their families, citing a number of programs and resources offered by the organization. He asked that employers consider veterans for their hiring needs, and reminded the assembly that a large number of police, firefighters and first responders are veterans. He also pointed out that too many veterans become homeless "when they shed their uniforms. Hardly the thanks of a grateful nation. Let us serve them as well as they served us," he asked.



From left—David Lacombe, US Army Ret., William Spence, US Army Ret., Naval Academy sophomore Fabio Garcia, Naval Academy freshman John Wilson, William G. Wright, Sr., US Army Ret., Bob Thompson, US Navy Ret., and Eric Clauch, US Airforce. The veterans insisted that the young naval cadets join them in the military line-up. Garcia and Wilson were both members of the Herndon Junior Naval ROTC before taking the next step in their careers at the Naval Academy.

Many of these themes were reiterated by the occasion's guest speaker, Lieutenant Colonel Debra M. Biely, USMC Ret. "It's about time the Post had its first woman guest speaker," declared Commander Kirby. "And who better to start this new tradition." Kirby introduced Biely, highlighting many of her numerous accomplishments both during her 20 years in the United States Marine Corps, and as a civilian since her retirement. The Lt. Colonel spoke of how highly trained, disciplined and suited for teamwork and deadlines are our veterans. "Hire a vet. Work veteran-owned companies. It's one small way to honor those who ensure that we can love in freedom," stated Biely.

BIELY AND KIRBY laid the memorial wreaths to the Sounding of Taps by bugler Eric Clauch. Post 184 Chaplain Dmytro Andriuk performed the opening invocation and the closing benediction before the ceremonial Retiring of the Colors. The Herndon Junior Naval ROTC handled the flags. As the observance came to its close, Commander Kirby invited the gathering to join in refreshments provided by the Herndon Women's Club and said a visit to nearby Chestnut Grove Ceremony to view the Avenue of Flags erected there in honor of all veterans would be well worth the trip.

The crowd listens to American Legion Post 184 Commander David Kirby's remarks at the Veterans Day Observance at the Town Green in Herndon.



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Andrea Worker



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From left, Nick Wackerman, Sherry Covell, Bryan Stygar, Bobbie Kilberg and Brad Antle at the Northern Virginia Technology Council's annual banquet. Stygar was awarded the small company Washington technology government contractor award by the NVTC Monday, Nov. 12.

NVTC Hosts Annual Tech Celebration

Annual banquet recognizes top innovators, raises funds for Equal Footing Foundation.

By Alex McVeigh
The Connection

The Northern Virginia Technology Council hosted their annual banquet Monday, Nov. 11 at the Tysons Corner Ritz-Carlton, recognizing technology contractors and raising funds for their Equal Footing Foundation nonprofit. Though the event was postponed due to Hurricane Sandy, it didn't stop hundreds of council members from attending.

"We made the decision to reschedule as the storm approached, so we're pleased that so many people were able to adjust their schedule," said Bobbie Kilberg, president and CEO of the NVTC.

Bryan Stygar, chief technology officer of KoreFederal, was

given the small company award for technology government contractor innovation.

"This past year, Bryan has automated many of KoreFederal's back office processes, including cloud computers and software service solutions. He also developed an IT service model that improved KoreFederal's office automation and IT capability, while minimizing capital requirements to procure, staff and manage IT infrastructure," said Sherry Covell of Harris IT Services, who presented the awards. "Brian is also directly responsible for sales, development and management of . . . more than 60 percent of the company's estimated 2011 and 2012 revenues."

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John Harris, editor-in-chief and co-founder of Politico addresses the Northern Virginia Technology Council Monday, Nov. 12 at the Tysons Corner Ritz-Carlton.

News

Tech Celebration

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Yogesh Khanna, vice president and chief technology officer of CSC, was given the award in the large company category.

"Under Yogesh's leadership, CSC's Chantilly Innovation Center has evolved into a strategic asset for CSC, becoming a primary hub for evaluating leading edge products and technologies," Covell said. "Last year Yogesh developed a strategic road map for product offering to support the Federal Data Center Consolidation initiative."

THE NVTC awarded more than \$60,000 to the Equal Footing Foundation, which supports community initiatives that include technology in their mission, which came from several recent fundraisers.

An October golf tournament raised \$41,000, and the "Run Geek Run" 8K race in September netted \$20,000 for the foundation. An additional \$4,800 was raised during the banquet from a raffle.

"Today, the foundation has seven clubhouses between Fairfax and Fauquier counties, which serve more than 1,700 youth ev-

ery week," said Ellen Harrison, chair of the foundation. "Without the dedicated support of the NVTC and its members, we would not be able to offer quality programs that engage and empower our region's students, helping them become the next generation of technology and community leaders."

The keynote speaker for the banquet was John Harris, editor-in-chief and co-founder of Politico. He commented that despite the enormous scope of the election, it seemed like people were more focused than ever on the small things.

"It lasted a long time, and in that sense it was large, but in every other sense, it was small. There were a lot of big questions, like what direction should the country take, but coverage seemed to be dominated by gaffes or silly statements, or cable TV uproar," he said. "We talked about Big Bird, argued about what Donald Trump said about Barack Obama being a citizen, about what the '47 percent' remarks meant, or 'binders full of women.'"

He said it was incumbent upon media outlets to help keep the debate focused on the serious issues facing the country.

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Opinion

Shop Locally, Give Locally

Small business Saturday isn't enough; don't wait until then, and don't stop after that.

An effort to support locally owned businesses has resulted in the recognition of Small Business Saturday, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. This year that is Nov. 24. Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, a day of national zeal for shopping. Presumably the next day shoppers can focus on local shopping.

It sounds like an obligation, and it is. But there is a joy to shopping in local stores at the holidays, to walking along a sidewalk with the streets decked out for the holidays, to being greeted by someone likely to be the owner of the store, to finding gifts that are not mass-produced.

We all benefit when local stores thrive, when local business districts beckon.

Locally owned retail shops, services, restaurants depend on vibrant local communities to thrive. Most small, locally owned businesses invest in community, helping to transform our towns and communities with a sense of place.

Supporting small businesses, locally owned businesses, has to be more than a one-day affair.

The economy continues to improve slowly without inspiring. But still, local families will shop and exchange gifts during the next month, spending tens of millions of dollars in a variety of places.

One way to be sure holiday shopping comes with some holiday spirit is to do a portion of your shopping in some of the area's locally owned stores. There is special holiday ambience available by shopping in the heart of a town that is decked out for the season. Small retail shops are part of defining any commu-

nity. Their livelihood depends on the livability and quality of the neighborhoods around them. A small business owner pays attention to every detail in his or her business in a way that no chain can.

Frequently, it is the small retail person who is active in fundraising for local charities, for fire and rescue service, for local schools and in organizing holiday events.

Local retail stores, mom-and-pop stores, face

Give Locally

Poverty and homelessness are sometimes hard to see in Northern Virginia, but there is no shortage of families in need locally, especially at the holidays. Here are some of the local organizations ready to help, and in need of your help. Financial contributions are always preferred.

Where to Give Locally

In no particular order:

- ❖ **Alternative House** — Abused and Homeless Children's Refuge, 2100 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA 22182, 703-506-9191. www.thealternativehouse.org.
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tough challenges right now. Competition from big box stores and online sellers makes the holiday shopping season all the more important to locally-owned retailers.

Everyone will do some of their shopping at the mall. Everyone will do some shopping online. But local shoppers should be sure to save some shopping time and dollars for local stores. Spend some time shopping in your own community, and also plan an excursion to a nearby town to check out the local businesses and holiday spirit there.

— Mary Kimm,
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Letters to the Editor

Election Over, Now What?

To the Editor:

The election is over, and whether your candidate won or not, your job as an American is not over. We still remain in a deep economic slump, and there are many things that we as individuals can do to help the situation, that we all can agree on.

START A BUSINESS

As I was taking my constitutional walk a couple days ago, there were two young girls, about 10 years old, who had set up a table along the road. I stopped to speak with them. They said that they were raising money to start a business at Dulles Town Center. They said they were selling their Halloween candy, that they didn't need anyway, and they had \$16 so far, in a jar. They explained that their mother was going to make clothes, and they were

trying to get some seed money. I thought this was a small but inspirational example of a small business startup. Who knows what it will become? One thing is clear—it is not sending our money overseas. These kids were also learning a trait that will serve them, and America well, over the long term. Teach your kids this lesson. Our government also needs to step out of the way of small business startups, or they will not happen.

BUY AMERICAN

There are things that every consumer can do, and one of them is to preferentially purchase high quality products that are made in America. We do not need the government to change the tax code for this to help. Every dollar used to purchase something made in America, stays in America, and creates demand for the domestic companies to produce more. It is easy to determine what is made in the USA, as you just need to look on

the label. It is even easier today, as there are Internet sites listed on Google which identify products of every type, that are made here at home. Try it this year when buying toys and gifts for the holidays. You say they cost more, but you surely see that every dollar spent on products made in the USA benefit the entire business chain, and probably contribute several dollars to our economy. Select well-made American products, and you will not need to return them or throw them away. Some, including this writer, have certain problems with actions of some of the unions in our country, but one thing we can all agree upon is that union workers make high quality products, including American automobiles.

DEMAND COOPERATION BETWEEN PARTIES

We all know that Congress is often deadlocked on political ideology, and cannot seem to do the right thing for all of America.

There should be debates on the pluses and minuses of alternate courses of action on issues, but the proper basis for choosing among options is not necessarily that which will garner votes in the next election, but that which will solve a problem that needs to be solved. Many issues being battled at the federal level today should not be settled at the federal level in a "one size fits all." What is terribly wrong with people settling their own affairs, so long as they do not harm other people? This is what we call freedom. Write letters or speak with your elected leaders and tell them they need to say No more often to special interests, and support them when they do. Filling up all the rice bowls with tax money is not desirable. It is clear that our 535 elected leaders in Congress need to work across party lines, and we need to hold them to it.

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Viewpoints

“Who did you vote for to be president? Why?”

— Andrea Worker



Kwasi Kubi, self-employed, cab driver

“Barack Obama. I still like his ideas. And I think he will be better for the poor people. I think he has done what he could with what he inherited.”



Derek Einsig, employed by GeoEye

“Mitt Romney. Obama had a shot. He didn’t live up to his promises. He hasn’t been able to work with the current legislators. It may not be all his fault, but we need to try something new, see if we can get some compromise. If sequestration happens, that’s a real threat to my job working with satellites and mapping.”



Shalini Karnani, employed by Score, a non-profit

“Barack Obama. I think Obama is the only one paying attention to women’s issues. I don’t want my body to be a conversation piece anymore. It’s time to move forward in this country. I have a child inside of me right now and I think it’s in this baby’s best interests for education and health care and more, to vote Obama. Plus, I come from Detroit. He literally saved us there.”



Robin Drake, phone worker, nonprofit organization

“Barack Obama. I think he has done as well as he could with a recession underway when he came in and with the global economic situation. Romney scares me. He doesn’t show the same face twice. If he were simply Tea Party, or traditional Republican, then I could understand him, predict which way he would go on things. I just don’t feel like I know Romney.”



Mike Diamore, employed by Booz Allen

“Barack Obama. Infrastructure. I don’t think either candidate really pushes for that, but I think under Obama there’s a better chance of something getting done. We need more and better transportation. Much of our infrastructure, our wiring is aging. We need to start taking care of these things for our future economic health.”



Grace Serquinia, employed by the FC School system

“Barack Obama. I think Mitt Romney is making it up as he goes along. I don’t think he has a plan. You know, it’s like going to the dance and waiting to hear what music they play before deciding how to dance to it. Been here before. Obama is in there. We know what’s what.”

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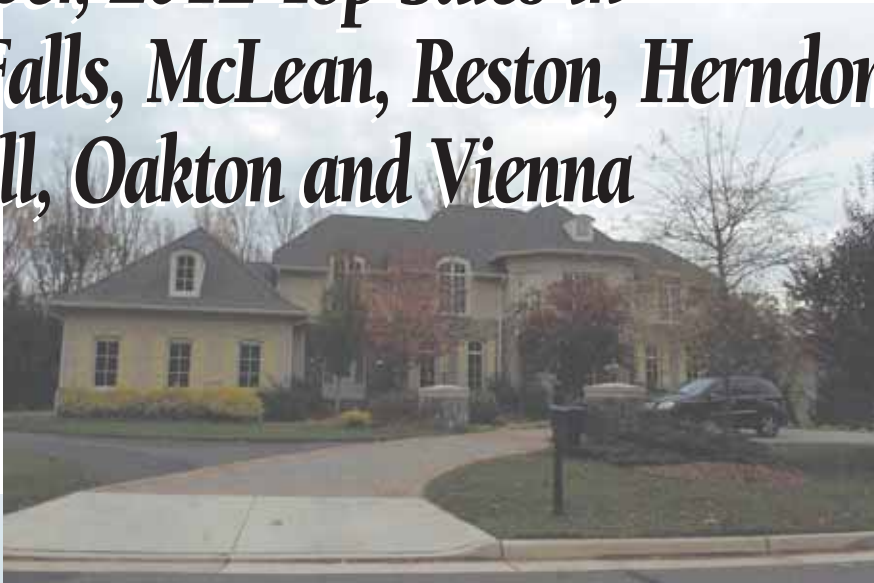
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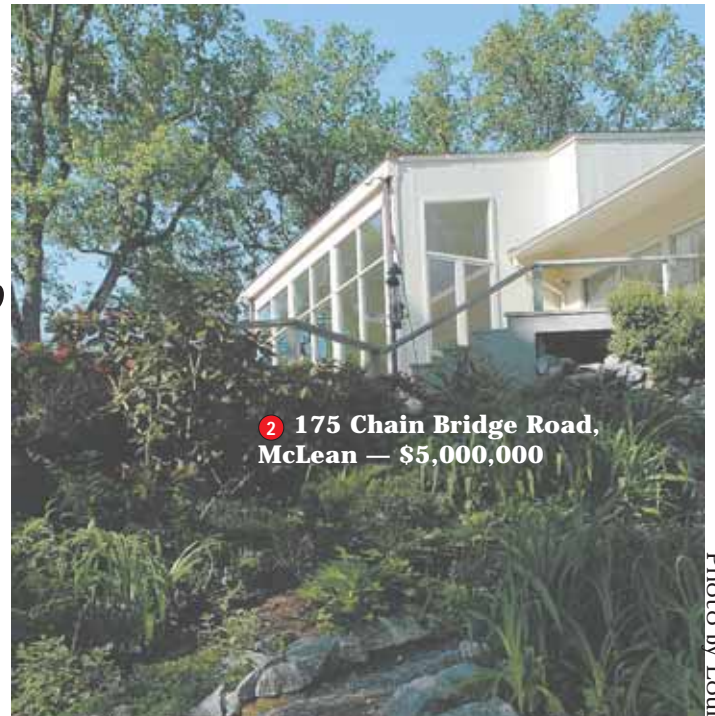
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September, 2012 Top Sales in Great Falls, McLean, Reston, Herndon, Oak Hill, Oakton and Vienna

**8 7846
Westmont Lane,
McLean —
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**2 175 Chain Bridge Road,
McLean — \$5,000,000**

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**12 11041 Heathland Drive,
Oakton — \$1,300,000**



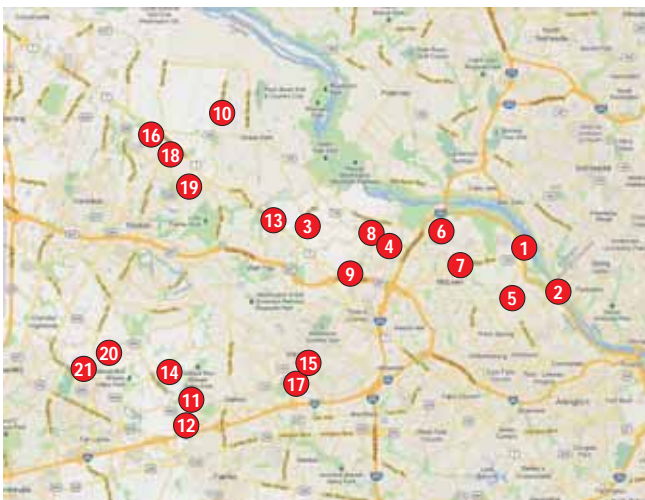
13 1290 Difficult Run Court, Vienna — \$1,285,000



**16 11630 Cedar Chase Road,
Herndon — \$1,229,000**



18 11305 Stones Throw Drive, Reston — \$1,150,000



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3 1112 DARA LN	4	4	1	GREAT FALLS	\$3,696,597	Detached	1.88	22066	MARQUETTE	09/27/12
4 932 DOMINION RESERVE DR	4	5	2	MCLEAN	\$2,625,000	Detached	0.96	22102	THE RESERVE	09/27/12
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Home LifeStyle

Woodpecker Attack

Homeowner feels desperate after birds build nest in her home.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection

When Diane Smith moved into her Reston home in 2004, the house, which was built with cedar siding, was in good repair. The siding, she says, "appeared intact and heavily stained."

However, two years later, her home was under attack—by birds. "The floodgates broke loose—woodpeckers began to savage the home," she said. "The rotten and dead trees in the woodlot that surrounds the house were colonized and the actual home was the social center of woodpecker life."

Smith restrained the siding and painted the trim, but woodpeckers continued to feast on her home.

"A lot of woodpeckers enjoy going after bugs that are in the wood siding," said Danny Harper, owner of Custom Concepts Construction Concepts, Inc. in Maryland. "What happens is that the wood starts to rot, insects get in there and woodpeckers go in looking for bugs. Anytime you have older homes with water damage that attracts insects. The woodpeckers follow and come around eating people's homes."

Smith said she used several weapons in her woodpecker war, including "a solar-powered device that sounds like a woodpecker predator." She tried filling the holes with steel wool and even used exterior insect repellent to kill the wood-boring bugs. "Nothing worked: The house continued to be Swiss-cheesed by the birds."

THE FINAL STRAW came, Smith said, when the woodpeckers drilled a hole large enough to build a nest, then laid eggs and hatched a family inside the framework of her home. She was actually ready to sell her house when she noticed that her next-door neighbor, whose home appeared similar to hers, didn't have any woodpecker damage. The difference? That house was sided with HardiePlank siding.

Although Smith says she found many non-wood siding options, like



Photo by Case Design/Remodeling, Inc.

Reston homeowner Diane Smith says that after woodpeckers "Swiss-cheesed" her house, she decided to install HardiePlank siding.

vinyl or metal, they were unattractive and overpriced. Feeling desperate, she brought in a contractor.

"I was amazed as to the extent of damage the different species of woodpeckers created," said Steve Magill at Fred, a home repair division of Case Design/Remodeling, Inc. "I have seen woodpecker dam-

age in siding that was pretty large. Nothing compared to this damage, [and it] was still growing."

Magill and his team installed HardiePlank on Smith's home. "We covered the entire house in panels and trim. The Hardie panel is a cement-based product that has a very long life span, maybe 100 years," he said. "It comes with a factory paint applied in controlled environments. The warranty on the paint is 15 years."

For those who don't want synthetic siding, Harper says up-keep is paramount. "It comes down to a maintenance thing. You have to be diligent and keep up with the maintenance cycle of painting and caulking to create a water barrier so that water can't penetrate. In most cases, people let it go, and then it creates a problem and then it is more expensive in the long run."

Smith said that for her, cedar was impractical and she's happy with her new, bird-free home. "It's a solid, visually pleasing exterior housing material. The decision was quite easy."



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Gift Guide

Frying Pan Farm Home to Holiday Entertainment

Old-Fashioned Holiday Celebration features demonstrations, children's shopping.

By Alex McVeigh
The Connection

The historic Frying Pan Farm Park will host several of its signature events this holiday season, allowing anyone with an appreciation for history, agriculture and the outdoors to shop for gifts and attend several different presentations.

"From Halloween through Christmas, Frying Pan Farm Park is one of our family's favorite destinations on an almost weekly basis," said Debbie Santiago of Herndon. "Something about the idea of cold weather, outdoor fires is just a perfect combination."

Once at the heart of Fairfax County's booming dairy industry, Frying Pan Farm Park now preserves and interprets life on a farm between 1920 and the 1950s. Featuring a farmhouse and several barns, the park takes advantage of all their facilities during their holiday celebrations.

On Saturday, Dec. 1 the farm will host their Old-Fashioned Holiday Celebration, a day of holiday cheer and demonstrations of the daily functions of a farm.

A local beekeeper and blacksmith will give demonstrations of their trade throughout the day and the farmhouse will be decorated and open for tours.

"It's fun for the kids to interact with the animals they have here, but the demonstrations are such a

valuable educational tool," said Tom Jennings of Herndon. "The skill and determination to make things like metal or fabric is a great example for the younger generation about how things in their everyday life were made for hundreds of years."

One of the most popular events during the celebration is the children's holiday shopping at the farm's general store. Farm staff will help children find presents for everyone on their list and keeping them under budget.

The store features a variety of toys, books, tools and more. Wool from the farm's sheep and honey from the farm's bees, as well as meal from nearby Colvin Run Mill are also available.

"They do a good job of stocking the general store with gifts that kids can pick up that are actually educational or useful around the house," said Katie Bennett of Herndon. "Last year, my son got my husband a book about the history and methods of local gardening, and it was a hit. We all learned a lot from it."

Frying Pan Farm Park's Old-Fashioned Holiday Celebration will take place Saturday, Dec. 1, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free, but some activities have fees.

More information is available at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark/classes.htm>.



A selection of holiday and farm-related items are for sale this holiday season at the Frying Pan Farm Park General Store.



Local history books for sale at the Frying Pan Farm Park General Store.

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Gift Guide

Used Book Shop Offers Gift Ideas

Lake Anne shop has been “where books and people meet” for more than 30 years.

By Alex McVeigh
The Connection

Whenever he comes to Lake Anne, Jeremy Thompson of Reston has a place he always stops. A place he calls an “increasing rarity” in today’s world.

“As someone who is against e-readers in all forms, Reston’s Used Book Shop is paradise for me, just the smell of paper is something that’s hard to find outside of my library,” he said. “My personal favorites are history books, and the beauty of a used book store like the one at Lake Anne is that ones that have gone out of print because they don’t cover eras that are popular these days, can be found.”

Their selection of history books, particularly about the Civil War and other military history, is one of their signature features.

Sue Schram and Sue Wensell founded the store in 1978. Known as “The Sues,” their goal was to create a place “where books and



A selection of books at Reston’s Used Book Shop. The store features a wide selection of used books, with a large section of books on military history and the Civil War.

people meet.” Bud and Susan Burwell became the owners in 1999.

The shop has been in business for more than 30 years largely thanks to their “FRUBs,” or Friends of the Reston Used Book Shop. Even when Hurricane Sandy knocked out their credit card servers, the Burwells recalled customers going to an ATM before coming in, making purchases in cash.

In addition to the books that are packed into every single inch of shelf and cubby

space at the shop, many customers say they enjoy the atmosphere.

“It’s sort of like a comfortable living room, with couches, chairs and tables that you would find in a well-lived, warm space,” said Jan Simmons of Reston. “Even though a lot of the bigger bookstores have chairs and coffee shops, they still feel very cold and corporate. The Reston shop is just a place that was made to experience the best of what books can offer.”

The store also carries a selection of new

books, by exclusively local authors. Authors include Reston resident Paul Friedman, whose book “Two Circles of Life” tells the story of growing up in communist Russia and longtime staff member Charlene Gagon, who recently published her first book of poetry, inspired by Lake Anne.

Reston’s Used Book Shop is located at 1623 Washington Plaza North, and can be found online at www.restonsusedbookshop.com, and on Facebook at facebook.com/RestonsUsedBookShop.



Shelves at Reston’s Used Book Shop at Lake Anne stacked with books. The store features a wide variety of used books, and a selection of new books by local authors.

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Ice Skating Pavilion Celebration and Exhibition. 6:30-8 p.m., at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. An on-ice fashion show of Athleta active-wear, a showcase of local ice skating talent, refreshments and prizes. 703-709-6300 or restontowncenter.com/skating.

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 or 703-593-5206. www.jimmystavern.com.

THURSDAY/NOV. 15

IPAR Annual Reception. 6 p.m., at Midtown Reston Town Center, 11990 Market St., Reston. Join the Initiative for Public Art Reston in their mission to make art and culture a vibrant part of everyday life. www.publicartreston.org.

Thanksgiving Card Challenge: Awards Reception. 6-7:30 p.m., at GRACE, 12001 Market St., Suite 103, Reston. A Thanksgiving card-making challenge for area schools in which 29 elementary school students compete for the reward of 100 copies of their card to sent to family and friends, \$250 for the artist's school and their artwork featured on the K3 Thanksgiving card, to be emailed to 1,400-plus area organizations. www.restonarts.org.

FRIDAY/NOV. 16

Reception and Artist Talk: CAIRNS by Pam Rogers. 6-8 p.m., at GRACE, 12001 Market St., Suite 103, Reston. Rogers' work addresses the relationship between individuals and nature, exploring cultural issues related to sustainability and growth; the work is a modern "memento mori," or a reminder of the inevitability of death. The exhibition is up Nov. 15-Jan. 5. www.restonarts.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 17

Artist-led Family Weekend Workshop. 10 a.m.-noon, at GRACE, 12001 Market St., Suite 103, Reston. The creator of the CAIRNS exhibition in GRACE, Pam Rogers, leads a workshop for the family. www.restonarts.org.

Grand Re-opening and Anniversary Party at ArtInsights. 2-6 p.m., at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. Renovations and 19-year tenure make for a good party and open house with special art from Marvel, DC, Disney, LucasFilm, Fox and Warner Brothers from Simpsons and Snow White to Star Wars and Slytherin's Snape. The exhibit of film art will please fans; on exhibit through December. 703-478-0778 or www.artinsights.com.

SUNDAY/NOV. 18

Reston Community Orchestra. 4 p.m., at the Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. The orchestra kicks off a 25th season with "Once Upon a Time," featuring music inspired by literature: Ravel's Mother Goose Suite, Stauss' Suite from Der Rosenkavalier and Mendelssohn's Midsummer Night's Dream are on the bill; bring a non-perishable food item for Reston's Thanksgiving Food Drive for admission. www.restoncommunityorchestra.org.
Bluegrass Barn Series: Appalachian Flyer. 7 p.m., at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Legendary performers and hallmarks of bluegrass music play in the Friends of Frying Pan Park music series. \$12. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark.

FRIDAY/NOV. 23

Gingerbread Man Mile. 8 a.m., at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. A fun-run and race for children and toddlers through high school aged teens to benefit charity and needy children. Register. www.prraces.com.
Reston Holiday Parade. 11 a.m., at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. Macy's-style balloons, musicians, dancers, antique cars and the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus in a horse-drawn carriage make a one-of-a-kind one hour parade, rain or shine. Santa stay for photos until 4:30 p.m. and then lights up the huge Christmas tree at 6 p.m. as 5,000-plus spectators watch on Fountain Square and sing carols. www.restontowncenter.com/holidays.

SATURDAY/NOV. 24

Thanksgiving Food Drive. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at RCC Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston, and the Reston Interfaith Food Storage Facility. Meet at RCC Hunters Woods and sort non-perishable food



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"Hot Anger Stained Glass," by Mary Ellen Mogee

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donations; register in advance, 200 volunteer slots only. www.restoncommunitycenter.com.

FRIDAY/NOV. 30

Artist-led Creativity Challenge. 7-10 p.m., at GRACE, 12001 Market St., Suite 103, Reston. Work in teams with limited materials to design unique, nature-based creations inspired by artworks in the current CAIRNS: Works by Pam Rogers exhibit; beverages and light snack included. \$10 per person for members and residents of Small District 5; \$20, non-members/non-residents. www.restonarts.org/AdultPrograms.htm.

Towne Square Singers' Holiday Concert: Decembers Past. 7:30

p.m., at Elden Street Players' Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. Encores of favorite musical numbers from holiday shows of the past 30 years, sung loud and clear for all to hear. \$12. 703-787-7300 or www.herndonva.gov.

SATURDAY/DEC. 1

Holiday Homes Tour of Herndon. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at various homes in Reston. Tour Herndon homes in high holiday fashion—tickets available at



Pam Rogers' "Tertiary Education," 2012, Handmade plant, soil and mineral pigments, watercolor, graphite and ink.

Reception and Artist Talk: Cairns by Pam Rogers

On Friday, Nov. 16 from 6-8 p.m., at GRACE, 12001 Market St., Suite 103, Reston. Rogers' work addresses the relationship between individuals and nature, exploring cultural issues related to sustainability and growth; the work is a modern "memento mori," or a reminder of the inevitability of death. The exhibition is up Nov. 15 through Jan. 5. www.restonarts.org.

Herndon Florist, ArtSpace, and Herndon Community Center. \$15 in advance; \$20 day of. 703-435-6800 ext. 2222 or facebook.com/holidayhomestour.

Winter Open House. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center Street, Herndon. Glass harpist Jamey Turner plays while shoppers look for crafts from the Council for the Arts of Herndon; refreshments courtesy of the Fortnightly Club and Friends of the Herndon Library. 703-437-8855 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library.

Bulletin Board

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to herndon@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

THURSDAY/NOV. 15

Assistance League Supplemental Food Packaging. 10 a.m., at the Dominion Virginia Power offices, 3702 Centreville Rd., Herndon. Pack food for children in four Title I schools in Northern Virginia and make sure children who receive free or reduced-price weekday meals don't go hungry weekends. 703-585-3755 or ALNorthernVa@yahoo.com.

Dealing with Back Pain. 6 p.m., at the Reston Hospital Center in Classroom C, 1850 Town Center Parkway, Reston. Dr. Brian Subach of Virginia Spine Institute discusses common causes and the latest treatment options for back pain; light refreshments served. Reservations. 1-877-689-DOCS or restonhospital.com.

FRIDAY/NOV. 16

Panel on the Affordable Care Act and Local Businesses. 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Westin Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 2520 Wasser Terrace, Herndon. ABC7 Anchor Alison Starling moderates a panel on the effects of the act on local businesses; the program includes networking followed by the program and lunch. \$50, members; \$65. www.restonchamber.org/events.

SATURDAY/NOV. 17

Hats, Socks and Gloves for Families. 2-3 p.m., at the Heritage Fellowship Church, 2501 Fox Mill Road, Reston. Give warmth to those who have been affected by Hurricane Sandy. 703-904-0359.

MONDAY/NOV. 19

Reston Planning and Zoning

Committee Meeting. 7:30 p.m., at the North County Government Center in the Community Room, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. The agenda includes a discussion of Terraset Elementary School PRC Plan, a rezoning application for the Wiehle Avenue Metro Station area and plans for the first above grade building at Reston Station. 703-904-0299 or 703-579-7525.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 20

DMV2Go at the Pavilion. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. A DMV wireless office on wheels: apply or renew an ID card and driver's license; get driving records; obtain vehicle titles, license plates, decals, order disabled plates and more. <http://re.ston.tc/P9HLkh>.

SUNDAY/NOV. 25

Cat Adoption. 1-4 p.m. PetSmart,

11860 Spectrum Center, Reston. Every Sunday. Sponsored by Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation. www.lostdogrescue.org.

SATURDAY/DEC. 8

CASA Volunteering Info Session. 11 a.m.-noon, at the Reston Community Center Lake Anne, 1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston. Come to learn more about advocating for abused and/or neglected children, and to learn about how to become a Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). 703-273-3526 ext. 22 or ekosarin@casafairfax.org or www.fairfaxcasa.org.

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ONGOING

Toys for Tots. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Friday at 13350 Franklin Farm Road, Suite 350, Herndon. Nov. 12 through Dec. 14, drop off a new, unwrapped toy at the local Edward Jones office and it will be delivered to Toys for Tots. 703-435-1247.

Parks and Recreation Fall Classes/Registration. Various times, Stacy C. Sherwood Center, Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Register online at www.fairfaxva.gov/ParksRec. 703-385-7858.

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Obituary

Mabel Elizabeth Vannoy Bruce, 84, of Herndon, Dies

Mabel Elizabeth Vannoy Bruce, age 84, of Herndon, died Monday, Nov. 5. Bruce was the wife of the late Horace Dalton Bruce, mother of Horace Dalton Bruce Jr. (Mary Beth) of S.C., Jerry Ann Sajeski (William) of Manassas, Va., Michael Albert Bruce (Toni) of Bowie, Md., and of the late Linda Sue Bruce Erwin. She was also survived by seven grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Family received friends at First Baptist Church of Herndon, 681 Elden Street, Herndon, on Friday, Nov. 9, from 10 a.m. until the service at noon.

Memorial donations are suggested to be directed to the Alzheimer's Association, National Capital Area, 11240 Waples Mill Road, Suite 402, Fairfax, VA 22030. Visit alz-nca.org and www.adamsgreen.com for information and condolences.

Week in Herndon

Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

Town of Herndon government offices and services will be impacted by the Thanksgiving holiday as follows:

Town Offices—Closed Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23.

Refuse Collection—No refuse collected Thursday, Nov. 22. Refuse normally collected on Thursday will be collected Friday, Nov. 23.

Herndon Community Center—Closed Thursday, Nov. 22; Open Friday, Nov. 23, 8 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

Herndon Centennial Golf Course—Open Thursday, Nov. 22, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Friday, Nov. 23, 8 a.m.-dark.

Navy Federal Credit Union Extends Herndon Lease

Two executives with The Ezra Company have negotiated a more than 80,000-square-foot lease in Northern

Virginia for the world's largest credit union.

The Washington, D.C.-based Ezra Company, one of the leading commercial real estate firms in the nation that exclusively represents tenants, has negotiated on behalf of Navy Federal Credit Union in an 80,582-square-foot lease extension at 12851 Worldgate Drive in Herndon.

Organized in 1933 with only seven members, Vienna-based Navy Federal Credit Union presently has 4 million members, a work force of over 10,000, a network of more than 220 branches worldwide and total assets of about \$50 billion.

The not-for-profits entity's membership includes all U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) military personnel, civilians and contractors, other U.S. personnel assigned, or stationed, at DoD installations, and family members.

Oak Brook, Ill.-based Inland American Real Estate Trust owns 12851 Worldgate Drive, which is part of the four-building, 322,325-square-foot complex known as Worldgate Plaza.

Reston Holiday Parade Set for Nov. 26

Reston Town Center presents the 22nd annual Reston Holiday Parade on Friday, Nov. 23 at 11 a.m. to launch the festive season with Macy's-style balloons, musicians, dancers, antique cars, and more. This one-of-a-kind, one-hour parade along Market Street will also welcome the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus in a horse-drawn carriage. The Reston Holiday Parade is held rain or shine, and since 1991 it has been an annual tradition on the day after Thanksgiving. The full day's schedule is listed below, and more information is available at www.restontowncenter.com/holidays.

"Come Out to Play!" is the parade theme for 2012 with huge balloons, floats, and costumes inspired by all kinds of fun games, sports, and music. The Reston Holiday Parade attracts approximately 10,000 spectators from near and far to see at least seventy groups, amounting to approximately 500 participants in the procession.

Special guest emcees will announce the procession from two VIP grandstand loca-

tions on Market Street. Grand Marshal for the 2012 Reston Holiday Parade is Bruce Butler, who retired from his post as principal at South Lakes High School in June. VIPs and dignitaries will also take part in leading the parade, including Reston founder, Robert E. Simon, Jr. Continuing another tradition, prior to the 11 a.m. start, thousands of Reston Town Center jingle bell lanyards will be handed out to children along the route as they wait for the parade to begin.

After the parade, Santa and Mrs. Claus will stay for visits and photos until 4:30 p.m. and will return to light up the huge Christmas tree at 6 p.m. The tree lighting will be emceed by DC-region radio personality icon, Cerphe, and attracts a gathering of approximately 5,000 people to Fountain Square for a half hour Sing Along of traditional Christmas songs. Horse-drawn carriage rides begin at 6:30 p.m.

Full information about Holidays are Here at Reston Town Center is available at www.restontowncenter.com/holidays.

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NOTICE OF WATER RATE Public Hearing

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 13, 2012, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges. The hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA.

The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2013, include the following:

1. An increase in the Availability Charge from \$3,700 to \$3,850†.
2. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from \$9,000 to \$9,500.
3. An increase in the Service Connection Charge from \$1,000 to \$1,050†.
4. An increase in the Account Charge from \$33 to \$35.
5. An increase in the Quarterly Billing Service Charge from \$8.35 to \$9.20†.
6. An increase in the base Commodity Charge from \$2.16 to \$2.29 per 1,000 gallons of water.
7. An increase in the Peak Use Charge from \$3.20 to \$3.45 per 1,000 gallons of water.
8. An increase in the Turn Off / Turn On Charge from \$46 to \$50.
9. An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge and Peak Use Charge.
10. An increase in the Installation of Sewer Use Meter Charge from \$41 to \$44.
11. An increase in the Returned Payment Charge from \$16 to \$17.

A copy of the proposed changes can be viewed on our Web site at <http://www.fairfaxwater.org/rates/index.htm>. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed changes should call Ms. Eva Catlin at 703-289-6017. Interested parties also may submit written comments to PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org or mail written comments to:

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All written comments must be received by close of business on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 to be included in the record of the public hearing.

†Charges reflect fees associated with a standard 5/8" residential meter. Changes in charges for larger residential and commercial meters are reflected in the Proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges.

Fairfax Water

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2013 BUDGET

Fairfax County Water Authority (Fairfax Water) is proposing a \$143.4 million budget for calendar year 2013¹.

On Thursday, December 13, 2012, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its proposed 2013 Budget in its offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax. The public hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m.

A copy of the proposed budget can be viewed on our Web site at <http://www.fairfaxwater.org/>. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed budget should call Ms. Eva Catlin at 703-289-6017.

Revenues are expected to be \$143.4 million in 2013. Water sales are expected to provide \$124.6 million. Approximately \$18.8 million is expected from connection charges, investment income and other sources.

The major areas of operation and maintenance expense are:

Category	-- \$1,000s --	
	2012	2013
Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$46,473	\$48,367
Power and Utilities	11,345	11,686
Chemicals	6,694	7,968
Fuel	916	960
Postage	547	460
Insurance	1,300	1,107
Supplies and Materials	3,976	4,233
Contractual Services	8,749	8,657
Professional Services	1,656	1,902
Other	2,005	2,285
Sub-Total	83,661	87,625
Transfer to Improvement Fund	(9,559)	(9,613)
Total	74,102	78,012

Net revenues are expected to be appropriated as follows:

Debt Payment	\$39,374,000
Improvement Fund	\$11,000,000
General Fund	\$14,068,000

¹ Fairfax Water's Board will continue to monitor economic factors and review revenues and expenditures at mid-year to determine if additional action is needed.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Well, I did, along with 2,000 or so other like-minded individuals, walk the Walk on November 4th: Five Ks, although not exactly the route mapped out by the literature provided by the LUNgevity Foundation. (If truth be told, our group, "Team Kenny's Column" veered off course prematurely by a "K" or so to attend to some prearranged business, unfortunately). Nevertheless, we started the Walk behind the Washington Monument, then alongside the Reflecting Pool up toward the Lincoln Memorial, stopped at the steps for a "photo op," then returned on the other side of the Reflecting Pool back down to 7th Street, then across the Mall - with the U.S. Capitol in our sights, finally turning back along the sidewalk bordering the Mall and returning to the Start/Finish.

Twenty-two registrants from our "team" paid their money and made their presence felt. Spirits were high even though the temperature was low, in the 40s. Still, the sun was mostly shining, the breeze was light, and the turnout was record-setting, as was the money raised: over \$261,000 as of November 10, 2012 (the site, www.LUNgevity.org will remain active/open through December 31st for donations), and the greater good was most definitely served.

As a "survivor," I was given a green t-shirt with "Survivor" printed on the front; the other participants received blue t-shirts without being so identified. In addition, we all received LIVESTRONG-type wrist bracelets with "www.lungevity.org" and "Cure Lung Cancer" printed on them. I wore my bracelet proudly that day, (as everyone did) and even kept it on my wrist when I went to bed that night. However, I had trouble sleeping and attributed it to the bracelet reminding my brain that I have cancer. Feeling a physical reminder like that touched me - subconsciously. And though I may wear my emotions on my sleeve, as you regular readers know, having such a constant reminder of my cancer diagnosis dangling on my wrist didn't seem to help me fall asleep. I know I have cancer. I don't need to be convinced. Nor do I need to be reminded all the time. Forgetting helps too.

And if I did forget about having cancer, it would qualify as a mental health moment. Being diagnosed with cancer is bad enough, especially the kind (non-small cell lung cancer, or NSCLC) that I have, which is, at present, incurable/terminal ("Treatable," my oncologist said, "but not curable," words I never imagined hearing at age 54 and a half). Forgetting about my diagnosis, as often as possible and living life - as normally as possible, has been a part of my process diagnosis-to-date. Though sometimes it seems irresponsible to do so, and almost inappropriate even, concentrating and focusing on it/the disease/my compromised life expectancy shall we say, 24-7 seems counter-productive. It's sort of a bastardized version of: "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em." Somehow, I have to live my life like I have a life, not like I have a cancer. I'm not giving up, and I'm not giving in. I'm just making the best of bad situation. And as bad as it is, I don't need to make it any worse. If it sounds counter-intuitive, it probably is. But that's life in the cancer lane. One conundrum after another.

Participating in Breathe Deep DC/ LUNgevity Foundation's 5K made that life better. And "better" is all I can ask for. Thanks to all who organized, volunteered, participated and donated their time, energy and money. See you all next year.

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Sports



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Herndon Varsity Co-Ed Cheer with the Virginia States Championship trophy. Back Row: Coach Deven Song, Coach Suzanne Mansfield, Coach Jenny Goff, Conlan Miller, Veronica Wood, Briana Heckard, Breana McPherson, Lexia Rowley, Lisa Sheffer, Bridget Nagy, Claire Barnes, Rebecca Valley, Margaret Schaaf, Macie Heuring, Shannon Kelley, Joanna Albert, Coach Anna Seymour, Coach Emma Collie. Middle Row: Zoe Langendorff, Marissa Foster, Bernadette Abadias, Alex Asack, Sarah Strangfeld, Kara Joyce, Hannah Moore, Meghan Henry, Inteha Hassan, Sheena Okai, Coach Hayden Little. Front Row: Alex Coffelt, Isaac Parada.

Herndon Cheer Team Wins State Championship

On Nov. 10th the Herndon High School (HHS) Co-Ed Varsity Cheer team traveled to Virginia Commonwealth University to compete in the annual Virginia High School League State Cheer Championships. The HHS team brought home the championship, scoring an impressive 280.5, the second highest score ever recorded at the state level. This is the team's first state championship, besting previous winners Fairfax High School and Cosby High School. While this is their first state championship, the HHS Co-Ed Varsity Cheer program is no stranger to success, having won the last three Concorde District cheer titles and placing second and third at states in the past two years. Their big win this year is somewhat bittersweet, as Head Coach Jenny Goff is stepping down after nine years with the cheer program.

Goff along with assistant coaches Emma Collie, Suzanne Mansfield, Deven Song, Anna Seymour and Hayden Little led Herndon to win three District Titles, one Regional Title, and the 2012 State Championships. Collie and Mansfield are also retiring this year.



The beginning of Herndon's competition routine.

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One of the stunts of the routine.

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Herndon senior Bradley Heuer earned AAA all-state honors with a seventh-place finish at the VHSL state cross country meet on Nov. 10 at Great Meadow.

Herndon's Heuer Places Seventh at State X-Country Meet

Herndon senior Bradley Heuer finished seventh with a time of 15:49 during the AAA boys' race, earning all-state honors at the VHSL state cross country meet on Nov. 10 at Great Meadow. The top 15 individuals are named all-state, and the top three teams are honored at the podium.

Chantilly's Sean McGorty won the state title with a course-record time of 14:47. Lake Braddock's Nick Tuck finished runner-up with a time of 15:29, followed by Chantilly's Logan Miller (third, 15:36), Edison's Louis Colson (fourth, 15:36), Forest Park's Andrew Gaiser (fifth, 15:40) and Midlothian's Sean Willard (sixth, 15:47).

Osborn Park's Nicholas Causey was eighth with a time of 15:51, followed by Stafford's Joey Abbatiello (ninth, 15:51), Marshall's MacKenzie Haight (10th, 15:52), Oakton's Jack Stoney (11th, 15:53), Douglas Freeman's Ronnie Calkins (12th, 15:53), Madison's Matthew Calem (13th, 15:54), Hickory's Micah Ellington (14th, 15:56) and Albemarle's Ryan Thomas (15th, 15:56).

Chantilly won the team title with a score of 57, followed by Midlothian (72) and Battlefield (128).

Herndon Basketball

The Herndon boys' basketball team will host a scrimmage against Flint Hill at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 20. The Hornets will open the regular season at Washington-Lee on Nov. 27. The Herndon girls' team will host W-L on Nov. 27.