

Reston CONNECTION



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& COMMUNITY GUIDE**

Hat Trick in Opener

SPORTS, PAGE 8

South Lakes sophomore Ani Davis scored three goals in the first half of the Seahawks' season-opening 3-1 victory over Lee at the Under the Lights tournament on Aug. 24 at Lee High School.

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CRIME REPORT

The following incidents were reported by the Reston District Police Station.

BANK ROBBERY: 2500 block of Fox Mill Road, Aug. 19 at about 4:33 p.m. A man walked into a bank and announced a robbery. The suspect displayed a handgun and demanded money from the tellers. The suspect took cash and fled on foot. None of the victims required medical attention. The suspect is described as a light skinned male, 5 feet 5 inches tall, approximately 180 pounds, wearing a dark colored jump suit and black bandana over his face.

ROBBERY: McNair Farms near Masons Ferry Drive, Aug. 18 at about 9:18 p.m. A man was riding his bicycle and was struck by a vehicle. Two men exited the vehicle, assaulted the victim, took property and reentered the vehicle and fled. The victim did not require medical attention. The suspects were described as black males. One was approximately 6 feet tall, 180-200 pounds, wearing dark clothing and the second was between 5 feet 6 inches and 5 feet 8 inches, approximately 160-180 pounds, wearing a white shirt.

STOLEN VEHICLE WITH APPREHENSION: North Shore Drive near Links Drive, Aug. 13 at about 1:26 a.m. An officer located a stolen vehicle travelling on North Shore Drive. The vehicle came to a stop and a man and a woman exited the vehicle. The officer had confirmed the vehicle to be stolen and gave verbal commands to the suspects. The suspects attempted to flee on foot but were taken into custody and arrested. A 20-year-old man was charged with possession of stolen property,

providing false identity to law enforcement, obtaining identification to avoid arrest, resisting arrest and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Petitions for the 16 year-old female from the Manassas area will be obtained.

LARCENIES:

2500 block of John Milton Drive, merchandise from business.

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4500 block of Southland Avenue, bicycle from residence.

11900 block of Democracy Drive, property from vehicle.

1800 block of Discovery Street, merchandise from business.

1400 block of Greenmont Court, bicycle from residence.

1400 block of Kingstream Drive, electronic equipment from vehicle.

1400 block of Lake Fairfax Drive, wallets and phones from business.

13100 block of Parcher Avenue, merchandise from business.

2100 block of Astoria Circle, property from residence.

12700 block of Builders Road, bicycle from residence.

2200 block of Covent Gardens Court, license plate from vehicle.

2500 block of Farmcrest Drive, property from business.

11200 block of Roger Bacon Drive, property from business.

SCHOOL NOTES

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Scholarship and the Scott C. Schurz Endowed Scholarship.

Herndon High School Senior, **Charlie Shen**, earned four perfect scores consecutively on the National Latin Exam. He is one of 10 students in the entire country to have done so.

Jillian May Reagan, of Reston, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in communication and a major in cinema from Denison University. A dean's list student, she was a recipient of the Denison Alumni

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John Geer's friend Jeff Stewart (center) speaks to reporters outside the Fairfax County Courthouse following Adam Torres' arraignment hearing. Torres was indicted Aug. 17 by a special grand jury and faces second-degree murder charges in the August 2013 shooting death of John Geer.



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Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond F. Morrogh (center) speaks with reporters outside the Fairfax County Courthouse following the arraignment hearing for former Fairfax County Police officer Adam Torres. Judge Stephen Shannon denied Torres' counsel's request to set a bond; Torres was released to the custody of the Sheriff's Office. Both parties agreed to begin a jury trial on Dec. 14.

Torres Trial Date Set for December

Bond denied for former police officer charged with murdering John Geer.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Shortly after 10 a.m. on Aug. 19, former Fairfax County Police officer Adam Torres entered the circuit courtroom for his arraignment, dressed in a baggy, blue-green prison jumpsuit. Torres was indicted the previous Monday by a special grand jury for killing Springfield resident John Geer in August, 2013.

He was still an officer at the time and one of several who responded to a call from Geer's longtime partner Maura Harrington that Geer was throwing her belongings out on to the lawn of their Springfield home.

After the indictment, Fairfax County Police said Torres surrendered himself that evening at the County Adult Detention Center.

Circuit Court judge Judge Stephen C. Shannon placed Torres' arraignment first on his docket. The defendant's attorney John F. Carroll began by rebutting his client being held without bond until the trial. Murder qualifies as an offense for which bond is denied in Virginia, but it can be argued whether the person accused poses a flight risk or is a threat to the community.

Carroll stated the case that Torres, 32, immediately turned himself in, has no prior criminal record and has a wife and two children. As Hayfield and George Mason University graduate, Carroll said he doesn't think "you can find anyone with greater ties

to the community."

The attorney went on to summarize the Geer shooting incident, beginning to justify Torres by saying a handgun owned by Geer had been found on the scene "within reach, in our estimation," and that Geer had made "numerous erratic movements," prior to Torres firing.

And because the shooting in question was in Torres' performance of duties as a police officer, Carroll argued, "there's no reason for anyone to be fearful." Carroll then asked that a bond for Torres be set at \$25,000.

Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond F. Morrogh spoke after Carroll in opposition to the bond motion. "Not only did he kill Mr. Geer," Morrogh said, "but did so with malice." Morrogh later added that was the consensus of the special grand jury.

The prosecutor also referenced evidence that Torres had been in a "deteriorating mental state," saying the former police officer had fought with his supervisor and with his wife because he suspected her of infidelity.

Though Morrogh didn't disagree with Torres' connection to the community and lack of flight risk, "It's the first time I've seen a

police officer shoot someone who had his hands up," he said. "I think that makes him dangerous."

Judge Shannon reminded that, "We're not here to decide the merits of the case today, solely the bond."

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Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond F. Morrogh



the incident of a deteriorating mental state," Shannon denied Carroll's request for a bond to be set.

Torres and the attorneys were asked to stand while the details of his trial were negotiated. Carroll hoped to start early in 2016 while Morrogh was intent to begin as soon as possible.

The two parties settled on Dec. 14 to begin the trial, which Morrogh said he expected would last about a week. As the date was reached, Torres suddenly collapsed backward and fell to the ground.

Judge Shannon cleared the entire courtroom as the bailiffs rendered first aid and called a rescue team.

Torres was taken to a nearby hospital, Morrogh said afterwards, and his vitals were said to have returned to normal. The attor-

ney said it's not unusual for individuals to faint or pass out in the courtroom.

Outside the courthouse, Morrogh commented to reporters that though he's prosecuted judges and lawyers in his career, "It's rare to see a case like this — there's certainly no joy in it."

As for Torres being the first Fairfax County Police officer in 75 years to be charged with such an offense, Morrogh said he thinks "it's a really good thing that we don't have many of those."

"It's just the length of time this case has taken, that's not right," Morrogh said. "We have to have a finality to this."

Fairfax County had withheld much of the information about the case, including Torres' name, until Geer's family filed a \$12 million lawsuit against the Police Department.

Torres had been taken out of field work but remained employed by Fairfax County until he was fired in July of this year.

The county justified not releasing the information previously due to ongoing investigations by Police Internal Affairs, the Commonwealth's Attorney's office and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Jeff Stewart, Geer's best friend who witnessed the shooting and became a member of the Fairfax County ad hoc commission to review police practices, sat directly behind Torres during the arraignment. He had never seen the man face to face prior to that morning, and expressed sympathy for Torres and members of his family who were present at the hearing.

Stewart described having "mixed emotions" since the indictment. "I feel good for the process, and bad for the man," he said.

Torres' wife and family members declined to comment after the hearing.

OPINION

Schools Need Support at All Levels

TAMARA DERENAK KAUFAX
LEE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE
FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

COMMENTARY

It is encouraging to read in a recent Connection commentary by Jim Corcoran, president and CEO Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce (“Now Is Time to Unite for Education”), that the chamber is taking seriously the funding crisis facing Fairfax County Public Schools. Mr. Corcoran is absolutely right that K-12 spending at the state level has not kept pace with rising enrollments and costs. In fact, Virginia now ranks in the top 10 nationally in measures of wealth, but in the bottom 10 in support for public schools. Virginia ranks 41st out of 50 states in K-12 funding.

After eight years of painful budget cuts, the deep deficit FCPS faces for FY 2017 — perhaps in the range of \$100 million — is certainly due in part to chronic underfunding of public schools at the state level. However, the relative share of state and county contributions to the FCPS operating budget has not changed

in that time. The annual transfer from the Fairfax County government to the schools has also not kept pace with growing enrollments and costs. FCPS is spending \$1,000 less per child, in real dollars, than in 2008 - the state and county governments share this responsibility.

Mr. Corcoran correctly points out that FCPS has received increased funding from the county over the years. It is important to note that during the last eight years, however, enrollment growth and rising costs have outpaced increased revenue by \$500 million. In FY 2015, for example, the county increased the transfer to the school system by 3 percent resulting in an increase in revenue of \$51.5 million. In that same year, FCPS experienced unavoidable cost increases totaling \$78 million: a required increase to the Virginia Retirement System of \$38.9 million; health rate increases of \$19.9 million; and enrollment growth of \$19.5 million.

To balance the cumulative effects of inadequate budgets since 2008, FCPS has had to raise class size three times and forego regular teacher step increases four times, budget choices that are simply not sustainable. In that time the relative share of county and state funding has not changed, so both funding bodies are responsible for the very challenging position FCPS finds itself in today.

It is past time for school systems, local governments, PTAs, employee associations and businesses throughout Virginia to join forces and hold the General Assembly accountable for its responsibility to fully fund K-12 education in every corner of the Commonwealth. The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce has an opportunity to lead the business community in that fight.

I hope the chamber also takes a leading role in local advocacy for full funding of FCPS for FY 2017 and beyond. As Mr. Corcoran has often said, great public schools are the smartest investment we can make in our local economy. We are stronger together.

Enjoying our Heritage—National Parks

BY JOHN LOVAAS
RESTON IMPACT PRODUCER/HOST

This summer we shared an especially pleasurable trip with family and dear friends to two national treasures—Yellowstone and Yosemite National Parks. I had visited Yellowstone previously, but never been to Yosemite. The trip reminded me how fortunate we are to have had ancestors and a government with the foresight to preserve these lands for their sake and ours.

Yellowstone, the first U.S. National Park, was created by President Grant March 1, 1872. It is a vast highland ecosystem of prairies; mountain lakes, rivers and waterfalls; and, amazing geological features with extensive geothermal activity including hot steam basins and geysers such as Old Faithful erupting with hot water.

The latter had special meaning for us this year. It was at the aptly named Old Faithful Inn, just a few hundred feet from the geyser exploding into the air every 90 min-

utes, where we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary with our middle son, grandson, and seven other family members. We spent a week hiking, climbing, fishing, rafting, swimming and, most of all, looking for and observing the Park’s magnificent wildlife. The latter included pronghorn antelopes, mighty elk, moose, mountain goats, bighorn sheep, mule deer, and bison by the hundreds roaming the valleys as they had in the days the first Europeans arrived. Towards the end of our visit we were treated to a rare sighting of three young black wolves of the Lamar Canyon Pack. Unlike my visit as a teenager when our family saw about 60 bears in four days, we saw none this time. But, as a friend reminded me, seeing wildlife is always a matter of being in the right place at the right time, especially in a Park larger than the states of Delaware and Rhode Is-



INDEPENDENT PROGRESSIVE

land combined. We said goodbye to family who had traveled with us in Yellowstone and raced on to California and the final destination of this memorable trip—Yosemite National Park. After a brief visit with family in Oakland, we drove across the midsection of California to the land of the Ahwahnechee people who lived in the Yosemite area about 7,000 years before the new Americans arrived. Yosemite is a valley of the Merced River and magnificent redwoods surrounded on all sides by giant granite rock facings and soaring peaks. The scenery is totally different from Yellowstone and totally awe-inspiring. The Park was inspired by, among others, that great American naturalist, John Muir (the great-great uncle of Reston’s own Rachel Muir!) who roamed the Yosemite area for many years.

We stayed in housekeeping

camp—structures with three concrete walls and a curtain with a tarpaulin over the top. Alongside each unit was a “bear locker,” heavy duty steel latched cabinets in which to store the campers’ food and anything with an aroma that might attract said bears. We occupied the middle of three camps, with a son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter on one side and friends with daughter and grandson on the other. After a busy day hiking, climbing, and taking pictures of the awesome scenery and local critters which included a brown bear, coyotes, mule deer and a rattlesnake, we would sit under the giant redwoods by our campfire as the night cooled, and cook s’mores for our evening desert.

A night-time trip to the bathroom with a flashlight in the pitch dark a couple hundred feet away got the adrenalin going, thinking what we might meet on the way. Try to imagine what might have happened to the wonders of nature in these amazing parks if our government had not had the foresight to preserve them for us!

FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community, including special holiday services. Send to reston@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday.

Trinity Presbyterian Church, 651 Dranesville Road, Herndon, has Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery and childcare are provided and youth and adult Sunday

school classes are held prior, from 9:40-10:45 a.m. 703-437-5500 or www.trinityherndon.org.

Vajrayogini Buddhist Center, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston, holds weekly classes starting Sept. 12, Thursdays 7-8:30 p.m., for the general public which use Buddhist teachings to practice meditation. \$12. 202-986-2257 or www.meditation-dc.org.

St. Anne’s Episcopal Church, 1700 Wainwright Drive in Reston, holds Sunday services at 7:45 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and contemporary service at 5 p.m. Nursery, Sunday school and adult education available. Morning prayer on Monday at 9:30, Holy Eucharist Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. 703-437-6530 or www.stannes-reston.org.

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COMMENTARY

Both Sides of the Wall

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Recently a place of worship in the community asked me to be a speaker in their summer worship series. After getting past the frightening idea that I was to preach a sermon, I started to focus on the fact that I live my life on both sides of the wall that separates church and state. As a historian I know that the Virginia General Assembly in 1786 passed one of the most revolutionary laws ever enacted by it or any other legislative body: the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom. Not only did it end an established state church supported by taxpayers, but it put into law the idea of freedom of conscience. As Jefferson expressed it in the Statute, "no man...shall otherwise suffer on account of his religious opinions or belief, but that all men shall be free to profess, and by argument to maintain, their opinion in matters of religion, and that the same shall in no wise diminish, enlarge or affect their civil capacities."

Earlier of course Jefferson had penned the Declaration of Independence with the pronouncement that "all men are created equal and are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Note that Jefferson never claimed that those rights that could not be taken away came from his god, but rather they came from "their (humankind's) creator" suggesting that different persons could believe in different creators or gods.

These ideas that defined the wall between church and state made their way into the Virginia Declara-

tion of Rights and the U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights. For the first time in history there were to be no state established churches; individuals were left to choose and believe as their conscience dictated.

There continues to be a debate as to whether we are a Christian nation. Patrick Henry wanted the Virginia Statute to guarantee Christian religion, but his arguments failed. We are one nation "under God" only because a law in 1954 added those words to the Pledge of Allegiance. There are Christians of many denominations in our country as there are many Jews, Muslims, people of other religions and of no religion. None have legal sanction or supremacy over the others.

I live my life on both sides of the wall. Privately I am a person of faith. My religious beliefs support my moral beliefs. I believe I should love my neighbor as myself regardless of their race, creed, color, national origin, gender, or sexual orientation. And I believe that loving others requires me to do all I can to ensure their life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

On the public side of the wall as an elected official I continue to hold my religious beliefs; they motivate me to vote for legislation to protect all citizens' rights to vote, to get an education and to live a life free of discrimination. My moral compass is undergirded by my faith, but that does not mean I think my particular beliefs should be the law of the land. The wall between church and state is intended to protect each person's right to their own beliefs—to protect my freedom of conscience...not my freedom from conscience. I feel I must use my moral compass on both sides of the wall.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

An Open Letter to County Leaders

Dear Fairfax County Leaders:
As the president of a Reston Cluster Association and a neighbor of the Tall Oaks Village Center, I've been to all of the community meetings regarding the redevelopment, and conducted two surveys of the Tall Oaks community. Because of my involvement, I have been asked by many of my neighbors to summarize for you

the Tall Oaks residents' views regarding the redevelopment project for the Tall Oaks Village Center and to ask for your continued support and leadership.

As you are well aware, decisions made regarding Tall Oaks Village Center will have a long-term impact on all future development of village centers which will either preserve the lifestyle of Restonians or turn Reston into the next

Tyson. Having a healthy mix of commercial office, retail, housing and other amenities only in the Reston Transit Station areas will leave much to be desired for the founding neighborhoods of Reston and will not make Reston a sustainable transit oriented community.

The residents of Tall Oaks
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and the Reston community at large have, on multiple occasions, expressed their views and desires for the seven plus acres of prime real estate at the corner of North Shore Road and Wiehle Ave. This mostly vacant lot is in walking distance of the Wiehle-Reston metro (albeit a lengthy walk) but not walkable to Lake Anne or any other community services or retail establishments (with the exception of McDonalds or Taco Bell).

In April 2015, community residents responded loudly in both numbers of attendees and views expressed at the Jefferson Apartment Group (JAG) presentations. The themes at both sessions where:

- More community space
- More retail and community services
- More green/open space
- Incorporating the Assisted Living Facility
- Too much housing (are we creating another cluster?)
- Parking and traffic concerns (mixed uses will allow for parking to be used at different times of the day) Several of the current business owners in Tall Oaks took issue with the premise that commercial establishment would not succeed.

Many of these businesses have been successfully operating in Tall Oaks for years, even during the downturn of the village center. Concerned residents took action by starting a petition to ask both Fairfax County and Reston Association to listen to the residents of Tall Oaks regarding this valuable land. Shortly after these community meetings, the cluster presidents of the Tall Oaks community reached out the JAG hoping to dialogue about the proposal and to create a partnership in the design. JAG did not respond until they were confronted during a presentation to the Reston Planning and Zoning committee (P&Z) in May. Even with the strong opposition to the JAG proposal, on May 18, JAG presented the same plan to the P&Z. In that meeting, they stated that they had spoken to the business owners currently operating in Tall Oaks about their future intentions, but the fact is they had not. I actually spoke to the some of the owners that day, and they had not been contacted by JAG. I am bringing up this point, because JAG demonstrated to me, that they will misrepresent the truth for their gain. This is a dangerous game to play especially if decisions are made without

facts.

The following evening, May 19, JAG made the same presentation to the Reston Design Review Board (DRB) with the same misrepresentations of truth they gave the P&Z. Both groups, based on the words of the developer (completely one-sided) gave a nod that JAG was heading in the right direction. This was extremely frustrating for the residents in attendance.

The Bentana Woods Cluster Association, as a sample population, participated in a survey regarding the retail service needs of the village center. With a 49 percent response rate, the desire for eating establishments was priority one. The survey results were provided to JAG, at a June 16 meeting.

On June 22, Fairfax County hosted an interactive community meeting to again hear the views and opinions of residents. Again, the residents filled the room to capacity to express their concerns. The sheer number of attendees indicated the seriousness of the development project. JAG presented the same proposal that many had heard in April. The same issues surfaced.

Concerned Citizens of Tall Oaks launched another survey to get reaction to two other fictitious options. The consensus was that neither option was good because they did not have enough community space, a plaza feel, parking, or retail. The options offered forced respondent to choose between additional green/open space and additional parking. Respondents, 54 to 29 percent, wanted the open space. The real value of the survey was in the comments where people expressed their concerns about losing the village center, traffic, and future of the community. On Aug. 6, Reston Association's Board of Directors issued a letter opposing the current redevelopment plans of JAG and the need to appreciate this land as valuable resource. Developing this land into a gem of Reston and a model for other village centers is critically important to Reston's future. To create another housing cluster would set the wheels in motion to dissolve the uniqueness of Reston and its village centers, increase traffic and decrease the character of the neighborhood and lower the quality of life of the resident. All of these factors would ultimately lead to a city without personality or distinction and lower property values.

Sherri Hebert
Reston

CALENDAR

Send announcements to reston@connectionnewspapers.com. The deadline is the Friday prior to the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

Herndon Friday Night Live. Fridays, through Aug. 28. 6:30 p.m. at 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. Listen to great music on Friday nights during the summer. herndonrocks.com/schedule.php.

"Paint and Beyond," through Aug. 28 at U.S. Geological Survey, National Gallery, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. The League of Reston Artists is displaying paintings, mixed media, and two-dimensional works suitable for wall hanging. Many of the artworks reflect USGS's environmental mission. The exhibit is free and open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"Birds of a Feather." Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, 12-5 p.m. through Sept. 3 at Reston Art Gallery & Studios, 11400 Washington Plaza, Reston. Marie Straw works with different media, discovering the changing properties in each. In her works of acrylics and collage elements on paper, canvas, plywood and even tar paper, she is constantly experimenting to attain the look she wants to achieve. Straw is primarily self-taught through study with several local artists, art books and visiting art shows and museums.

Take a Break Concert Series. Thursdays, through Sept. 3. 7-9 p.m. at Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Listen to some great music live.

Reston Concerts on the Town. Saturdays, through Sept. 5. 7:30-10 p.m. at Reston Town Center. Bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets and enjoy live music in the Pavilion Saturday nights. Free. Rain or shine. 703-912-4062. www.restontowncenter.com/concerts
Summer Reading Program. Saturdays, through Sept. 5. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Reston Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Come to the library all summer for books and events. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/r/.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 20-SEPT. 13
Kiss Me Kate. A jazzy musical comedy about a divorced couple staging an outlandish musical version of "Taming of the Shrew." For tickets and show timings visit www.nextstopHerndon.com.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 26

Meet Me at the Movies: Senior Movie Day. 10 a.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Reston Association presents "American Sniper." Refreshments and door prizes provided prior to movie. Free to 55+. Information at Ashleigh@reston.org, 703-435-6530, or reston.org.

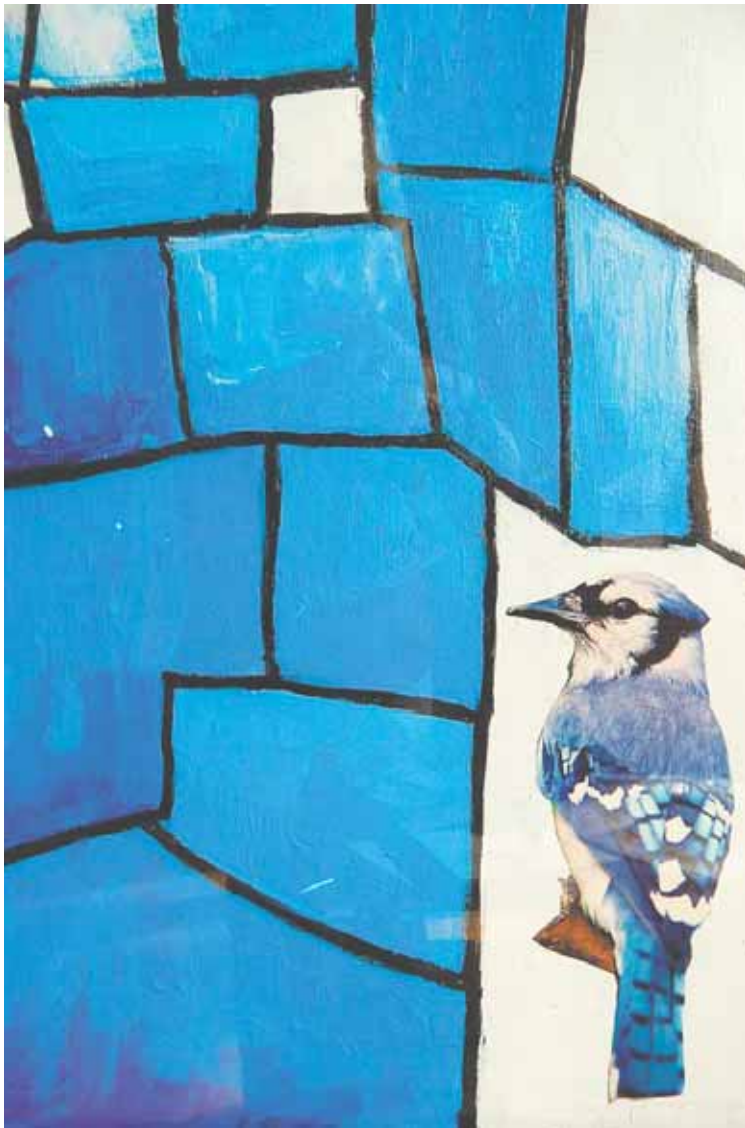
Octopus' Garden. 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join Busia Bear for family storytelling adventures with his underwater friends. All ages.

THURSDAY/AUG. 27

Rock On, Reston! 5:30-8:30 p.m. 11900 Market St., Reston. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy live music from the decades in the Pavilion.

Group Fun Run. 6:30 p.m. Potomac River Running, Reston Town Center, 11911 Democracy Drive, Reston. For beginners or competitive runners, come out for a fun, low-key run that's safe and social.

Junior Farmer Family Fun. 4 p.m.



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Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. This family program goes behind the scenes to help the farmers at Frying Pan Farm Park. Come help with farm chores such as milking the cows, feeding the animals, and shelling corn. Topics and activities vary. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

SATURDAY/AUG. 29

Asian Sauces Cooking Demo. 9 a.m. Big Bowl, 11915 Democracy Drive, Reston. Learn how classic Asian sauces are made. \$10-\$25.

Reston Concerts on the Town Series. 7:30-10 p.m. 11900 Market St., Reston. Bring your lawn chairs or picnic blankets to the pavilion for the U.S. Navy big band jazz in a concert format. Free admission. www.restontowncenter.com/concerts.

SUNDAY-SATURDAY/AUG. 30-SEPT. 5

Lake Anne Plaza Jazz Week. Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. The week will feature a variety of jazz themed events that will take place from live music, merchant activities, to a featured film part of Lake Anne's ongoing Summer Film Festival series.

SUNDAY/AUG. 30

Lake Anne Summer Film Festival: Jazz on a Summer's Day. 8 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. The free outdoor

festival will take place each month on selected Sunday's and will feature some great flicks from classic to comedy. Grab a date, the family or a group of friends, bring the lawn chairs and a picnic and enjoy flicks under the stars.

Reston Fit Club. 11 a.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Enjoy a variety of free fitness classes including yoga, dance, self-defense, cardio, and core strength. RSVP requested. 703-668-0256 stores.athleta.net/store-4866/.

MONDAY/AUG. 31

Mr. Knick Knack. 10:30 a.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Heart-centered music for children.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 1

Introduction to Genealogy, Part I. 1 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Learn the basic tools for researching your family history. This is the first of a two part program. Registration required. Adults.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 2

Babytime. 10:30 a.m. Herndon Library, 768 Center Street, Herndon. Rhymes, songs, stories with music for you and your baby. Come enjoy time with your child while building an early literacy foundation. Age birth to 18 months with adult.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 3

Millennial Readers Book Club. 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Interested in discussing great books and connecting with other Millennials who love to read? Explore fiction and non-fiction of all types starting with September's title, Tracy Kidder's *Strength in What Remains*. Adults from early 20s to early 30s.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 4

Frying Pan Fridays. 6:30 p.m. Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Delve into a different piece of your favorite Farm Park on a stress-free adventure including hands-on activities and short hikes.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 5

Lake Anne Jazz Festival. 2 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza (Waterfront), 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Showcasing a variety of talented local emerging artists and national jazz performers. Beer garden on site. Visit http://lakeanneplaza.com/event/9th-annual-lake-anne-jazz-festival/.

MONDAY/SEPT. 7

Herndon Labor Day Festival. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Great music, a craft show, food, 12 wineries and micro-brews and culinary demonstrations. Visit www.herndonva.gov for more.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 8

Reston Garden Club Meeting. 1 p.m. Nature House, Walker Nature Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. Guest speaker, Karen Rexrode, will be constructing and putting together a "Miniature Garden." She will be combining dwarf and alpine plants, figurines and accents to create a delightful and enchanting garden in miniature.
Toddler Story Time. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Fun stories, songs, and finger plays. Age 2 with adult.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 10

Junior Farmer Family Fun. 4 p.m. Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. This family program goes behind the scenes to help the farmers at Frying Pan Farm Park. Come help with farm chores such as milking the cows, feeding the animals, and shelling corn. Topics and activities vary. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/SEPT. 11-12

ChalkFest. Friday: 12-11 p.m. Saturday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Free for spectators, participants register for a fee which includes supplies. Rain or shine. Information: publicartreston.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 12

Book Discussion. 2 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Author Michael Delapena discusses his novels *The Coyote Wars* and *The Last Coyote*, thrillers about domestic terrorists and the FBI team attempting to stop them. Adults.

MONDAY/SEPT. 14

Lego Club. 4:30 p.m. Herndon Library, 768 Center Street, Herndon. Come have fun, use your imagination and keep your engineering and problem solving skills flowing with an abundance of LEGO bricks. Age 5-12.

'Tango Along the Silk Road' at Reston CenterStage

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

Just the name "Silk Road" conjures up travel to exotic locales and remarkable cultures. Reston's CenterStage (RCC) will be providing an opportunity to travel the Silk Road with Northern Virginia's own QuinTango as the group brings a remarkable performance to audience's ears and eyes.

"QuinTango is a great match for Reston because they are world class musicians with electric personalities and fascinating programming ideas," said Paul Michniewicz, RCC arts and events director.

From its first note, QuinTango wants the CenterStage patrons to be "caught up in the drama, the emotional commitment, the intimacy of tango's diverse repertoire," said Joan Silver, QuinTango founder. The group is composed of five "musicians playing their hearts out for each other and for the audience."

But, what's the connection with commerce along the Silk Road and the tango? At the per-



QuinTango in performance.

formance the audience will even learn that the tango influenced the music scene of the Silk Road and Middle East. "Many things besides silk travel on the Silk Road and these things travel in both directions," said Joan Silver, Quin Tango founder. "We have some fascinating stories" and even a Turkish tango.

"Tango is a musical narrative – which we expand upon with our own stories. When you leave a

QuinTango concert, you know a lot more than when you arrived!" added Silver. "We want to open windows, make connections and show how the world is knitted together in ways you may never have imagined."

When asked why the tango and its intimacy endure, Silver noted that "it has the power to engage performers and audiences completely. Tango is an immigrant art form – it tells universal stories. The

Where and When:

QuinTango performs "Tango Along the Silk Road" at CenterStage, Reston Community Center, Hunters Woods Village Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Performance: Sunday, Sept. 20 at 3 p.m. Tickets \$15-\$20. Call 703-476-4500 or visit: www.restoncommunitycenter.com

saying goes that you don't choose tango; it chooses you...Tango is addictive. And so it endures."

"For me tango is a perfect vehicle for communicating – it can be something humorous, flirtatious, sensual, heart-breaking; tango has many stories. Finding the heart of each tango and singing its song so that the audience feels what I feel – that's the fun part for me," said Silver. Two guest artists will join QuinTango at the Reston CenterStage. One will be Argentine bandoneonist Emmanuel Trifilio. The bandoneon is a type of concertina that is a signature tango instrument that can have a soulful, melancholy voice. The second guest will be world music percussionist Tom Teasley, a multi-Helen Hayes award recipient.

McLean-based Brazilian Vocalist releases Debut CD, Performs at Reston Jazz festival

After four years developing a devoted international fan base from monthly concerts at Bossa Bistro in Washington, D.C.'s Adams Morgan neighborhood, Brazilian vocalist Cissa Paz — a resident of McLean — launches her self-titled debut CD in mid- September.

In addition to the United States, Paz has performed in Brazil, Mexico and Puerto Rico. In her new album she offers an intriguing compilation of tunes celebrating the sounds of the Lusophone (Portuguese-speaking) Diaspora.

While nearly all tunes are sung in Portuguese, Paz is also fluent in the international languages of melody, rhythm, and groove.

Born Ana Cecilia Rocha in Belgium and raised in Brazil, the singer was given her first guitar by her father at age 10. Initially influenced by samba, afoxé, forró, maracatu and other popular Brazilian styles, she moved to the U.S. in her late teens, and there she fell in love with R&B, Soul and Hip Hop.

As an adult, she was led by an innate honing instinct back to the music of Brazil and other Portuguese-speaking countries such as

Cape Verde and Angola, where many distinctive African influences enrich the mix.

Paz amassed a strong international team on the disc. Featured artists include Nicolas Krassik on violin, Davi Vieira on vocals and percussion, and voices of the traditional Jongo group, Jongo da Serrinha. Also on the album are Patrick Angello on seven-string guitar, Rodrigo Ferrera on Bass, Pedro Costa on Electric Guitar, Paulinho Crianc'a on Drums, Anderson Vilmar on Percussion, Carol D'A vila and Alexandre Flauta on Wind Instruments. The producer is J.P. Silva, former music director for iconic Brazilian singer Elza Soares, plays seven-string guitar, Bandolin and Cavaco on the album.

Paz will perform in concerts throughout the month of September, including the Sept. 5 free admission concert at 2 p.m. at Lake Anne Jazz Festival at Lake Anne Plaza in Reston.

Cissa Paz



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED



South Lakes head coach Allison Woron, left, talks to the Seahawks during the Under the Lights tournament at Lee High School.

South Lakes' Davis Produces Hat Trick in Opener

Seahawks beat Lee at Under the Lights tournament.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Ani Davis' hard work in the offseason paid off in the form of a hat trick during the first half of the South Lakes field hockey team's season opener against Lee on Monday afternoon.

The sophomore's performance helped the Seahawks to a 3-1 victory over the Lancers during the Under the Lights tournament Aug. 24 at Lee High School, and led to the forward setting a personal goal.

"Playing the way I did today, even though I was kind of tired in the second half, I felt really good about it," said Davis, whose three goals were a career high. "I think that personal goal of mine [is to] get in a lot better shape so I can play like I did in the first half the entire time."

Davis, who played for the South Lakes varsity as a freshman but did not start, said playing indoor field hockey in the offseason helped develop her skills. First-year head coach Allison Woron, who coached the Seahawks JV the last two seasons, said Davis wasn't considered a top scoring option entering the season.

"She did really well," Woron said. "She was really aggressive. She saw the field well, which helped, and she was not holding back at all, which is great. ... It was a surprise to see her play the way she did today, which is great."

Davis is part of a South Lakes team looking to improve on last season's performance, when the Seahawks finished 4-11-1 and received the No. 8 (lowest) seed in the Conference 6 tournament. South Lakes suffered a 7-0 season-ending loss to top-seed Fairfax in the opening round.

"This year, the players are able to play all the positions, which is great to see," Woron said. "We can really interchange anyone on the field and they're all a threat wherever you put them, which is great."

Juniors Jordan Majoros, Seretha McHugh



Olivia Rose and the South Lakes field hockey team opened the season with a 3-1 win over Lee on Aug. 24.

and Olivia Miller are expected to be some of South Lakes' top offensive threats, Woron said.

South Lakes will host six-time defending Conference 6/Liberty District champion Fairfax at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 31.

Whether South Lakes can put together a

successful season remains to be seen, but the Seahawks got off to a strong start Monday. "I feel a lot better, honestly," Davis said. "My confidence is a lot better, I know my skills are a lot better, but it feels good to actually have proof that the way I feel is justified."

PHOTOS BY JON ROETMAN/THE CONNECTION

Seahawks Golf Starts with a Win

South Lakes High School Boys Golf Team defeated Fairfax 160-178 in their first match of the season, played on the Seahawks' home field, Reston National Golf Course. Sophomore Kurtis Grant led the team with a 33 fol-

lowed by Senior Nick Kim with a 39. Carol Molesky was recently promoted to Head Coach of SLHS Seahawks Golf.

The next match at Reston National will be Sept. 1, 11:30 a.m. against McLean High School.

Front row — from left: Anton Coghlan, Kurtis Grant, Alex Nelson, Sean Shaughnesy, Khyal Kapoor, Coach Carol Molesky; Back row — Kahlil Dover, Logan Moody, Reed Cornwall, Nick Kim, Jake Hartman.

PHOTO BY
MALLIKA SURI
GIRLS TEAM PLAYER



Newcomers to Business Community

25 businesses adding more than 1,100 jobs in Fairfax County.

During the second quarter of 2015, the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA) provided services and resources to 25 businesses that are adding more than 1,100 jobs in Fairfax County. Many of these businesses are in the information technology and professional services sectors, and six are foreign-based firms using a Fairfax County location to expand in North America.

Three of the most prominent announcements during the quarter:

- ❖ Walmart Technology, which is the IT and information security arm of the world's

largest retailer, adding 173 jobs in the Reston area;

- ❖TEKsystems, an IT staffing subsidiary of Allegis Group, the largest privately owned talent management firm in the world, adding 324 jobs in Reston; and,

- ❖Intelsat, the world's largest satellite services company, adding 109 jobs at its administrative headquarters in Tysons Corner.

"The announcements by Walmart Technology, TEKsystems and Intelsat illustrate how market leaders in diverse technology sectors look to Fairfax County to find the workforce and the partners they need to be successful. This is what makes Fairfax County a market leader as a business location, most notably for IT and professional services firms," said Gerald L. Gordon, Ph.D., president and CEO of the FCEDA.

Time magazine called Fairfax County "one of the great economic success stories of our

time." Business growth and innovation helps Fairfax County fund the nation's top-rated school system and other public services that contribute to the quality of life of residents. Fairfax County offers businesses a state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure, access to global markets through Washington Dulles International Airport, a vibrant investment capital community and a highly skilled, well-educated workforce.

"Today, one of the largest technology-based challenges exists in the retail sector, and Walmart is actively recruiting the world's best STEM-specialized talent that will help the company make this historic pivot," said Janis Parker Moore, senior HR manager for Walmart Technology. "Our Reston office in Fairfax County is an extension of that effort, drawing upon the indus-

try leading talent in the surrounding areas to help grow expertise and best-in-class technologies."

The award-winning Fairfax County Economic Development Authority promotes Fairfax County as a business and technology center.

The FCEDA offers site location and business development assistance, and connections with county and state government agencies, to help companies locate and expand in Fairfax County. In addition to its headquarters in Tysons Corner, Fairfax County's largest business district, the FCEDA maintains marketing offices in six important global business centers: Bangalore, Munich, London, Los Angeles, Seoul and Tel Aviv. Follow the FCEDA on Twitter and LinkedIn.

OBITUARY

Sarah Anne de la Fe, of Reston, Dies

Sarah Anne de la Fe, wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend passed away Aug. 17, 2015 after a well-fought battle with Parkinson's. Sarah Anne is survived by her husband Frank, daughters Catherine and Mary, brother-in-law Dionicio, grandchildren Megan, Caitlin and Juan, and sisters, Joan, Sharon and Kathleen.

Born in St. Louis, Sarah Anne Prendergast was raised in Spokane, Wash. After graduating from Gonzaga University in 1963, she moved to Washington, D.C. where she met and married Frank de la Fe in 1964.

The de la Fe family began their life in Reston in 1971 where they found an extended family in Regency Square Cluster - otherwise known as the TEDS - and St. Thomas a Becket Church. In her 44 years in Reston, Sarah Anne was a soccer coach, a lector and volunteer at St. Thomas and the Reston Catholic Community. For over 25 years, Sarah worked as a realtor where she

found joy and satisfaction helping people find their new homes. Sarah Anne was an avid reader, a joy she passed on to her children and grandchildren, and she had a wonderful time exploring new books and authors with her book club. Additionally, she treasured the fun get togethers and new friendships made with her "Red Hat Ladies."

A visitation was held on Sunday, Aug. 23 at Adams-Green Funeral Home in Herndon, and a funeral mass took place at St. Thomas a Becket Church in Reston, at 11 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 24.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that friends and family consider a donation to Walk Off Parkinson's which benefits the Parkinson Foundation of the National Capital Area. The de la Fe family will be walking for Team Sarah Anne on Sept. 13 and have set up a team page: <http://engage.parkinsonfoundation.org/goto/TeamSarahAnne>. Online condolences may be made at www.adamsgreen.com

FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community, including special holiday services. Send to reston@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday.

Trinity Presbyterian Church, 651 Dranesville Road, Herndon, has Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery and childcare are provided and youth and adult Sunday school classes are held prior, from 9:40-10:45 a.m. 703-437-5500 or www.trinityherndon.org.

Vajrayogini Buddhist Center, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston, holds weekly classes starting Sept. 12, Thursdays 7-8:30 p.m., for the general public which use Buddhist teachings to practice meditation. \$12. 202-986-2257 or www.meditation-dc.org.

St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 1700 Wainwright Drive in Reston, holds Sunday services at 7:45 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and contemporary service at 5 p.m. Nursery, Sunday school and adult education available. Morning prayer on Monday at 9:30, Holy Eucharist Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. 703-437-6530 or www.stannes-reston.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.

HAVEN of Northern Virginia offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. Contact 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org for schedules and registration information.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and the Jewish Outreach Institute offer the Mothers/Parents Circle, an umbrella of free educational events and resources. Jewish rituals, ethics and the creation of a Jewish home, regular meetings and group Shabbats and holidays. Participants include Sha'are Shalom, Congregation Beth Emeth, Temple Rodef Shalom and the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia. ShalomDC.org.

Epiphany United Methodist Preschool, 1014 Country Club Drive, N.E. in Vienna, is now enrolling 3- to 4-year-old students for the 2010/2011 school year. 703-938-2391 or www.epiphanypreschool.com.

Hope Fellowship Church will temporarily be meeting at Woody's Golf Range, 11801 Leesburg Pike, Herndon. Sunday worship services for the Southern Baptist church are at 10:45 a.m. The public is invited to join a Bible believing, multi-ethnic/multi-cultural congregation, with Bible-based sermons and uplifting music. 703-599-3527 or www.hopefellowshipchurchloudoun.org.

AREA ROUNDUPS

Reston Historic Trust & Museum to Host Family Day, Membership Drive

The Reston Historic Trust & Museum and Robert E. Simon, Jr. will host family fun day and membership drive on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2 - 4 p.m. at Lake Anne Plaza. There will be live music, children's activities, beer tasting and fun for the entire family. Learn how membership in the Reston Historic Trust & Museum benefits your family and our community.

The Reston Historic Trust (RHT) is an established community organization that preserves the past, informs the present, and influences the future of Reston through its educational programs, striving to engage the public in an exploration of community history and promote Reston as a destination point for tourism. RHT also collects, preserves, and interprets the artifacts and documents of Reston's history. The Trust operates the Reston Museum and Shop offering community exhibits, archives, walking tours and public events including the annual Home Tour and the annual Founder's Day. The Museum, located on Lake Anne Plaza in Reston, is open at no charge: Tuesday - Friday, 12 - 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, 12 - 5 p.m.

Visit www.restonmuseum.org for more information regarding upcoming special events.

LearningRx Donates School Supplies to Six Schools

LearningRx brain training centers of

Reston and Vienna are helping schools this year by providing \$300 in school supplies for six schools in Fairfax County. The donation is to help offset the schools' supply wish list for the 2015-2016 school year. For more information on how to help with teacher's wish lists, go to www.teacherslists.com.

LearningRx staff dropped off school supplies to Wolf Trap Elementary, Aldrin Elementary, Colvin Run Elementary, Lake Anne Elementary, Forest Edge Elementary and Clearview Elementary, all in Fairfax County. Baskets include: glue sticks, notebooks, tissues, disinfectant wipes, folders, pencils, markers, crayons, dry erase markers and highlighters.

"Anyone that has done school supply shopping, knows that the cost can add up quickly," said Maureen Loftus, executive director of LearningRx of Reston and Vienna. "So many of our teachers go above and beyond to provide for their classrooms too, and we wanted to help do our part to help students and teachers get off to a good start to the new school year," said Loftus.

Since 2010 LearningRx brain training centers of D.C. Metro Area have specialized in treating the cause - not the symptoms - of learning struggles and help increase the speed, power or function of the brain. LearningRx's game-like exercises and one-on-one trainer-to-student ratios provide guaranteed dramatic improvement in as little as three to six months. With more than 80 brain training centers nationwide, LearningRx programs can help all ages, from those just looking for a competitive edge or those dealing with learning disabilities, autism or ADHD, to those with dementia or traumatic brain injuries. D.C. Metro Area offices are located in Fairfax, Leesburg, Reston, Vienna and North Potomac, Md. Visit www.learningrx.com for more information.

"Bulky Boy"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Although this title invokes the nickname of one of my three male cats – Andrew, to be specific – he is in fact not the point of this column. No, the "bulky boy" to whom I jokingly refer is yours truly, the shopper/consumer in our family. For as long as I've been married, and it's been since 1978, I have been the buyer of most of our household products, paper goods, pet supplies, food, drink and assorted sundries familiar to us all; this list does not include hardware, lawn and garden and automobile, however – items with which I have minimal interest and even less aptitude. As such, I pay attention to sales and circulars and yes, coupons too (although I am not "extreme"). Accordingly, I try to buy low and buy in bulk/quantity. Still, with just two adults for whom to provide, some of the Costco-sized containers are simply too big, even for me/us, despite their super value. I could utilize 96 rolls of toilet paper – over time, but a 64 oz. tub of mayonnaise, as an example, would likely go to waist.

Nevertheless, I do try to buy in bulk, especially when non-perishables are involved. Recently, I made a few such purchases without thinking beyond their need and usefulness (and by "without thinking" I mean not thinking about having cancer and dying before I ever use all the quantity, and in turn feeling as if I've wasted the money on a benefit I'll never realize). What I bought was a five-pack of rubber gloves for washing dishes – we don't have a dishwasher – actually, I don't have a dishwasher. My wife Dina, however, does have a dishwasher: me. Given the inevitable wear and most-definitely tear, this six pack will probably last six months at a minimum. Secondly, I bought a 240-count of dryer sheets. Considering that I/occasionally we probably average two laundry loads a week, we now have enough dryer sheets (at one per dryer cycle) for 120 weeks, over two years! Now I don't want to sound morbid, but I was given a "13-month to two-year" prognosis six and a half years ago by my oncologist when he initially told me that he "could treat me but he couldn't cure me." Which meant to me that I had quite unexpectedly drawn the short straw and long-range planning was probably a part of my past and that living forward, my life was forever changed.

But when I bought these two "bulky" items, I didn't think cancer, life expectancy or time-value of money spent on purchases/quantities I'll likely never use. I simply saw value and a presumptive need based on non-cancer considerations – and of course, I had some extra money. I'm not a consumer addict though; I buy for need, not misuse and abuse (although my wife might disagree). However, I didn't hear any objections when I bought 10 cans of Bumble Bee Fancy Albacore All White tuna fish for \$8.80). Necessary? That's the question. But is it also the answer?

Now that I've had some time to rethink my purchases, I am beginning to think that maybe I did overbuy. Two hundred and forty dryer sheets! Two-plus years! Rubber gloves for six months? Do I live in the sink? Did I really need to spend money to plan for washing dishes and drying laundry for the next six to 24 months? What was I thinking? Six months is an eternity in the "terminal" cancer world. Twenty-four months? A quadruple eternity. I want to live in the future but not at the expense of my present. Have I let my consuming ways get in the way of common sense? After all, rubber gloves and dryer sheets are not exactly staples (neither are staples, which I have not bought), they're just basic supplies, not life-saving or life-affirming in the least. So far as I know, anyway.

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WEDNESDAY/AUG. 26

Business Education Series Workshop: Managing Workplace Conflict. 8:30-10 a.m. Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, 1886 Metro Center Drive, Suite 230, Reston. Join the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and Jared Detter, lead facilitator with Percepi, as he explores essential strategies for improving interpersonal communications in the workplace. Register at <http://www.restonchamber.org/>.

THURSDAY/AUG. 27

ESL for Advanced Students. 10 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join Richard's Thursday conversational group.

MONDAY/AUG. 31

ESL for Intermediate Students. 11 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join Richard's Monday conversational group.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 9

"Why Don't People Vote?" 7:30-9 p.m. North County Governmental Center, 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston. League of Women Voters meeting on why don't people vote? What is the future of the U.S. democracy if the number of citizens who turn out to vote for its leaders continues to decrease? Why was last year's midterm election turnout across the county at the lowest since 1942? There is an election every year in Virginia, and this year is the quadrennial "big one" – with 95 candidates on Fairfax ballots in November. Turnout projections are that fewer than 30 percent of registered voters will select the state and local officials who will determine the policies that affect the everyday lives of all residents. Why do the other 70 percent allow others to make the decisions for them? Join in the discussion. Free, open to the public (men and women), call 703-757-5893. Background papers at www.lwv-fairfax.org.

ONGOING

Free Support Group for Parents with Children with Autism. Saturdays at 10-11 a.m. 462 Herndon Parkway, Suite 202, Herndon.

Food Addicts in Recovery. Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at The Vine Church, 2501 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. Are you having trouble controlling the way you eat? Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a free 12 step recovery program for anyone suffering from food obsession, overeating, under-eating or bulimia. For more information or a list of additional meetings throughout the U.S. and the world, call 781-932-6300 or www.foodaddicts.org.

Fairfax County's Meals on Wheels urgently needs drivers in the Annandale, Franconia/Kingstowne, Reston, Mount Vernon and McLean areas. 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults.

Knitting Enthusiasts, Musicians Needed. 10:30 a.m.-noon, at Herndon Senior Center. Herndon Senior Center seeks a knitting enthusiast to teach basic procedures. Musicians to play soothing music on weekend mornings also needed. 703-324-5406, TTY 711, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadult or VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Habitat Heroes Project. The fourth Saturday of each month. Join the Habitat Heroes in protecting Reston's forests from aggressive plants and restoring them to their natural state. Wear long sleeves, long pants, and if possible, gardening gloves to protect from insects and dangerous plants. R.A. will provide tools, gloves, snacks, and water. To volunteer and find more information, contact habrock@reston.org or 703-435-7986.

Arabic-speaking Older Adult Social Visits. Fairfax County needs volunteers who speak Arabic to provide social visits to an elderly person in Reston for four hours per month. 703-324-5406, TTY 703-449-1186, VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices.

Long-Term Care Volunteer Ombudsman Program Needs Volunteers. Ombudsmen advocate for the rights of residents of nursing and assisted living facilities—they also help residents resolve conflict and improve their quality of life. 703-324-5861 TTY 711 or Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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Call Debbie Gill 703-346-1373 or Debbie.gill@longandfooster.com



Great Falls **Terrific Spaces** **\$749,500**

Throughout this traditional 3-finished level home that enjoys park-like setting with fenced backyard and swimming pool. Addition extends main & lower levels, walk-out basement & recent improvements create a move-in ready home for you!



Reston **\$699,000** **Desirable** **Fox Mill Woods**

No homeowners Association but a Reston address! Recent updates & renovations & outstanding features galore in this stunning 3561 sq ft home on a third acre private wooded lot. Gorgeous gourmet kitchen w/exquisite granite, sun room addition w/skylights, beautifully remodeled his and hers master baths. Large bedrooms, 2FP. Finished basement has rec rm & private office.

Call Karen Swanson 703-795-9970 or e-mail karen.swanson@longandfooster.com



Oak Hill **Elegant, Light-Filled Brick Colonial** **\$1,199,000**

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Herndon **\$569,000** **Classic All Brick!**

This home shines w/abundant natural light from windows on all 4 sides. Lush, .33 acre lot w/ no HOA, this 4BR, 3BA home features attached 2 car carport, ample guest parking, awesome 2nd story deck, mstr BR w/ba, 3 addl large br's w/great closets. FP on each level, granite & tile in kit & ba's. Main lvl hrdwd's. Lower lvl FR w/gas log FP, wet bar, walkout & separate laundry rm.

Kathy Tuthill 703-945-4966 or e-mail kathysellsva@longandfooster.com



Reston **\$889,000** **Perfect For Relaxing & Entertaining**

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Pat Coit 703-585-2522 or e-mail Pat.coit@longandfooster.com



Ashburn **Stunning!** **\$860,000**

5BR, 4.5BA, gourmet kit, sunken 2 story FR w/floor to ceiling stacked stone FP. New hwd's on main, huge master suite w/2 walk-in custom closets. Fin basement w/home theater, rec rm w/FP, wet bar, BR, full bath, unfinished storage! 3 car garage, fenced deck, patio on a cul-de-sac. Desired schools!

Lydia Clark 732-309-2298 or e-mail Lydia.clark@longandfooster.com



Leesburg **Over Half an Acre!** **\$500,000**

3BR, 2BA on cul-de-sac, near downtown Leesburg, partially finished walkout basement, NEW deck, hardiplank & stone exterior, hardwoods, gourmet kitchen.



Reston **Reduced** **\$785,000**

Beautiful updated home on cul-de-sac, backs to parkland w/trees. Gourmet kitchen w/quartz counters & bamboo floors. Huge master bedroom/master bath, large walk-in shower/separate jetted tub. Partially finished basement w/walk-out, close to Toll Road & METRO.



Ashburn **Huge Cul-de-Sac Lot with Trees!** **\$644,000**

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Call Leslie Thurman 703-895-6000 • Lesliekthurman@gmail.com



Leesburg **\$305,000** **Gorgeous Views!**

2BR, 2BA condo at The Magnolias at Leisure World/Lansdowne. Spacious kitchen, large living/dining rm combo, walk-in closets, lots of natural light, glass enclosed porch. Clubhouse w/gourmet restaurant, pool, tennis, art studio, shuttle bus & more!



Reston **\$389,990** **Priced Below Tax Assessment!**

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Herndon **\$889,900** **Horse & Garden Lovers Dream**

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Reston **\$724,900** **Beautiful Cottage Like Home in the Woods**

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Domenic Scavuzzo came to Lake Fairfax to do a little fishing. During the spring, the lake is stocked with thousands of pounds of rainbow trout. Fishing licenses are available on site.

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Reston Association's **Open House**

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Thursday, October 8
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- Come learn more about Reston Association (RA) and the many services, amenities and programs it provides for you.
- Learn about the history of Reston and what's on the horizon.
- Meet with your RA Covenants Advisor and learn about the services they provide property owners.
- Talk with RA Parks and Recreation staff about programs, events and facilities.
- Learn how to navigate RA's new website (www.reston.org) so you can access important association and community resources.
- Explore how you can get involved in Reston, serve on the RA Board or one of our many committees and give back to the community.

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NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

Bob Simon's Best of Reston

Reston founder on his favorite events and places in Reston.

First published in The Connection in 2010.

Events

1960—Signing of contract to purchase 1750 acres of farmland and woods located between D.C. and the airport under construction (to be named Dulles)

1962—Adoption by Fairfax County Board of Supervisors of Residential Planned Community Ordinance (RPC)

1964—Singer Electronics Laboratory and Air Survey Corporation open for business. First residents move in.

1966—Official dedication with presentations by Poet Laureate Steven Spender and NYC Parks Commissioner August Hecksher; Interior Secretary Stuart Udall and representatives of 37 countries with "New Towns"

1997—I return to Reston and move into condo on 13th floor of Heron House

1998—I meet Cheryl Terio

2009—Dedication of Nature House at Nature Center

2010—Asian Festival at Brown's Chapel

Places

❖ My bed in 1301—I love to sleep and nap

❖ Lake Anne Plaza (officially designated Washington Plaza)—Modeled after plazas throughout the rest of the world as the social glue of communities

❖ Jasmine and Montmartre restaurants on Lake Anne Plaza—good food, reasonable prices

❖ Pathways going all around Lake Anne—beautiful views, lovely gardens

❖ Fountain Square in Town Center—a true gathering place with its pavilion for skating in winter and events the rest of the year; restaurants and shops

❖ Nature Center—70 acres of natural beauty and its Nature House for permanent exhibits and frequent classes

❖ CenterStage at Reston Community Center, Hunters Woods—a fully equipped stage with orchestra pit, seating 300 and offering a full schedule of concerts, plays and events



CONNECTION FILE PHOTO

Robert Simon overlooks Washington Plaza at Lake Anne, where Reston's opening ceremony was held in 1965.

Welcome from Police Chief Ed Roessler

Dear Community Members:

The Fairfax County Police Department was established on July 1, 1940 and today we have an authorized strength of 1,372 sworn law enforcement officers who protect and serve the communities of the County. On average, officers respond to over 400,000 calls for service each year. As we engage with the communities we serve, we understand our profession must always assess our services and constantly strive to challenge each other to re-engineer how we deliver essential law enforcement services in a community that exceeds 1.1 million residents. We are fortunate to have an engaged community which continues to assist us in preventing and fighting crime, increasing the culture of safety to preserve the sanctity of life for all, and keep pace with rapid urbanization.

Your Police Department proactively undertook an independent review of its use of force training, and related policies and procedures. The review, conducted by the Police Executive Research Forum, proposed 71 enhancement recommendations. The core theme of change is adopting the philosophy of the sanctity of life in all we do. We have initiated policy changes and embarked on many training programs which embrace state-of-the-art decision making models and best practices for de-escalation and escalation techniques and new initiatives to safely interact and divert from jail those suffering mental illness. Currently 43 percent of our patrol officers are certified



Chief Edwin C. Roessler Jr.

in Crisis Intervention Team training and all recruits now receive parallel training.

Other recent policy changes include the concepts of being able to hold and contain events in order to develop successful resolutions to each call for service when possible.

In 2014 the Police Department began a self-assessment process to align all of its policies and procedures to comply with several hundred national standards established by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. The on-site assessment, required to obtain accredited status,

is scheduled for early 2016 and will be conducted by assessors from outside the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Department continues to maintain its accredited status from the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission.

During the last year the Department's social media presence has continued to expand in efforts toward sharing more information with the community. Recently the Department posted 10 years of officer-involved shooting case summaries and data on our public web site. Our goal is to share information on officer-involved shooting cases in order for the community to better understand the investigative processes of these events and to engage in dialogue on these matters.

In 2013, the Department created a Chief's Council on Diversity Recruitment. Its strategic mission is to assist the Department to increase the cultural diversity of the sworn, civilian, and volunteer workforce to better reflect the diversity of the communities we serve. When visiting the Chief's web site you can view the diversity scorecard accountability measure, read the Council's strategic plan document, and learn about the varied volunteer opportunities you can engage in with the Police Department.

Several community members have graciously volunteered time from their busy personal lives to establish and serve on a Communities of Trust Committee which is comprised of all public safety agencies and reports directly to the chairman of the County Board of Supervisors. This effort aligns well with recommendations from the Task Force on 21st Century Policing. Many

forums have been held throughout the community and numerous initiatives are in development to increase public engagement with the community to build upon mutual trust.

The Police Department, along with the Community Services Board, other public safety agencies, and mental health advocates have partnered to develop additional crisis intervention programs, including a drop off center which will provide a viable jail diversion alternative for those in mental health crisis. We look forward to achieving this critical strategic goal.

In recent years a majority of our homicides have been domestic related. On July 1, 2015, the Fairfax County Police Department launched a Lethality Assessment Program in which all patrol officers have been trained to administer an assessment to provide resources to victims of domestic violence which are available 24/7. This program truly demonstrates engagement with many partners who share our goal in increasing services and eliminating domestic violence.

In early 2015 another community engagement endeavor was launched with the creation of the Ad Hoc Police Policy and Practices Commission. This Commission is comprised of five sub-committees which are conducting reviews of the Police Department as related to use of force; communications; recruitment, diversity, and applicant vetting; and independent oversight and investigations.

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NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE



Del. Ken Plum, School Board member Pat Hynes, Sen. Janet Howell and Chairman Sharon Bulova join Bob Simon and his wife Cheryl Terio-Simon on Simon's 101st birthday.



PHOTOS BY KEN MOORE/THE CONNECTION

The South Lakes High School saxophone quartet plays in Lake Anne Plaza, featuring Julia Rose, freshman; James Heiman, sophomore; David Clark, sophomore; and Nathan Hamlett, freshman.

Who Runs Reston? Reston founder Robert E. Simon still in the center of Reston's activism; Reston Association provides governance.

Reston Association

<https://www.reston.org>
From the website, verbatim:
Reston Association (RA) is a not-for-profit corporation that serves a community of 60,000 people and is one of the largest community associations in the United States. ...
Reston's membership is comprised of 21,346 residential units. All residential property owners and renters subject to the Reston Deed are automatically members of the Reston Association.

RA is responsible for administering the community's real property. As a steward, RA has three major roles:

- *Reston Association provides parks and recreation facilities and amenities like those of a city or town. The association maintains and operates recreational facilities, including 15 pools, 48 tennis courts, 55 miles of paved pathways, ballfields, playgrounds, multipurpose courts, picnic areas, garden plots and a variety of rental facilities for public meetings and gatherings.

- *Reston Association seeks to preserve property values in Reston through a system of covenants and restrictions that govern the design, maintenance, and use of property, as broadly spelled out in the Deed; and

- *Reston Association seeks to protect Reston's natural beauty and environment. The association maintains and nurtures over 1,300 acres of open space, including four lakes, three ponds, streams, wetlands, forests, and meadows, as well as a 72-acre nature education center.

Reston Citizens Association

<http://restoncitizensassociation.blogspot.com/>
The Reston Citizens Association (RCA)

serves more than 60,000 people who live in Reston. "Founded in 1967, RCA is the only community-wide, non-partisan, and action-oriented organization in which everyone that lives, works and plays in Reston has a voice," according to its website.

Reston Citizens Association's mission is to promote Reston's vision and planning principles, to sustain and enhance its quality of life now and in the future, by serving as a non-partisan, action-oriented organization for all Restonians. Its goals are: "to educate the community by monitoring, analyzing and reporting on issues affecting Reston and its future; to engage the community by actively listening and communicating with Reston residents in writing and in public meetings; to facilitate the voice of the citizens by representing the community at local, county and state level meetings and forums as well as with all other relevant stakeholders."

Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce

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The Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce is one of the largest chambers in the region and provides programs, education, connections and advocacy for members and organizations in the Dulles Corridor.

The Chamber operates around four strategic cornerstones: Networking, Business Development and Marketing, Community Engagement and Advocacy, and Business Education and Mentoring. The Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce holds many events, including serving as major sponsor of the Best of Reston.

Reston Founder Robert E. Simon Jr.

In 1960, Robert E. Simon Jr. sold his family's real estate, Carnegie Hall, to New York City for \$5 million and signed a contract to purchase 6,750 acres of farmland and woods located between D.C. and Dulles airport, which was under construction. In 1966, the beginning of the new town of Reston was celebrated with international fanfare.

While Simon lost control of Reston in 1967, he moved back to his town in 1993, and has been involved in many aspects of the town since then.

The first Founder's Day was celebrated on April 17, 2004, on Reston's 40th Anniversary. Reston turned 50, and Simon turned 100 in April, 2014. Simon celebrated his 101st birthday last spring.

Board of Supervisors

Reston is governed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors controls the county budget, establishes county government policy, passes resolutions and ordinances (within the limits of its authority established by the Virginia General Assembly), sets local tax rates, approves land use plans and makes appointments to various positions. Fairfax County has an elected Board of Supervisors consisting of nine members elected by district, plus a chairman elected at-large.

See www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/about-the-board-of-supervisors.htm

Reston is in the Hunter Mill District. Reston residents are represented on the Board of Supervisors by Hunter Mill Supervisor Catherine "Cathy" Hudgins (D) and

Chairman, At-large member Sharon Bulova.

Hunter Mill Supervisor Catherine M. "Cathy" Hudgins
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Reston, VA 20190
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Chairman, Sharon Bulova
Fairfax County Government Center
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Fairfax, VA 22035
Phone: 703-324-2321, TTY 711
Email: chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman/>

Fairfax County School Board

The Fairfax County School Board has 12 members, elected for four-year terms; one member represents each of the County's nine magisterial districts, and three members serve at large. A student representative, selected for a one-year term by the Student Advisory Council, sits with the Board at all public meetings and participates in discussions, but does not vote. All 12 seats on the Fairfax County School Board on the ballot on Nov. 3. Reston is represented by Hunter Mill District School Board member Pat Hynes, who is currently school board chairman, plus the three at-large members, Ryan L. McElveen, Ilryong Moon and Theodore J. "Ted" Velkoff.

Pat Hynes, School Board Chairman
Phone: 571-423-1082
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<http://www.fcps.edu/schlbld/members/huntermill.shtml>



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NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

About the Connection

As your local, weekly newspaper, the Connection's mission is to deliver the local news you need, to try to make sense of what is happening in your community, to gather information about the best things in and around your community, to advocate for community good, to provide a forum for dialogue on local concerns, and to celebrate and record achievements, milestones and events in the community and people's lives.

Here in our Newcomers and Community Guide, we've included an expanded and updated version of our award-winning Insider's Guide to the Parks, plus details of how to vote in the upcoming elections, information on local government, nonprofits and business organizations, plus tips and tidbits from the community.

We invite newcomers and long-time residents alike to let us know how we're doing and let us know what is going on in your part of the community. If you have questions or ideas, send us an e-mail or call us, contact us on Facebook or send us a tweet. We invite you to send letters to the editor or to send an email with feedback about our coverage.

We want to know if someone in your family or your community published a book, started a business, became an Eagle Scout, raised money for a good cause, accomplished some feat like running a marathon, supporting a cause or having art included in an art show. We publish photos and notes about personal milestones and community events, including births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries.

We are also interested in events at your church, mosque, synagogue, community center, pool, school, club, etc. Email us a note about the event, being sure to include when and where the photo was taken and the names of all the people who are in a photo. We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees and anniversaries are welcome. It is especially important to us to let people know about events ahead of time in our calendar of events. We appreciate getting notice at least two weeks ahead of the event, and we encourage photos.

Your community Connection newspaper is one of 15 papers published by the independent, locally owned Local Media Con-

nection LLC, serving the suburbs of Metropolitan Washington in Northern Virginia and Potomac, Md.

Our flagship paper, the Alexandria Gazette Packet, is one of the oldest continuously publishing papers in the country, beginning publication in 1784.

The Connection Newspapers have won hundreds of press awards in just the past few years, including the Virginia Press Association Award for Journalistic Integrity and Community Service, Best in Show for our Insiders Guide to the Parks, first place for our community guides, plus awards in news, art, business, special projects, sports, entertainment, design, photography and much more.

We have staff and contributors here at the Connection with remarkable talent and experience, far greater than one might expect. We continue to publish 15 distinct papers every week that serve their communities in distinct ways.

We welcome contributing writers, with the caveat that our freelance pay is nominal; if you are interested in covering news or events in your community, email editors@connectionnewspapers.com. We offer summer and year-round educational internships with information at www.connectionnewspapers.com/internships.

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Welcome

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The Commission will make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors this fall. The Police Department is highly engaged with all of the community members serving on the Commission and we look forward to positive change recommendations to better serve all of Fairfax County.

The Police Department values technology advances and we are migrating to a new records management system to assist all personnel in achieving an intelli-

gence led community policing model. The Department is also preparing to institute an electronic summons system for issuing traffic and criminal violations. Our patrol cruisers are equipped with in-car video recording devices and we are exploring the viability of body worn cameras with community stakeholders.

To learn more about the Fairfax County Police Department, please visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/>
Welcome to Fairfax County, a great place to live, work, play and grow old.

RESTON CHAMBERS

Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce

The organization serves businesses in the Dulles Corridor. It aims to be the catalyst for business growth and entrepreneurship by providing quality programs, education, connections and advocacy for our members and organizations in the Dulles Corridor. www.restonchamber.org.

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Northern Virginia

Located in Herndon, the organization serves businesses lead by and those that work with the Hispanic community in the area. www.hccnva.org/.

Pakistan American Business Association Inc.

PABA is a nonprofit, bilateral trade association that promotes business opportunities between Pakistan and the United States of America, and nurtures leadership skills within the Pakistani American business community. 703-627-1500 or www.pabausa.org/.

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Reston Demographics

Zip code: 20194
Population: 13,165
Race: White-10,464 (79.5%), Black/African American-674 (5.1%), American Indian and Alaska Native-20 (0.2%), Asian-1,396 (10.6%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-832 (6.3%)
Total housing units: 5,932
Owner-occupied housing units: 4,021 (71%)
Households with individuals under 18 years: 1,812 (32%)
Households with individuals 65 years and over: 739 (13%)
Median household income: 132,019
Mean family income: 212,131
Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: 22.5%

Zip code: 20190
Population: 17,529
Race: White-11,999 (68.5%), Black/African American-2,030 (11.6%), American Indian and Alaska Native-45 (0.3%), Asian-2,075 (11.8%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-1,848 (10.5%)
Total housing units: 9,156
Owner-occupied housing units: 4,580 (53%)
Households with individuals under 18 years: 1,823 (21.1%)
Households with individuals 65 years and over: 1,789 (20.7 %)
Median household income: 89,296
Mean family income: 132,147
Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: 29.3%

Zip code: 20191
Population: 29,128
Race: White-19,460 (66.8%), Black/African American-2,991 (10.3%), American Indian and Alaska Native-118 (0.4%), Asian-3,255 (11.2%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-4,860 (16.7%)

Total housing units: 12,096
Owner-occupied housing units: 8,438 (72.5%)
Households with individuals under 18 years: 3,635 (31.3%)
Households with individuals 65 years and over: 2,477 (21.3%)
Median household income: 107,771
Mean family income: 142,295
Population 5 years and over who speak a language other than English at home: 32.9%
 Source: U.S. Census 2010; American Community Survey 2012

Oak Hill/Herndon
Zip code: 20170
Population: 41,236
Race: White-23,745 (57.6%), Black/African American-3,413 (8.3%), American Indian and Alaska Native-222 (0.5%), Asian-6,992 (17%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-10,795 (26.2%)
Total housing units: 14,446
Owner-occupied housing units: 8,852 (66.9%)
Households with individuals under 18 years: 5,758 (43.5%)
Households with individuals 65 years and over: 1,708 (12.9%)
Median household income: 103,679
Mean family income: 131,559
Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: 45.3%

Zip code: 20171
Population: 45,887
Race: White-26,558 (57.9%), Black/African American-3,506 (7.6%), American Indian and Alaska Native-104 (0.2%), Asian-13,029 (28.4%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-3,092 (6.7%)
Total housing units: 16,868
Owner-occupied housing units: 10,833 (66.6%)
 Source: U.S. Census 2010; American Community Survey 2012

Your elected representative to state government Delegate Ken Plum • 36th District



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NEWCOMERS

Meet the Candidates for County Board

All politics is local, in Fairfax County, too:
Who runs for Board of Supervisors in November?

You may be surprised – or dismayed – to learn that the 10 men and women who occupy Fairfax County Board of Supervisors wield enormous power and influence over your everyday lives.

They set your tax rate, fund the public school system, and determine priorities and policies for issues ranging from affordable housing, homelessness and human services to economic development, traffic calming and the environment.

They manage a \$7 billion budget, larger than the budgets of four states, and rule over a county with a diverse, well-educated population of more than a million people.

Their decisions can propel our community forward – or cost us our first-rate status in education, livability and culture.

If you happen to meet them this election season, thank them for the long-awaited Silver Line expan-

sion, a success that directly benefits you and your property values. Or, you may want to chide them for the extra \$185 you will pay in property taxes this year, or the generous \$20,000 pay raise they gave themselves after increasing your property taxes.

They do want to hear from you. What they don't want to hear are complaints about potholes on your road. Not because they don't care, but because they can't do anything about it.

In the Commonwealth of Virginia, the state builds, maintains and operates local roads. Transportation funding, you will quickly learn, is a perennial hot topic in the Virginia General Assembly.

So is redistricting, also known as gerrymandering, which has kept the Commonwealth in another form of gridlock as Republicans and Democrats struggle ceaselessly for control of the legislature.

Another perennial problem is the socioeconomic divide between affluent Northern Virginia (NOVA) – where you now reside – and the Rest of Virginia (ROVA) – where a chunk of your tax dollars disappear. NOVA gets less back from Richmond than we send down there, and so Northern Virginians have the privilege of paying extra taxes (and tolls) to fund the badly-needed improvements to our transportation infrastructure. It drives us a little crazy.

As a newcomer, you may wonder why we still call ourselves a “Commonwealth,” instead of just an ordinary state. Good question. Virginia retained this nomenclature – as did Kentucky, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania – when we adopted our first constitution in 1776, most likely to emphasize the fact that our new government was based upon the sovereignty of the people united for the common good. If we're re-

ally honest, we are also very proud of the ruckus we kicked up with the British Monarchy when we declared our independence. There's a reason our state motto is “Sic Semper Tyrannis,” Latin for “thus always to tyrants.”

So, dear newcomer: Wherever you are from, you are here now. In the Old Dominion, the Mother of Presidents. Let that sink in for a moment.

We hope you will appreciate the fact that you are here, reading this guide, during an important election season. We assume you will join the ranks of Fairfax County's prolific electorate, where nearly 43 percent of residents cast their ballots last year, and vote on Nov. 3.

To make it a little easier for you, and give you the opportunity to feel like “political insiders,” we asked each of the 19 BOS candidates to give you their answers to questions specifically geared toward newcomers.

Their responses are unedited and enlightening. We hope.

— VICTORIA ROSS



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Questions

1) What should newcomers know about the impact the Board of Supervisors has on their daily lives? In other words - what do you do at the county level that's important enough to compel newcomers to vote in this election?

2) To make newcomers feel at home, what's a “must-see” place or event you recommend they check out in Fairfax County or your district?

3) What's your favorite sports team?
4) Fairfax County gained national and global Twitter prominence earlier this year when outraged FCPS students started the Twitter hashtag #closeFCPS after school officials did not call a snow day when it actually snowed. What Twitter or Instagram hashtag would you like to see trending in the coming year about Fairfax County or your district?

Race: Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (At Large)

Incumbent:
Sharon S. Bulova (D)
Home: Fairfax Station
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Web sharonbulova.com

Challenger:
Arthur G. Purves (R)
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Phone: 703-938-0242
Web - Votepurves.org
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Challenger:
Glenda Gail Parker (Independent Green)
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Twitter - @ggailparker
Web gailparker.us

ANSWERS: BULOVA

1) We are the most grass roots level of government. Our Board is responsible for everything from ensuring clean drinking water, safe streets and neighborhoods, compassionate human services, attractive parks and libraries to funding our fantastic school system.

2) Hard to choose a favorite. Fairfax has the most wonderful park system with something for everyone to enjoy. I jog through the woods in Villa Park three times a week.

3) My current favorite is Fairfax County's World Police & Fire Games Women's Basketball Team.



Sharon Bulova



Arthur Purves



Glenda Parker

They won a gold medal at the Games and presented me with an autographed ball.

4) Trending: #FairfaxCounty/#model/EngagedCommunity
“I'd like to see #FairfaxModel become a trend for what we are doing in the area of mental health. I want others to look to us the way we are looking to Memphis and Bexar County for examples of how to adequately train public safety to deal with people suffering from mental illness and diverting those individuals from jail into treatment.”

ANSWERS: PARKER

1) Your commute depends on politics, More Trains, Less Traffic! Trains as fast as planes. Nationwide and local rail feeder systems. We need light rail to serve tourists and

VRE service throughout the day and on weekends. The BOS can pressure the Virginia General Assembly and Virginia Congressional delegation to remove the barrier that prevents building rail mass transit and to encourage renewable energy – solar, wind, geothermal. Rail built anywhere in America benefits ALL of America.

2) Check out Channel 10's Green TV on Cox, Verizon or Fios. Visit us on YouTube: search for Independent Greens of Virginia or GailforRailParker YouTube channel.

3) My hometown girls' basketball team, the Kingston Princesses!

4) This is easy: #HHR4FXCounty/#MoreTrainsLessTraffic/#GailforRailrocks/#www.GailParker.us

* Candidate Arthur Purvis did not respond to the questionnaire.

Race: Dranesville District Supervisor



Incumbent:
John W. Foust (D)
Home: McLean
Email Address: supervisorfoust@gmail.com
Phone: 703-790-1311
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Website Foustforsupervisor.com

Challenger:
Jennifer C. Chronis (R)
Home: McLean
Email Address: info@jenniferchronis.com
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Website:jenniferchronis.com

ANSWERS: FOUST

1) The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Fairfax County. No level of government has more impact on our daily lives. We set policies and approve programs for transportation, public safety, the environment, land use, housing and human services, economic development, and many other services. We adopt the County's \$7 billion budget, fund the schools, establish local tax rates, approve or reject land use proposals, and provide constituent services on a host of issues.



Incumbent:
John W. Foust (D)
Home: McLean
Email Address: info@jenniferchronis.com
Phone: 703-938-3742
Twitter: @jenniferchronis
Website:jenniferchronis.com

ANSWERS: CHRONIS

1) The Board of Supervisors influences nearly every aspect of your day to day life. Paying real estate taxes? The Board of Supervisors sets the rate. Taking your kids to school? The Board of Supervisors funds the schools. Going to a park on the weekend? The Board of Supervisors manages the park system. Every one of the County's 1.1 million residents is impacted by decisions made by the 10-person Board of Supervisors.

2) One of my favorite places to visit in Dranesville is Great Falls Park. From nature trails to gorgeous views, the park is a must-see!

3) Washington Nationals (Go Nats!)

4) #EndHumanTrafficking

Race: Hunter Mill District Supervisor

Incumbent: Catherine M. Hudgins (D) *Running Unopposed
Home: Reston
E-Mail Address: cathy@cathyhudgins.com
Phone: 703-471-4297
web - cathyhudgins.com
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Cathy Hudgins

ANSWERS: HUDGINS

1) Welcome to Hunter Mill District. As member of the Board of Supervisors, I serve the citizens by making policies that enhance and protect lives. The district, with over 126,000 residents, recently celebrated the new Silver Line to Tysons and Reston, expanded bus services, preserved 35 percent affordable housing in Lake Anne village redevelopment, renovated two schools and opened a new police station. Most importantly, I work in partnership with citizens, making our community the best for all.

2) Some favorite s- anything in Lake Anne, Reston Town Center, Viva Vienna, historic Church Street and Frying Pan Park

3) Favorite sport is tennis!

4)How about - #doittogether

Money: How much have they raised?

We've compiled the most recent financial filings for candidates in the 2015 race for Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The figures represent the reports candidates filed on July 15 for the period from Jan. 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. The next financial report will be filed in September. For more details on candidates' financial filings, go to www.VPAOrg.org/localities/Fairfax-county-va/elections/tracked/

— VICTORIA ROSS

Braddock Supervisor
John Cook, Incumbent, (R)
Money Raised: \$178,744
Money Spent: \$83,468
Balance: \$83,468

Janet Oleszek (D)
Money Raised: \$41,909
Money Spent: \$37,072
Balance: \$4,834

Carey Campbell (I)
Money Raised: \$0
Money Spent: \$0
Balance: \$0
Dranesville Supervisor
Jennifer Chronis (R)
Money Raised: \$143,732
Money Spent: \$51,302
Balance: \$92,427

John Foust (D) Incumbent
Money Raised: \$164,364
Money Spent: \$112,824
Balance: \$52,559

Hunter Mill Supervisor
Catherine Hudgins (D) Incumbent
Money Raised: \$9,226
Money Spent: \$22,894
Balance: \$20,867

Lee Supervisor
Jeffrey McKay (D) Incumbent
Money Raised: \$91,563
Money Spent: \$54,378
Balance: **\$92,147**

Mason Supervisor
Penny Gross (D) Incumbent
Money Raised: \$185,26
Money Spent: \$152,808
Balance: \$118,311

Mollie Loeffler (I)
Money Raised: \$18,557
Money Spent: \$5,708
Balance: \$12,848

SOURCE: VIRGINIA PUBLIC ACCESS PROJECT

Mount Vernon Supervisor
Jane Gandee (R)
Money Raised: \$52,988
Money Spent: \$32,201
Balance: \$20,786

Daniel Storck (D)
Money Raised: \$115,079
Money Spent: \$109,153
Balance: \$5,924

Providence Supervisor
Linda Smyth (D)
Money Raised: \$112,210
Money Spent: \$108,020
Balance: \$22,499

Springfield Supervisor
Pat Herry (R) Incumbent
Money Raised: \$409,995
Money Spent: \$309,925
Balance: \$102,129

Corazon Foley (I)
Money Raised: \$0
Money Spent: \$0
Balance: \$0

Sully Supervisor
John Guevara
Money Raised: \$71,697
Money Spent: \$58,333
Balance: \$13,362

Kathy Smith (D)
Money Raised: \$45,214
Money Spent: \$20,135
Balance: \$25,079

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Arthur Purves (R)
Money Raised: \$12,223
Money Spent: \$5,384
Balance: \$6,837

Sharon Bulova (D) Incumbent
Money Raised: \$167,871
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PARKS

AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO MAJOR PARKS IN THE AREA

National Parks

GF Great Falls National Park

9200 Old Dominion Drive, McLean
www.nps.gov/grfa

Great Falls Park is open daily from 7 a.m. until dark. The Visitor Center and bookstore are open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily, spring through fall seasons. Picnic, hike along the Potomac River. Swimming and wading in the Potomac are prohibited.

GW George Washington Memorial Parkway

www.nps.gov/gwmp
703-289-2500

The GW Parkway includes more than 25 sites, ranging from historic homes to wildlife preserves. Join a ranger for a free program or explore sites independently. Some park sites, including Turkey Run Park, Theodore Roosevelt Island, Great Falls Park, etc., close at dark. The Parkway itself remains open 24 hours a day to vehicle traffic.

WT Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts

1551 Trap Road, Vienna
www.nps.gov/wotr/

The only national park dedicated to presenting the performing arts. From May through September, multiple amphitheatres in the park present musicals, dance, opera, jazz, and popular and country music. Explore the park without the crowds from October - April. The Barns at Wolf Trap offer indoor entertainment through the winter months.

State Park

MN Mason Neck State Park

7301 High Point Rd. Lorton
www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/mas.shtml#

703-339-2385 or 703-339-2380 (visitor center)
masonneck@dcr.virginia.gov

The park's visitor center was expanded in 2010 to include a new exhibit room, gift shop and meeting room. There are several exhibits in the center, and with a view of Belmont Bay. Visitor center staff can answer questions and provide information on park trails, facilities and local points of interest. Pond study, bird watching, canoe trips, nature walks and talks, and GPS adventures are just a few of the exciting programs offered by park rangers.

Regional Parks

BR Bull Run Marina Regional Park & Atlantis Waterpark

7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville
www.nvrpa.org/park/bull_run/
www.atlantisbullrun.com/
703-631-0552

Main park open all year for picnicking, hiking and family camping. Bull Run Public Shooting Center open all year. Group Camping open daily Jan. 7 through Nov. 11. Mini and disc golf open April through October. Hours vary. Atlantis Waterpark features pools, a giant dumping bucket, waterslides, and fun-filled activities for all ages. Atlantis is open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, and is a member of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority family of Waterparks. Neptune Reef snack bar sells food, beverages and sweets.

CR Cameron Run Regional Park/Great Waves Waterpark

4001 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria
www.nvrpa.org/park/cameron_run/
www.greatwaveswaterpark.com/
703-960-0767

Cameron Run Regional Park offers a variety of recreation facilities in an urban area, including Great Waves Water Park. Catch a wave in the wave pool, twist and turn down four-story water slides, take a plunge down speed slides, play with friends in the shallow waters of the play

pool. The park also features a deluxe miniature golf course, a nine-station batting cage, picnic shelters, and a special events pavilion.

CH Carlyle House Historic Park

121 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
www.nvrpa.org/park/carlyle_house_historic_park/
703-549-2997

The historic Carlyle House was completed in 1753 by British merchant John Carlyle for his bride, Sarah Fairfax of Belvoir, member of one of the most prestigious families in colonial Virginia. Their home quickly became a center of social and political life in Alexandria and gained a foothold in history when British General Braddock made the mansion his headquarters in 1755. On the National Register of Historic Places, Carlyle House is architecturally unique in Alexandria as the only stone, 18th-century Palladian-style house. Daily tours of the house, programs for schoolchildren, special events, exhibits and lectures explore the life and times of John Carlyle in pre-Revolutionary Alexandria. The site may be rented in the evenings for private functions and weddings.

FH Fountainhead Regional Park

7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station
www.nvrpa.org/park/fountainhead/
703-250-9124

The observation deck of the Marina Building at Fountainhead commands a spectacular view of the widest point of the Occoquan Reservoir. Summer activities include catfish tournaments, children's fishing tournament, paddleboat tours and more.

HO Hemlock Overlook Regional Park

13220 Yates Ford Road, Clifton
www.nvrpa.org/park/hemlock_overlook/
800-877-0954; 571-281-3556;

Hemlock Overlook Regional Park offers a variety of outdoor and environmental education. Programs at Hemlock Overlook are open to the public and groups by reservation. Only the hiking and horse

trails may be used without prior arrangement.

MBG Meadowlark Botanical Gardens

9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna
www.nvrpa.org/park/meadowlark_botanical_gardens/
703-255-3631

This 95-acre complex of large ornamental display gardens and unique native plant collections is open year round and include walking trails, lakes, more than 20 varieties of cherry trees, irises, peonies, an extensive shade garden, native wildflowers, gazebos, birds, butterflies, seasonal blooms and foliage. The Atrium's indoor tropical garden setting is a popular meeting, reception, wedding and workshop location. Interpretive displays accompany a restored 18th-century cabin.

OR Occoquan Regional Park

9751 Ox Road, Lorton
www.nvrpa.org/park/occoquan/
703-690-2121

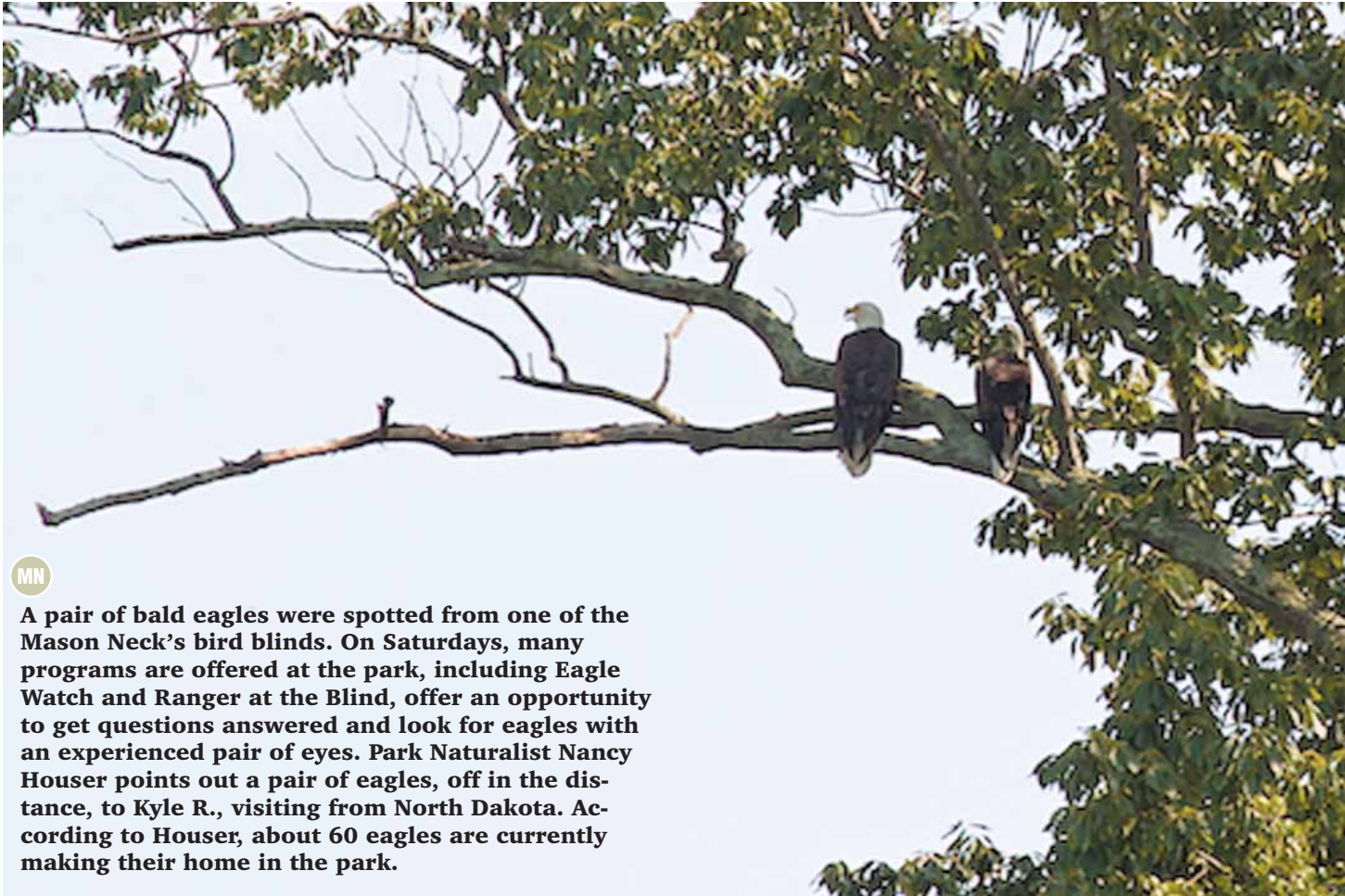
This park offers 400 acres of recreational space and a touch of the past with its historic brick kilns and the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial. Park lands, trails and associated waters are part of the Fairfax Cross-County Trail. Kayak rentals. One hour Tour Boat Rides on the Occoquan River to Belmont Bay and back. Offered Saturdays noon-5 p.m., Sunday 1-8 p.m., April 2 through Nov. 27. \$10 adults, \$5 children 12 and under, under age 4 are free.

PB Pohick Bay Regional Park & Pirates Cove Waterpark

6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton
www.nvrpa.org/park/pohick_bay/
www.piratescovepohick.com
703-339-6102

Pohick Bay is located on the Potomac River, 25 miles south of the nation's capital. The boat launch facility is one of only three public access points to the Potomac River in northern Virginia. Pohick Bay offers canoes, kayaks, paddle boats and jon boats for rent on the weekends, as well as family and group camping, hiking, picnic areas and a large play area for children. The park offers one of the largest, outdoor freeform pools on the east coast. Pohick Bay Regional Park, located on Mason Neck Peninsula is an ecologically fragile land that shelters an abundance of wildlife, including the bald eagle. Pirates Cove Waterpark is located at Pohick Bay Regional Park. Visitors can cool off under the 300-gallon dumping bucket, fire the water cannons and splash down the waterslide or search for buried treasure at Buccaneer Beach sand play area. Pirates Cove

Sources: National Park Service, Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, Virginia State Parks and Fairfax County Park Authority. Map courtesy of Fairfax County Park Authority. Designed & compiled by Jean Card and Laurence Foong. Photos by Renée Ruggles.



MN
A pair of bald eagles were spotted from one of the Mason Neck’s bird blinds. On Saturdays, many programs are offered at the park, including Eagle Watch and Ranger at the Blind, offer an opportunity to get questions answered and look for eagles with an experienced pair of eyes. Park Naturalist Nancy Houser points out a pair of eagles, off in the distance, to Kyle R., visiting from North Dakota. According to Houser, about 60 eagles are currently making their home in the park.

also features picnic pavilions, a deck for sunning and playing, as well as plenty of shade. Captain’s Galley snack bar features food, beverages and sweets. Pirates Cove is open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

PB Pohick Bay Golf Course
10301 Gunston Road, Lorton
www.nvrpa.org/park/pohick_bay_golf_course
703-339-8585
This scenic golf course is located on the Mason Neck Peninsula in Lorton. Pohick Bay’s practice facility features a driving range with practice putting and chipping greens, and lessons from PGA pros. A full-service pro shop features an array of name-brand golf clubs, equipment and apparel. Other services include club making, custom club fitting, regripping, reshafting and tournament coordinating.

PO Potomac Overlook Regional Park & Nature Center
2845 Marcey Road, Arlington, VA 22207
www.nvrpa.org/park/potomac_overlook/
703-528-5406
On the Potomac Palisades in north Arlington, Potomac Overlook offers 70 acres of peaceful woodland, trails, educational gardens, a small picnic area and a Nature Center. The Nature Center features brand new exhibits called the “Energerium,” offering visitors a fun and accessible way to learn energy basics and ways they can help create sustainable energy solutions. The Nature Center also houses live animals and natural history exhibits.

SR Sandy Run Regional Park
10450 Van Thompson Road, Fairfax Station
www.nvrpa.org/park/sandy_run/
703-690-4392
The park is open to the public for the purpose of education, training, practice, and racing for competitive and recreational sculling and rowing. Only shells and other boats authorized by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority may be launched from the docks or shoreline of Sandy Run. Sandy Run offers a facility for team training and competition for Olympic, college, high school and club canoe, kayak and crew athletes.

UH Upton Hill Regional Park & Ocean Dunes Waterpark
6060 Wilson Blvd., Arlington
www.nvrpa.org/park/upton_hill/
www.oceanduneswaterpark.com/
703-534-3437 or UptonHill@nvrpa.org
Upton Hill Regional Park offers visitors a wooded oasis in the heart of the most densely populated area of Northern Virginia. A large outdoor water-park complex is a sparkling attraction in

this wooded, urban park, which straddles the boundary line between Arlington and Fairfax counties. The deluxe miniature golf course boasts one of the longest mini golf holes in the world; the batting cages include nine baseball and softball cages. The park is open every day for hiking, picnicking, playing on the playground and enjoying the outdoors. Located within Upton Hill Regional Park, Ocean Dunes is loaded with fun features for adults and children.

Arts Center

LAC Workhouse Arts Center
9601 Ox Road, Lorton
www.lortonarts.org
703-584-2900

The Workhouse Arts Center consists of seven studio buildings, the main galleries and the recently opened Youth Arts Center. Visitors are encouraged to interact with artists. In addition to visual arts, the Workhouse Arts Center is home to performing arts, including theater, film institute, musical and dance performances. The education department supports both the visual and performing arts, offering classes and workshops in a variety of disciplines. Future plans for the Workhouse include an event center, amphitheater, Workhouse Theatre, restaurants, apartments, music barn and garden/horticultural area. Other buildings on site, yet to be renovated, may provide for other activities such as a visitors center, a blacksmith shop, theatre scene shops and rehearsal space.



The Ratcliffs, of Rockville, came out to enjoy a family bike ride. Cycling is a popular activity along the park-way.

Major Fairfax County Parks

BLP Burke Lake Park & Golf Course
7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station
volleyball, driving range, 18 hole, par 3, minigolf, trails, playground, campgrounds, fishing
883.4 acres, multiple resource park

CJP Clemyjontri Park
6317 Georgetown Pike, McLean
fitness, picnic areas and playgrounds
18.6 acres, special purpose park

ELP Ellanor C. Lawrence Park
5040 Walney Road, Chantilly
baseball, soccer/football (unlit), basketball (unlit), community center, nature center, amphitheater, trails
650 acres, multiple resource park

FPF Frying Pan Farm Park
2717 West Ox Road, Herndon
historic structure, biking/equestrian/hiking trails, open areas, playground
135.3 acres, multiple resource park

GSG Green Spring Gardens
4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria
Community Center, historic structure, biking/hiking

trails, open areas, gardens
30.9 acres, special purpose park

HPP Hidden Pond Park
8511 Greeley Boulevard, Springfield
tennis (lit), nature center, amphitheater, hiking/nature trails, playground, fishing
25.6 acres, community park

HMP Huntley Meadows Park
3701 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria
nature center, historic structure, biking/hiking/nature trails, observation tower, boardwalk
1444.8 acres, natural resource park

LAP Lake Accotink Park
7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield
basketball, volleyball, minigolf, trails, picnic
448.1 acres, multiple resource park

LFP Lake Fairfax Park
1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston
softball (lit), soccer/football (unlit), amphitheater, carousel, campground, tour boat, picnic shelters
479 acres, multiple resource park

FRA Lee District Park
6601 Telegraph Road, Franconia
softball, soccer/football, tennis, basketball, volleyball, trails, treehouse, sprayground, accessible playground
138 acres, district park

MDP Mason District Park
6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale
softball (lit), soccer/football (unlit/lit), basketball (lit), tennis (lit), shuffleboard, dog park, amphitheater, biking/hiking/fitness
121.2 acres, district park

NWP Nottoway Park
9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna
baseball (lit), soccer/football (lit), basketball (lit), tennis (lit), trails, picnic
90.9 acres, district park

RBP Riverbend Park
8700 Potomac Hill Street, Great Falls
nature center, historic structure, biking/equestrian/hiking trails, picnic areas, craft room
411.2 acres, multiple resource park

SRN Scotts Run Nature Preserve
7400 Georgetown Pike, McLean
historic structure, historic/hiking/nature trails, fishing
384.3 acres, natural resource park

SRD South Run District
7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield
baseball, soccer/football, basketball, tennis, recenter, equestrian, playground, swimming
196 acres, district park

WFP Wakefield Park & RECenter
8100 Braddock Road, Annandale
softball, soccer/football, basketball, tennis, recenter, biking, fitness trail, skate park
292.6 acres, multiple resource park



On Sunday evenings, the community gathers in the pavilion, to enjoy a summer concert series, sponsored by the Friends of Fort Hunt Park.

PARKS

A GUIDE TO FAIRFAX COUNTY PARKS IN THE GREAT FALLS, RESTON & HERNDON AREAS

Map Number Park Name

Address, City
Property Class

1 Hutchison ES

13209 Parcher Ave., Herndon
Community Park

2 Coppermine Crossing SS

2744 Cooper Creek Rd, Herndon
School Site

3 Arrowbrooke

2351 Field Point Road, Herndon
Community Park

4 Dulles Corner

2446 Dulles View Drive, Herndon
Community Park

5 Franklin Farm

13590 Franklin Farm Road, Herndon
Community Park

6 Reston Town Green

Cameron Glen Dr, Reston
Neighborhood Park

7 Shaker Woods

1225 Stuart Road, Reston
Community Park

8 Hickory Run SS

Sheshue St, Great Falls
School Site

15 Chandon

900 Palmer Drive, Herndon
Community Park

16 Fred Crabtree

2801 Fox Mill Road, Herndon
District Park

17 Franklin Oaks

2961 Franklin Oaks Drive, Herndon
Neighborhood Park

18 Stratton Woods

2431 Fox Mill Road, Reston
Community Park



On the hottest day of the year, the water park fills to capacity. The Water Mine Family Swimmin' Hole operates from Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day. Inside, guests will find a tot pool, lazy river, tube slides, and more.



The park offers several picnic areas and large shelters available, for rent. Jettika (right), of Loudoun, and Payal, of Fairfax, came for a large family celebration on the lake.

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FEATURING
LAKE FAIRFAX PARK



9 Sully Historic

3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly
Cultural Resource Park

10 Dranesville Tavern

11919 Leesburg Pike, Herndon
Cultural Resource Park

11 Grand Hamptons

1081 Saffa Street, Herndon
Neighborhood Park

12 Stanton

910 Third Street, Herndon
Community Park

13 Alabama Drive

1100 Alabama Drive, Herndon
Community Park

14 Bruin

415 Van Buren Street, Herndon
Community Park

19 Floris School Site

2621 Centreville Road, Herndon
Community Park

20 Frying Pan Farm

2717 West Ox Road, Herndon
Multiple Resource Park

21 Baron Cameron

11300 Baron Cameron Avenue, Reston
District Park

22 Lake Fairfax

1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston
Multiple Resource Park

23 South Lakes Drive

11851 South Lakes Drive, Reston
Community Park

24 Reston North

1635 Reston Parkway, Reston
Community Park

25 Stuart Road

12001 Lake Newport Road, Reston
Community Park

26 Holly Knolls

1010 Redberry Court, Great Falls
Neighborhood Park

27 Great Falls Nike

1089 Utterback Store Road, Great Falls
District Park

28 Windermere

11000 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls
Community Park

29 Lockmeade

1104 Riva Ridge Drive, Great Falls
Community Park

30 Lexington Estates

10401 Sheshue Street, Great Falls
Neighborhood Park

31 Colvin Run Mill Site

10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls
Cultural Resource Park

32 The Turner Farm

925 Springvale Road, Great Falls
Community Park

33 Great Falls Grange

9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls
Community Park

34 Riverbend

8700 Potomac Hill Street, Great Falls
Multiple Resource Park



Lake Fairfax Park, located in Reston, covers 473 acres. Between the campground athletic fields, trails, water activities, skatepark, and playground areas, there is something to interest children of all ages.



Domenic Scavuzzo, of Vienna, came to Lake Fairfax to do a little fishing. During the spring, the lake is stocked with thousands of pounds of rainbow trout. Fishing licenses are available on site.

NONPROFITS

Reston Citizens Association (RCA)

Reston Citizens Association (RCA) is a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation, founded in 1967. RCA promotes and protects Reston's founding principles in the political arena by serving as a non-partisan forum for all residents and as an advocate for the community with County and State government. www.RCAreston.com

Useful Services Exchange (USE)

One of the most inviting groups in Reston was established in 1975 and has helped hundreds of members since then. Simply known as USE—USEful Services Exchange—members perform services for each other for USE credit or debit hours, rather than as direct or monetary exchanges between people.

Composed of an international, intergeneration population, members chip in \$10 a year (or \$20 for an entire family) to join in this neighbor-to-neighbor exchange. Need a trip to the doctor? A ceiling-high light bulb replaced? A child transported to a school activity? A friend to hold your hand during a health crisis? USE does it all—and even offers a “Just Ask” category for something not on the services list. www.restonuse.org.

Rescue Reston

Rescue Reston is a grassroots organization comprising community volunteers who oppose redevelopment of Reston National Golf Course into residential housing or any site development other than a golf course or comparable open space. Whether you golf or just enjoy the outdoors, learn more about Reston Open Space at www.RescueReston.org.

Reston Environmental Action (REACT)

Is a nonprofit organization of residents working within their neighborhood or building to increase green habits.

Everyone one is welcome to attend the REACT annual meeting, with guest speaker Erin Trager discussing offshore wind power in Virginia, on Wednesday, October 2nd at Walker Center Nature House at 7:30 p.m.

To encourage recycling, eco-friendly yard and garden care, greener transportation or energy conservation, call 703-620-0151 or email info@restonenvironmentalaction.org.

Sweet Virginia Foundation, Inc.

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NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

The Herndon field hockey team won the Conference 5 championship in 2014.



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Getting to Know Herndon Sports

Field hockey team won Conference 5 championship.

School: Herndon High School

Mascot: Hornets.

School Colors: Red and black.

Athletic Director: Jonathan Frohm, 703-810-2275.

Football Coach: Jeremiah Davis (second year).

The Hornets lost four of their last five games and finished 4-6. Herndon hasn't made the playoffs since 2008.

Field Hockey Coach: Mary Miller.

Volleyball Coach: Bruce Short.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Gary Hall.

Girls' Basketball Coach: Cornelius Snead.

Rival School: South Lakes.

What happened last year: The field hockey team finished 19-3, won the Conference 5 champi-

onship and reached the region semifinals. The boys' basketball team lost to Westfield in the conference championship game and reached the region quarterfinals. The baseball team reached the region quarterfinals.

Notable: The field hockey team's 2014 Conference 5 championship was the program's first conference/district title since 1979.

Quotable: "We now get to put our year up [on a banner] in the gym. That's what we wanted — we wanted to make history." — Then-senior Taylor Stone after the Herndon field hockey team beat defending state champion Westfield to win the 2014 Conference 5 championship.

Getting to Know Oakton Sports

Girls' cross country team repeated as state champion.

School: Oakton High School

Mascot: Cougars.

School Colors: Burgundy and gold.

Athletic Director: Pat Full, 703-319-2760.

Football Coach: Jason Rowley (fifth year).

The Cougars started 3-0 in 2014, lost their next four and then won two of their final three regular-season games to get to 5-5 and earn a postseason berth. Oakton lost to Lake Braddock 44-14 in the opening round of the 6A North region playoffs and ended the year with a 5-6 record.

Field Hockey Coach: Allison Ryneski.

Volleyball Coach: Dan Courain.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Dave Brooks.

Girls' Basketball Coach: Fred Priester.

Baseball Coach: Justin Janis.

Boys' Soccer Coach: Todd Spitalny.

Rival School: Madison.

What happened last year: The girls' cross country team won its second consecutive 6A state championship. Then-senior Allie Klimkiewicz placed third in the individual competition. The girls' basketball team finished 26-3, reached the state semifinals, and won Conference 5 and 6A North region titles. The girls' lacrosse team finished region and conference runners-up. The boys' soccer team



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The Oakton girls' cross country team won the 2014 6A state championship.

reached the region semifinals. The boys' cross country team finished fourth in the state. The volleyball team finished Conference 5 runner-up. The boys' and girls' tennis teams won state championships. The boys' swim and dive team won the state title. The girls' swim and dive team finished state runner-up.

Notable: The Oakton girls' lacrosse program has reached the state championship game seven times in 10 years since lacrosse became a VHSL sport in 2006. The Cougars won three straight state titles from 2006 through 2008, and won a fourth championship in 2012.

Quotable: "We thought that they [recognize] three teams on the podium. We were the second to go up there and they handed us the first-place trophy and we were just very confused." — Then-senior harrier Allie Klimkiewicz, who was part of an Oakton girls' cross country team that won the 2014 state title, but approached the podium thinking they finished second.



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Then-senior Mitch Blackstone and the Marshall baseball team finished 5A state runner-up in 2014.

Getting to Know South Lakes Sports

Baseball team qualified for regionals for first time since 2003.

School: South Lakes High School

Mascot: Seahawks.

School Colors: Royal Blue and Kelly Green.

Athletic Director: Linda Jones, 703-715-4517.

Football Coach: Trey Taylor (second year).

The Seahawks lost their first five games in 2014 and finished 2-8, with wins over Thomas Jefferson and Marshall.

Field Hockey Coach: Allison Woron.

Volleyball Coach: Mike Ware.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Andrew Duggan.

Girls' Basketball Coach: Christy Winters Scott.

Girls' Soccer Coach: Lauren Ebert.

Boys' Soccer Coach: Marty Pfister

Baseball Coach: Morgan Spencer.

Softball Coach: Carlos Soto.

Rival School: Herndon.

What happened last year: The baseball team qualified for regionals for the first time since 2003 and upset Conference 7 champion Lake Braddock in the first round. The boys' and girls' basketball teams qualified for regionals. The softball team finished 15-9 and qualified for regionals.

Notable: Grant Hill, who spent 19 seasons in the NBA with four different teams, graduated from South Lakes in 1990. The Detroit Pistons selected Hill No. 3 overall in the 1994 draft and the seven-time all-star went on to score more than 17,000 points with the Pistons, Orlando Magic, Phoenix Suns and Los Angeles Clippers. He won two NCAA national championships while at Duke University, and won a gold medal at the 1996 Summer Olympics with Team USA.

Quotable: "At the beginning of the year we had two goals: make the regional tournament and win the [conference]. Goal one is accomplished and now on to goal two. It's a great feeling and a huge win for our program in general." — Matt Wojciechowski, then a senior pitcher, after the South Lakes baseball team defeated W-L in the 2015 Conference 6 quarterfinals to earn the program's first regional berth since 2003.

NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

YEAR-ROUND ENTERTAINMENT

September 2015

ONGOING

JamBrew. Every Friday in September, beginning Sept. 4. 6-10 p.m. Town Green, 777 Lynn St. Herndon. Outdoor music festival. <http://jambrew.com/>.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 5

Lake Anne Jazz & Blues Festival. 1 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza (Waterfront), 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Showcasing a variety of talented local emerging artists and national jazz performers. Visit <http://lakeanneplaza.com/event/9th-annual-lake-anne-jazz-festival/>.

MONDAY/SEPT. 7

Herndon Labor Day Festival. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. Downtown Herndon celebrates Labor Day with an annual festival - great music, a craft show, food, wineries, micro-brews and culinary demonstrations will all be there. Visit <http://www.herndon-va.gov/>.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/SEPT. 11-12

ChalkFest. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Free for spectators, participants register for a fee which includes supplies. Rain or shine. Information: publicartreston.org.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 13

Reston Triathlon. 7 a.m. Lake Audubon, Twin Branches Road, Reston. Swim, bike and run in the

"Reston World Championships." Visit www.restontriathlon.org/tri.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 20

Herndon Kids Triathlon. 8 a.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon. This kids triathlon gives youngsters an opportunity to compete in one of the fastest growing sports in the United States. The event is designed for any youth, ages 6-16, regardless of athletic ability or prior triathlon experience. Visit www.herndon-va.gov.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 26

Walk to End Alzheimer's. 10 a.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Walk and fundraise to further the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. Visit http://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=7382&pg=entry.

Reston Multicultural Festival. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. A celebration of the diversity and community spirit that is found in Reston, this annual event brings together the people of Reston to celebrate the rich medley of cultures. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com/MulticulturalFestival.shtml.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 27

NatureFest. 1-5 p.m. Runnymede Park, 195 Herndon Parkway, Herndon. Explore various nature stations throughout the park including butterflies, bees, life in the meadow, web of life and much more with live animal shows throughout the day. Visit www.herndon-va.gov.

October 2015

THURSDAY/OCT. 1

4th Annual Reston Town Center Help the Homeless Walk. 11:30 a.m. Reston Town Center, 11959 Market St, Reston. Walk from Mayflowers Floral Design Studio on The Promenade to the Embury Rucker Community Shelter and back. Funds will enable Cornerstones to provide essential resources and services for individuals and families in the community who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Visit www.cornerstonesva.org/events_list/hth.

SUNDAY/OCT. 4

HernDOG Bark Bash. 12-3 p.m. Bready Park, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. HernDOG Bark Bash is a free event for dog lovers with three hours of four-legged fun. The event will feature agility demonstrations, owner and dog team contests, adoptions, an off leash area and wide variety of dog themed vendors. Entry to HernDOG Bark Bash is free but fees may apply to vendor products or services. Friendly, leashed, and vaccinated dogs (and their owners) are welcome.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 10-11

Oktoberfest Reston. Saturday, 12-11 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Enjoy food and drinks, live entertainment, a carnival and a chili cook-off at Northern Virginia's largest fall festival. Visit www.oktoberfestreston.com.

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Reston Multicultural Festival



**SATURDAY
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FEATURING:

Naturalization Ceremony • International Book Fair • National Heritage Award Fellows
Arts & Crafts • Exciting Entertainment • *Art Mirrors Culture* 3D Exhibit
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NEW THIS YEAR: *We Make Reston* community exhibit, part of the global initiative
INSIDE OUT: The People's Art Project.

The Reston Multicultural Festival is hosted by Lake Anne Plaza and co-sponsored by the Reston Association, with partners from a variety of Reston-based organizations and businesses.

