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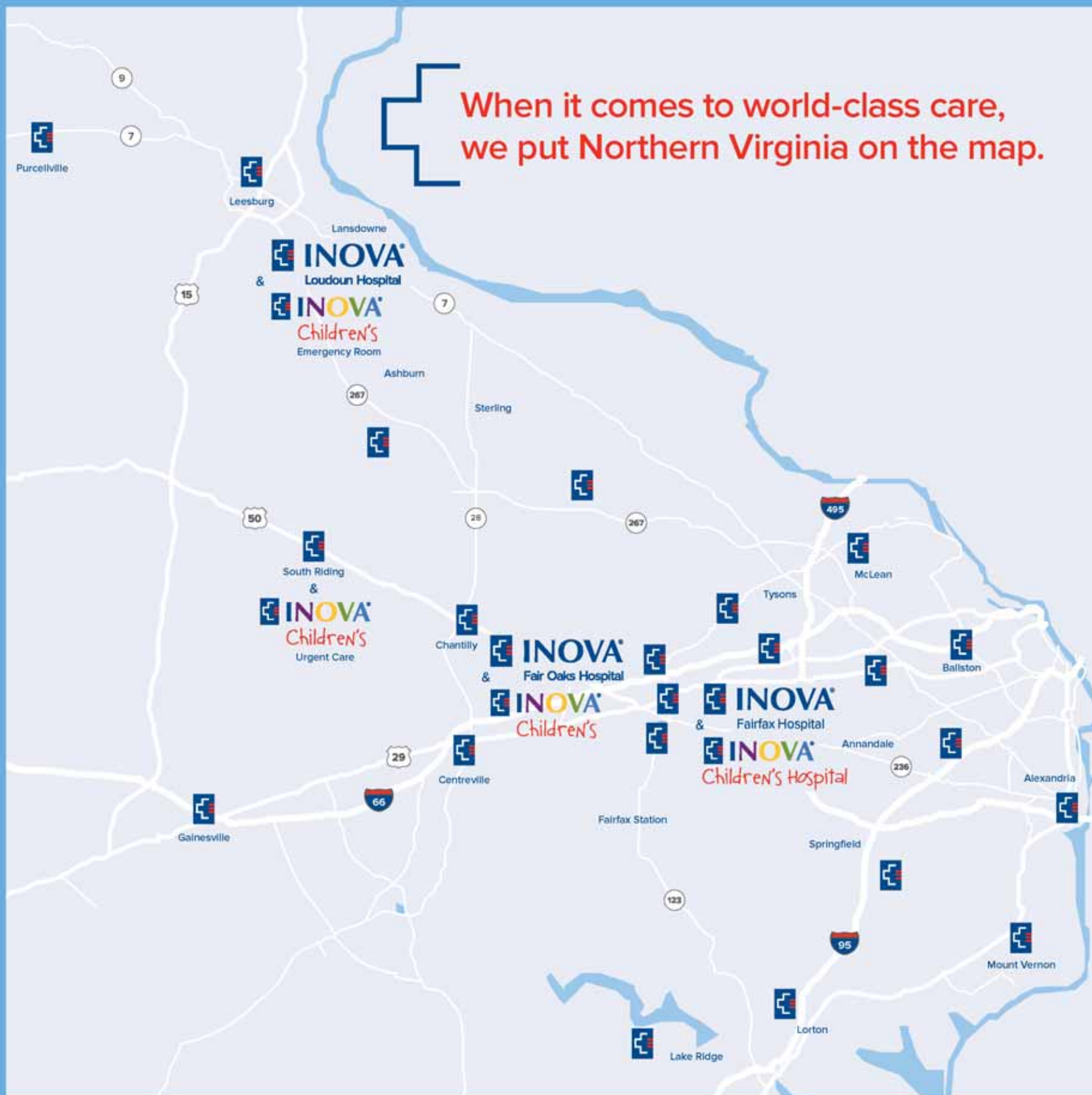
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Celebrating election 2015: From left, Sheriff Stacey Kincaid and Del. Jennifer Boysko (D-86). Boysko's election brings a Democrat to the district for the first time in many years.

Herndon 2015: Year in Review

Town elections spring to fall; Rust retires, Boysko elected, downtown vision takes shape and more.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Town Purchases Historic Downtown Property

Herndon's Council voted to purchase 1.67 acres of land in Herndon's historic downtown from Ashwell, LLC for \$3.519 million.

The Town already owned the municipal parking lot and the parking lot parcel containing ArtSpace. But the Elden Street front property, that had been occupied by the Subaru dealership, affected the value of the Town's land as well as Herndon's plans for

all of the downtown.

"Combined with approximately three acres of land already owned by the town, the purchase clears the way for a comprehensive development project in the downtown, in accordance with the Downtown Master Plan adopted by the Town Council in 2011," according to County documents.

The Town's Master Plan envisions a mix of retail, office and residential development, to include four-story mixed-use/residential structures; three-story mixed-use/commercial structures; a jointly-funded public/private parking structure; an arts center and more.

"People are ready for this," said Mayor Lisa Merkel.

"The Town of Herndon has been envisioning a comprehensive redevelopment in our downtown for decades," she said. "Until this purchase, however, we have been limited in our ability to effectively position downtown Herndon for comprehensive redevelopment, as much of the necessary land was under private ownership."

The Town of Herndon gives residents the opportunity to track progress on the downtown projects on its website www.herndon.va.gov.

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A YEAR IN REVIEW

Highlights of 2015

Bipartisan Successes

Congressman Gerald E. Connolly (D-11): "It was a busy year for Congress which saw bipartisan action on major, long-overdue initiatives that will benefit every segment of our community. For starters, Congress passed another two-year bipartisan budget agreement that replaces some of the draconian sequester cuts, which have disproportionately harmed Northern Virginia. It's critical we maintain domestic and defense investments, and I will continue to push for relief from sequestration."

I was proud to represent Northern Virginia on the House-Senate conference committee that negotiated the new long-term transportation bill – the first in 10 years, which will provide more than \$530 million in new road, transit, and safety improvements across Virginia. Congress

also passed reforms to the Medicare payment formula to protect seniors and their doctors from harmful cuts, a perennial problem, and place it on a more sustainable path. We replaced the unpopular No Child Left Behind Act in favor of more flexible standards, and we passed new Trade Promotion Authority, setting rigorous labor, environmental, and enforcement standards for future trade deals. As you can see, Congress finally got something substantial done this year, and I hope these bipartisan successes will continue into 2016."



Gerald E. Connolly

Thank You to Retiring Supervisors

Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors: "This summer, Fairfax County showcased our impressive public safety capabilities during the exciting World Police and Fire Games."

In March, to build on and enhance an already great Police Department, I convened a Police Practices Review Commission.

Recommendations from this 30+ member Commission centered on use of force, response to offenders suffering from mental illness, communications, oversight and recruitment. Changes resulting from the work of the Commission will help foster our culture of public trust and ensure the fair and timely resolution

of police-involved incidents.

I signed on to Michelle Obama's "Mayor's Challenge" to end Veteran Homelessness by the end of 2015. Thanks to our strong partnership with nonprofits and faith-based organizations, homeless veterans are now quickly identified and connected to support services and housing.

The year 2015 was an election year for local government. Please join me in saying "Thank you" to retiring supervisors Gerry Hyland and Mike Frey and "Welcome" to new Supervisors Dan Storck and Kathy Smith."



Sharon Bulova

Cranes Are Back, Big Time!

Del. Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum (D-36): "While some look at the jagged lines on a graph to see how a region is doing economically, I have a much simpler approach: I look at the distant horizon and count the number of construction cranes I see looming. For several years they had disappeared during the Great Recession, but they are back big time! Reston Station has had a couple of cranes in place finishing the Blvd Apartments that will be opening next year.

They were replaced by another crane at the office building going up on the plaza

at Reston Station. Around the corner, two cranes are working on an apartment building that will join the recently-opened Harrison Apartments and Avant at Town Center.

Spectrum is undergoing rejuvenation. All the construction is an indicator that our economy is healthy and that we will be able to enjoy the educational, cultural and community advantages that come with prosperity."



Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum

Only LIGHT Can Do That! A living history musical celebrating the greatness of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

ArtSpace Herndon presents Only LIGHT Can Do That! on Jan. 16, 4-5 p.m. at Floris United Methodist Church. Only LIGHT Can Do That! is a living history musical celebrating the genius, the greatness, the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Starring actor, dancer, singer Hasani Allen (NextStop Theatre's "Kiss Me Kate") as Dr. King, and featuring music,



Hasani Allen

beloved songs and actual testimonies from the period, this inspirational performance will bring you back to the turbulent 60s and the "drum major for justice" who dared to dream a dream and persisted to his untimely death to see that dream live on and on. Hasani Allen is known as a "triple threat." He can sing, he can dance and he is one incredible actor. Allen has been in the theater from a very young age, performing in his first professional production at the Walnut Street Theater at the age of ten. He most recently wowed standing room only audiences in NextStop Theatre's production of "Kiss Me Kate" (Paul) receiving

rave reviews by Broadway World and DC Metro Theater Arts.

Special appearances by Candice Bostwick, Sumayyah Abdullah, Martina Green, Call to Harmony Men's Choir, and Treble Clefs Ensemble. Only LIGHT Can Do That! is funded in part by the Town of Herndon Parks and Recreation Department, Worldgate Centre Herndon, Floris United Methodist Church, the Arts Council of Fairfax County, Christ Fellowship Church of Herndon, the Town of Herndon, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts.

Floris United Methodist Church is located

at 13600 Frying Pan Road, Herndon.

Tickets are \$20 adults; \$15 seniors; \$10 students 12+; children under 12 free. Visit ArtSpaceHerndon.org for more information or to purchase tickets. Ask for a 15% group discount when purchasing 10 or more adult tickets by calling 703-956-6590.

Event proceeds will support the Herndon Foundation for the Cultural Arts' continuance of visual and performing arts programming at ArtSpace Herndon. The material in the performance is appropriate and recommended for middle school students and above.

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Next Step: Request for Proposals

Following the purchase of the Ashwell property which created a contiguous 4.675 acres of Town-owned land in Herndon's downtown, the Town issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on Nov. 2, 2015. The town's vision for the redevelopment calls for four-story (mixed-use/residential) and three-story (mixed-use/commercial) structures, a jointly-funded public/private parking structure, and an 18,000 square foot arts center, among other features. Initial proposals are due in February 2016. The process will be executed in two phases: an initial concept phase, open to all proposers, and a detailed phase, open to proposers upon invitation following review of initial concept phase proposals. Additional information, including the complete RFP, is available on the town's website at www.herndon-va.gov. Interested proposers may contact Dennis Holste, economic development manager, at dennis.holste@herndon-va.gov.

According to the RFP, Herndon: "hereby solicits submission of proposals for the redevelopment of 4.675 acres of land in historic downtown Herndon into an attractive, mixed-use development, including a parking structure in which the Town has fee interest to a minimum of 220 spaces. The Town envisions a development of excellent design and quality providing the historic town core with additional vitality while respecting and reflecting the heritage of the downtown," according to Town documents. "The Town envisions these benefits to be utilized to develop a superb environment for outdoor pedestrian enhancements including outdoor dining and passive and programmed activities. The site also benefits by being within 1.5 miles of the future Silver Line Herndon Metro Station. The Town will have circulator bus service from the downtown to the future Metro station."

Preparing for Silver Line

Herndon continues to prepare for the fu-

ture Metrorail station in Herndon.

"Herndon is ready," said Mayor Lisa Merkel, regarding Herndon's future Silver Line stop. Merkel dubbed Herndon, "A Next Generation Small Town."

"We are so fortunate," she said. "This is a huge project, one of the biggest infrastructure projects in the country. There aren't many towns that can get involved in projects like this."

The Washington Metropolitan Airports Authority recently projected cost of Phase I, the 11.7 mile segment of the Silver Line with five stops, to be \$2.982 billion.

Construction is hoped to begin on Herndon's future Silver Line Stop in 2016, with its opening by 2019-2020, according to a talk Merkel gave in May.

The entire Silver Line will be a 23-mile extension of the existing Metrorail system from East Falls Church, with current stations in Tysons and Reston, and additional stops in Reston, Herndon and eventually to Washington Dulles International Airport west to Ashburn.

The Herndon Town Council approved 38 acres to be set aside for its future Metro stop in February 2012.

"It's the right space, we could never consider that in any other part in town," said Merkel.

Merkel called the Silver Line the "economic engine for the next 50 to 100 years."

Herndon has more than 1,100 businesses and four corporate headquarters in town. Herndon anticipates attracting additional businesses and perhaps a campus or satellite campus in the future.

"We want to make sure we capitalize on this opportunity," she said.

Tom Rust Retires

Del. Tom Rust (R-86) improved life for Herndon, and for Virginia, say many.

"He is one of the pivotal figures in the history of Herndon," said Eileen Curtis, Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Rust was Herndon's mayor from 1976-1984 and again from 1990-2001. Before he was Herndon's mayor, he served on its Town Council from 1971-1976.

Right after she was elected mayor, Lisa

Merkel invited Rust to lunch.

"I said, 'How do you get things done?' He said, 'You have a vision and you stick with it and you keep pressing ahead,'" Merkel said. "It was a great lunch."

Dranesville Supervisor John Foust has represented the Herndon area of Fairfax County on the Board of Supervisors while Rust represented the Town in the House of Delegates. The two served together on the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission.

"I observed him take many political courageous positions," said Foust.

Foust calls Rust "a gentleman" and a "dedicated and successful public servant."

"He made life better for Herndon residents and all of us who live in the Commonwealth," said Foust.

Eileen Curtis, president of Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, said Rust gave his life to public service for Herndon. "He really does play into the history of the Town," she said.

Rust, 73, surprised many when he announced that he would not seek re-election. He has been Herndon's delegate in the 86th district since 2002.

Rust has lived in Herndon since 1965 and graduated from Herndon High School.

Rust served on four committees including Commerce and Labor, Education, Transportation, and Science and Technology Committees in the House of Delegates and chaired the Joint Commission on Technology and Science.

Rust was an advocate for transportation improvements, and, as an engineer, frequently interpreted technology for his colleagues. Rust served on numerous civic and charitable boards including the Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic, Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, Northern Virginia Community Foundation, Dulles Corridor Rail Association and Fairfax-Falls Church United Way.

Rust received a standing ovation from the Assembly when he made his announcement. "It's been a true honor to serve with you, members of this body, and I wish you the best as you continue to serve the Commonwealth of Virginia and the citizens of Vir-

ginia," said Rust.

"He was always a gentleman, courtly almost," said Curtis.

Foust, Boysko Elected

Dranesville Supervisor John W. Foust (D) was reelected to the Board of Supervisors for his third term, beating first time candidate Jennifer Chronis (R). Foust has served on the Board the last eight years.

"I'm proud of the fact that after eight years people know me pretty well and know how I conduct myself as supervisor. I'm honored that they give me another opportunity," he said.

Long-time Herndon resident Jennifer Boysko (D) will succeed Tom Rust (R) as 86th District delegate, who announced his retirement last spring. Boysko won the 86th District with 54.46 percent of the votes over Danny Vargas, who received 42.01 percent of the vote.

Election night, Boysko was greeted by thunderous applause as she joined her Assembly colleagues on stage at the Democratic victory party. "It's already been an incredible learning experience," said Boysko, in an election night interview after election results came in.

"I've talked to literally thousands of people in my district, listening to what they need, what are their concerns," she said.

Boysko served as Foust's legislative aide, and worked on many Herndon issues.

"She's an amazingly hard worker, she's smart, she cares about people and doing great things, and she's in public service for all the right reasons," said Foust.

Vargas, Boysko's opponent received large, late infusions of campaign money from Republicans, and had a total of \$705,323, funding many mailers and TV commercials attacking Boysko.

Moving Town Election to Fall

Herndon's Council adopted an ordinance
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Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce CEO Jim Corcoran, new Metro general manager Paul Wiedefeld, Chair of the Board of Directors of the WMATA Mortimer L. Downey, and Fairfax County Supervisor Catherine Hudgins attended a Dec. 17 public meeting at Wiehle-Reston East station. Wiehle-Reston East station is the current final stop for the Metro's Silver Line.



Metro's New Manager Meets the Public

Farewell paper tickets, welcome General Manager Wiedefeld.

BY RYAN DUNN
THE CONNECTION

In 1965, federal legislation allowed for the creation of a mass transit system for Washington, D.C. The Washington Metro system would be part of President Lyndon B. Johnson's vision to rebuild cities and bring the nation together. Washington Metro system was begun with ambitions, and started service in 1976. Almost forty years later, new General Manager Paul Wiedefeld is trying to win back public support for the transit system.

WMATA transit systems have been facing a loss of credibility with frequent delays and lack of transparency. Wiedefeld said his priority is safety and to improve reliability. Wiedefeld is a former head of Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport and a former Maryland transit official. The new GM says he will not seek to raise wage transportation fees until 2017. With the opening of the Silver Line, Metrorail serves a total of 91 stations on a 118-mile system in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Since accepting the position of general manager, Wiedefeld has fielded questions from riders at a public forums, including the newly formed WMATA Riders' Union. The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hosted a forum at the Wiehle-Reston East station Thursday, Dec. 17 to hear from the public about WMATA and help identify solutions for Metro. Attending were Wiedefeld, Fairfax County Supervisor Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), Chair of the Board of Directors of the WMATA Mortimer L. Downey, and Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce CEO Jim Corcoran.

Virginia's two principal (voting) directors on the WMATA board include Corcoran, who represents the state government, and Hudgins who represents Fairfax County on the panel. In January, Hudgins will reach the 12-year mark as a Metro board member.

Virginia's two alternate members, Arlington County Board Chairman Mary Hynes and Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille, are leaving office.

After an introduction, Wiedefeld joined Hudgins, Downey, and Corcoran in taking questions from an audience of over twenty persons at the Wiehle-Reston East station. Wiedefeld shared he uses the Metro in his work commute. Downey said the Metro radio system needs to be replaced, so at the same time equipment to improve cell phone reach will be installed. FCC Commissioner Michael O'Rielly and Downey hope the project can be completed in less than five years. Wiedefeld also said a nationwide search is underway for a new safety director at Metro.

Arlington resident Audrey Clement encouraged Wiedefeld to focus on maintenance issues during his first year as manager. Other topics mentioned at the Reston meeting included the possibility of a frequent-flyer or frequent-rider program, along with time changes for Metro morning peak hour fare. WMATA will also try out a flexible "name your own price" passes. Some in audience wondered if praise is shared with Metro staff. "I never hear anything back if I call in to compliment a conductor," said Merrifield resident Kerry Morse. This lead to questions on whether Metro staff and station managers could enjoy a sense of ownership or pride on the stations and lines they worked.

Alexandria resident John Nelson, who uses the Metro Blue Line and will join the Riders' Advisory Council (RAC) in January, asked if police presence could be encouraged at the Metro stations. Wiedefeld agreed with the idea, and wants increased police visibility, not just at the information kiosks but also on the platforms.

Arlington resident Brian Gannon, who works in Reston as a facility manager at the Reston Community Center at Hunters Wood, attended the Dec. 17 Reston meeting. While Gannon said the official WMATA mobile phone app could be improved, he was glad Metro has a permanent manager. "I like how the general manager is making himself available and listening. I am optimistic," said Gannon.

In the meantime, work continues on Phase 2 of the Virginia Silver Line, which is expected to reach Dulles International Airport and begin service in 2020.

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OPINION

Merry Christmas

We wish you hope, peace, love and joy during this holiday season.

The pages of the Connection have been full of holiday spirit for more than a month. Menorah lightings, group and individual efforts to help the needy, stories of giving, secular celebrations, religious celebrations. Shopping locally. Giving locally.

Christmas is about the birth of Jesus Christ. Whether you believe the Christmas story literally or in spirit, you know it is the story of joy, hope and love, the promise of redemption.

It is also about embracing the teachings of Jesus: to love thy neighbor as thyself; to help the needy; to feed and clothe the poor; to care for those who are sick; to treat others as you would have them treat you.

Matthew 7:12 "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 25:35-40 "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we

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see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

So let us share the verse relating the birth of Jesus from the Bible, Luke 2: 4-19:

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country, shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.'

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, 'Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.' And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds."

— MARY KIMM

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Editor's Note about the rest of 2015: This is our last regular edition of 2015. Next week, after Christmas, we will publish our annual Children's Connection, devoted entirely to the artwork and writing of local students. Our next regular editions will publish Jan. 6-7, 2016, with deadline for content and advertising of Dec. 30 (late ads accepted).

In the meantime you can reach the editors at editors@connectionnewspapers.com and sales/marketing/advertising at sales@connectionnewspapers.com.

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The Time to Give

County promotes 11 ways to give back to your community.

BY WENDY LEMIEUX
FAIRFAX COUNTY OFFICE OF
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(OP³)



It's the most wonderful time of the year ... to help others. Fairfax County has made it easy with its "Forget the Fruitcake — Ways to Give Campaign" that promotes 11 ways to give back to your community. Running through the end of the year, you can donate to any of these 11 county nonprofits, foundations and agencies in honor of anyone on your gift list. It makes shopping easy and offers you a nice tax deduction. But best of all, it helps those organizations succeed in bringing goods and services to those who need them most at this time of year.

On any given day more than 67,000 people go hungry in the county and more than 30 percent of the students in Fairfax County

schools are eligible for free and reduced lunch. Despite its affluent status, Fairfax has a population that benefits from programs such as "Ways to Give." There is something for everyone on your list whether they like animals, education, summer fun or community spirit. Gifts that give back include books, a week at camp, medical care, bikes, trees and food for the hungry.

Through a partnership with ad agency Williams Whittle, Fairfax County's Office of Public Private Partnerships has honed the mes-

sage and the graphics which has made a difference in the look and feel of the campaign. Williams Whittle liked the campaign in previous years and offered their professional services and contacts to make the program even better. And it's resulted in numerous pro bono advertisement and engagement from community stakeholders. One beneficiary of the increased exposure was the Fairfax County Restoration Project (FCRP) — whose mission is to restore the tree canopy in Fairfax County. When the first ad was placed in

the Connection in mid-November, FCRP reported a 70 percent increase in visits to their website that offers to plant five native trees in honor of a family member or friend.

This is the fifth year of the "Ways to Give" campaign that so far has resulted in an increase of 50 percent in web traffic. Although donation numbers won't be available until January, participating agencies and nonprofits have reported a surge in traffic to their sites.

To donate and learn more visit www.GiveFairfax.net.



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SATURDAY/DEC. 26

Saturday Kids Program. 10 a.m. Reston Art Gallery, 11400 Washington Plaza W, Reston. For children 3-11. This week's project: Get ready for New Year's Eve, unbreakable, decorative, embellished champagne (milk) glasses. No reservation needed. 703-481-8156. www.restonartgallery.com.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 30

Puppet Show: Wild Winter Break. 10 a.m. 11:15 a.m. Walker Nature Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. Enjoy a creative puppet show about how the animals at the nature center are spending their winter break. Create an animal puppet of your own to take home. Ages 5 to 12 with an adult. \$6/\$8. Reserve by Sunday, Dec. 24. naturecenter@reston.org. 703-476-9689.

THURSDAY/DEC. 31

New Year's Eve Celebrations for Children. 2-4 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Children's crafts and dance Workshop with Acoatzin Torres. Free cocoa and snacks. Register at website: <http://www.artspaceherndon.com/events-2/>. 703-956-6590.

New Year's Eve Celebrations for Adults. 10 p.m.-12:20 a.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. A Night of New Orleans Jump Blues with Herbie D. and the Dangersmen. \$25. Cash bar. <http://www.artspaceherndon.com/events-2/>. 703-956-6590.

New Year's Eve Scramble Golf Event. 8:30 a.m. Centennial Gold Course, 909 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Breakfast, gold and prizes. \$70 per player. Register by Monday, Dec. 21. <http://www.herndongolf.com/>.

SUNDAY/JAN. 3

Country Western Dance. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Line dance, two-step, shuffle and swing the night away to popular country/western tunes played by RCC's DJ. Refreshments served. 18 and older. \$5/\$10. 703-476-4500.

TUESDAY/JAN. 5

Cafe Montmartre Painting with a Twist. 7 p.m. Cafe Montmartre, 1625 Washington Plaza N, Reston. Paint a gorgeous, Van Gogh-inspired picture of the Eiffel Tower. Artist/instructor, and Lake Anne resident, Luisa Vargas, will walk you through step by step and make sure your painting is a masterpiece. Find out how to reserve your place at 703-904-8080.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 6

Election Information Session. 7-8:30 p.m. Reston Association Conference Center, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Information session for members interested in running for a position on the RA Board of Directors. Three seats on the board open in April of 2016: Lake Anne/Tall Oaks District Representative, North Point District Representative, and At-Large Member. www.reston.org.

SUNDAY/JAN. 10

Sunday Afternoon Dance. 2:30-4:30 p.m. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Dancers of all skill levels are welcome to foxtrot, swing, cha-cha, and waltz during these fun afternoon dances. Music selection ranges from golden oldies to today's more modern dance selections. Door prizes and



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”When it rains, it pours” by Yeong-hi Paik will be on display at ArtSpace Herndon’s Korean Pop Art in America from Dec. 8-Jan. 10.



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Portal, 2014, Mylar, fossils, variable dimensions by Rebecca Kamen is on display at the gallery at Greater Reston Arts Center from Dec. 1-Feb. 13.

light refreshments add to the fun; partners are not required. 18 and older. \$5/\$10 per session. 703-476-4500.

SATURDAY/JAN. 16

”Remembering the Dream.” 4 p.m. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Reston Community Orchestra celebrates the life and vision of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at its next concert “Remembering the Dream” with symphonic works, spirituals, and songs inspired by his legacy. Featuring baritone Bryan Jackson and Reston's own Beverly Cosham.

Free. www.restoncommunityorchestra.org.
Only Light Can Do That! 4-5 p.m. Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Road, Herndon. Living history musical celebrating the genius, the greatness, the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Starring actor, dancer, singer Hasani Allen (Next Stop Theatre's Kiss Me Kate) as Dr. King. Free-\$20. <http://www.artspaceherndon.com/only-light-can-do-that/>. 703-956-6590.

Saturday Kids Program. 10 a.m. Reston Art Gallery, 11400 Washington Plaza W, Reston. For children 3-11. This week's project: MLK, “I Have a Dream” drawings. No

Ongoing

”Middletown” by Will Eno. Jan. 14-Feb. 7. NextStop Theatre Company, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. In this quirky, modern companion to “Our Town,” residents of Middletown seek the meaning of suburban life. Encounter thought-provoking universal themes and a few personalities you may recognize from your own neighbors and

friends. www.NextStopTheatre.org. 703-481-5930.

2016 ArtSpace Herndon Fine Art Photography Competition. Submission by 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. ArtSpace Herndon invites photographers from Virginia, DC, Maryland, and West Virginia to participate in the competition. It is open to fine art photographers aged 18 or older working in any medium (digital or analog, color or



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Herbie D and the Dangersmen return for the annual New Year's Eve Celebration at ArtSpace Herndon.

ArtSpace Herndon to Host New Year's Eve Celebrations

ArtSpace Herndon is inviting the public to the New Year's Eve celebrations for children and adults on Dec. 31.

From 2-4 p.m., parents will celebrate the New Year with their children ages 5 to 12 at the Children's Crafts and Dance Workshop led by one of the region's most celebrated youth art and dance instructors - Acoatzin Torres. This two-hour program includes a fun scarf design crafts workshop along with Acoatzin's popular Bollywood, Latin and American folkloric dance lessons. The cost is only \$5 per child and includes complimentary cocoa and snacks. Children should wear old clothes because the craft activity involves fabric dyes.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For the adults, ArtSpace Herndon is happy to announce the return of Herbie D and the Dangersmen - back by popular demand, for the annual New Year's Eve Celebration. Dance the night away to traditional and New Orleans jump blues while enjoying complimentary hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks and a champagne toast at midnight. The donations for wine and beer will be accepted. The celebration is from 10 p.m.-12:30 a.m. and tickets are only \$25/person.

Both events are expected to sell out fast, so be sure to reserve your seats early by visiting ArtSpaceHerndon.org or calling 703-956-6590.

reservation needed. 703-481-8156. www.restonartgallery.com.

SUNDAY/JAN. 17

Anna Deavere Smith from Rodney King to Michael Brown. 8 p.m. CenterStage, Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Returns to Reston with her electric performance and dialogues. \$25/\$35. www.restoncommunitycenter.com.
Bluegrass-Circa Blue. 7 p.m. Frying Pan Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Tight vocal harmonies, clean instrumentation and creative arrangements keep audiences tapping their toes or dancing in their seats. \$18, \$20. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark/>.

MONDAY/JAN. 18

Anna Deavere Smith Reston MLK Birthday Celebration Keynote Address and Community Lunch. Noon. CenterStage, Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. \$5/\$10. www.restoncommunitycenter.com.

SATURDAY/JAN. 23

Reston Camp Expo. 9 a.m. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. learn about providers who serve Reston youth throughout the school year and summer. Also features employment information, demonstrations and crafts and activities for children. www.restoncommunitycenter.com. 703-390-6162.



Matt Wojciechowski in 2015 helped the South Lakes baseball team earn its first region tournament berth since 2003.



Eric Kirlew and the South Lakes football team finished 9-3, including a playoff victory, in 2015.

Top Reston/Herndon Sports Moments from 2015

South Lakes baseball, football win in playoffs.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The year 2015 included the end of a playoff drought, a program turnaround and a few individual titles for Reston/Herndon high school sports.

Two South Lakes teams that had struggled in recent seasons showed improvement, while a Herndon gymnast out-performed her peers.

The following is a look at some of the top moments in Reston/Herndon sports from the year 2015.

South Lakes Baseball Ends Regional Drought

The South Lakes baseball team defeated Washington-Lee 3-1 in the Conference 6 tournament quarterfinals on May 15, earning the Seahawks their first region tournament berth since 2003.

While snapping a regional drought of more than a decade was reason enough to celebrate, the Seahawks would add to their memorable 2015 postseason.

South Lakes entered the 6A North region tournament as the No. 4 seed from Conference 6 and upset Conference 7 champion Lake Braddock 5-0 in the opening round on May 29.

One reason for South Lakes' success was the play of Matt Wojciechowski, who earned second-team all-state honors at second base and also pitched for the Seahawks. Wojciechowski earned the win on the mound against W-L, allowing one run on four hits while striking out 11.



Herndon gymnast Alexa Bradley won the 2015 Conference 5 all-around championships.

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South Lakes Football Finds Success

Prior to 2015, the South Lakes football program compiled a record of 11-30 in the previous four seasons, including 2-8 during head coach Trey Taylor's first campaign with the program in 2014.

With a sophomore quarterback leading

the offense and an improved defense limiting opponents, South Lakes turned things around in 2015, finishing the regular season with a record of 8-2 — the program's best regular season mark in more than 15 years, according to vhs1-reference.com.

In the opening round of the 6A North region playoffs, the Seahawks overcame a 14-point fourth-quarter deficit to beat Oakton 35-28. Sophomore quarterback Devin Miles

completed 17 of 28 passes for 214 yards and three touchdowns, with one interception. Marvin Grunshie had seven receptions for 114 yards and two scores.

In the quarterfinals, South Lakes challenged eventual state champion Westfield before falling to the Bulldogs 24-13.

South Lakes ended the year with a 9-3 record and finished second in the Conference 6 standings behind Madison.

Herndon's Keys, Meilus Win State Championships

Herndon sophomore pole vaulter Jessica Keys and sophomore swimmer Emily Meilus each won individual state titles during the winter season.

Keys won the pole vault title during indoor track season with a clearance of 9 feet, 9 inches. Meilus repeated as 100 backstroke champion with a time of 55.08 seconds.

Herndon's Bradley Wins Conference 5 Gymnastics Title

Herndon gymnast Alexa Bradley won the 2015 Conference 5 all-around championship on Feb. 5 at Centreville High School, beating her nearest competitor by more than two points. Then a sophomore, Bradley produced a score of 36.175. Robinson's Caroline Burda was second with 34.05.

Bradley finished first on floor (9.575), bars (9) and beam (8.5), and placed third on vault (9.1).

Bradley's performance helped Herndon finish second as a team and earn one of the conference's two regional berths.

Bradley would go on to compete as an individual at the state meet. Her best event was bars, on which she placed 15th with a score of 8.975.

SPORTS

Herndon Running Back Achieves Success Before Injury Setback

Josh Schow, of Herndon, recently completed the 2015 football season at Guilford College.

Schow appeared in three of the Quakers' games this season at running back before suffering a season-ending knee injury. He totaled 30 carries for 148 rushing yards with three touchdowns over the team's first three outings. His best game was a 79-yard performance with a touchdown against Methodist University Sept. 12.

Schow will receive a medical redshirt and plans to return to

Guilford next year to complete his eligibility. He is Guilford's all-time leader in rushing touchdowns with 23 and ranks third in career rushing yards with 1,889.

Coach Chris Rusiewicz's Quakers (9-1, 6-1 Old Dominion Athletic Conference) set at least 29 Guilford records in the best football season in school history. The team's nine wins and six league victories both set school standards. Rusiewicz could return as many as 17 starters in 2016, including Schow.



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Herndon's Josh Schow leads rushing touchdowns at Guilford College in North Carolina before suffering knee injury.

South Lakes Boys Win, Girls Place Third at Liberty Elite Invitational

Seniors Anas Fain, Eric Kirlaw and Skander Ballard led 13 South Lakes High School athletes, who met conference, regional and/or state qualifying standards at the Liberty Elite Invitational indoor track and field meet, Saturday, Dec. 12 at Liberty University.

Fain won the 55-meter hurdles in a state-qualifying time of 7.82 and Kirlaw did the same in the triple jump (44-06.00) in leading the boys team to first place. Fain also qualified for the region championship in the high jump (5-10.00, 2nd) while Kirlaw ran conference qualifying times in the 55 meters (5.79, 5th) and 300 meters (38.37, 8th).

Ballard qualified for the region meet in the 300 meters (36.47, 2nd) and the conference meet in the long jump (19-07.25, 3rd) and pole vault (10-10.00, 3rd).

Juniors Devyn Jones and Nikayla Hoyte led the girls team to a third place finish with region qualifying times in their events. Jones won the 55 meter hurdles in 8.61, just barely missing the state standard of 8.60. Hoyte was finished second in the 55

meters (7.43).

Other conference qualifying performances at the meet include:

• Seniors Alex Rudison, pole vault, 10-04.00 (4th); Berket Beyene, 55 hurdles, 9.16 (10th); Nikolai Waithe, 500 meters, 1:08.73, (2nd); Golden Kumi-Darfour, 1,000 meters, 3:04.96, (2nd); John LeBerre, 1,600 meters, 4:37.44 (4th).

• Juniors Timiebi Ogobri, 55 meters, 6.92 (10th); Ashton Reinhold, 500 meters, 1:11.34 (6th).

• Sophomore Sarah Wolfe, 1,000 meters, 3:15.56 (3rd).

Senior Isaac Mensah had a conference qualifying throw of 41-10.50 in the shot put during a quad meet Dec. 11 at Thomas Jefferson Community Center in Arlington while at the Statesmen 2015 Polar Bear Meet Dec. 5 at George C. Marshall High School, sophomores Ronak Cuthill had a conference qualifying mark of 40-05.22 in the shot put and Owen Walker ran a conference qualifying 10:28.66 in the 3,200 meter run.



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SOSi employees donated thousands of cups of coffee to service members stationed overseas this holiday season. Together, the SOSi employees collected boxes of K-Cup coffee and other hot drinks during the month of November to share a small reminder of home with those serving so far away.

The USO's team identified the need for K-Cup coffee refills at bases across the globe and partnered with SOSi to distribute the donations to service members overseas.

The thousands of donated cups were packed into care packages by SOSi employees in the Reston office on Tuesday, Dec. 1 and shipped to five locations in Iraq where U.S. troops are currently stationed.

SOSi currently provides base life support service in two



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SOSi employees and USO representatives pack donated K-Cup refills to distribute to bases across the globe.

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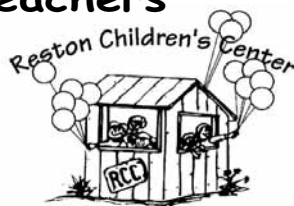
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Last week I was "naive and delusional." This week, not so much. Meaning: I'm well aware of my circumstances and not minding what usually matters. To that point, there's no doubt there are days/weeks that are more challenging than others. And even though I'm a veteran of the cancer wars, seven years and counting come this Feb. 27, I have been to have been blessed with the proper temperament and attitude for the task at hand: enduring the stress and strain of dealing with a cancer diagnosis and all its effects and affects and not going negative/dark in the process. It's not as if cancer has become my new best friend, more like a roommate I've learned to accept — who's not moving out any time soon, but I have learned to manage, mostly. (I am a Libra after all, and balance is my symbol.)

Still, over time, you do get used to the demands. You find a way to ignore the symptoms, not so much that it risks your health, but enough so it doesn't "anguish" your daily life. Because there's definitely no future — or rather not much of one, when every day becomes an emotional battle to the hopefully-not, death, so to speak. I don't want to give cancer too much credit but, it's a fairly powerful adversary and contributing to its strength serves no purpose and creates no advantage. It doesn't need any help doing all the harmful physical, emotional and spiritual, things it does. Granted, nipping it all in the bud is much easier in the garden than it is in the doctor's office/infusion center, but unless you become the master of your domain, the king of the castle, the lord of the manor, the more difficult your cancer experience will be.

This is not to imply that a positive attitude cures cancer. (But I doubt it hurts.) This is more to say that being miserable, feeling sorry for yourself or "woeing" is me, though understandable under the circumstances is boring and as Prince Kuragin (a character from Downton Abbey) said: "Nothing is more tedious than other person's misfortunes." And I certainly don't want to be tedious and boring. As a matter of fact, I'll make the extra effort - even when I don't feel like it, to avoid being thought of as anything but healthy and dare I say, normal. The more positivity I can exude, the more positivity I likely will receive in turn. It's not exactly chemotherapy, targeted treatment or immunotherapy, but "Good Vibrations" is more than just a Beach Boys classic. It's a way to my heart and soul, and hopefully to my lungs as well.

When it comes to being a cancer patient, I know what I know/what I feel, and more importantly — in my mind, anyway, I know what I don't know. Facts, figures, protocols, drugs, clinical trials, I don't know. As my wife's deceased, maternal grandmother, Franny would say: I'm as "dumb as a post." For me, ignorance is sort of bliss. I don't worry about what I don't know; I already have enough trouble worrying about what I do know.

Ergo my strategy: take the good with the bad — which is easy, and when there is bad, compartmentalize it somehow; put it in "the vault." To summarize, and with all credit and respect to Bing Crosby (singing in "White Christmas"): I must "Accentuate the Positive. Eliminate the negative. Latch on to the affirmative." Moreover, I have to believe if I want to feel good, I have to think good — thoughts that is. And the more humor and normalcy I have in my life, the better I'll feel and think. I don't know if my future will be any better because of it but my present sure will be.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for
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Fairfax County needs volunteers to drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or

visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Respite Care volunteers give family caregivers of a frail older adult a well-deserved break so they can go shopping, attend a doctor's appointment or just have coffee with a friend. Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Support and training are provided.

Contact 703-324-7577, TTY 711, or
Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Fairfax County needs a volunteer **Senior Center Marketing Coordinator** to assist the Friends of Fairfax County Senior Centers with marketing. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

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.

Year in Review

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March 10 so Herndon's next Town election will be held in November 2016. Herndon's local elections had taken place in May since the Town was incorporated in 1879.

Herndon Town Council approved the change by a 4-3 vote. "Change is really hard. It's hard in business, it's hard in personal life, it's hard in policy. It's really hard so I absolutely recognize that. But the cornerstone of democracy is participation," said Jennifer Baker, vice mayor on the Council.

At Herndon precincts, between 75-80 percent of registered voters turned out for the November 2012 presidential election year, and approximately 38-45 percent turned out during the midterm elections in November 2010, according to town records. In general, 20-25 percent of registered voters turnout for elections when they are in May.

"When you know better, you do better," Baker said. "May [elections] made a lot of sense for a long time. But we've done a lot of research and because of that I feel very convinced that we now know November will be better choice going forward."

Hundreds voiced opinions during four public hearings in November and December and by e-mail and written testimony to the Council.

Some residents remained convinced that town elections should be separate from federal and state elections to allow focus on town issues. Council members Steve Mitchell, Dave Kirby and Jasbinder Singh asked for a referendum.

"If we stop and ask for a referendum on everything we do in Town, we will never get anything done," said Councilmember Sheila Olem.

Resident Arthur Nachman told Herndon's Town Council that their actions afterwards

would be just as important to the Town's future as their actual vote.

"After the vote is taken, you have to be united," he told Herndon's seven councilmembers. "You are now representing the ordinance."

Fatal Car Accident in Texas

Summer vacation turned into a time of mourning for the Herndon High School community and band community.

Texas Highway Patrol troopers "were dispatched to a wrong way crash on highway I-30" at approximately 1:50 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 9, according to police reports.

Alumni Kyle Mathers, 19, Holly Novak, 18, and Dale Neibaur, 19, were killed immediately when Kenneth Frazier, 78, drove the wrong direction on the highway in Greenville near Dallas.

"We think of Herndon High School as one big family, and we mourn the loss of these three young people who had such promising futures," said Herndon Principal William Bates "They were wonderful kids who were actively involved in the Herndon school community. They were a positive influence on their peers and respected by their teachers," he said. "The Herndon community is devastated and hurting. Please keep the families of these students and all of us who have been impacted in your thoughts and prayers."

The three were travelling to Texas for a gaming conference in Austin with classmates Kevin DiCicco and Hannah Galbraith.

A candlelight vigil was held at Trinity Presbyterian Church on Dranesville Road in Herndon. "We send our prayers to Kevin and Hannah for their recovery," according to Herndon's Band webpage. "They were great leaders, role models and friends to their fellow band members, and they will be missed by each and every one of us."



Newly elected officials listen to Judge Penney S. Azcarate, who once worked as a prosecutor for Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Morrogh.



Fairfax County Sheriff's office singing stars, Myrna Kinney, Sommer Grasty and Nicole Arnet, sang the national anthem and "America the Beautiful."

'Honor, Humility, Humanity'

Members of Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, constitutional officers, sworn in.

Hundreds of friends, family, constituents and county employees came on Tuesday, Dec. 15 to see the swearing-in of the members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and constitutional officers.

Music was provided by the Chantilly High School Orchestra. Deputy Sheriff Rob Deer played the bagpipes, and the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office Singing Stars, Myrna Kinney, Sommer Grasty and Nicole Arnet, sang the national anthem and "America the Beautiful."

Sharon Bulova was sworn in for her third term as chairman of the Board of Supervisors, although she began as Braddock District supervisor in 1988 and has served on the board since then. The Board of Supervisors consists of the chairman, elected at large, and nine district members.

With two members of the board retiring, there are two new members, both previously serving as members of the school board. Daniel Storck (D-Mount Vernon) will



Supervisor John W. Foust (D), re-elected to serve the Dranesville district, takes the oath of office from Judge Penney S. Azcarate.

replace longtime supervisor Gerry Hyland (D). Kathy Smith (D-Sully) will replace Michael Frey (R).

Other members sworn in include: John Cook (R-Braddock), John Foust (D-Dranesville), Penelope Gross (D-Mason), Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), Jeffrey McKay (D-Lee), and Linda Q. Smyth (D-Providence).



Supervisor Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) takes the oath of office from Judge Penney S. Azcarate on Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Also sworn in on Tuesday were the three constitutional officers, Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond F. Morrogh, Sheriff Stacey A. Kincaid and Clerk of the Fairfax Circuit Court John Frey. Three members of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District also took oaths as directors, Scott Cameron, George Lamb and Gerald O. Peters Jr.



Linda Q. Smyth (D-Providence) takes the oath of office from Judge Penney S. Azcarate. Smyth was first elected to the Board of Supervisors in 2003, after serving four years on the Fairfax County Planning Commission. Smyth chaired the board's Information Technology Committee and is vice chair for the Personnel Committee.

Judge Penney S. Azcarate, who administered the oath of office to each, reminded elected officials to serve with "honor, humility and humanity."

Bulova's inaugural speech included a note of serious gratitude:

"In light of recent racial and cultural tensions rising across the country, let us be grateful we live in a county that celebrates our differences and demonstrates acceptance and compassion for others."

Sheriff Stacey A. Kincaid (D) takes the oath of office.



Former Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and current Electoral Board director Kate Hanley in the crowd at the inauguration. Hanley is a Reston resident.