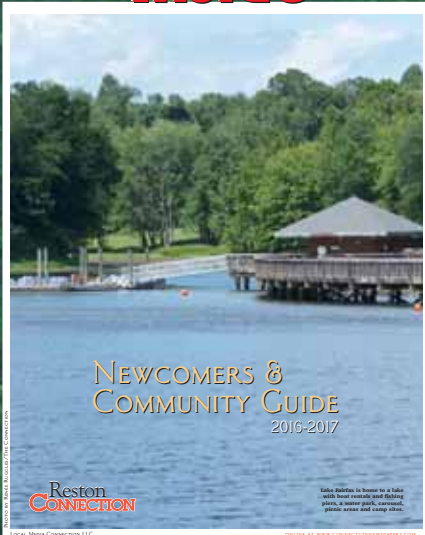




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PEOPLE

Going Beyond the Gold

Two Girl Scout sisters try to bring hope for better health to Swaziland.



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Taylor and Samantha Lane with orphans in Swaziland.

Girl Scout sisters, Taylor and Samantha Lane, both went beyond their Girl Scout Gold Awards this summer through their volunteer work in Swaziland. Their goal was to use all they had learned from their Girl Scout gold award projects to continue to advance the UN Sustainable Development Goal (3) of promoting global health and well-being. Taylor earned her Gold Award in 2014 through a project titled "Healthy Kids, Healthy Futures." She taught healthy hygiene habits to more than 250 children in a poor community in Bosencheve, Mexico and provided them hygiene kits to practice the new skills she taught them. Samantha earned her Gold Award in 2015 through her project entitled "Bright Smiles, Brighter Futures." She taught the importance of dental hygiene to more than 1,500 children in the poor communities surrounding Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic. As sisters and fellow Girl Scouts, they supported each other in earning their Gold Awards and even went on to both earn the Congressional Gold Medal for their volunteer service. Neither wanted to stop after having earned Gold.

So, both teamed up together this summer to take their health education projects to a new continent, this time Africa to the country of Swaziland. Swaziland is a country that faces many challenges to-

day. The country has the highest HIV rate in the world, leaving many children HIV positive themselves and orphaned because their parents die from the virus. Swaziland also has the highest rate of TB in the world. The combination of being co-infected with TB and HIV, as is common in Swaziland, leaves people at a high risk of mortality given the body's inability to fight infections of all types. Providing basic education on the importance of healthy hygiene, including handwashing and teeth-brushing, can help prevent the spread of disease.

Knowing that, they traveled to Swaziland to help provide this type of education. Through their community outreach, they taught Swazis about the importance of healthy hygiene. Swaziland, like several other countries in sub-Saharan Africa, is also grappling with one of the worst droughts in history. Consequently, many Swazis have been unable to farm in order to sustain themselves. Hunger is a very real problem in communities across Swaziland, with 69 percent of the population living below the poverty line and most depending on international food programs to survive. Given that good nutrition is essential to good health, they

also went out into various communities to provide food.

Women and girls do not have equal rights under the law in Swaziland and are therefore often hardest hit in terms of their access to food and medicine. As both Taylor and Samantha said, "Our whole experience in Swaziland was eye-opening in terms of the suffering that exists and the basic inequalities that make life even harder for women and girls." That said, "we both came away empowered in that we were able to engage, albeit in little ways when compared to the magnitude of the problems, as Girl Scouts to try to show that girls like us can help to change the world for the better."

For both Taylor and Samantha, being a Girl Scout didn't end when they earned the Gold Award. Earning the award for them was only the beginning in terms of applying all they have learned from scouting to make a positive difference. They plan to continue their efforts whenever and wherever they can, as they'll tell you "Once a Gold Award Girl Scout, Always a Girl Scout."

Taylor graduated from George C. Marshall High school this June and is headed to Dartmouth College this fall and Samantha is a junior at James Madison High School in Vienna.

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Rescue Reston to Hold 2nd Annual Golf Tournament

On Monday, Oct. 3 Rescue Reston will hold its 2nd annual fundraising golf tournament at Reston National Golf Course. Rescue Reston is the citizens' organization created four years ago to prevent Northwestern Mutual's plans to destroy 166 acres of recreational open space in Reston. Rescue Reston joined Reston Association and Fairfax County to bring three separate issues before the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Circuit Court. Over the last four years, the law firm of Greehan, Taves, Pandak & Stoner has expertly represented Rescue Reston. The success in the court system increased the need for legal defense funds. Through specific fundraising events organized by Rescue Reston, including door-to-door solicitations, the organization has resolved 74 percent of the \$151,169 four-year legal bill.

Rescue Reston is self-funded and is separate from Reston Association and Fairfax County. "We have a strong committee and are working very hard for this year's golf tournament to resolve this last portion of our legal obligation. We are off to a great start this year with significant contributions. Yet we have a way to go. There are plenty of opportunities for members of the community and businesses to participate in or sponsor the tournament," said John



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McCrea Family, from left — John, Kellie, Natalie, Trudy enjoying the open space on the RA path behind the 13th green. Rescue Reston has reached a matching \$5000 Challenge Goal set by John McCrea, President of Achieve-It, LLC, a Green Jacket sponsor of the 2016 tournament.

Pinkman, chairman of the golf tournament.

Sponsorships are available at many different levels. A unique sponsorship offered

this year is the "First Responder Foursome," an opportunity to honor those who serve by sponsoring four first responders for an

afternoon of golf. You can also choose three first responders to join your foursome. Sponsoring a South Lakes High School Golf Team Student Athlete Foursome is also a choice. Reston National is the SLHS Golf Team's home course.

"We've been working very hard to preserve Reston's open space and the excellent standard set by the Reston Association for our extraordinary and nationally recognized planned community. Rescue Reston has been representing all the citizens of the community and now we need the community's help in this fundraising effort," Pinkman added.

Reston Association's Walker Nature Center will host a free nature hike on the RA pathways that border and cross the golf course on the same afternoon.

A short list of already committed sponsors includes Apex, Achieve-It, Carahsoft, Glory Days Grill - North Point, Internal Medicine Associates, Fairfax Ob-Gyn Associates, Elden Street Financial, Bio Green Outdoor Services, My Dad's Automotive, plus Realtors® Ray Wedell, Paul & Keith Hartke and Sam & Kathy Scoggin.

More information, registration, and sponsor opportunities can be located at www.rescuereston.org or by contacting Mr. Pinkman at 703-725-3873.

The festival will be held on Monday, Sept. 5, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Downtown Herndon and Herndon Municipal Center Lawn, 777 Lynn Street.



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Herndon Labor Day Festival features live music all day.

Herndon Labor Day Festival Promises Fun Wine, craft brew tasting and live music all day.

Herndon Labor Day Festival, an annual one-day outdoor street festival featuring live music all day, Virginia wineries, local craft brews, a craft show, sponsorship gallery, and a variety of food vendors will be held on Monday, Sept. 5, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Downtown Herndon and Herndon Municipal Center Lawn, 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. The Town of Herndon Parks and Recreation Department produces the event in conjunction with the Herndon Woman's Club. Partial proceeds go to scholarship programs.

Admission with unlimited wine tasting and 2 craft brew tastings - \$20, entrance only - \$5. Children 12 and under free; no pets allowed; tastings end at 4 p.m.

Concerts schedule:
11 a.m.-12 Acoustic Soul, classic rock and blues duo
12-1 p.m. Houk Robinson, acoustic top 40 duo
1-2:30 p.m. English Channel, 60s and 70s brit rock/pop
2:30-3:30 p.m. Sweet Yonder, bluegrass inspired Americana

3:30-5 p.m. Gringo Jingo, Santana tribute band

Featured Virginia Wineries: 868 Estate Vineyards, Cardamon Family Vineyards, Creek's Edge Winery,

Horton Vineyards, Mattaponi Winery, Rebec Vineyards, Rogers Ford Farm Winery, and Two Twisted Posts Winery.

Featured Craft Brews: Blue Mountain Classic Lager, Forge Belgian Blonde, Mad Fox Kölsch, Devils Backbone Vienna Lager, South Street Satan's Pony, and more.

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HOME SALES

In July 2016, 138 Reston homes sold between \$1,257,500-\$157,000.
This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$1,257,500-\$290,000 range.
For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

| Address | BR | FB | HB | ..... | Postal City | Sold Price | Type | Lot AC | PostalCode |
|------------------------------------|----|----|----|-------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------|------------|
| 1371 CAMERON HEATH DR | 6 | 5 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$1,257,500 | Detached | 0.24 | 20194 |
| 2140 OWLS COVE LN | 4 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$1,150,000 | Detached | 0.35 | 20191 |
| 1159A FIELDVIEW DR | 5 | 4 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$1,150,000 | Detached | 0.61 | 20194 |
| 1235 TOTTENHAM CT | 5 | 5 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$1,128,200 | Detached | 0.73 | 20194 |
| 12025 NEW DOMINION PKWY #201 ... | 3 | 2 | 0 | ..... | RESTON | \$1,062,500 | Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors ..... | ..... | 20190 |
| 1915 LOGAN MANOR DR | 3 | 4 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$1,052,000 | Townhouse | 0.07 | 20190 |
| 10901 LAWYERS RD | 4 | 3 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$932,500 | Detached | 2.47 | 20191 |
| 11279 CENTER HARBOR RD | 5 | 3 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$885,000 | Detached | 0.38 | 20194 |
| 1327 DASHER LN | 4 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$850,000 | Detached | 0.38 | 20190 |
| 10891 HUNTER GATE WAY | 4 | 3 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$850,000 | Detached | 0.23 | 20194 |
| 11585 LAKE NEWPORT RD | 3 | 3 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$830,000 | Detached | 0.32 | 20194 |
| 11011 BIRDFOOT CT | 4 | 3 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$825,000 | Detached | 0.93 | 20191 |
| 12202 DORRANCE CT | 3 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$813,000 | Townhouse | 0.06 | 20190 |
| 12232 DORRANCE CT | 3 | 2 | 2 | ..... | RESTON | \$790,000 | Townhouse | 0.04 | 20190 |
| 11500 DROP FORGE LN | 5 | 3 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$790,000 | Detached | 0.59 | 20191 |
| 10841 WELBURY CT | 4 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$790,000 | Detached | 0.32 | 20194 |
| 1614 STOWE RD | 4 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$780,000 | Detached | 0.31 | 20194 |
| 1320 PAVILION CLUB WAY | 4 | 3 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$775,000 | Detached | 0.13 | 20194 |
| 1215 BISHOPSGATE WAY | 4 | 3 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$770,000 | Detached | 1.12 | 20194 |
| 1515 STUART RD | 5 | 3 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$765,000 | Detached | 1.01 | 20194 |
| 2517 PEGASUS LN | 6 | 3 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$745,000 | Detached | 0.47 | 20191 |
| 11776 STRATFORD HOUSE PL #104 ... | 2 | 2 | 0 | ..... | RESTON | \$743,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors ..... | ..... | 20190 |
| 1591 REGATTA LN | 4 | 3 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$740,000 | Detached | 0.12 | 20194 |
| 12197 CHANCERY STATION CIR | 3 | 3 | 0 | ..... | RESTON | \$724,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 20190 |
| 10840 WELBURY CT | 4 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$723,750 | Detached | 0.14 | 20194 |
| 2364 TUMBLETREE WAY | 6 | 3 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$700,000 | Detached | 0.51 | 20191 |
| 12025 NEW DOMINION PKWY #310 ... | 2 | 2 | 0 | ..... | RESTON | \$688,000 | Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors ..... | ..... | 20190 |
| 12729 HITCHCOCK CT | 4 | 3 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$680,000 | Detached | 0.27 | 20191 |
| 11203 BRADBURY LN | 4 | 4 | 0 | ..... | RESTON | \$675,000 | Detached | 0.33 | 20194 |
| 11405 HOLLOW TIMBER WAY | 3 | 3 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$671,250 | Townhouse | 0.08 | 20194 |
| 11472 WATERHAVEN CT | 3 | 3 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$660,000 | Townhouse | 0.04 | 20190 |
| 11330 FRENCH HORN LN | 5 | 2 | 2 | ..... | RESTON | \$660,000 | Detached | 0.58 | 20191 |
| 2014 HOMER TER | 5 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$650,000 | Detached | 0.31 | 20191 |
| 11201 HUNTING HORN LN | 4 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$649,900 | Detached | 0.71 | 20191 |
| 11560 BRASS LANTERN CT | 4 | 3 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$645,000 | Townhouse | 0.09 | 20194 |
| 2360 TUMBLETREE WAY | 4 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$630,000 | Detached | 0.50 | 20191 |
| 12362 LIMA LN | 4 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$610,050 | Detached | 0.40 | 20191 |
| 12116 STIRRUP RD | 3 | 3 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$600,000 | Detached | 0.65 | 20191 |
| 11555 HEMINGWAY DR | 4 | 3 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$599,500 | Townhouse | 0.08 | 20194 |
| 10917 HOWLAND DR | 3 | 3 | 0 | ..... | RESTON | \$595,000 | Detached | 0.50 | 20191 |
| 11437 WATERVIEW CLUSTER | 3 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$575,900 | Townhouse | 0.09 | 20190 |
| 12705 ROARK CT | 4 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$575,000 | Detached | 0.23 | 20191 |
| 1410 PARK GARDEN LN | 3 | 3 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$550,000 | Townhouse | 0.05 | 20194 |
| 11485 WATERVIEW CL | 4 | 3 | 0 | ..... | RESTON | \$525,000 | Townhouse | 0.08 | 20190 |
| 2431 FREETOWN DR | 5 | 3 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$525,000 | Detached | 0.36 | 20191 |
| 1227 WEATHERSTONE CT | 3 | 2 | 2 | ..... | RESTON | \$522,500 | Townhouse | 0.05 | 20194 |
| 2233 HALTER LN | 4 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$515,000 | Detached | 0.41 | 20191 |
| 11554 LINKS DR | 4 | 2 | 2 | ..... | RESTON | \$500,000 | Townhouse | 0.07 | 20190 |
| 2348 BEDFORDSHIRE CIR | 4 | 3 | 0 | ..... | RESTON | \$498,000 | Detached | 0.46 | 20191 |
| 11436 FAIRWAY DR | 3 | 2 | 2 | ..... | RESTON | \$495,000 | Townhouse | 0.05 | 20190 |
| 12000 MARKET ST #157 | 2 | 2 | 0 | ..... | RESTON | \$470,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors ..... | ..... | 20190 |
| 2019 WINGED FOOT CT | 3 | 2 | 2 | ..... | RESTON | \$469,000 | Townhouse | 0.06 | 20191 |
| 2119 THOMAS VIEW RD | 4 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$465,600 | Detached | 0.42 | 20191 |
| 2127 GOLF COURSE DR | 4 | 3 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$460,000 | Townhouse | 0.06 | 20191 |
| 2086 GOLF COURSE DR | 3 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$456,500 | Townhouse | 0.05 | 20191 |
| 11752 DRY RIVER CT | 4 | 3 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$455,000 | Townhouse | 0.04 | 20191 |
| 11220 HUNTING HORN LN | 5 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$448,000 | Detached | 0.53 | 20191 |
| 11775 STRATFORD HOUSE PL #302 ... | 2 | 2 | 0 | ..... | RESTON | \$435,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors ..... | ..... | 20190 |
| 1556 SCANDIA CIR | 3 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$430,000 | Townhouse | 0.06 | 20190 |
| 1715 WAINWRIGHT DR | 4 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$425,500 | Townhouse | 0.04 | 20190 |
| 1558 SCANDIA CIR | 3 | 3 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$425,000 | Townhouse | 0.06 | 20190 |
| 11098 SAFFOLD WAY | 3 | 3 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$422,000 | Townhouse | 0.04 | 20190 |
| 10937 HARPERS SQUARE CT | 4 | 2 | 2 | ..... | RESTON | \$420,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 20191 |
| 2269 WHEELWRIGHT CT | 3 | 3 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$415,000 | Townhouse | 0.04 | 20191 |
| 11515 HICKORY CLUSTER | 3 | 1 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$410,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 20190 |
| 1549 TWISTED OAK DR | 3 | 2 | 2 | ..... | RESTON | \$410,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 20194 |
| 11953 HEATHCOTE CT | 3 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$400,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 20191 |
| 11855 SAINT TRINIANS CT | 3 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$399,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 20191 |
| 1558 AUTUMN RIDGE CIR | 3 | 2 | 2 | ..... | RESTON | \$398,500 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 20194 |
| 2301 MIDDLE CREEK LN | 3 | 1 | 2 | ..... | RESTON | \$398,000 | Townhouse | 0.05 | 20191 |
| 11531 HICKORY CLUSTER | 3 | 1 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$397,500 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 20190 |
| 11150 FOREST EDGE DR | 3 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$396,999 | Townhouse | 0.04 | 20190 |
| 1540 SCANDIA CIR | 3 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$395,000 | Townhouse | 0.08 | 20190 |
| 2405 ALBOT RD | 3 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$392,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 20191 |
| 2353 HORSEFERRY CT | 3 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$386,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 20191 |
| 2315 HARLEYFORD CT | 3 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$385,000 | Townhouse | 0.05 | 20191 |
| 1307 WINDLEAF DR #P | 2 | 2 | 0 | ..... | RESTON | \$383,500 | Garden 1-4 Floors ..... | ..... | 20194 |
| 12001 MARKET ST #332 | 2 | 2 | 0 | ..... | RESTON | \$382,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors ..... | ..... | 20190 |
| 1727 WAINWRIGHT DR | 3 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$379,000 | Townhouse | 0.04 | 20190 |
| 1445 GREENMONT CT | 2 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$378,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 20190 |
| 2349 MIDDLE CREEK LN | 3 | 1 | 2 | ..... | RESTON | \$369,000 | Townhouse | 0.04 | 20191 |
| 1610 SIERRA WOODS DR | 3 | 2 | 2 | ..... | RESTON | \$369,000 | Townhouse | 0.05 | 20194 |
| 11565 IVY BUSH CT | 3 | 1 | 2 | ..... | RESTON | \$365,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 20191 |
| 1855 STRATFORD PARK PL #402 | 2 | 2 | 0 | ..... | RESTON | \$363,500 | Garden 1-4 Floors ..... | ..... | 20190 |
| 11084 SAFFOLD WAY | 3 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$360,000 | Townhouse | 0.04 | 20190 |
| 1805 IVY OAK SQ | 3 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$349,900 | Townhouse ..... | ..... | 20190 |
| 2203 WHEELWRIGHT CT | 3 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$349,900 | Townhouse | 0.04 | 20191 |
| 1550 WOODCREST DR | 2 | 2 | 0 | ..... | RESTON | \$347,500 | Townhouse | 0.02 | 20194 |
| 11914 FIELDTHORN CT | 2 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$345,000 | Townhouse | 0.02 | 20194 |
| 1636 PURPLE SAGE DR | 2 | 2 | 0 | ..... | RESTON | \$335,655 | Townhouse | 0.04 | 20194 |
| 1855 STRATFORD PARK PL #309 | 2 | 2 | 0 | ..... | RESTON | \$333,200 | Garden 1-4 Floors ..... | ..... | 20190 |
| 12013 TALIESIN PL #23 | 2 | 1 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$332,500 | Garden 1-4 Floors ..... | ..... | 20190 |
| 1332 NORTHGATE SQ | 3 | 1 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$325,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 20190 |
| 11340 HEADLANDS CT | 2 | 1 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$325,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 20191 |
| 1312 GARDEN WALL CIR #203 | 2 | 2 | 0 | ..... | RESTON | \$321,000 | Townhouse ..... | ..... | 20194 |
| 11922 REDTREE WAY | 2 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$319,000 | Townhouse | 0.02 | 20194 |
| 11208 HARBOR CT #11208 | 2 | 2 | 0 | ..... | RESTON | \$318,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors ..... | ..... | 20191 |
| 1519 CHURCH HILL PL #1519 | 2 | 1 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$315,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors ..... | ..... | 20194 |
| 12000 MARKET ST #367 | 1 | 1 | 0 | ..... | RESTON | \$310,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors ..... | ..... | 20190 |
| 1716 LAKE SHORE CREST DR #3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$301,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors ..... | ..... | 20190 |
| 1311 GARDEN WALL CT #804 | 2 | 2 | 0 | ..... | RESTON | \$300,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors ..... | ..... | 20194 |
| 11401N GATE HILL PL #74 | 2 | 2 | 0 | ..... | RESTON | \$299,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors ..... | ..... | 20194 |
| 2281 EMERALD HEIGHTS CT | 3 | 2 | 1 | ..... | RESTON | \$295,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 20191 |
| 1367C GARDEN WALL CIR #710 | 2 | 2 | 0 | ..... | RESTON | \$293,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors ..... | ..... | 20194 |
| 1724 LAKE SHORE CREST DR #13 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | RESTON | \$292,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | 20190 |
| 2174 WHISPERWOOD GLEN LN | 2 | 2 | 1 | | RESTON | \$290,000 | Townhouse | 0.02 | 20191 |

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No Time to Lose

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

"Our Nation is at risk," thus began a report on schools given to President Ronald Reagan in 1983. "...We report to the American people that while we can take justifiable pride in what our schools and colleges have historically accomplished and contributed to the United States and the well-being of its people, the educational foundations of our society are presently being eroded by a rising tide of mediocrity that threatens our very future as a Nation and a people. What was unimaginable a generation ago has begun to occur—others are matching and surpassing our educational attainments." (A Nation at Risk, US Department of Education, 1983)

Just two weeks ago at a meeting of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) I heard

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a similar report from its Study Group on International Comparisons in Education: "The bad news is most state education systems are falling dangerously behind the world in a number of international comparisons and on our own National Assessment of Educational Progress, leaving the United States overwhelmingly underprepared to succeed in the 21st century economy."

(No Time to Lose: How to Build a World-Class System State by State, NCSL, August, 2016)

The Nation at Risk report led to numerous reforms, from high stakes standardized testing, charter schools, standards of learning, common core and others, many of which have themselves already been reformed. I question the accuracy of another report that predicts doom for our public schools.



That there is an unacceptable level of disparity in achievement among groups of students is undeniable. That our goals for our students may be greater than they can sometime achieve may be true. That our schools do an incredibly wonderful job for most students has been my experience.

What I hope will not happen with this most recent report is that legislators will not jump in with both feet with the latest and greatest ideas they have about reforming schools, lay down unrealistic and inflexible regulations, or assume somehow that the private sector can do a better job than public schools.

Instead, I hope that citizens, advocates, and business representatives will make clear our expectations for our schools and give educators the responsibility to meet those goals with full account-

ability. That would mean paying our teachers and administrators commensurate with the responsibility they have, and that would be a significant increase over what they are paid today. I think preschool education should be fully funded for all children. The evidence of the return on investment that we would get with preschool programs is overwhelming. And I think we should give local schools flexibility in the curriculum to work on developing problem-solving skills in children along with creativity, innovation and interpersonal skills.

Too many times when the regular decade cycle of concerns about our schools are expressed in a report, politicians all of whom have been to school will revert to experiences they have had for the next cycle of reforms. Let's do it differently this time. Let's give the responsibility to our professionals to do the job, pay them adequately, hold them accountable, and not tie their hands. This is no time to lose.

Leaving Vacation Behind, Into the Campaign

BY JOHN LOVAAS
RESTON IMPACT PRODUCER/HOST

Hard to believe that August is almost done. Does that mean the wall-to-wall 90 to 100 degree days are about to end? Does it also mean that Labor Day is upon us and the U.S. presidential campaign is about to officially begin?! I can't wait!

It doesn't seem possible that our vacation travel to Vietnam and Cambodia ended over a month ago. What an interesting, educational trip it

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was! For me, it was returning to a country in the midst of a horrible, seemingly endless war when I left it 46 years ago; 46 years is a long time.

I hardly recognized Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon when I left in 1969). It is now a bustling, intense and, in many areas, a modern cosmopolitan city of 8 million people all in a hurry it seemed. I recognized but a handful of landmarks or neighborhoods I once knew. Imagine a city of 4 million modern motor scooters as the principal transport mode for a majority of the residents. Yet, the air was not visibly polluted as it was when the city was filled with ancient scooters, tiny fiat taxis and motorized pedicabs, all billowing blue exhaust smoke. The huge U.S. Em-



Hillary Clinton look alike visited the Democratic Party table at the Reston Farmers Market last Saturday morning. The Dems have been a presence at the Market nearly every Saturday for a dozen years. From left — volunteers Roger and Carrie Bruns with Ms. Clinton, Ann Cosgrove seated at table.

bassy of my time had been levelled, replaced by a modest two-story structure serving as the Consulate since the capital of unified VietNam is now located in Hanoi as is our current embassy. The former embassy had to go—it is a building that exists only in pictures with helicopters evacuating retreating Americans from its roof.

We also visited Hanoi, the capital of North VietNam when I served with the U.S. Agency for International Development in the then South VietNam. It is also a bustling urban center, but with a very different character, with its Old Quarter from the colonial days

and buildings very French colonial in style along wide boulevards. We saw no visible evidence of the intensive American bombing around the edges of the city and nearby ports. But, we were taken to what remains of the so-called Hanoi Hilton where U.S. prisoners of war, mainly bomber crews, including a pilot named John McCain, were imprisoned. While not a fan of the politician he's become, our short visit did reinforce my respect for him because of what he endured for several years at that horrible place. The rest of our trip through parts of Cambodia with Angkor Wat and other amazing

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ruins left by advanced cultures a thousand years ago was awe-inspiring, even in the 90-degree heat with equal humidity. The one thought that kept going through our heads was how did they do that? Massive structures intricately decorated with fine carvings of mythical creatures, religious figures and flora and fauna. All this accomplished by a people who once ruled much of today's Southeast Asia, and are now pretty much the least advanced, least powerful of all.

After this memory-building travel, we're back home hopefully heading into a lovely fall and an exciting (?) political campaign. Signs of the coming campaign are everywhere, even at the Reston Farmers Market. Many of my Democratic leaning friends are still recovering from the primary wars, especially my cohort of Sanders revolutionaries. We are split—many still hurting from Bernie's loss and the resentment of skullduggery at the DNC. A noticeable portion of them are swearing off politics or seeking to avenge the loss by signing on with Jill Stein. Us? We just replaced our Bernie yard sign with Hillary's, both because Trump is too horrible to contemplate and because Ms. Clinton has a record of accomplishment and the intellect and temperament to be a fine President. And, yes, it is a very good opportunity to elect our first woman President.



The Weak That Just Was

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



One of my cancer-patient survivorship goals has been to, whenever possible, not look the part, act the part or live the part. This past week, the eating challenges I endured and the emotional and psychological havoc it wrecked upon me stopped me from "not" doing any of the three: I looked, acted and lived the part. And aside from the unpleasantness (some of which was detailed in last week's column), looking, feeling and being the way I was, were such negative reinforcers that it has further prevented me from regaining my equilibrium, both emotionally and physically.

Not that I'm ever unaware of my circumstances or not mindful of my mortality/abbreviated life expectancy, but the less obvious it is, and the less impact the treatment has on me, the more I am able to live like I'm not dying. However, when symptoms manifest themselves and compromise some of my activities of daily living, the more difficult it is for me to delude myself into thinking that my stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer is chronic/treatable rather than "incurable/treatable," as my oncologist quite clearly characterized it seven and a half years ago.

Believe me, the last thing I need are reminders. The first thing I need are pretenders (which is really just another word for hope). And though I have absolutely nothing to complain about 90 months into a "13-month to two-year prognosis," my reality is, every day is precious and days lost to side effects are days I can't afford to lose. Moreover, when you consider the lack of control I experienced over this last week and the associated feelings of helplessness—along with the fear that this not eating was morphing from temporary to permanent, you have a recipe for emotional disaster. And "emotional disaster" does not help yours truly or any other cancer/seriously ill patient fend off the demons and level the playing field. In fact, it tips it in the complete wrong direction. And tipping it in the wrong direction is all it's cracked up to be.

So much of what I am going through is psychological. I am constantly telling myself (not aloud but in print, I would admit) to persevere, not overreact, balance the bad with the good, forget your prognosis, forget your "terminal" diagnosis, forget the extremely discouraging mortality statistics, believe all the non-Western stuff I'm doing is helping, don't slack, don't abuse the privilege of life I've been given and finally, be grateful for every day.

Still, five days of not eating seemed to compromise my emotional wherewithal. It's as if I didn't have the mental capacity necessary to talk myself out of the dark hole I had fallen into. It was a struggle to be sure and one I've experienced many times before, but for some reason, and this is the scary part, this post-chemo week was the worst. Now moving forward, my next chemotherapy infusion is not for four weeks as we've extended the interval to five weeks (from four), alternating my future intervals to four weeks, five weeks, four weeks, etc., through my next quarterly scan in mid October. If the results of that next scan continue to be encouraging, I'll be an extremely happy man. But as I am well aware, there are no guarantees in cancer and success is measured scan to scan. In the interim though, I have to coexist with my reality. It's not ideal, but "ideal" left the building in February, 2009.

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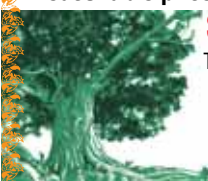
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Eight students from Fairfax County Public Schools — all attending Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) — have been named semifinalists in the 2016 Intel Science Talent Search. The students, with their project names, are:

❖ Jake Cui, A Machine Learning Approach to Identifying Ordered Binding Regions on Order-disorder Protein Interfaces.

❖ Tarun Kamath, Marked Decreases in Pediatric and Young Adult Solid Organ Cancer Mortality in the United States Since 1940: Analysis and Hypotheses.

❖ Ava Lakmazaheri, Brain-actuated Robotics: A Logic-based Approach for Multimodal Programming and Operation of Assistive Humanoid Robots.

❖ Austin Mills, Demonstrating the Development of Heavy Metal Resistance in Non-tolerant Multi-generational Brassica rapa.

❖ Kunal Shroff, The Relationship Between Lethality and Genomic Instability in Euploid and Aneuploid Yeast Cells Expressing Pathological Huntingtin.

❖ Matthew Sun, Hyperacute Temporal Resolution with a Neural Population for Biologically Plausible Firing Rate Change Detection.

❖ Jason Wei, Improving Lateral Flow Immunoassay Sensitivity by a Palladium-catalyzed Dye Reaction.

❖ Michael You, Two-degree-of-freedom Bubble Oscillations in Elastic Vessels and its Application in Sonar-induced Marine Mammal Injuries.

The 300 semifinalists were chosen from more than 1,750 entrants and will receive matching awards of \$1,000 along with their school.

This is the 75th year of the Science Talent Search, which Intel has sponsored since 1998, providing \$1.6 million in awards and scholarships to contestants.

Snigdha Srivastava and **Kate Hao**, of Herndon, are on the dean's list at Washington University in St. Louis.

Adam Zaman, of Herndon, is on the dean's list for spring 2016 at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. He is studying mechanical engineering.

Dinesh Chowdary Inampudi, of Herndon, graduated with a master of science, May 2016 from the University of New Haven.

Kalla Fleger, of Reston, is on the dean's list for spring 2016 at the University of Minnesota Twin

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Elizabeth Ashley Drake, of Herndon, is on the dean's list at Hollins University for spring 2016.

Nii Martey Akita, of Oak Hill, graduated spring 2016 from St. Olaf College.

Matthew Francois Monos, of Herndon, and **William Wade McLaughlin**, of Reston, were named to the honors list for the 2016 spring semester at Averett University.

Reston, Virginia Amanda Lee Akers, of Reston, is on the honor list for Spring 2016 at Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Vi Thuy Lam, of Herndon, is on the spring 2016 dean's list at McDaniel College.

Margot Cumming, of Reston, is on the dean's list for May 2016 of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences at the University of Wisconsin Madison.

William Wade McLaughlin, of Reston, graduated in May 2016 from Averett University with a double major in psychology, counseling and clinical and psychology, integrative health psychology as well as a minor in sociology.

Premeela Nirmal, of Reston, graduated with a bachelor of science in nursing from Eastern Mennonite University in spring 2016.

Micaela Sturm, of Oak Hill, graduated with a bachelor of science in health science/physical therapy from Quinnipiac University in spring 2016.

Laura Mister, of Herndon, is on the dean's list at Emory and Henry College in Emory, Virginia, for spring 2016.

Barry Kinney, Herndon, graduated in May 2016 with a bachelor of general studies in Liberal Arts and Sciences from the University of Kansas.

Gregory Veit, Herndon, graduated in May 2016 with a master of science in business from the University of Kansas.

Max Maurer, from Oak Hill, graduated from Hampden-Sydney College with a B.A. in economics and business in May 2016.

Michaela Gaughan of Oak Hill has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2015 semester at St. Mary's College in Indiana.

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 10 a.m. during the summer. Nursery and childcare are provided starting at 8 a.m. until the end of the service. 703-437-5500 or www.trinityherndon.org.

Vajrayogini Buddhist Center, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston, holds weekly classes starting Sept. 12, Thursdays 7:30-8:30 p.m., for the general public which use Buddhist teachings to practice meditation. \$12 or \$6 for students, seniors and unemployed. 202-986-2257 or www.meditation-dc.org.

St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 1700 Wainwright Drive in Reston, holds Sunday services at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and contemporary service at 5 p.m. during the summer. Nursery, Sunday school and adult education available. 703-437-6530 or www.stannes-reston.org.

Washington Plaza Baptist Church will hold Adult Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. Sundays 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. 703-938-2391 or www.epiphanypreschool.com.

Hope Fellowship Church will temporarily be meeting at Hyatt Place, 21481 Ridgetop Circle, Sterling. Sunday worship services are Sundays at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m., a Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and a weekly prayer conference call is Thursdays at 9 p.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.

CALENDAR

Send announcements to www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

“Golden Moments” by Lassie Corbett. Aug. 4-Sept. 1. Reston Art Gallery and Studios, 11400 Washington Plaza, Reston. Artist exhibit. RestonArtGallery.com.

Mary B. Howard Artist Member Exhibition. Through Aug. 27. Greater Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market Street, Suite 103, Reston. Regional artists who support GRACE’s mission of enriching community life through excellence in contemporary visual arts. restonarts.org

Zoosday — Every Tuesday, July through Sept. 27, 4 - 7 p.m., Pavilion. Enjoy an award-winning animal and miniature animal petting zoo with hands-on, educational experiences that children and their grownups will cherish! Kid-friendly giveaways plus activities like Legos and Play-Doh. Free. Rain or shine. restontowncenter.com

Mapping Moments. July 13-Aug. 28. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. An exhibit featuring of vibrant abstracts which will draw the viewer into the worlds of international artist Caroline Morgan and Jay Young Gerard. 703-956-9560.

Beginners Chair Yoga. July 5-Aug. 30. 6-7 p.m. Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St., Herndon. Yoga for beginners with a teacher who specializes in yoga with 50+ in mind. \$10/\$20. 703-464-6200.

Hutchison Solos at PenFed Realty Aug. through Sept 30 The exhibit is free and the office is open to visitors Monday through Friday from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. at the office of PenFed Realty, 1886 Metro Center Dr., Reston, VA 20190. Karen Hutchison displays abstract expressions of her thoughts and emotions using color and texture. Visit the LRA web site at www.leagueofrestonartists.org

Artists Display “Eclectic Visions” at Ernst Center Aug through Oct. 7 The League of Reston Artists displays paintings, drawings, mixed media, photographs and two-dimensional works suitable for wall hanging through October 7 at the Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center on the Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Campus, Building CE, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003. The exhibit is free and the gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Visit the LRA web site at www.leagueofrestonartists.org

“The Way I See It” Exhibit. Aug. 2-Oct. 1. Vienna Arts Society Gallery, 513 Maple Ave. W, Vienna. Reston resident Bob Kaminski will showcase his work in abstract and representational styles. ViennaArtsSociety.org. 703-319-3971.

Yoga on the Plaza. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sundays. Through Aug. 28. Stretch out and cool down to start your Sunday morning with yoga. Our talented yoga instructors will lead you through one hour of free exercise on the Plaza to the tune of fun music. Bring your own mat and water. lakeanneplaza.com.

Team Trivia at Kalypso’s. Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Kalypso’s Sports Tavern, 1617 Washington Plaza N., Reston. Bring your friend and join the challenge. 703-707-0660. www.kalypsosportstavern.com.

Open Mic Night at Kalypso’s. Mondays, 7-10 p.m. Kalypso’s Sports Tavern, 1617 Washington Plaza N., Reston. Musicians and singers! Love to perform but need a venue? Want to get used to playing for an audience? 703-707-0660. www.kalypsosportstavern.com.

Karaoke at Kalypso’s. Wednesdays, 9:30 p.m. Kalypso’s Sports Tavern, 1617 Washington Plaza N., Reston. Come to Kalypso’s and sing your hearts out! 703-707-0660. www.kalypsosportstavern.com.

Mr. Knick Knack. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Mondays through October. Reston Town Center Pavilion. Unique, heart-centered music for kids and their grown-ups. Free. restontowncenter.com. 703-579-6720

Herndon Friday Night Live. 6:30 p.m. Through Aug. 26. 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Features the most popular local and regional acts from up and down the east coast. Free. For more information or for the performance schedule, go to herndonrocks.com.

Take a Break Concert Series. Thursdays. 7 p.m. June 16-Sept. 1. Lake Anne Plaza, Reston. Bands and entertainers at the plaza. lakeanneplaza.com.

Summer Entertainment Series. June 1-Aug. 31. Fairfax County Parks. A summer-long



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Shih Chieh Huang, Synthetic Seduction 2013. Description: YBCA Installation View.

GRACE to Present Shih Chieh Huang’s Synthetic Transformations

The Greater Reston Arts Center will present Synthetic Transformations, a dynamic gallery experience by multimedia artist and 2014 TED Talk Fellow Shih Chieh Huang, sponsored by Leidos and the Arts Council of Fairfax County. From Sept. 16 through Nov. 19, 2016, Huang will present an installation featuring interactive elements created from a variety of media including LED lights, motion sensors, computer parts, screens and mundane materials such as plastic bags and Tupperware. With these humble components, Huang creates magical, immersive environments, featuring sculptures that respond to the viewer’s presence with movement, sound and illumination. Inspired in part by phospho-

rescent deep-sea creatures, Huang’s work is a fascinating blend of art, science and technology.

Taiwan-born artist Shih Chieh Huang is well known for his innovative sculptural installations, which blend adaptive technologies with aesthetic and scientific concerns to create work that is multisensory and interactive. The artist’s work has been featured in solo and group exhibitions both nationally, including in the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History, Rhode Island School of Design Museum of Art, and Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, and internationally in Australia, Asia and Europe. Huang is also a former Smithsonian research fellow. Huang’s work will be installed at the Greater Reston Arts Center at the



Shih Chieh Huang, Seductive Evolution of Animated Illumination 2013. Description: Collaboration with glass masters from Murano, modification of Renaissance style glass chandelier with mixed household electronics.

Reston Town Center, which will be transformed into a “black box” setting to accommodate his site-specific installation.

“Shih Chieh’s work is an excellent fit for the Greater Reston Arts Center, which is situated within a recognized technology corridor. This exhibition establishes relevant and enlightening connections between art and technology,” exhibition curator Holly Koons McCullough said. “Perhaps more importantly, it inspires wonder and sparks the imagination, delighting the viewer with the artist’s ability to transform the mundane and utilitarian into the magical.”

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All-comers’ Group Fun Run at Potomac River Running. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. For beginners or competitive runners, come out for a fun, low-key run that is safe and social. For more information, call 703-689-0999 or visit <https://potomacriverrunning.com>.

Dog Days of Summer — Every Wednesday, July through Sept. 28, 4 - 7 p.m., Pavilion. Dogs and owners can frolic in the Pavilion as it is transformed weekly into an off-leash play area. Treats, toys, areas to cool off, pet friendly giveaways, and more! Free. restontowncenter.com

Straight from San Diego Comic-Con! — Friday, Aug. 5 – Friday, Sept. 2, ArtInsights. Stop in to see exciting new art releases from Comic-Con International, and hear stories from three exclusive event panels. 703-478-0778 artinsights.com

LINES, CURVES AND COLORS On exhibit August 31- October 2. At ArtSpace Herndon 750 Center St, Herndon, VA 20170. “Lines, Curves, and Colors” will present the talents of four artists working in different mediums. The show features one photographer and three sculpture artists whose combined works produce stunning individual pieces that merge into a balanced

whole. The unified theme of the beauty of architecture—specifically exemplifying lines, curves, and colors—will hold your attention and imagination. Opening Reception Saturday September 9th, 7 – 9 p.m. For more information call 703-956-9560.

ValeArts Fall Show “Artful Aspirations” Sept 30 through Oct. 2 at 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday 10 a.m. 6 p.m. Saturday & Sunday at the Vale Schoolhouse 3124 Fox Mill Rd. ValeArts welcomes Reston artist Betsey Mulloy to the fall show “Artful Aspirations”. Contact: Diana Eichler or visit valearts.com

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 24

Meet Me at the Movies – Senior Movie Day, 10 a.m. (Doors open at 9:15), Bow Tie Cinemas. Reston Association presents the feature film, “Joy.” Refreshments and door prizes provided prior to movie. Free to 55+. Information at Ashleigh@reston.org, 703-435-6530, or reston.org.

THURSDAY/AUG. 25

International Networking Mixer hosted by Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and Dulles Regional Chambers of Commerce, 5:30—7:30 p.m. This annual event regularly pulls in close to 200 attendees and provides a unique opportunity for members to make new connections. This year’s theme is travel, with Cuba and the Amalfi Coast as featured destinations for upcoming chamber travel. Come prepared to meet new friends, perhaps plan a trip with old friends, and enjoy a splendid summer evening in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Reston, 11810 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. For more information go to: <http://web.restonchamber.org/events/>

Farmer’s Market Fun Days. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Town Hall Green, 730 Station Green, Herndon. Rocknocos, Herndon’s favorite kid-friendly power trio. Free. herndon-va.gov.

THURSDAY/AUG. 25

Dollars and Sense 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive. A monthly book discussion group that focuses on business leaders and markets. August’s title is “Irrational Exuberance” by Robert Shiller. Adults welcome. Contact: Reston Regional Library 703 689-2700

FRIDAY/AUG. 26

The Vigilantes Concert. 6:30-10:30 p.m. Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Come hear The Vigilantes, a cover band, perform modern top 40 dance and all your favorite classics. Free. info@herndonrocks.com.

Reston Station Music. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Reston Station, 1904 Reston Metro Plaza, Reston. Pebble to Pearl. Funk/rock/R&B. 703-230-1985.

SATURDAY/AUG. 27

Reston Concerts on the Town – Leonard, Coleman & Blunt, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Pavilion. The weekly summer concert series presents a “jukebox revue” of doo wop with the original lead singers from The Temptations, The Platters, and The Drifters. Bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets and enjoy live outdoor music at the Pavilion. Free. Rain or shine. Alcohol permitted at restaurants only. See the season’s full schedule at restontowncenter.com/concerts

Reston Station Movies. 8:30 p.m. Reston Station, 1904 Reston Metro Plaza, Reston. “Wreck It Ralph.” 703-230-1985.

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Welcome to Fairfax County

BY SHARON BULOVA
CHAIRMAN, FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS



Welcome to Fairfax County, one of the greatest places in the nation to live, work, play and raise a family. Fairfax County is home to a thriving business community, vibrant entertainment and shopping destinations, a world class university, beautiful parks, and a diverse population of engaged residents. Whether you are a long-time resident or are new to the county, I hope you'll take some time to visit some of our most popular spots to enjoy what Fairfax County has to offer.

Tysons Corner and Fair Oaks Malls, Reston Town Center, Fairfax Corner, Springfield Town Center and the Mosaic District are great places to shop, eat and spend time with friends. For cultural destinations, George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts are two of my favorites. And for enjoying the arts along with community gatherings like Springfest and Brewfest, the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton is a must. For fresh air and exercise, I recommend our extensive network of trails, parks and RECenters.

While there are a lot of fun things to do in Fairfax County, our community is notorious for our "work hard, play hard" ethic. Time Magazine has described us as the epicenter of the Washington region's job boom and one of the great economic success stories of our time. Fairfax County is home to eight Fortune 500 company headquarters, more than 8,400 technology firms, and over 116.2 million square feet of office space.

Fairfax County has one of the best public school systems nationwide with a graduation rate topping 90 percent. Our school system is the 10th largest in the country with nearly 187,000 students and 196 schools and centers. After high school graduation, George Mason University and

Northern Virginia Community College are located just down the road for affordable higher education opportunities in many different subject fields. Our business-friendly economy ensures career opportunities for both our older and younger residents.

On the local government level, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is constantly hard at work to ensure quality public services for our residents. Our 10-member Board of Supervisors strives to maintain positive community engagement, while strategically planning for the future with land use and infrastructure decisions.

Some recent accomplishments include updating many of our police policies, establishing a Diversion First program for people with mental illness who become involved with law enforcement, and successfully extending Metrorail to Tysons and Reston, with Phase 2 of the Silver Line currently under construction all the way to Dulles Airport and into Loudoun County.

Fairfax County offers opportunity and quality services for residents of all ages. People from all over the globe have made Fairfax County their home, enriching our community with their diverse cultures and entrepreneurship. Please visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov or www.fxva.com to learn more about what Fairfax County has to offer you and your family.

As chairman of the Board of Supervisors, I am elected at-large by Fairfax County residents. My office is here to serve you. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov or give my office a call at 703-324-2321. I hope you will sign up to receive my monthly Bulova Byline newsletter that will keep you up-to-date on what is happening in your community! Welcome to your new home.

County Schools: Teaching for 21st Century

What's new at Fairfax County Public Schools.

BY DR. KAREN K. GARZA
SUPERINTENDENT, FAIRFAX COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year in Fairfax County Public Schools.

With each new school year, we have the wonderful opportunity to build upon our previous successes and continue to improve our work with our students.

We are continuing to look to our Portrait of a Graduate and our strategic plan in shaping our future work. Our most pressing challenge is making this vision a reality for every child in our system. How do we refine what we do to ensure that all of our students graduate well-prepared for this rapidly changing world? We acknowledge that this is a daunting challenge, but there is no school system in the United States more well-prepared and well-equipped to effectively respond to these important issues.

The goals of education can no longer simply be to provide the basic literacy skills for the majority of the students, while reserving the teaching of skills for higher order 21st century thinking for a select few. As we learn more about the skills our students will need for success in this changing world, we recognize the need to innovate — to consider new and

different ways to design instructional practices to support the development of these essential skills.

We are also working to define contemporary teaching and learning practices while better integrating technology. For

example, through a pilot program we are calling FCPSON — this year we begin evaluating how digital resources can best scaffold that model — and how we provide teachers and students with the tools and policies needed to facilitate the use of that



technology.

One change you will see this school year is a new central website and a new FCPS logo. Our new website will better serve everyone — it is mobile responsive, features more modern design — and search will work. As we modernized our website, we also believed it was time to reimagine the FCPS logo. While the previous logo has served us well for 40 years, we heard from many that it was time to transform our logo to one reflective of who we are now and who we aspire to be in the years to come.

Our new logo includes a tie to our legacy, while representing our role as a catalyst — sparking curiosity, learning and excellence for our students, employees and community.

I wish all students, teachers, parents and the entire FCPS community a very successful and fulfilling school year in FCPS where all are engaged, inspired, and thrive.

'Insider's Tip' to New Businesses

Fairfax County Economic Development Authority helps in starting or expanding business in the county.

BY GERALD L. GORDON
PRESIDENT AND CEO, FAIRFAX COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

If you are new to Fairfax County, welcome to one of the world's most interesting places to live and work. If you are new to the county and are interested in being part of our dynamic business community, here is an "insider's tip" that you will want to know: The Fairfax County Economic Development Authority

(FCEDA), works with everyone who wants to start or expand a business in the county.

For aspiring entrepreneurs, we host "Entrepreneurship 101: Starting a Business in Fairfax County" workshops almost every month. Some 4,000 people have attended one of these workshops since 2003 and you will find a wealth of local, state and federal resources to help you map out starting a business here. If you need office space, the FCEDA helps businesses find the office space they need so they can grow in the county.

We have a complete database of office space options in every part of the county, and we can help you navigate that process so you become an established part of the business community.

Why do we do this? The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors charged the FCEDA with building a business community — help companies create jobs and fill office space — to build the commercial tax base. This generates revenue that the Board of Super-



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**Gerald L.
Gordon, Ph.D.**

visors uses to fund the full range of high-quality public services for which Fairfax County is well-known. Building the commercial tax base means that residents don't have to pick up all the costs of providing those services.

The FCEDA has been working for more than 50 years with entrepreneurs and owners of businesses of every size to enlarge the commercial tax base and make the Fairfax County economy one of the strongest anywhere. Visit www.fairfaxcountypedata.org to see how the Economic Development Authority can help you.

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Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill)

The way it used to be: Frying Pan Barn.

Everyone Counts in Hunter Mill

BY SUPERVISOR CATHERINE M. HUDGINS
(D-HUNTER MILL)

Every good community stems from those who work hard to make the community the best version of itself. From the youngest to oldest volunteers, to police officers and public officials, the Hunter Mill District is full of citizens contributing to the community in order to make it the best place to live. As a member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS), my job is to ensure the wellbeing of the community through listening and informing constituents on what affects them in our community. In doing so, I strive to reflect the community voice in making policy, creating a diverse, prosperous place with affordable housing and equal opportunity for all. The goal of the Hunter Mill District office is to keep everyone in the know by providing events for the public to become involved within the community: First Wednesday sessions with the Supervisor at the Reston Regional Library or Vienna's Patrick Henry Library, to the Frying Pan Park concert series "Hunter Mill Melodies" and children events.

The Hunter Mill District has something for everyone. It includes all unincorporated Reston, the northern portion of Tysons, the Town of Vienna and the communities of Herndon and Oak Hill, with top tier parks, trails, restaurants, retailers, businesses and employment opportunities. One can visit Frying Pan Park, a working farm since 1930, now home to farm animals, a carousel, nature center, and tractor rides. A Metro ride from Wiehle-Metro East Station, or a drive, is Tysons, a bustling new city with shopping and restaurant area with a movie theatre and a skating rink in the winter. If you're feeling up for exercise, ride a bike or walk along the Washington and Old Dominion Trail, which stretches forty five miles all the way to Purcellville. The soon arrival of Phase II Metro brings transit service to all sides of Hunter Mill District. The District is most proud to be part of one of the best public education systems in the country, including higher education opportunities at Northern Virginia Community College and Marymount University. Spring, fall, winter or summer, there is always something to do in the Hunter



Lake Fairfax

Mill District.

Opportunities for citizen involvement are numerous, serving on Boards, Authorities and Commission to the BOS or task force studies, internship placements at the Hunter Mill District office to volunteering at events, or creating art displays. You can even find meeting space by reserving the North County Government Center community room for personal use with the link <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/communityroom.htm>.

It is important to stay up to date on the news and events occurring in the Hunter Mill District. Whether upcoming events and news from the Supervisor, advisories, community updates or Snow Alerts, subscribe to the monthly Hunter Mill District Newsletter and get it all. If you have any questions or want to enroll for the newsletter, contact huntermill@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-478-0283.

About the Connection

As your local, weekly newspaper, the Oak Hill/Herndon 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 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 email 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.

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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.

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

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Greater Transparency in Policing

Fairfax County Police embrace change, sanctity of life for all.

BY COLONEL EDWIN C. ROESSLER JR.
CHIEF OF POLICE

Dear Community Mem-bers: The Fairfax County Police Department was established on July 1, 1940 and today we have an authorized strength of 1,406 sworn law enforcement officers. Our greatly engaged community exceeds 1.1 million residents which continues to assist us in preventing and fighting crime, increasing the culture of safety to preserve the sanctity of life for all, and to keep pace with rapid urbanization.

Your Police Department proactively undertook an independent review of its use of force training, and related policies and procedures conducted by the Police Executive Research Forum. A further review generating additional change recommendations has been conducted by the County's Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission. The core theme of change is adopting the philosophy of the sanctity of life in all we do. As I have discussed in multiple public forums to include the Public Safety Committee of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, your police department embraces reengineering the law enforcement profession and we are proud to be national leaders truly engaged with creating change with an engaged community.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has endorsed our reengineering of the policies governing the use of force which value the sanctity of human life.

The Police Department has adopted policies and practices which utilize the Critical Decision Making Model to ensure that all actions are proportionate, lawful, accountable, necessary, and ethical. Your Police Department has mandated annual in-service training on use of force critical decision-making because the essential knowledge and skills are considered "perishable," therefore rendering training on an annual basis a necessity.

The final report issued by the Ad Hoc Commission included recommendations made by its Independent Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee. These recommendations, the subject of current deliberation by the Public Safety Committee of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, propose the creation of a Police Auditor position and establishment of a Civilian Review Panel. The Police Department welcomes immediate implementation of both as they maximize accountability through transparency, and will lead to higher levels of public trust and confi-



Colonel Edwin C. Roessler Jr.,
Chief of Police.

dence in the Police Department.

The Police Department is committed to enhancing its transparency at all levels and we have established policies and procedures in coordination with the Board of Supervisors to achieve maximum communication with the communities we serve. Throughout the remainder of 2016 and into 2017 we will continue to reengineer our profession in many operational and administrative areas to achieve effective change while increasing community engagement.

In 2014 the Police Department began a self-assessment process to align its policies and procedures to comply with 484 national standards established by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The required on-site assessment was conducted by assessors from outside Virginia in early 2016, and CALEA accredited status was awarded on July 30, 2016.

The Police Department, along with the Community Services Board, other public safety agencies, and mental health advocates partnered to implement the Diversion First program which provides a viable jail diversion alternative for those in mental health crisis. Our police officers receive Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training to prepare them to recognize when persons are experiencing a mental health crisis and how best to de-escalate such initial encounters. Our CIT-trained officers now have the Merrifield Crisis Response Center, as well as two Mobile Crisis Units, enabling them to offer persons in crisis the mental health services they may require.

Welcome to Fairfax County and we encourage you to engage with your Police Department as we all continue to make our County a great place to live, work, play, and grow old. To learn more about the Fairfax County Police Department, please visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/>

COMMUNITY NOTES

Reston Farmers Market at Lake Anne Plaza, founded in 1998, is sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority. The market is open Saturday mornings 8 a.m. until 12 noon through Nov. 12 (except Sept. 24). Co-Market Managers are Fran & John Lovaas.

Reston Environmental Action REACT Is a nonprofit organization of residents working to make adopting green habits more

convenient. We organize both neighborhood and Reston-wide projects. To encourage recycling, eco-friendly yard and garden care, greener transportation or energy conservation or to learn more about us, call 703-620-0151 or email info@restonenvironmentalaction.org.

Assistance League of Northern Virginia invites community members to help pack food for its **Weekend Food for Kids** program. Program provides nonperishable food over the

weekend to children who receive reduced price meals during the school year at Title I schools in Fairfax and Prince William Counties and the City of Alexandria.

The 2016-17 Kickoff event is at 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 15 at Dominion Virginia Power, 3072 Centreville Road, in Herndon. Arrive at 9:30 a.m. to help with setup. Event contact Karen Amster: karenamster@aol.com. www.northernvirginiaassistanceleague.org.



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Who Runs Reston?

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://restoncitzensassociation.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 monitor-

ing, 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

<http://www.restonchamber.org/>
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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 The Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce holds many events, including serving as major sponsor of the Best of Reston.

Reston 20/20

Reston 20/20 is an independent Reston citizens committee dedicated to sustaining Reston's quality of life through excellence in community planning, zoning, and development. Reston 20/20's Terry Maynard and Tammi Petrine provide opinion and commentary and relevant explanation of all Reston news.

www.reston2020.blogspot.com/

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.

Reston's founding father died on Sept. 21, 2015.

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.

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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 School Board Member Pat Hynes, plus the three at-large members, Ryan L. McElveen (571-423-1089, Ryan.McElveen@fcps.edu), Ilryong Moon (571-423-1090 ilryong.moon@fcps.edu) and Jeanette M. Hough (571-423-1091, jhough1@fcps.edu).

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Virginia House of Delegates

Reston is in House of Delegates District 36, represented by Va. Del. Kenneth Plum (D-36).

<http://viriniageneralassembly.gov/house/members/members.php?id=H0076>

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Virginia Senate

Reston is in Virginia State Senate District 32, represented by Va. Sen. Janet Howell (D-32), with a small part of Reston and Herndon in District 32 represented by Sen. Jennifer Wexton (D-33)

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Reston Area Nonprofits: Making Community Work

Reston Citizens Association RCA

Reston Citizens Association 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. Members of Reston Useful Services Exchange, simply known as USE, perform services for each other for USE credit or debit hours, rather than for direct payment. Composed of an international, intergenerational population, members chip in \$10 a year (or \$20 for an entire family) annually 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 or 703-873-7578

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 Rescue Reston at www.RescueReston.org or info@RescueReston.org

Reston Environmental Action REACT

Reston Environmental Action is a nonprofit organization of residents working to make adopting green habits more convenient. We organize both neighborhood and Reston-wide projects. To encourage recycling, eco-friendly yard and garden care, greener transportation or energy conservation or to learn more about us, call 703-620-0151 or email info@restonenvironmentalaction.org.

Sweet Virginia Foundation, Inc.

Sweet Virginia Foundation is a Northern Virginia nonprofit

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whose mission is to provide hands-on honey bee education to elementary school students. Over the past two years, their programs have reached more than 10,000 children. In recognition of National Honey Bee Day 2016, the foundation is launching a digital curriculum about honey bees that will be available to students and educators nationwide. Adults may become volunteer "Sweet Virginia Ambassadors" by following instructions on the organization's website. sweetvirginia.org, 844-827-9338 or BuzzUs@sweetvirginia.org

Cornerstones formerly Reston Interfaith

Cornerstones helps those that are homeless and struggling in Northern Virginia to build more stable lives by connecting them to vital resources that solve their needs for housing, child care, food or financial assistance. Programs and services include the Embry Rucker Community Shelter, Emergency Food Pantry, Hypothermia Prevention Program and the Thanksgiving Food Drive. 571-323-9555 or www.cornerstonesva.org/.

Dulles Corridor Rail Association

Advocates for business when it comes to Metrorail development along the Toll Road, with an emphasis on Herndon and Reston area development. 703-716-5750.

Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Foundation

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Foundation, Inc. is established to promote multi-cultural activi-

ties and serve as a mechanism through which concerned individuals can support enhanced social, educational, health and wellness services within the community; currently seeking donations. www.mlkcultralfoundation.org or 703-626-0056

Herndon-Reston FISH

FISH: Friendly Immediate Sympathetic Help. A volunteer, non-sectarian, nonprofit dedicated to helping local residents through short-term crises. Seeking general volunteers or monetary donations. Profits from The Bargain Loft, a thrift store located at 336 Victory Drive, Herndon support FISH. 571-267-2980 (assistance line) or <http://herndonrestonfish.org>.

Committee for Helping Others CHO

CHO is an organization committed to providing "simple, loving charity" to those in need in Vienna, Dunn Loring, and Merrifield. CHO is currently seeking volunteer drivers for their furniture and transportation programs. 703-281-7614 or www.cho-va.com.

Assistance League of Northern Virginia

An all-volunteer organization that clothes, feeds, educates and nurtures those in need. Working through six elementary schools and Inova Fairfax Hospital, Assistance League touches the lives of some of the most needy in Northern Virginia. The schools involved include Dogwood Elementary in Reston, Lynbrook Elementary and Garfield Elementary in Springfield, Cora Kelly Elementary in Alexandria and Pine Spring Elementary in Falls Church. Volunteers and donors are always needed. Contact ALNorthernVA@yahoo.com or www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org

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Every year is election year in Virginia; mechanics and details of voting require attention to detail.

FAIRFAX COUNTY:

While the Presidential election will take top billing, every seat in the U.S. Congress is on the ballot, with one hotly contested race in Northern Virginia.

In Fairfax County, voters will decide whether to enact a four percent meals tax, a topic voters will hear a lot more about in coming weeks.

The Town of Herndon will have its first November election, moving from May in past elections, with the office of Mayor and six Town Council seats on the ballot.

Fairfax County voters will decide on three bond questions, including \$120 million in transportation bonds for Metro; \$107 million in bonds for parks; and \$85 million for building and renovating senior and community centers, and homeless shelters. More at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bond/>

Absentee Voting in Person in Fairfax County

Voting begins Sept. 23, and with record turnout possible, voting early if you qualify is a good choice.

There are 19 valid reasons to vote absentee in Virginia, including working and commuting to and from home for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day. Check the Virginia Department of Elections list to see if you are eligible. <http://elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/index.html>

There are two ways to vote absentee, in-person and by mail. To do either, you should first check your voter registration status to make sure it is up-to-date. Then you will need to apply for an absentee ballot. Note: If you vote absentee in-person you will fill out the application when you arrive at the in-person absentee location (see locations below). Voting absentee by mail? Read below for the process of applying for your mail-in ballot.

You can now apply for an absentee ballot online with the state's new Citizen Portal. You will need your Social Security Number and information on your Virginia Driver's License to complete the application. Information is also provided on how to apply if you do not have a driver's license.

Absentee Voting Begins Sept. 23

Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 2/3,

12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, 22035

Weekday Schedule:

❖ Sept. 23 to Oct. 14, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Closed, Monday, Oct. 10, Columbus Day.

❖ Oct. 17 to Nov. 4, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday Schedule: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 5 is the last day to absentee vote in-person.

Upcoming Deadlines

On Election Day Polls are open from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.

To determine whether you are eligible and registered to vote in this election, visit the Virginia Department of Elections website at <http://elections.virginia.gov/> or call Fairfax Elections office at 703-222-0776.

❖ Sept. 23: In-Person Absentee Voting Begins <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm>

❖ Oct. 17: Voter Registration Deadline - In-Person: 5 p.m., Online www.vote.virginia.gov 11:59 p.m.

❖ Nov. 1: Last Day to Apply for an Absentee Ballot by Mail, Fax, Email or Online: 5 p.m.

❖ Nov. 5: Final Day for In-Person Absentee Voting

❖ Nov. 8: Absentee Ballot Return Deadline: 7 p.m.

For more information on voting in Fairfax County:

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Absentee Fax: 703-324-3725

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ON THE BALLOT in Fairfax County:

❖ President and Vice President

❖ U.S. House of Representatives, 8th, 10th, or 11th District

❖ Meal Tax Referendum

❖ Three Proposed County Bond Questions

❖ Two Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Absentee Voting at Satellite Locations

Saturday Schedule: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and Nov. 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Weekday Schedule: Oct. 17 to Nov. 4, Monday - Friday, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Satellite Voting Locations:

❖ Providence Community Center - 3001 Vaden Dr., Fairfax, 22031

❖ Franconia Governmental Center - 6121 Franconia Rd., Alexandria, 22310

❖ McLean Governmental Center - 1437 Balls Hill Rd., Community Room, McLean, 22101

❖ North County Governmental Center, 1801 Cameron Glen Dr., Community Rooms, Reston, 20190

❖ West Springfield Governmental Center - 6140 Rolling Rd., Springfield, 22152

❖ Mason Governmental Center - 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, 22003

❖ Mount Vernon Governmental Center - 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, 22306

❖ Sully Governmental Center - 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly, 20151

❖ Lorton Library - 9520 Richmond Hwy., Lorton, 22079 SATURDAYS ONLY (Closed Weekdays)

Ballot Question, Meals Tax

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mealstax/>
Fairfax County voters will vote yes or no on establishing a 4 percent meals tax. The Connection will publish stories and letters in coming weeks on both sides of this issue.

QUESTION:

State law authorizes counties, cities, and towns to levy a tax on prepared food and beverages, commonly called a "meals tax,"

subject to certain restrictions. Most counties, including Fairfax County, may levy a meals tax only if the voters approve the tax by referendum.

The question presented in this referendum asks Fairfax County voters whether the Board of Supervisors should be authorized to levy a meals tax, at a rate not to exceed four percent of the amount charged for the taxable food and beverages.

70 percent of the net revenues would be dedicated to Fairfax County Public Schools; 30 percent of the net revenues would be dedicated to County services, capital improvements and property tax relief.

The question also states that the Board of Supervisors' reason for seeking authority to impose a meals tax is to reduce the county's dependence on real estate taxes. Currently, nearly 65 percent of Fairfax County's General Fund budget relies upon real estate taxes. State law limits what the county can tax and how it may otherwise raise revenue. Almost 90 percent of Fairfax County non-property tax revenues are capped, limited, or controlled by the state. A meals tax would give the County a new source of revenue, which would help diversify the County's revenue base. At the maximum four percent tax rate, a meals tax would generate an estimated \$99 million per year, with a significant percentage paid by non-county residents.

A number of area jurisdictions already impose a meals tax, including Arlington County, the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, and Fairfax, and the towns of Herndon and Vienna.

Four Bond Questions

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bond/>
TRANSPORTATION BONDS, Yes or No

Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds, in addition to bonds previously authorized for transportation improvements and facilities, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$120 million to finance Fairfax County's share, under the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact, of the cost of constructing, reconstructing, improving and acquiring transportation improvements and facilities, including capital costs of land, transit facilities, rolling stock and equipment in the Washington metropolitan area, and to finance improvements to primary and secondary State highways and ancillary related improvements and facilities?

PARKS AND PARK FACILITIES BONDS, Yes or No

Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds, in addition to bonds previously authorized for parks and park facilities, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$107,000,000: (i) \$94,700,000 principal amount to finance the Fairfax County Park Authority's cost to acquire, construct, develop and equip additional parks and park facilities, to preserve open-space land, and to develop and improve existing parks and park facilities; and (ii) \$12,300,000 principal amount for Fairfax County's contribution to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority to acquire, construct, develop and equip parks and park facilities?

HUMAN SERVICES/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BONDS, Yes or No

Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$85,000,000 to provide funds to finance the cost of human services facilities and community development facilities, including the construction and reconstruction of community centers and shelters and the acquisition of land and equipment or interests therein?

❖ Replace the Sully Senior Center and a build new Lorton Community Center (\$37 million)

❖ Renovate, expand or replace four emergency shelters for people who are homeless: Patrick Henry, Embury Rucker, Eleanor Kennedy, and Bailey's (\$48 million)

Virginia Voter ID

Virginia has a stringent voter identification requirement, plan to bring photo identification with you to vote, whether that is absentee or on Election Day.

Among accepted ID: valid Virginia Driver's License or Identification Card; valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran's ID card; valid U.S. Passport; other government-issued photo identification cards issued by the U.S. Government, the Commonwealth of Vir

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ginia, or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth; valid college or university student photo identification card from an institution of higher education located in Virginia; valid student ID issued by a public school or private school in Virginia displaying a photo; employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business.

Any registered voter who does not have one of the required forms of identification can apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID complete the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application, have their picture taken, and sign the digital signature pad. Once the application is processed, the card will be mailed directly to the voter.

A voter who does not bring an acceptable photo ID to the polls will be offered a provisional ballot.

Provisional Ballot Process for Voters Who Arrive Without Identification

If you arrive at your polling place on Election Day without an acceptable form of photo identification, don't panic or give up. You will be given the opportunity to vote a provisional ballot. After completing the provisional ballot, the individual voting will be given written instructions from the election officials on how to submit a copy of his/her identification so that his/her vote can be counted.

A voter will have until noon on the Friday following the election to deliver a copy of the identification to the local electoral board or to appear in person to apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. Voters may submit a copy of their ID via fax, email, in-person submission, or through USPS or commercial delivery service. Please note that the copy of the ID must be delivered to the electoral board by noon on Friday, or the provisional ballot cannot be counted.

Also by noon on Friday following the election, the voter may appear in-person in the office of the general registrar, in the locality in which the provisional ballot was cast, and apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. At the completion of the application process, the voter may request a Temporary Identification Document. This document may be provided to the electoral board to suffice the identification requirement.

Constitutional Amendments

Two proposed Virginia Constitutional Amendments will also be on the ballot:

Ballot Question 1: Should Article I of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to prohibit any agreement or combination between an employer and a labor union or labor organization whereby (i) nonmembers of the union or organization are denied the right to work for the employer, (ii) membership to the union or organization is made a condition of employment or continuation of employment by such employer, or (iii) the union or organization acquires an employment monopoly in any such enterprise?

The proposed amendment places the provisions of Virginia's right to work law into the Constitution of Virginia. While Virginia law may be amended by any future General Assembly, a constitutional prohibition can only be changed by a future constitutional amendment approved by the voters.

Ballot Question 2: Shall the Constitution of Virginia be amended to allow the General Assembly to provide an option to the localities to exempt from taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of any law-enforcement officer, firefighter, search and rescue personnel, or emergency medical services personnel who was killed in the line of duty, where the surviving spouse occupies the real property as his or her principal place of residence and has not remarried?

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Tents at the Reston Farmers Market frame the Lake Anne water fountain.



The crowd starts to fill in at Herndon's Friday Night Live.

Vibrant City Living, Small Town Life

Living in the Reston-Herndon area means you don't have to pick just one!

BY JOAN O'BRYAN
THE CONNECTION

Despite the fierce Herndon-South Lakes high schools rivalry, Herndonites and Restonians have more in common than they do differences. Not the least of which, residents from both towns share a lively and vibrant social scene.

It's gotten to the point where point of residence says little about which locations appeal to you. While the towns aren't quite combined enough yet to merit a "Brangelina"-style celebrity nickname (nor does it quite have the right ring: Hernston? Resdon?), there's no denying that together they are much more than the sum of their parts. The benefit of living in Herndon is every Reston attraction, and vice versa.

No matter the town you're currently tenting, the following highlights are open to you. There's something for everyone, from wild adventure to peaceful walk-about. Whether you're new to the area or just visiting, make sure you fill your weekends with one (or all!) of these.

Make a Splash at the Water Mine in Lake Fairfax Park

Lake Fairfax Park has it all: the eponymous lake, mountain-biking trails, grills and picnic table. But in one significant feature does it go above and beyond. Inside its bounds is the popular local water park, the Water Mine Family Swimm' Hole.

The Water Mine is filled to the brim with



Some of the Reston Runners members gather at Reston Town Center to enjoy post-run breakfast.

aquatic adventure. There's an interactive water playground, a lazy river, and slides of all lengths and inclines for the adventurous aquanaut. Rob Robinson, 40, was waiting in line with Nikki, 35, and Laila, 20 months. According to Robinson, it's a "good place to bring elementary aged children. Basically, it's safe and secure for them. The highest depth is four feet, it's family-oriented." Most importantly, "you can bring in a cooler and have your own snacks," a big bonus for any family on a trip.

In a nearby pavilion, Melvin Jones, 69, and Aaron Greene, 71, set up for the Chantilly Baptist Annual Sunday School Picnic. They were expecting a crowd of at least one hundred people. Jones appreciates the convenience and congeniality of having an event at Lake Fairfax. "It's beautiful out here. Whenever we get this spot right up in here, it's beautiful. We've got a good view, nice facility, nice accommodations." Added Greene, "it's a good central point, it's easy to set up, and the kids will be saying, 'hey, we need to go to the water park!'"

Shop and Dine at Reston Town Center

Where once stood a humble cow pasture, now stands the archetype for the quickly developing architectural phenomenon, "Urban Light." Urban light aims to bring the best of both worlds: all of the commercial benefits of a city center with all of the personality of a small-town main street. Only 26 years old, Reston Town Center has rapidly become the heart of the area's social scene.

Ask any group of locals to name their favorite part about Reston Town Center, and you'll be swamped by a chorus of enthusiastic answers. In addition to high-end shopping and dining, RTC, in the local parlance, is chock full of events and activities.

There are public art installations, such as the one currently featuring work by American sculpture artist Patrick Dougherty. Happy hour sales attract young professionals, eager to network over craft beers and fancy wine. Sunday mornings, sporty types

meet for public fitness classes in the pavilion. Parents appreciate Bow Tie Cinemas' convenient central location, perfect for dropping off a tween date while retaining the appropriate "embarrassment-free-radius" by shopping next door.

As the year proceeds, each new holiday and season is met by the appropriate hoopla: parades, ice skating, sing-alongs, and more. Visitors can find the complete events list by visiting www.restontowncenter.com.

As Gigi Harwell, 64, a longtime Herndonite, says: "Every city, every town tries to replicate the Reston Town Center. They can not do it! I've been to different areas, and they can not do what Reston Town Center has done. And that's what I like about it."

Visit the Past in Downtown Herndon

Whereas Reston Town Center has a frenetic energy to match its newish birth, Downtown Herndon's more mellow vibe befits its aged stature. Herndon was founded as a settlement in 1858, but began truly thriving with the arrival of the WO&D railroad in the early twentieth century. Easy come, easy go: in 1968 the railroad was converted into a hike-and-bike trail, and with it came the transformation from industrial stop to small-town feel.

Downtown Herndon remains proud of its history. The old train station was converted to the Herndon Depot Museum. Inside is railroad memorabilia, artifacts from Herndon's yore, and information on the town's namesake, Captain William Lewis Herndon. Nearby is a decommissioned red caboose, cheerfully clambered on by children peeking into the past.

Historical pride aside, modern Herndon has much to brag about as well. There's a delightful collection of ethnic restaurants. The red brick architecture is pleasing, cre

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LONG-TIME RESIDENTS TO NEWCOMERS

What's the Best Part of Living in the Area?

—JOAN O'BRYAN



Kathy Blystone, 56, 32 years in Herndon:

"I like downtown Herndon because it's fun to take friends to the Breeze and different restaurants. After Friday Night Live the Breeze puts on a big thing. We just really like the atmosphere. It's inviting."



Chrissie Constable, 34, and son Cooper, 4 1/2, 5 months in Herndon:

"Friday Night Live is a lot of fun. Our neighbors told us about it. They come almost every week. So we come for a few songs until the kids get tired and have a great night out."

Manfred Boerhinger, 69, 16 years in Reston:

"In Reston, everything works. This is number one. Bus, police, banking, restaurants. I lived in Switzerland three years. I don't want to say that this is Switzerland, but the perfection is amazing. I'm a fan of the U.S.



government, including the Virginia state government. This is perfect. My brother and sister were here from Germany and we were sitting here (in Reston Town Center), he looked around and said, 'Manfred, now I understand why you never came home again.'"

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COMMUNITY GUIDE

Reston

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%)

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%

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%)

Households with individuals under 18 years: 7,227 (44.5%)

Households with individuals 65 years and over: 1,723 (10.6%)

Median household income: \$137,093

Mean family income: \$177,564

Source: U.S. Census 2010; American Community Survey 2012

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Get "INVOLVED" in Reston through Volunteer Reston – Reston Association RA Volunteer Program.

Volunteer Reston seeks to build a strong, healthy and engaged community by connecting volunteers of all ages with opportunities to serve in Reston. The volunteers make an immeasurable impact, not only on RA, but to the community as a whole. The mission of Volunteer Reston is to enhance Reston Association's services and programs by matching the varied talents of individuals and groups of all ages, interests and skills, with a variety of engaging and challenging projects and endeavors.

RA volunteers come from all walks of life and include high school, middle school and college students, retirees, scouts, individuals, families and businesses. Some of the veteran volunteers have been involved in Reston for many years. They participate in one-time events, or serve on the Board of Directors and advisory committees, while others return to the same events each year. If you're interested in learning more about our volunteer program visit www.reston.org.

Connect with Volunteer Reston on Social Media!

Following the RA accounts is a convenient way to stay up to date on the latest volunteer opportunities in the Reston community. Get the latest updates about our events, share your experiences and photos with us, and see what all of our incredible volunteers are up to. We love it when you like, share or comment on our posts.

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If you're not a fan of social media, you can also receive information through the website or email. Contact Ha Brock, Volunteer Supervisor, at habrock@reston.org or habrock@reston.org to receive upcoming volunteer opportunities by email.

NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

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Francesca Villamil, 3, and her brother Lucas, 1, chase chickens at Frying Pan Park.



Shoppers stroll through the Lake Anne Village Center as the Reston Farmers Market bustles.

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ating a picturesque view for happy ice-cream lickers sitting on the scattering of benches.

Probably the most popular location to visit is the Great Harvest Bread Company. “They give you free samples. My grandkids love that. We go sit on the bench outside and feed the birds and eat the bread for breakfast,” says resident Sue Pugh. Wild life and locals alike are fans of Herndon’s culinary chef d’oeuvre.

Stretch Your Legs on the W&OD Trail or the Paths Around Walker Nature Center

The W&OD trail used to be the Washington and Old Dominion railway line during the heyday of the steam engine. Now it’s a 45 mile-long asphalt bike trail that passes through the heart of Downtown Herndon and right next to Reston Town Center.

Parts of the trail are quiet and empty; in other sections the ground practically hums with the whizzing of bicycles and the patter of jogging feet. At select intervals are benches and water fountains for exercise-junkies needing a break. The Reston Runners are big fans of the Green Lizard Cycling shop, which according to general consensus, has the best espresso in the area. Coffees and smoothies refuel hikers and bikers, as the Green Lizard mechanics get their machines into tip-top shape.

Not everyone uses the W&OD to get in shape. Matt Kim, 18, recently went for a short walk along the trail with his younger brother, Daniel, 10. Forget the scenery, the main attraction was “the small bird Pokemons and rats” (officially, Pidgeys and Rattatas) available for the hunting. Yes, that’s right: the W&OD is the perfect place to play Pokemon Go. Matt says that he and his little brother appreciate the trail for its convenience and safety, since “he (Daniel)

can’t really cross roads that much by himself, so I guess just being able to walk in a safe, car-free environment is good for him.”

For kids whose digital wildlife spotting inspires a return to nature, the Walker Nature Center runs various environmental education programs. Almost no age is too young; Reston’s littlest members have a program dedicated specifically to them “Babes in the Woods” for ages 18-35 months. Adults can learn about subjects such as worm composting or fall container planting in assorted programs.

The Walker Nature Center also acts as a hub for the myriad walking and running paths that spiral through Reston. There exists 1,300 acres of open space in the town, and the center has the low-down on each and every one of them. Walking the trails is free; programs are fee-based. More information at www.reston.org

Look Your Food in the Eye at Frying Pan Park

The evocative name surely unnerves the pigs and cattle living there, but they have nothing to fear from Frying Pan Park. It’s where they go next that involves culinary equipment. The farm today operates as a “frozen in time” historical park, showing modern day city-dwellers the agricultural life their grandparents might have enjoyed.

There’s a barn filled with antique farming equipment and more ancient thrashers and plows scattered about the property. At Kidwell Farm, children can get to know draft horses, goats, chickens, sheep, and rabbits. Especially exciting is the new litter of baby piglets, fourteen in all, as proudly shown off by Lily Dunham, 18, a freshman beginning her veterinary study at NVCC. Some will be bought by local farms, others will go to young 4-H participants, and a lucky few will stay at the Park, living in styes like Hogwarts and Hammelot. Every so often, the farm will have a presidential guest: the pardoned Thanksgiving turkey, saved from the White House table, will peck happily at the Virginian soil.

On weekdays there are often school trips, but events at the park run the gamut from birthday parties to free bluegrass concerts. Seasonal events include the Easter Egg Hunt, a Scarecrow Making Workshop, and Christmas on the Farm. If you go Friday mornings, you’ll be able to participate in a wagon ride driven by the knowledgeable volunteer Jeff Smith. He’ll tell you what happens to the milk, why not to eat the Farm’s corn, and if you’re lucky, where Frying Pan Park got its funny name.

Wei Lu, 52, enjoys watching the horses as they practice for equestrian competitions. He’s a big fan of the park and especially the old John Deere equipment. According to Lu, “it’s kind of rustic, but it’s very precious.”

Spend Time in Lake Anne Village Center

When Robert E. Simon, Jr., broke ground on his marvelous utopian settlement, his first project was carving out the 30-acre Lake Anne. Along its edges, he built the beautiful Lake Anne Village Center. He envisioned a thriving, European-style city center, where residents could sit sipping cappuccinos and admire the sparkling rainbows made by the lake’s blustering fountain.

Residents have stayed true to their founder’s vision. Today, the center thrives as shoppers visit its locally-owned businesses - no chains allowed! There’s an art gallery, restaurants, community center, and the Reston Historic Trust & Museum for the historically inclined. There’s even a “nanobrewery” (one size smaller than the popular microbrewery craze sweeping the nation). Lake Anne Brew House sells small-batch, hand-crafted beers with names like Lake Anne Skinny Dip Kolsch and Reston Red Ale.

Residents and visitors enjoy sitting around the fountain in the middle of the plaza. “I love it. The first time I visited with my girlfriend and I thought, this is great! My son would love this; he’s six years old. And I love the kettlecorn. The atmosphere is great near the water. And it’s friendly and good for kids,” according to McLean resident

Wendy Ko, 35. Her son, Alex, 6, is a big fan of the fountain, but not without reservations: “It has lots of splashes, but it’s not very deep.” That didn’t stop him from getting soaked, in the company of about ten of his peers.

On Saturday mornings, the village center is filled with hustle and bustle as the Reston Farmer’s Market sets up. Tina Barrett, 79, has been a Herndon resident since 1960 and is a farmer’s market enthusiast: “The Reston farmer’s market is great. It has everything, vegetables, people selling wares. You name it, they have it there!” True to her word, you can get everything from vegan burgers to women’s clothing while walking in the bright sunshine.

Last but not least, the water feature itself provides residents with entertainment. Surf Reston rents paddleboards and offers lessons. For the uninitiated, paddleboarding is a water sport where one stands on a long, flat surfboard and uses an oar to propel oneself through the water. The Reston Association also provides hourly boat rentals for those who prefer their water sports with a lower center of gravity.

Work Out and Make Friends with Reston Runners

What’re the Reston Runners all about? In a word, breakfast. According to Mary Goebel, 69, “we run so we can eat!”

The running and walking group gets together every Saturday and Sunday morning. They run or walk, depending on preference, a pre-assigned route pausing for drinks at strategically spaced water stations. Afterwards, they’ll gather in a sweaty circle at Reston Town Center and enjoy coffee and company.

These athletes span multiple generations, from college students home for the summer to senior citizens. In addition to providing running routes, the group is an excellent place to meet people and make

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friends. Manfred Boehringer, 69, has been with the Runners for seven years now.

"It's actually my life now. I meet people to run, to bike, to ski. I retired in 2009 and since then this has been my social world. We even went to the zoo yesterday. The best thing about Reston Runners is that we have all kinds of people. It's easy, Reston Runners is very open."

Beyond visiting the zoo, Reston Runners do a variety of events and trips together. Walking the Camino de Santiago in Spain and along Hadrian's wall in England are just two of many international trips that John Nusbaum, 72, remembers fondly.

Anna Newcomb, 52, an ex-president of the group, touts their niche programs. Previous years have featured Youth in Motion, a running program for kids ages 2-12. Currently she helps organize the women's training program. The "Couch to 5k" program helps beginner female athletes train for their first 5,000 meter race. Women receive mentoring from previous program participants, and learn the basics about running culture. "It's a very popular program among a lot of people who have just started to run. There's also a little education every week, about clothing or nutrition or whatever has to do with entering into the athletic world. It's a very sweet program."

Saturdays and Sundays are the staple runs, but at different points in the year there are Wednesday night trainings, Tuesday/Thursday evening runs, and Tuesday/Thursday morning meet-ups. More information can be found at www.restonrunners.org.

Listen to Live Music at Friday Night Live and Concerts on the Town

Rock and roll has never been so family friendly. On the Town Green in Downtown Herndon, little ones bounce to the live music as parents recline in lawn chairs. Friday Night Live has been Herndon's go to outdoor summer concert series for over twenty years.

Though the median age skews elementary, that's not to say there's nothing for adults. Stephanie Harrison, 28, has been attending for five straight years. What brings her? "Good beer and good music." What else do you need?

And if you didn't get enough music on Friday night, never fear. Herndon starts the weekend; Reston finishes it. Concerts on the Town at Reston Town Center provide another night of live listenin'.

Randy Boone, 56, attends the series every summer. He's a fan of the variety. "Jazz, fusion, every year it's something different. You could get rock, you get reggae, just the different variety of music is nice. It's always good music." However, he warns that all visitors should come prepared. Be sure to bring a lawn chair, water, and a snack!

Unfortunately for recent comers, both of these series have their last shows this upcoming weekend, August 26 and 27.

Kicking yourself for having missed out on great music? Fret not. (See what I did there?) JamBrew brings local bands back to the Town Green beginning Friday, Sept. 2 and carrying on throughout the month.

VIEWPOINTS



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Laura Thomas works at the Reston museum.

Laura Thomas, 83, 49 years in Reston

"People come from across the country to learn firsthand about the vision that (Robert E.) Simon had. People come from abroad to see this, because it was so innovative and has become so successful. (In 1967) there was very little here. It was very small. We moved to Hunters Woods but there was nothing really. You didn't have street lights. Everything changed. I like change and growth. What has not changed is people continue to come here with basically the same philosophy as they came in 1967. They want something that is good for families, good for economic growth, sophisticated, and worthy of families. And that's why they come."

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JamBrew. Every Friday in September, beginning Sept. 2. 6-10 p.m. Town Green, 777 Lynn St. Herndon. Outdoor music festival. <http://jambrew.com/>.

Zoosday 4 - 7 p.m. through Sept. 27 11900 Market St, Reston, VA 20190 Reston Town Center. Enjoy an award-winning animal and miniature animal petting zoo with hands-on, educational experiences that children and their grownups will cherish! Kid-friendly giveaways plus activities like Legos and Play-Doh. Free. Rain or shine." <https://www.restontowncenter.com/event/zoosday-927/>

Mr. Knick Knack Mondays, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. through October. Reston Town Center Pavilion 11900 Market St., Reston, VA. Unique, heart-centered music for kids and their grown-ups. Every Monday through October, presented by Reston Town Center. Free. restontowncenter.com

Dog Days of Summer 4 - 7 p.m. Every Wednesday through Sept. 28. Reston Town Center Pavilion 11900 Market St., Reston, VA. Dogs and owners can frolic in the Pavilion as it is transformed weekly into an off-leash play area. Treats, toys, areas to cool off, pet friendly giveaways, and more! Free.

August 2016

FRIDAY/AUG. 26

Herndon Friday Night Live!: The Vigilantes 6:30 p.m. 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. Listen to great music on Friday nights during the summer. Named BEST of NoVA 2012 by Northern Virginia Magazine as well as a "Must See" while in Fairfax County. The Vigilantes are a fun and exciting cover band that plays up and down the east coast performing modern top 40 dance and all your favorite classics. This band brings the party to every show! Visit herndonrocks.com/schedule.php for more.

SATURDAY/AUG 27

Reston Concerts on the Town 7:30 - 10 p.m. at Reston Town Center Pavilion Jukebox Revue: The Originals, Leonard, Coleman & Blunt, former lead singers of The Temptations, The Platters & The Drifters Doo-wop. Rain or shine. Cost: Free

TUESDAY/AUG. 30

Lake Anne Summer Film Festival: Jazz on a Summer's Day - 1960 8 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Movie Kicks Off Jazz Week at Lake Anne leading up to Lake Anne's Annual Jazz Festival on September 5th. 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.

TUESDAY/ AUG. 30 - MONDAY SEPT. 5

First ever Lake Anne Jazz Week. 1 - 8 p.m. The week will feature a variety of jazz themed events from live music, merchant activities, to a featured film part of Lake Anne's ongoing Summer Film Festival series. The week will close out with the Plaza's popular **Annual Jazz & Blues Festival**, on September 5th. The Jazz & Blue festival is a free, family friendly, all-day event that will showcase a variety of talented regional and national jazz & blues artists. Visit <http://lakeanneplaza.com/event/9th-annual-lake-anne-jazz-festival/>

September 2016

MONDAY/SEPT. 5

Herndon Labor Day Festival. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.



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The Mark H. Taiko School presents Taiko Drums or Japanese drumming on the Global Stage at Lake Anne Plaza during the Reston Multicultural Festival Sept. 30, 2015.

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. 9-10

ChalkFest At Reston Town Center Friday noon - 11 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. 11900 Market St., Reston, VA. All are invited to create chalk drawings on Market Street. The event is open to all. There will be prizes for professional artists, amateur artists, families and kids, in addition to the "Audience Choice Awards". The Festival is one of the area's most unique and fun events that attracts a diverse and motivated audience and promotes public art in Reston. Participants are invited to show off their creativity and realize chalk drawings on Market Street, in the heart of Reston Town Center. Visit: <http://www.publicartreston.org/get-involved/special-events/chalkfest-at-reston-town-center/>

SATURDAY/SEPT 10-WEDNESDAY/SEPT 21, 2016

Northern Virginia Senior Olympics. Online registration open. Various venues around Northern Virginia. Events include badminton, volleyball, cycling, a 5k road race, and many more. \$12 per person. Visit www.nvso.us for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 11, 2016

Reston Triathlon. 7 a.m. Lake Audubon, Twin Branches Road, Reston. Swim, bike and run in the "Reston World Championships." Visit <http://www.restontriathlon.org/tri/>

SATURDAY/SEPT. 17

Dulles Day Plane Pull. 10:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m. at Dulles International Airport, Dulles. The 2016 Dulles Day Family Festival & Plane Pull is a full day of excitement with airplane and auto exhibits, the children's zone and bus pull, varied displays and activities, vendors, food and entertainment. Visit www.planepull.com

SATURDAY/SEPT. 24

Reston Multicultural Festival. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Lake Anne Plaza, Reston. The Reston Multicultural Festival celebrates all the entertainment, dress, food, and cultural treasures from all over the world that are all here in Reston. Rain or shine. Free. www.restoncommunitycenter.com

SUNDAY/SEPT. 25, 2016

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.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 25

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



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Chef Roslyn "Ros" Clark flips an omelet during a cuisine presentation at the 25th Herndon Labor Day Festival last year.

throughout the day. NatureFest 2016 will feature: Live animals, both 4-footed and winged, bees and butterflies, life in the stream, creating habitats for wildlife, arts and crafts, nature olympics, and that's just for starters! Check back for further information. Visit www.herndon-va.gov.

October 2016

SATURDAY/OCT. 1

OktoBrewFest 12-10 p.m. 777 Lynn St. Herndon, Virginia. Food, beer, music, art, health. Visit <http://jambrew.com/>

SUNDAY/OCT. 2, 2016

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.

MONDAY/OCT. 3

Rescue Reston 2nd Annual Golf Tournament 1 p.m. at Reston National Golf Course 11875 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston 20191. Come out for a great day and support Rescue Reston at our Second Annual Golf Classic event! Enjoy 9 holes of golf, dinner, awards, and prizes. Contributions are tax deductible. Fees: Individual Player \$85 Foursome \$340. Visit: <http://www.rescuereston.org/golf/>

SATURDAY/OCT. 8

Oktoberfest Reston. noon-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.

SUNDAY/OCT.16

The Crohn's & Colitis Take Steps Walk. Registration opens 3 p.m. Walk begins 4 p.m. Reston Town Center 11900 Market Street Reston, Virginia, 20190. Visit: <https://www.restontowncenter.com/event/northern-virginia-take-steps-walk-crohns-colitis/>

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 19-25

Washington West Film Festival. Reston Town Center 11900 Market Street Reston, Virginia, 20190. A unique cinematic experience presenting fine independent films screened or premiered in three in-competition categories: dramatic features, documentary features, and short films. Schedules and tickets: wwfilmfest.com

FRIDAY/OCT. 28, 2016

Spooktacular. 6:30-8 p.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Enjoy ghoulish games, a spooky craft and a children's show. Fee: \$10/child in advance or \$15/child on



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Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins rode an antique fire truck in the 2014 Reston Holiday Parade at Reston Town Center. The parade has been an annual Reston tradition on the day after Thanksgiving.

day of event. Visit www.herndon-va.gov.

November 2016

TUESDAY/NOV.1

SPANCHATS 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library 11925 Bowman Towne Dr, Reston, VA 20190. Join our ongoing Spanish conversation group. All levels from beginner to fluent are welcome. Age(s): Adults. Call 703-689-2700 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/rr/>

TUESDAY/NOV. 8, 2018

Election Day. General election. Visit www.sbe.virginia.gov/ and www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm

SATURDAY/NOV. 19

Turkey Trot 5k Race. Registration 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the Herndon Community Center Gym 814 Ferndale Ave, Herndon, VA 20170. Race begins at 4 p.m. Runners and walkers, take your mark and get ready to conquer a fun 5K trail course, which winds around the Herndon Centennial Golf Course. Visit: <http://www.herndon-va.gov/recreation/special-events/turkey-trot-5k-race>

FRIDAY/NOV. 25, 2016

Reston Holiday Parade. 11 a.m. with Macy's-style balloons, musicians, dancers, antique cars, characters, community groups, dignitaries, special guest emcees, and much more. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Reston Holiday Parade on Market Street, tree lighting at Fountain Square, and much more through the day of charity and cheer. Rain or shine.

December 2016

SUNDAY/DEC.4

Book Sale 1 p.m. Reston Regional Library 11925 Bowman Towne Dr, Reston, VA 20190. Start your shopping early. Come browse and buy - we have lots of gift-quality books. Call 703-689-2700 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/rr/>

SUNDAY/DEC. 4

Holiday Arts and Crafts Show. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon. Wreaths, quilts, jewelry, Christmas ornaments, decorations, original artwork, photography, stained glass and more. Visit www.herndon-va.gov.

SATURDAY/DEC. 17.

A Storybrook Holiday Celebration. 10-11:30 a.m. at Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon. Bring your child to enjoy some holiday fun. Cost includes craft projects, a visit with Santa and a reading of a holiday story by a special guest. \$9/child.

PARKS

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

PHOTOS BY RENÉE RUGGLES
FEATURING LAKE FAIRFAX PARK
MAP BY LAWRENCE FOONG; DESIGN BY JEAN CARD

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

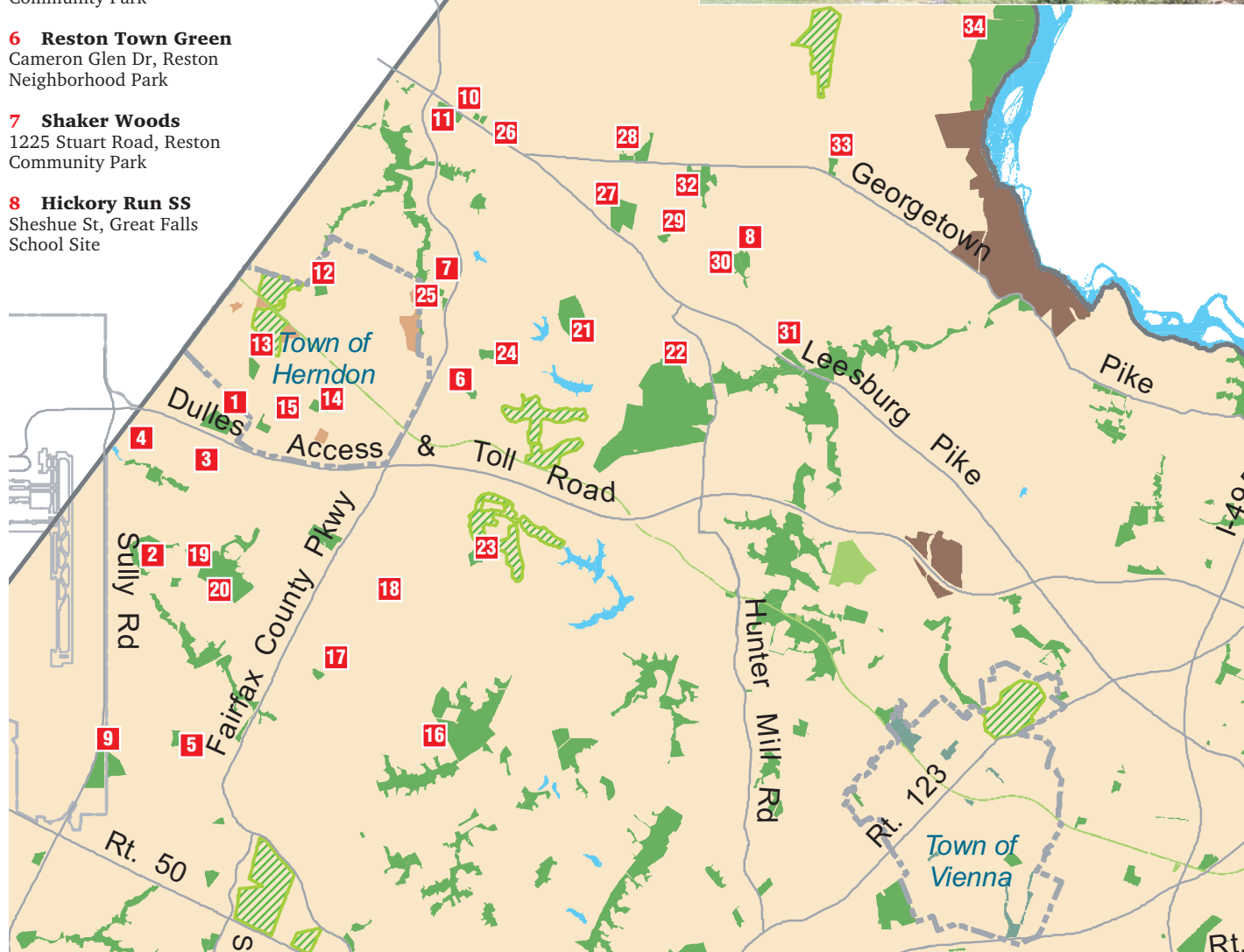
2801 Fox Mill Road, Herndon
District Park

17 Franklin Oaks

2961 Franklin Oaks Drive, Herndon
Neighborhood Park

18 Stratton Woods

2431 Fox Mill Road, Reston
Community Park



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 Safa 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

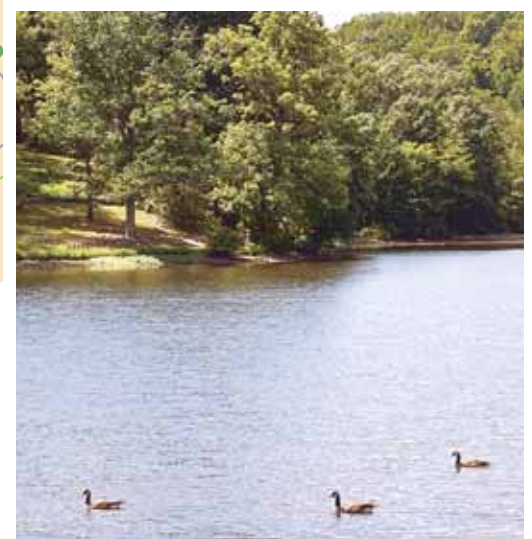
925 Springvale Road, Great Falls
Community Park

33 Great Falls Grange

9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls
Community Park

34 Riverbend

8700 Potomac Hill Street, Great Falls
Multiple Resource Park



PARKS

AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO MAJOR PARKS IN THE AREA

PHOTOS BY RENÉE RUGGLES.
FEATURING MEADOWLARK BOTANICAL GARDENS
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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 amphitheaters 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

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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

RRP 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



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.

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



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