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On behalf of the Herndon Rotary Club, Haywood Hull, president, presented the club's Citizen of the Year award to Blake G. Rose. "Thank you, Blake, for touching the lives of so many in the Herndon community," said Hull.



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## NEWS

# \$2.2 Billion Plan Approved

Associated Road Fund approved;  
Service District vote next month.

BY FALLON FORBUSH  
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the \$2.2 billion Reston Transportation Funding Plan and its associated road fund on Tuesday, Feb. 28, despite vocal opposition from community members.

The plan will only affect those who own property within the Reston Transit Station Areas (TSAs). The county designated these areas near the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority metrorail stations that will serve Reston on the Silver Line: the Reston Town Center, Wiehle-Reston East and Herndon stations.

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation has been working on the plan since the county's Reston Transit Station Areas Comprehensive Plan amendment was adopted by the Board of Supervi-



Andy Sigle, chairman of the Reston Network Analysis Advisory Group, testified in favor of the plan and its funding mechanisms.

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sors on Feb. 11, 2014.

Most of the public discussions regarding the plan have been through the Reston Network Analysis Advisory Group (RNNAG), which Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins's office established. The group is made up of nine members:

❖ Andy Sigle, chairman and community member, voted against plan

❖ Bailey Edelson, JBG representative, voted for plan

❖ Cate Fulkerson, Reston Association CEO, abstained from vote

❖ Delores Bailey, community member, voted for plan

❖ John Mossgrove, community member, not present for vote

❖ Maggie Parker, Comstock representative, voted for plan

❖ Mark Looney, Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce representative,

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## Thank You for Your Patience and Support

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**Supervisor Cathy Hudgins looks on as guest speaker, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) addresses the attendees at the Hunter Mill District Community Summit.**



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**Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova answers a question from the public. Kristin Michaels from Fairfax County Public Schools is at the podium to talk about the FY 2018 county school budget.**

## Hunter Mill District Community Summit Held

**Budgets, education, economic climate, immigration and Metro all on the agenda.**

BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE CONNECTION

**H**unter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins held a community summit on Saturday, March 4 at the Frying Pan Park Visitors Center in Herndon. The chief order of business for the gathering was to present the Fairfax County FY 2018 Advertised Budget Plan to residents of the district, which includes Reston, the Town of Vienna, parts of Herndon, Oak Hill, and Tysons Corner.

County Executive Ed Long was on hand to make the financial presentation and field questions, but before he took to the podium, Hudgins welcomed her constituents and introduced guest speakers U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), Sharon Bulova, Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Tara Voight, Council Member from the Town of Vienna.

Connolly started things off by giving an overview of some of the recent happenings in Washington. “We will feel it,” said Connolly, referring to the freeze on government hiring, the possibility of another round of sequestration, and President Donald Trump’s announced plans to increase the military’s funding by \$54 billion. Spending on the military side “means commensurate cuts on the civilian side,” said the Congressman.

Northern Virginia is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest region for federal contracts in the nation, Connolly told the audience. A major loss in that employment generator would have an enormous, negative ripple effect on the local economy.



**Supervisor Cathy Hudgins looks on as guest speaker, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) addresses the attendees at the Hunter Mill District Community Summit.**

**CONNOLLY WENT ON** to list a few of the agencies and services that are facing substantial decreases in federal funding, including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. “You know. The folks who track our weather patterns, who watch out for hurricanes, blizzards” and other climatological events, he added, “helping us make important decisions and preparations.”

Funding for the Chesapeake Bay cleanup, a state/federal project begun in 2010 which has shown remarkable success in restoring water quality and improved the regional economy with significant job creation, has also been earmarked for a potential massive cut with the proposed downsizing of the Environmental Protection Agency by 20 percent. The restoration work could see a 93 percent cut, from \$72 million to \$5 million.

The Congressman also touched on the topic of Immigration, citing his attendance at Dulles airport following Trump’s Executive Order that effectively established a travel ban for people from seven Muslim-

majority countries. Connolly assisted in securing the release of an “American hero,” a woman who had assisted the U.S. military in Iraq.

Citing statistics that highlight the positive effect that immigrants and diversity have had on the county, Connolly said that “Fairfax has made it work by including everyone.”

Connolly, Hudgins, Bulova and Long all had something to say about Metro. Reston already has one of the Silver Line Stations at Wiehle-Reston. Before the project is complete, Hunter Mill will have two more stations in the district, with an increased responsibility for their care and upkeep.

County Executive Long said that Metro funding was workable in the FY 2018 budget, but that the following year posed a serious problem, since Northern Virginia would be picking up a larger portion of the operational tab. “The Feds have got to step up” and help break what Connolly called a vicious cycle of increasing fees, perceived poor service and reliability issues. Federal funding is made available for capital im-

provements to Metro, but Connolly pointed out that operational and maintenance monies are all up to the local jurisdictions — something that he said was unique to our area and placed an “unsustainable burden” on the region, especially since Fairfax County by Virginia law cannot create tax-based revenue sources and must continue to rely on real estate and property taxes to replenish the budget coffers.

Chairman Bulova highlighted a few successes that the county has chalked up, including the Diversion First Program, which seeks to offer alternatives to incarceration for persons with mental or developmental disabilities who “come into contact with the criminal justice system for low level offenses.”

Bulova also announced that the Board had appointed nine residents to the newly established Police Civilian Review Panel at their last meeting. The panel was part of the recommendations made by the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission in October of 2015.

The panel is made up of a “group...with impressive skillsets,” she stated. “They will offer...further transparency...and a separate portal for the community’s voice to be heard.”

**AFTER BULOVA’S COMMENTS**, the County Executive took over and with PowerPoint slides and a Citizen’s Guide pamphlet as communication tools, guided the attendees through the process, the driving factors, the timeline, and the specific disbursements in the county’s \$4.1 billion General Fund budget.

The Citizen’s Guide presents the amounts being directed to various needs, departments and services, along with a brief narrative that details what the monies are used for. It also includes some historical information for, and explains where certain funds are required by law and/or contract or obligatory debt service.

Long highlighted items that were not be

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# OPINION

## Independent, Civilian Oversight in Place

**New auditor and panel will make an excellent police force better, more transparent and accountable.**

In February, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors followed through in establishing two forms of independent oversight of law enforcement for the first time in county history.

Richard Schott will begin as independent auditor on April 17, reporting directly to the Board of Supervisors.

Nine members have been named to the county's inaugural Civilian Review Panel, chaired by Adrian Steel. More than 140 Fairfax County residents applied to be considered to serve on the panel, and those named appear to have a remarkable set of qualifications.

Independent, civilian oversight of law enforcement is a national best practice.

Schott is a 27-year veteran of the FBI where he specialized in training on officer use of force, civil rights and color of law issues. He worked on the Henry Glover and Danziger Bridge civil rights cases, prosecutions of New Orleans Police Department officers for civil rights violations after Hurricane Katrina.

The Office of the Auditor will handle cases of police use of force that result in serious injury and death and the Civilian Review Panel will handle complaints about Fairfax County Police abuse of authority or misconduct.

These methods of oversight were adopted

by the board following recommendations of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission, established by Chairman Sharon Bulova in the wake of the police shooting death of John Geer and public reaction to 17 months when FCPD released no information about the case until forced to by court order.

Leadership of FCPD, especially Chief Edwin C. Roessler Jr., have embraced the almost all of the 202 recommendations of the commission, which acknowledged the overall excellence of Fairfax County Police.

Nevertheless, the county's first independent auditor will come on board with work to do.

In his mandate to monitor and review internal investigations of Police Department officer-involved shootings, in-custody deaths and use-of-force cases in which an individual is killed or seriously injured, Schott will begin with the investigation of the officer-involved shooting death of Herndon resident Mohammad Azim Doudzai in progress.

Among the questions for Schott will be why it took 45 days, rather than the recommended 10 days, to release the name of the officer involved in the shooting. The chief needed the additional time to fully investigate and mitigate any possible threats to the officer and his family, and respond to legal action by the officer seeking to stop the release of his name, a delay permitted by the new policy. The officer

was involved in two other uses of deadly force, one in 2005 and one in 2010, with the suspect wounded but not killed in those two incidents. (The officer received valor awards for the 2005 incident for rescuing the store manager during an armed robbery with shots fired.)

Other questions that we hope the auditor can answer for the public:

According to the chief's statement at the scene on the day of the incident, two officers used less lethal force (taser and foam bullet) while one officer fired his service weapon. Was a supervisor coordinating the plan? What was the sequence of events and uses of force? Was there an attempt to subdue the suspect without deadly force?

Why is so little additional information forthcoming about the incident? Subsequent releases have contained fewer details than were release on the day of the incident. What video exists and when will it be released?

The policy states: "It is important to note the 10 day period is primarily related to the release of officer names and is only designed as a limit to not be exceeded without cause, not a recommended standard, and the board and the public expect the Police Department to release other appropriate preliminary factual information and updates to the public as soon as possible."

Another area of inquiry is analysis of data released last year that indicates 40 percent of the subjects of use of force by FCPD are African American, while only 8 percent of the county population is African American.

— MARY KIMM

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Power in Unity

To the Editor:

With much excitement, I read Feb. 22 commentary titled "What Can I Do?" Author, Kenneth R. Plum, State Delegate (D-36) writes to inform the community about a chance to become involved and more active in civil service. As Plum is a State Delegate, his position in society allows and provides him with the connections to organize a Civil Engagement Workshop. Considering the current state of affairs within our nation, now more than ever, it is important to recognize there is power in unity and to seek to make personal connections with others in our community. Taking place March 11, Plum states that there will be 15 representatives at this event from different organizations that work towards social justice regarding one specific issue. Pulling from both political parties, Plum gathered a diverse group of representatives allowing attendees to feel welcomed to share and express their concerns. I applaud State Delegate Plum for facilitating this event and realizing that we all

share a common thread if we have the chance to discuss it. By empowering ourselves and our neighbors, we open our eyes to our interdependence which is the greatest chance to change the direction that our nation is headed in. As I will be on spring break from college, I personally look forward to attending this event and encouraging my neighbors to attend as well.

**Veronika Funke**  
Herndon

## Freeze Is Hurting Community

To the Editor:

The federal hiring freeze is hurting my family, my neighbors and my community. I live in Fairfax County. My husband and many of my neighbors work for the federal government. My husband's department has already been cut many times over the years so there are barely enough employees to get the work done. And now the Trump administration is talking about

250,000 lay-offs in addition to the freeze. That number dwarfs what Mr. Trump claims he has created by threatening U.S. companies. Federal jobs are equally as important to our economy as private sector jobs. In fact, since they are good paying and secure jobs, they greatly contribute to the safety and wellbeing of our nation. We need to make our voices heard concerning the importance of maintaining our federal workforce. Tell your U.S. Congressman and Senators.

**Peggy Pridemore**  
Vienna

## Supporting Stand for Justice

To the Editor:

My name is Lily Gates and I am a local Vienna resident attending James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Upon reading Tim Peterson's article concerning the Prayer Vigil held at the ICE Office in Fairfax (Vienna/Oakton Connection, March 1-7, 2017), I was troubled with the reported harm that executive orders are

bringing to our local community. While respecting the Governor's disclaimer about the uncertainty concerning the ICE's reported actions, there is clearly fear of, among other things, rifts forming between Police and community members.

What concerns me the most is the continual push for efficiency at the expense of emotional empathy: a continuous problem in our nation's struggle between the governmental systematic legislature and the "people's" personal communities. Where documentation is unable to portray human emotion, it is the duty of United States citizens to take new perspectives and implement this legislation both ethically and empathetically. I praise the current stands for justice that our local communities are already demonstrating (i.e. the Prayer Vigil), and hope we can continue defending the rights of our fellow neighbors and community-members; not losing touch of our humanity at the expense of respecting and upholding the law.

**Lily Gates**  
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# Chief Releases Name of Officer in Shooting Death

Officer used deadly force in two prior cases, both determined to be lawfully justified.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Chief of Police Edwin Roessler has named 16-year veteran Master Police Officer Lance Guckenberger as the officer who used deadly force, killing Mohammad Azim Doudzai at his home in Herndon, the scene of a double shooting and barricade incident on Jan. 16.

Roessler released the name of the officer March 2, after a protracted risk assessment and court action by the officer seeking a restraining order to stop the release of his name. This is the first FCPD officer-involved shooting since the Board of Supervisors adopted recommendations from the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission, including releasing the name of the officer within 10 days of an officer-involved deployment of deadly force unless the chief determines that more time is needed to investigate or mitigate a credible threat to the officer and/or family.

Police say two men were shot inside Doudzai's house, in the 13300 block of Cov-

ered Wagon Lane in Herndon. Officers from the Reston District station responded around 2.40 p.m. on Jan. 16, after the shooting victims had already gone to the hospital. A third man was trapped inside the home with Doudzai, who police said was armed with both a gun and at least one knife. Adding to the danger of the scene were flames and smoke coming from the residence, police said.

In an attempt to de-escalate the situation, members of the Crisis Negotiations team and Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team were called in to negotiate with Doudzai. Guckenberger is assigned to the Special Operations Division responsible for both those teams.

Doudzai eventually came to the front door, where Roessler said both less-lethal and deadly force were used to bring him down.

In a press conference from the scene of the incident, Roessler said the less-lethal force deployed included a taser and 40mm foam bullet. The deadly force was Guckenberger's service firearm.

The exact sequence of those uses isn't known, but should be determined at the



COURTESY OF FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE

**In a press conference from the scene of the Jan. 16 officer-involved shooting-barricade incident, Chief of Police Edwin Roessler said the less-lethal force deployed included a taser and 40mm foam bullet. The deadly force was MPO Lance Guckenberger's service firearm.**

conclusion of the ongoing FCPD investigation, medical examiner's findings and decision from the Commonwealth's Attorney.

A March 2 release from FCPD announcing the officer's name failed to mention the less-lethal force used. FCPD spokesperson MPO Don Gotthardt said in an email that detail was probably not considered due to focus being on the release of the name and

taking care of the officer.

Guckenberger has been involved with two prior cases involving use of deadly force, Roessler said the March 2 release, one in 2005 and one in 2010; in both cases the suspect survived.

The first involved a business holdup on Jan. 14, 2005 in Falls Church and an exchange of gunfire with the suspect in Bailey's Crossroads. Guckenberger received both the Fairfax County Police Silver Medal of Valor and the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police's Award for Valor for his actions in 2005 incident for rescuing the store manager, according to press accounts from the time.

The second involved a man with a history of mental illness who was reportedly using narcotics. He fired at officers multiple times, police said, with what turned out to be a BB gun powered by a CO2 cartridge.

"Both of those matters were determined to be lawfully justified uses of force," Roessler said, "in which the officer used great restraint while being exposed to suspects who were using weapons against the involved officer while the officer was attempting to preserve the sanctity of human life for others."

Both criminal and administrative investigations by FCPD into the Jan. 16 incident are ongoing, police said.

## FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community, including special holiday services. Send to [reston@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.havenofnova.org) for schedules and registration information.

## Local SoberRide Program Partners with LYFT

SoberRide, Greater Washington's popular free safe ride service to prevent drunk driving will now be solely available via the Lyft mobile app ridesharing platform.

The collaboration, billed by both organizations as an "anti-drunk driving and pro-safety partnership" kicks-off officially with this month's St. Patrick's Day holiday when Lyft will provide SoberRide trips to would-be drunk drivers throughout Greater Washington beginning at 4 p.m. on Friday, March 17, 2017 (St. Patrick's Day) and continue until 4 a.m. on Saturday, March 18, 2017 as a way to keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk holiday.

During this 12-hour period, area residents age 21 or older celebrating with alcohol may download Lyft to their phones, then enter the code SOBERRIDE in the app's 'Promo' section to receive their no cost (up to \$

20) safe transportation home. The SoberRide code is valid for new and existing Lyft users.

In addition to Lyft's provision of WRAP's SoberRides this year, the ridesharing service will be donating \$1 to the nonprofit organization for each new Lyft customer using the SoberRide code in 2017.

SoberRide is offered throughout Lyft's Washington, D.C. coverage area which includes all or parts of: the District of Columbia; the Maryland counties of Montgomery and Prince George's; and the Northern Virginia counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William.

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## PEOPLE

# Eileen Curtis, Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce President/CEO, to Retire after 23 Year Tenure

**T**he Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce announces that Eileen Curtis will retire as President & CEO of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce in mid July 2017, after a successor is chosen. Eileen has served as the Chamber's President & CEO since 1994, one of the longest terms of presently serving Chamber presidents in the United States. Under her leadership, the Chamber has grown into one of the largest chambers in the Greater Washington, D.C., area.

"Eileen has meant so much more to this Chamber than being its president. She has served the Chamber and our community for 23 years with professionalism, grace and a deep desire to see the Dulles area grow into the vibrant community we have now. We are all better people for knowing her as both a colleague and a friend," said James Lawson, Chairman of the Board, Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce.

"I am so humbled to have been able to work closely with Eileen over the last five years. She is a leader, a visionary, a good friend, and one of the most enthusiastic and positive people I know," added Bob Gangi, former Chairman of the Board and a Senior Vice President of Citibank. "This is the beginning of another great phase of her life, and I'm excited to see what great things she'll do next!"

"Herndon's business community has directly benefited from Eileen's energetic, progressive stewardship of the Chamber over these many years," said Town of Herndon Mayor Lisa Merkel. "I speak for a grateful community in wishing her all the best in her retirement."

"My company has been a chamber member for our entire existence, thanks to Eileen Curtis," said Jeff W. Dick, Chairman and CEO of MainStreet Bank. "Eileen is incredible, with her positive can-do attitude and her magnificent grace. We have benefited both as a business and as a community from her wisdom, her compassion and her leadership."

"A leader is open minded. A leader opens discussions with 'Yes - let's talk about that,' and 'I hear you.' Eileen Curtis is and always has been a leader," said Jay Garant, Director, Business and Community Partnerships, Fairfax County Public Schools. "She's marshalled the energy and collective resources to better our community. We celebrate Eileen's accomplishments but only welcome her retirement knowing she leaves behind a culture of doing community good."

Curtis is a graduate of the U.S. Chamber's Institute of Organization Management and of Leadership Fairfax. She has been recognized as Woman of the Year by the Herndon Business & Professional Women and as

Chamber Executive of the Year by the Virginia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives. Curtis has a M.A. from the Catholic University of America and recently received a lifetime achievement award from Caldwell University.

During her 23-year tenure at the Dulles Chamber, Curtis has been at the helm in addressing 21st century issues, including workforce and STEM (Science, Technology,

Engineering, Math), diversity and biotech. She launched Innovate, an annual one-day conference welcoming the economic opportunities of change.

Curtis developed partnerships with six area high schools, including an alternative high school, helping students prepare to be the workforce of tomorrow.



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**Eileen Curtis**

She persuaded her Chamber Board to embrace a platform of immigration reform — the only chamber in Virginia or in the D.C. metro area to do so, except for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Prior to her time at Dulles Chamber of Commerce, Curtis served as Director of Music and Cultural Affairs for WGMS Radio, where she was awarded the Silver Medal for the Arts from the Government of Austria. She helped produce the event on the Washington Mall that welcomed home the Iran hostages. She was awarded numerous national awards, including the Peabody Award for Broadcast Journalism.

Pat Williams, founder of Graceful Care and Chairman of the Dulles Chamber of Commerce from 2001-02 spoke about Curtis beginning her second career at the Dulles Chamber of Commerce back in 1994:

"Twenty-three years ago, a bright and confident woman came to our Herndon Chamber mixer sporting a name badge that read, 'Eileen Curtis, Job Seeker.' Our Board President, Bob Galloway, was impressed, and we hired her to be the new 'Executive Director of the Herndon Chamber of Commerce.' Eileen has personally spotlighted and supported thousands of Chamber members so that we have become the leaders in our fields, and at the same time she asked us to find ways to give back to the community by supporting our youth and the needs of our 50 nonprofits. All of us who have served under her leadership consider her a special friend, a relentless go-getter and optimist, and an innovator whose creativity is limitless. She may step down as 'President' of the DRCC, but she will never retire in the traditional sense. You can bet that her next chapter will be as fascinating as all the ones that came before!"

Curtis says her future plans include traveling, volunteering and writing at least two books.

For more information, visit [DullesChamber.org](http://DullesChamber.org).



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**Tammi Petrine, co-chair of the Reston 20/20 Committee, and her counterpart Terry Maynard testified against the plan because it relies on taxing homeowners in a special service district to pay for its expenses.**

## Board Approves Plan

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voted for plan

❖ Paul Thomas, community member, abstained from vote

❖ Robert Goudie, Reston Town Center representative, not present for vote

The RNNAG group voted to form a road fund and a special service district to help pay for the projects outlined in the county's plans. However, the vote was not unanimous.

**ONLY FOUR MEMBERS** voted for the proposed plan; one member voted against; two members abstained; and two members were not present to vote. Though only seven members participated in the vote, it was a quorum.

"While the vote was not unanimous in regards to the specific road fund and service district contribution rates, the advisory group was in agreement regarding the general structure of the funding plan and seemed that the ... rates fell within a range which the group agreed was acceptable," said Andy Sigle, chairman of the Reston Network Analysis Advisory Group, during the hearing.

Sigle was the only member of the nine-member group to vote against the proposed plan, but testified on behalf of the entire group.

The tax district would affect all property owners in the TSAs, but the road fund is only for new development. By right construction is not subject to the road fund payments.

For the road fund, which the Board approved, the rates are \$2,090 per dwelling unit for residential property and \$9.56 per square foot of commercial property.

The proposed service district rate for homeowners is 2.1 cents per \$100 of assessed value of the property. The Board of Supervisors has not voted on this yet.

Broader public meetings based on the RNNAG's approved plan did not begin until January, when FCDOT invited the public to two community meetings. One

was held in Reston in January and the other was held outside the town of Herndon in February, just days before the hearing with the Board of Supervisors.

Participants at both meetings were vocally opposed and demanded answers as to why they didn't receive direct mailings alerting them to the plan. They also said they felt like their participation was too late in the process to make a difference.

"The majority of this is being paid by public dollars and by developers," said Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins, during the hearing. "It is a difficult task, but we believe that it is an important task because as Reston continues to grow today, we have congestion. We have very bad congestion."

Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity pushed back against the plan and was critical of its enormous cost.

"We're funding this based on a Lamborghini when a Cadillac might do," Herrity said during the hearing.

He decided to abstain from the vote.

"I don't think we've got the demand to justify some of what we're building here," he said.

Providence District Supervisor Linda Smyth also abstained from the vote.

**THE PLAN'S ESTIMATED COST** is more than \$2.2 billion over 40 years.

Federal, regional, state and local public funding in the amount of \$1.2 billion, or 53 percent of the total costs, have been allocated for the projects over a 40-year period, according to the FCDOT.

The rest of the bill, 47 percent, would be paid by commercial and residential property owners.

The department expects in-kind contributions from developers to pay for \$716 million. The plan's road fund and proposed special service district would foot the rest of the costs: \$350 million.

The Board will have a hearing on the plan's associated service district, which would affect homeowners, on Tuesday, April 4, at 2 p.m.



# Kitchen Design Trends to Expect in 2017

Local designer share popular design ideas.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION



PHOTOS COURTESY OF WINN DESIGN + BUILD

**Clean lines, built-ins and neutral colors, such as those in the kitchen of this Potomac, Md. home by Anthony Wilder Design/Build, Inc., are expected to be popular in 2017.**

Those looking for kitchen design ideas have a new source of inspiration: the National Kitchen & Bath Association's (NKBA) list of trends for 2017. Local designers reveal which trends are most popular in the Washington, D.C. region.

NKBA predicts that contemporary-styled kitchens will overtake traditional to become the second most popular design after transitional. Locally, Michael Winn, president of Winn Design + Build expects to see "a strong move towards transitional and contemporary styles, with no fussy designs."

Homeowners are looking for "kitchen spaces that look comfortable, calming and clutter-free," said Shannon Kadwell of Anthony Wilder Design/Build, Inc.

Clean lines, built-in shelving and simple door styles dominate kitchen designs. Megan Padilla, senior designer for Aidan Design reports an interest in custom storage ideas. "We're inspired by our work with clients who often have collections of table décor — everything from antique trays to vintage oyster plates," she said. "By creating custom storage these cherished items can be readily accessible."

When it comes to painted cabinetry, gray is the new white and the popularity of both colors shows no signs of slowing down, according to the NKBA survey. However, blue painted and high gloss kitchen cabinets are emerging, especially in the Washington area, says Winn. "Blues and grays are very popular [and] 'White continues to be popular.'"

For overall color schemes, two-toned kitchens are gaining popularity while blue and black are emerging as sought after colors. "We're seeing a rise in product offerings available in matte black — from appli-

ances to plumbing fixtures to cabinet hardware," said Padilla. "We love it paired with white in a classic black and white kitchen, but also as an accent piece. Matte black also pairs beautifully with brass, which has been trending for the past couple of years."

Quartz is the most sought-after kitchen countertop material, followed by granite. "Most of our clients aren't really interested in a kitchen that [is] too trendy since they plan to have it in place for 15-20 years," said Padilla. "We've seen an uptick in interest in incorporating color by way of alternate neutrals. Navy blue is probably the top choice, but taupes and lighter blues are also on the list."

An interest among homeowners in incorporating technology in kitchen design is increasing as well. About one third of the NKBA professionals surveyed reported recent projects that included wiring and pathways for future tech integration. "I would also expect the technology side to be a focus in D.C.," said Samantha Klickna, project developer with Case Design/Remodeling, Inc. "The ease and comfort of controlling your home while at the office or on travel is very appealing and convenient for the city dweller."

Induction cooktops and convection ovens are trending higher, and microwave drawers are surpassing freestanding or built-in microwaves in popularity. "People have been purchasing appliances like steam ovens and induction ovens now more than ever before," said Kadwell. "People have less time, but still want to cook. They want to be able to cook quickly, so they're looking for appliances that can accomplish that."



**Design trends for 2017 include kitchens with rustic and reclaimed woods, such as this one by Aidan Design.**



**White and gray painted cabinets like those in this kitchen by Winn Design + Build will dominate kitchen color schemes in 2017.**

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## ONGOING

**Photography Competition.** Through March 11, various times at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Showcase the works of local photographers, with cash award to the winner. Awards reception on Saturday, Feb. 27, 7-9 p.m. Visit [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com) or call 703-956-9560 for more.

**GRACE Art: Celebrating Creativity.** Through March 11, at various times at the Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE), 12001 Market St., Suite 103. celebrates Youth Art Month with two exhibitions dedicated to the artistic achievements of the area's youth. Opening reception and family day, March 4, 12-4 p.m. Visit [restonarts.org](http://restonarts.org) or call 703-471-9242 for more.

**Mosaic Art with Anita Damron.** Mondays through April 3, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. All mosaic methods taught in this class. \$200 + a \$50 supplies. Call 703-956-9560 or visit [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com) for more.

**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. Call 703-689-0999 [potomacriverrunning.com](http://potomacriverrunning.com).

**Over-40 Softball League.** A Fairfax-based league is looking for enough players to form another team. Players must be at least 40 years of age to be eligible. All games are doubleheaders - played on Sundays at Bready Park in Herndon between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. If interested, email [skeduman@aol.com](mailto:skeduman@aol.com) for more information.

**Teen and Adult Art Classes**  
**ArtSpace Herndon** Every Monday from 5:30-8:30 p.m. 750 Center Street, Herndon. Drawing and Mixed Media with Melanie Stanley - During Fall and Winter of 2016. Cost: \$45/class. The class will use a variety of techniques for drawing, painting, mark making, and collage using fine arts tools and materials. Students will be taken down a creative path to learn to use drawing tools and brushes more effectively. Register by emailing Melanie, and she will send you the supply list and payment options/information: [ridingfree2@gmail.com](mailto:ridingfree2@gmail.com). 703-956-9560. [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com).

## MARCH 8-9

**Farm Animals Bedtime.** 7-8 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Learn how animals such as cows, pigs and goats get ready for some shut-eye. Bring a flashlight or lantern along, and please dress for the weather. Call 703-437-9101 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark/).

## SATURDAY/MARCH 11

**Family Fun Saturdays.** Throughout the day at Fountain Square, Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Activities include:  
❖ Dog Adoptions with Lucky Dog Animal Rescue, 11-3 p.m.  
❖ Free Sweet Treats, 1 p.m., while supplies last  
❖ Balloon Artist, 1-4 p.m.  
❖ Live Music, 2-4 p.m.  
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**Leprechaun Houses.** 10 a.m.-noon at 8 ❖ OAK HILL/HERNDON CONNECTION ❖ MARCH 8-14, 2017

Reston Art Gallery & Studios, 11400 Washington Plaza W, Lake Anne Plaza, Reston. Create a rainbow topped dwelling from paper, markers etc, add a pot of gold if you like. Free drop-in parent/child crafts project. Call 703-481-8156 for more.

**Children's Cooking Class.** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Il Fornaio, 11990 Market St., Reston Town Center. Pizza-making cooking class for kids. \$18.95, includes pizza, soft drinks and gelato. For reservations, visit [banquets.reston@ilfo.com](mailto:banquets.reston@ilfo.com) or call 703-437-5544 for more.

**Digital Photography Essentials.** 1-5 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. This introductory class, taught by Mary Louise Ravese of Bella Vista Photography, is for people with a digital camera who are interested in learning how to successfully use their camera beyond automatic / program modes. \$200 plus a \$50 supply fee. Call 703-956-9560 or visit [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com) for more.

**ArtSpace Kids Workshop.** 2-4 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. A Reduce, Reuse and Recycle kids art workshop with teachers Amanda Jasper and Anna Warburton. \$25, grades 1-5. Call 703-956-9560 or visit [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com) for more.

**Lecture about County Borders.** 7 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Local historian Jim Lewis tells the story behind the evolution of the Fairfax and Loudoun County boundary line. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library) for more.

**Purim Comedy Night.** 7:30 p.m. at the Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, 1441 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Featuring comedians Bengt Washburn and Matty Litwak and the Shticklets. \$36. Call 540-521-1692 or visit [www.nvhcreston.org/](http://www.nvhcreston.org/) for more.

**The Travelers Concert.** 7:30 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. Musicians Norman Wright, Kevin Church, Tom Adams and Marshall Wilborn have individually been playing traditional bluegrass music and now come together as a quartet. \$15 children 12 and younger free. Call 703-435-8377 for more.

## SUNDAY/MARCH 12

**Lucky Leprechaun 5K.** 8:30 a.m. at the Fountain Square and Streets Race, 11900 Market St., Reston Town Center. 3.1 mile race and kid fun run. Register at [praces.com/luckyleprechaun](http://praces.com/luckyleprechaun) or call 703-689-0999.

**Nonprofit Event.** 1-5 p.m. at The Avant at Reston Town Center, 12025 Town Square St., Reston. CTaBois, founder of the International Association for Self-Proclaimed Artists and Writers, is holding her first art exhibition to benefit the effort in Thailand. Visit [www.ctabois.com](http://www.ctabois.com) for more.

**Opening Reception.** 2-4 p.m. at Reston Art Gallery & Studios, Lake Anne Village Center, 11400 Washington Plaza W # B, Reston. Joan Kelly's new show called "New Directions," which continues through March 29. Visit [www.restonartgallery.com/](http://www.restonartgallery.com/) for more.

## MONDAY/MARCH 13

**Trivia Day.** 9:30 a.m. at Dranesville Church of the Brethren 11500 Leesburg Pike. \$5 fee to help pay for trivia host Tam Mcgeady. Call 703-404-0124 for more.

## MARCH 12-29

**"New Directions" Exhibit.** 2-4 p.m. at Reston Art Gallery & Studios, Lake Anne Village Center, 11400



Suzanne Pearson, Lisa Arthur, Giorgi Medellin, Jne Jacques, Lisa Tureson, Mimi Rosen, Larissa Tonini attend the opening reception of Tureson's new exhibit.

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## Hernon Artist Lisa Tureson Exhibits at Touchstone

Oak Hill-Herndon-based artist Lisa Tureson celebrated the opening reception of her latest exhibit Scribbles: an Urban Art Series, on Friday March 3, 2017 at Touchstone Gallery, 901 New York Ave., NW, Washington, D.C.

All works were inspired by a recent trip to Copenhagen, Denmark where Tureson spotted a simple white wall with peeling and deteriorating paint which revealed layers of colors, papers, street art and writings.

The Scribbles series presents this idea with a softer and gentler hand. Tureson's love of mixed media is evident as she uses smooth and gritty plasters, acrylics, ink, spray paint and papers.

Tureson's show will be on display at Touchstone Gallery through April 2, 2017.

An encore reception is planned for Sunday, March 26 from 2-4 p.m.

— MARILYN CAMPBELL



Herndon-based artist Lisa Tureson (pictured with Josh Hildreth and Vivian Brauhnöhler) celebrates the opening of her new exhibit, Scribbles: an Urban Art Series

Washington Plaza W # B, Reston. Joan Kelly is the artist behind this show. Visit [www.restonartgallery.com/](http://www.restonartgallery.com/) for more.

## TUESDAY/MARCH 14

**Fundraiser Night at Chipotle.** 6-10 p.m. at Chipotle Mexican Grill, 11913 Freedom Drive, Reston Town Center. Chipotle will donate 50 percent of proceeds from orders placed by supporters of Herndon Middle School Theatre Boosters when they show the flyer on their phone or mention the charity to the cashier. Call 703-435-5795 or visit [chipotle.com](http://chipotle.com) for more.

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## THURSDAY/MARCH 16

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## MARCH 17-19

**From the Mouths of Monsters.** Various times at Herndon High School Auditorium, 700 Bennett St., Herndon. \$5 for students, \$15 for adults, appropriate for students in grades 7-12. Visit [herndonhighschooltheatre.ticketleap.com](http://herndonhighschooltheatre.ticketleap.com) for more.

## MARCH 17-APRIL 1

**Emerging Visions: Interactions.** Various times at the Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE), 12001 Market Street, Suite 103, Reston. After viewing Shih Chieh Huang: Synthetic Transformations, students were asked to explore different interpretations and aspects of interactions. The final selections will be on view in the gallery. Opening reception, March 18, 6-8 p.m. Visit [restonarts.org](http://restonarts.org) or call 703-471-9242 for more.

## SATURDAY/MARCH 18

**Kids' Trout Fishing Day.** 8 a.m.-noon at Snakeden Branch Stream between Soapstone Drive and Lake Audubon. Snakeden Branch will be well stocked with hundreds of trout. All necessary equipment will be provided and Trout Unlimited members will help clean the fish. Registration is required. Ages 2-12. To register, reserve a fishing rod go to [bit.ly/2017TroutFishingDay](http://bit.ly/2017TroutFishingDay). To volunteer, contact Ha Brock at 703-435-7986 or [habrock@reston.org](mailto:habrock@reston.org).

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❖ Meet Reston Town Center Mascot, "Resty" the Dog

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**St. Patrick's Day Party.** 6-9 p.m., at St. Veronica's Church parish hall, 3460 Centreville Road, Chantilly. A family event that includes food, drink, sing-alongs, Irish dancers and plenty of smiling Irish eyes. Adults \$7, Children \$5, drinks extra. Visit [www.stveronica.net/](http://www.stveronica.net/) or call 703-773-2000 for more.

## SUNDAY/MARCH 19

**Maker Faire NoVa.** 11:00 a.m. until 5 p.m. at South Lakes High School and Langston Hughes Middle School, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston. Tech enthusiasts, inventors, entrepreneurs, educators and curious minds. Visit [nova.makerfaire.com/](http://nova.makerfaire.com/) for more.

**Maestro Fleary and the Orchestra.** 4 p.m. at Reston Community Center, Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. "With Youth in Mind: Birds, Bees and Odditease" show. Visit [www.restoncommunitycenter.com](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com) for more.



# Residents Participate in 'Build-a-Budget' Exercise

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ing funded in the "net neutral" budget plan, such as the second year of additional funding for the Diversion First program. He also pointed out areas where funds were provided that fell short of the requests made by their recipients. The largest gap of note was in the transfer to the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Operating Fund. Even though the Advertised Budget includes an increase of \$51.69 million over FY 2017, that number is almost \$61 million less than what has been requested by the FCPS Board.

Fairfax County funds approximately 72 percent of the FCPS budget, while the average school district in Virginia receives only about 41 percent from its local government, with the rest coming from the State. "If our county only funded 41 percent of the FCPS budget, we would save about \$817 million," said Long.

There were plenty of comments and queries from the audience. "Why not just ask for a dollar more per month in the real estate assessments?" asked one woman. Long replied that after the increases of the prior year, the softening of the housing market, and the decisive defeat of the proposed Meals Tax Referendum during the November elections, it was determined that maintaining the tax rate at \$1.13 dollars per \$100 of assessed property value was advisable.

Long also said that the FY 2019 outlook was such that it was best to budget conservatively this year and continue to prepare for the future.

Following Long's presentation and a question and answer and public commentary session, Kristin Michaels, FCPS Assistant Superintendent for Financial Services provided an overview of the FY 2017 Budget for the county's schools.

**WHEN ONE RESIDENT QUESTIONED** the collaboration between the county's Board of Supervisors and the school board, and why the budget process didn't start until January, Chairman Bulova responded that the two boards "have a stronger working relationship than ever before." The county board and the school board participated in a joint retreat in 2016 to "better know each other" and to brainstorm on ways to support education in the community.

"And the budget happens all year long," she added. According to Bulova, almost immediately after the adoption of one budget, work begins on how to achieve the financial goals of the next year and beyond. To additional comments, Bulova acknowledged that the county could do better when communicating with residents. "I just have started a Council on communications and public engagement," she said. The Council focuses primarily on land use issues, but Bulova said that the recommendations for improved communications would no doubt be applicable to all interaction between the county and its residents.

Attendee Leila Gordon, the executive director of the Reston Children's Center, commented that in this community there was a strong spirit of partnership, but that what was needed was not to think only about where to find more money, but how to do things differently. It was time to utilize a more holistic approach to solving our problems and "bring fresh voices and ideas. Think big picture and how each action relates to all families in the region."

After a break and a presentation by Sookyun Oh, D.C. area director of the National Korean American Service and Education Consortium on using a "lens of equity" when developing a budget, the remaining audience members were given a chance to participate in a "Build-a-Budget" exercise.

Wireless electronic polling devices were distributed. Supervisor Hudgins read a series of questions asking the public to make decisions about building a balanced budget for the county. The participants all seemed eager to answer and sometimes surprised by their collective answers.

**SEVENTY-FOUR PERCENT** of the respondents voted to adjust the tax rate to allow for "providing excellent services for every resident of Fairfax," yet, at the same time, 40.31 percent expressed their overall approval of the budget as it was presented, despite the items that could not be funded, or the gap in the funding request by the School Board.

Later in the survey, almost 41 percent said that they would support an increase to fully fund the schools transfer request and county services.

Thirty-three percent indicated a loss of confidence in Metro and said they would need to see significant improvements in several areas before supporting additional funding, while 44.44 percent acknowledged the Metro problems, but said they would still support increased funding, even if it meant more taxes.

A lack of affordable housing in the region had been mentioned by several of the speakers and by members of the public. During the budget exercise, 36.58 percent agreed that they would support the re-establishment of the \$.01 housing tax. The majority, 57.05 percent, preferred to see an increase in the developers' contribution to support affordable housing.

During the activity, a number of the participants shouted out "Is there another option?" when answering a particular survey question. Several noted at the conclusion that picking a priority was more difficult than they would have originally thought.

Hudgins thanked them, saying their participation served to illustrate the difficulties in building a budget for the good of all citizens with the funds available, and also provided additional valuable input for consideration as the budget process continues through the call for adoption at the Board of Supervisors meeting on May 2.



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## No More "Dating"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not until next year, anyway. Besides, there will be enough water gushing under that bridge, almost as much seen a few weeks back flowing onto the Oroville Spillway in Northern California. At least I hope so. Because if there's no more 'gushing,' there's likely no more, well; we don't have to talk about that. Not talking and planning for one's future is bad for a cancer patient's business; self-fulfilling prophecy and all that presumptive karma. And with all the dos and don'ts and hopes and prayers in the cancer world, my general philosophy has been not to mess with Mother Nature, too much, if you know what I mean? I don't necessarily believe in leaving well enough alone, but neither do I believe in poking the bear.

I mean, I acknowledge that I'm dying, but aren't we all really? Reminiscent to a few years back when a former ESPN Sports anchor (Dan Patrick, I believe it was, now of NBC Sports) made famous a similar characterization concerning a ballplayer's injury, when he said: "He's listed as day to day, but then again, aren't we all?" Oh yeah. A little perspective goes a long way, even a decade or so in arrears. I guess that's what's so enriching about reading. Unfortunately, reading is not fundamental for me, writing and listening is. And as with my unexpected non-small cell lung cancer diagnosis at age 54 and a half (lifelong non-smoker, no immediate family history of cancer or premature death; I know, any death is premature), I make the best of my situation and endeavor to strive to stay alive. I don't dwell on the negative. Sure, I accept and understand my reality (maybe in some dispute, but not in my head though), but having been raised with a positive attitude by both my late parents, I am able to endure until science/medicine finds a cure. It's not ideal, but it's a living — thank God!

And even more so the day after chemotherapy, as I sit and write on Saturday, March 4. Reminded as I am of the situation I find myself living in and trying to learn from to cope and always hope. Somehow trying to find a way to continue to take cancer in stride while not hiding from the harsh realities that affect many cancer patients. Just as occasionally looking in the mirror is not a pretty sight, nor is droning on and being cancer-centric. Though I am mostly cancer-centric in my weekly column, I hope its contents provide enough context that it sheds some light on how one lives with a terminal disease rather than how that same one puts off death.

I don't mean to imply that being diagnosed with cancer is akin to having a bad roommate where you can sort of close their bedroom door or try to ignore their comings and goings except as it concerns rent and utilities, but similar elements have to be enforced. 'Enforced' may be too strong a word. Maybe ingrained would be a better word? You have to own the responsibility of living with a terminal disease, but somehow try and not believe it. It sort of invokes the quote about minor surgery: "Minor surgery is someone else having it." When it's me having it, it's major. Compartmentalizing one's cancer diagnosis/prognosis is crucial to its acceptance. Obviously, it dominates your thinking and awareness, but it can't be allowed to control it. You just hope when you peel away the emotional layers you impose to maintain an even/humorous keel (in my approach, anyway), it won't resemble the damage seen on the Oroville Spillway.

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**At-Large Candidates' Forum.** 7:30 p.m. at RA Headquarters, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive. Send questions to [ElectionsCommittee@reston.org](mailto:ElectionsCommittee@reston.org) or tweet them @restononline #RAelection2017.

## WEDNESDAY/MARCH 15

**Home Buying Basics.** 7 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Find out what every new buyer needs to know from planning to financing, to shopping, to closing. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library) for more.

## ONGOING

**Exercise for Parkinson's.** Every Monday, 1:15-2:15 p.m. Reston Sport&Health, 11445 Isaac Newton Square, Reston. This program brings together people impacted by Parkinson's Disease to participate in various physical exercises aimed at improving posture, balance and circulation and increasing strength, muscle control and mobility. Free. [parkinsonfoundation.org](http://parkinsonfoundation.org). [ckacenga@sportandhealth.com](mailto:ckacenga@sportandhealth.com) 703-621-4148.

**Master Gardener Training.** The Fairfax County Master Gardener Association offers plant clinics, home turf training or speakers for homeowner's meetings. Fees vary. Visit [fairfaxgardening.org](http://fairfaxgardening.org) or call Dora Lockwood at 401-864-4778 for more.

**Over-40 Softball League.** A Fairfax-based league is looking for enough players to form another team. Players must be at least 40 years of age to be eligible. All games are doubleheaders - played on Sundays at Bready Park in Herndon between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Email [skeduman@aol.com](mailto:skeduman@aol.com) for more.

**Hypothermia Prevention:** An Emergency Program for the Homeless

To help our vulnerable neighbors survive the winter, we provide overnight shelter with a "no turn-away" policy at all emergency homeless shelters during freezing weather. Through the coldest months of the winter, we also provide the Hypothermia Prevention Program, a countywide community network of 45 overnight shelters. Through this program last winter, our nonprofit and faith-based community partners served almost 1,000 men and women with a safe, warm place to sleep. If you see someone at night who is unsheltered and you think could be at risk of hypothermia, call the county's non-emergency phone line at 703-691-2131, TTY 711.

**Passages Divorce Care.** Tuesdays 6:45 to 9:00 p.m. beginning Sept.13 through Jan 7. Vienna Presbyterian Church is located on the corner of Maple Avenue (Rt. 123) and Park Street in Vienna, Virginia. Cost to cover materials \$20, scholarships available. 703-938-9050, [www.viennapres.org](http://www.viennapres.org), or send an email to [Passages@ViennaPres.org](mailto:Passages@ViennaPres.org)

The **Herndon Adult Day Health Care Center** needs volunteers to assist with fitness activities, arts and crafts, mealtime, entertainment and much more. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on Volunteer Solutions.

## SCHOOL NOTES

Send school notes to [north@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:north@connectionnewspapers.com) by noon on Friday.

The Herndon High School Indoor Color Guard earned first place at the competition hosted by Thomas Jefferson High School on Feb. 25 and earned a 3rd place at a competition at Mt. Vernon High School. The team's roster included seniors' **Allison Brown, Kayla Lundberg, Theresa Vierow**; juniors' **Lexie Kindt, Rebecca Jensen, Marissa Brizzolara-Smith, Katie Carnogursky, Leslie Chavez, Alyssa Luehring**; sophomores' **Nick Vierow, Mary Clauss, Allaina Lavinder**; and freshmen **Samantha Back, Valerie Brown, Jennifer Albanus, Juliana Roggeband, and Alisia Catalan**.

**Emily Silverio**, of Herndon, earned a place on the dean's list at Randolph-Macon Academy (Front Royal, Va.) for the second quarter of the 2016-17 school year.

Toy Drive in Collaboration with Nonprofit FISH Through Dec. 16

Stop by 11890 Sunrise Valley Drive any weekday from 9-4 and drop a new, unwrapped toy in the donation box in the lobby. All toys will be distributed to needy children within Loudoun County and to Herndon/Reston children via the non-profit Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc. Toys should be for the ages of Newborn to 16. The last day for donations is December 16. Call 703-860-4600 for more information.

The **Northern Virginia Long Term Care Ombudsman Program** needs volunteer advocates for residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Contact Lisa Callahan at 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or email [Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov). Also visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltombudsman/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltombudsman/).

Submit a Nomination for Volunteerism & Community Service Awards

The Virginia Governor's Volunteerism and Community Service Awards is looking to recognize individuals and groups whose volunteer activities contribute to the life and welfare of Virginia citizens. There are a variety of categories for both individuals as well as groups so if you have a special volunteer in your organization or know of a group that should be nominated, please visit the website to get started: <http://virginiasservice.virginia.gov/volunteering/governors-volunteerism-awards/>

**Fairfax County** needs volunteers to drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on Volunteer Solutions.

**Respite Care** volunteers give family caregivers of a frail older adult a well-deserved break so they can go shopping, attend a doctor's appointment or just have coffee with a friend. Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Support and training are provided. Contact 703-324-7577, TTY 711, or [Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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

**Habitat Heroes Project.** The fourth Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. - noon. Join the Habitat Heroes in protecting Reston's forests from aggressive plants and restoring them to their natural state. Wear long sleeves, long pants, and if possible, gardening gloves to protect from insects and dangerous plants. R.A. will provide tools, gloves, snacks, and water. To volunteer and find more information, contact [habrock@reston.org](mailto:habrock@reston.org) or 703-435-7986.

**ARTSPACE HERNDON** - ArtSpace Herndon needs volunteer docents to greet guests, answer the phone and complete sales during normal gallery hours. Volunteers are also needed a few hours each month to assist with exhibit installation and special performing arts events. Training is provided. Flexible shifts are available. For additional information see our website [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com). Or contact us at 703-956-9560, [volunteer@artspaceherndon.com](mailto:volunteer@artspaceherndon.com). ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon.

**Lauren N. Ackerman**, of Herndon, was named to the dean's list at Clemson University (Clemson, S.C.) for the fall 2016 semester.

**Katherine Elizabeth Reft**, of Herndon, was named to the dean's list at Clemson University (Clemson, S.C.) for the fall 2016 semester.

**Justin David Weeks**, of Herndon, was named to the dean's list at Clemson University (Clemson, S.C.) for the fall 2016 semester.

**Sean Michael Schweiker**, of Oak Hill, was named to the dean's list at Clemson University (Clemson, S.C.) for the fall 2016 semester.

**Neil Holcomb**, of Herndon, was named to the dean's list in Ithaca College's (Ithaca, N.Y.) School of Music for the fall 2016 semester.

**Daniel J. Frick**, of Oak Hill, was named to the president's list at Clemson University (Clemson, S.C.) for the fall 2016 semester.

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## News

**Blake Rose and his wife Nancy Rose share a moment during the Recognition Banquet. Blake met Nancy during his first night of training at HCTV when she taught him how to operate a camera.**

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# Herndon's Citizen of the Year

**Herndon Rotary Club names Blake G. Rose Citizen of the Year at 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Recognition Banquet.**

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

If you've ever had the opportunity to meet Blake G. Rose, the quiet guy behind the camera lens for Herndon Community Television camera, you'd probably never guess his level of dedication to volunteer service might be unsurpassed in the local community. But the Herndon Rotary Club found out about his exemplary model of service above self, which just coincidentally, happens to be Rotary's motto.

On Wednesday, March 1, members of the club, local dignitaries, distinguished guests, family and friends gathered to honor Rose at Herndon Rotary Club 51st Annual Herndon Citizen of the Year Banquet, packing the meeting room at the Crowne Plaza Dulles Airport Hotel.

On behalf of the club's membership, Hayward Hull, President, welcomed guests to the evening event. "It is with a deep appreciation for his dedication and significant accomplishments that we come together this evening to honor Blake Rose," Hull said.

**DURING THE BANQUET**, Charlie Waddell, Chairman, Board of Directors Herndon Community Television, introduced his mentor and friend, Rose. As Waddell shared anecdotes about Rose's 27-year history with Herndon Community Television, he recalled how Rose learned the technical skills necessary to produce public access broadcasting including filming events such as the Herndon Festivals and town council meetings.

Waddell shared that what Rose does best though is film editing. "He can turn a jigsaw puzzle of video footage into a story that will educate and amuse viewers." Waddell explained that Rose works behind the scenes on a near daily basis for HCTV. "His commitment to HCTV, to our community and excellence is unflagging."

Waddell presented a letter volunteer Allie Kassraie had written: "Mr. Rose has always been very warm and kind to all the volunteers... If more people displayed the diligence and kindness that Mr. Rose has, the world would most definitely be a better place."

Waddell noted that Rose's volunteerism exceeds beyond HCTV. Last year Rose was instrumental in the formation of a new group in the town, the Herndon Regional Wind Ensemble, where Rose plays saxophone and clarinet.

During the evening banquet, Rose received two other recognitions, one state and one local. Member of the Virginia House of Delegates, Jennifer Boysko (D-86) presented Rose with a Virginia Commendation from the Commonwealth of the General Assembly by House Joint Resolution commending Rose for



**On behalf of the Herndon Town Council, Mayor Lisa C. Merkel presented Rose with a proclamation declaring March 1, 2017, Blake Rose Day in the Town of Herndon.**

his commitment, service time and appreciation for all the work he does. Lisa C. Merkel, Mayor for the Town of Herndon, presented Rose with a Town Proclamation that declared March 1, 2017, Blake Rose Day in the Town of Herndon.

**IN HIS ACCEPTANCE REMARKS**, Rose explained the importance of volunteering to him. He said not only does volunteering at HCTV bring him joy but also the important sense of community he feels in Herndon. "Here we are in one of the largest metropolitan areas in the country, in the shadow of the nation's capital. Yet we're able to experience the feel of a small town where you're on a first-name basis with the Mayor, members of the Town Council, town staff and police officers," said Rose.

According to Rose while HCTV plays a vital role through its broadcasting of town council meetings, the organization also covers local cultural and business events, teaches television production to middle and high school students and offers students the chance to produce their own programs.

At the banquet, Herndon Rotary Club also recognized three club members who had contributed to the local community. "Some people serve by donating their time," Hull said. "Others by making a contribution and many do both. All types of service are of tremendous value." He added, "In particular, I would like to thank Vicky Robertson, Sheila Olem and Richard Ramsburg."

For more information, visit [herndonrotary.org](http://herndonrotary.org)



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**Stanley Martin Homes's final rendering eliminated the number of materials and colors the development initially had to make the buildings look more consistent, as instructed by the Town of Herndon Architectural Review Board.**

## First Metro Area Redevelopment Clears First Hurdle

Stanley Martin Homes hopes to build 64 new condominiums at 625 Herndon Parkway and it just cleared its first hurdle.

The Town of Herndon Architectural Review Board (ARB) approved the development at its public hearing on Monday, Feb. 27, which was months in the making.

Stanley Martin Homes applied to build its project with the town's ARB back in October 2016, but was met with criticisms of its initial design in painstaking detail. This included back-and-forth negotiations on changes to the development's coloring, use of materials and treatments.

The added scrutiny of the development is because the condominiums are the first redevelopment requested for the Herndon Transit-Oriented Core. This area is roughly 38 acres of land immediately north of the new metrorail station that is being constructed in Herndon on the Silver Line.

These expectations are expressed in design guidelines for the HTOC's public spaces, buildings and private access ways that the city council approved in 2012.

The town's "Transit-Oriented Core Plan" study for the area encourages property owners to incorporate higher-density housing to support transit use. It also requires these developments to use "high quality" and "durable" materials.

This guidance prompted the board to reject the applicant's use of asphalt shingles and varying colors between buildings.

"It's the first application we've had in the metro area in that zoning district in that proximity to the metro, so the ARB wants to get it right," says Lisa Gilleran, the town of Herndon's director of community development.

The proposal will now need to be approved by the town's Planning Commission.

— FALLON FORBUSH