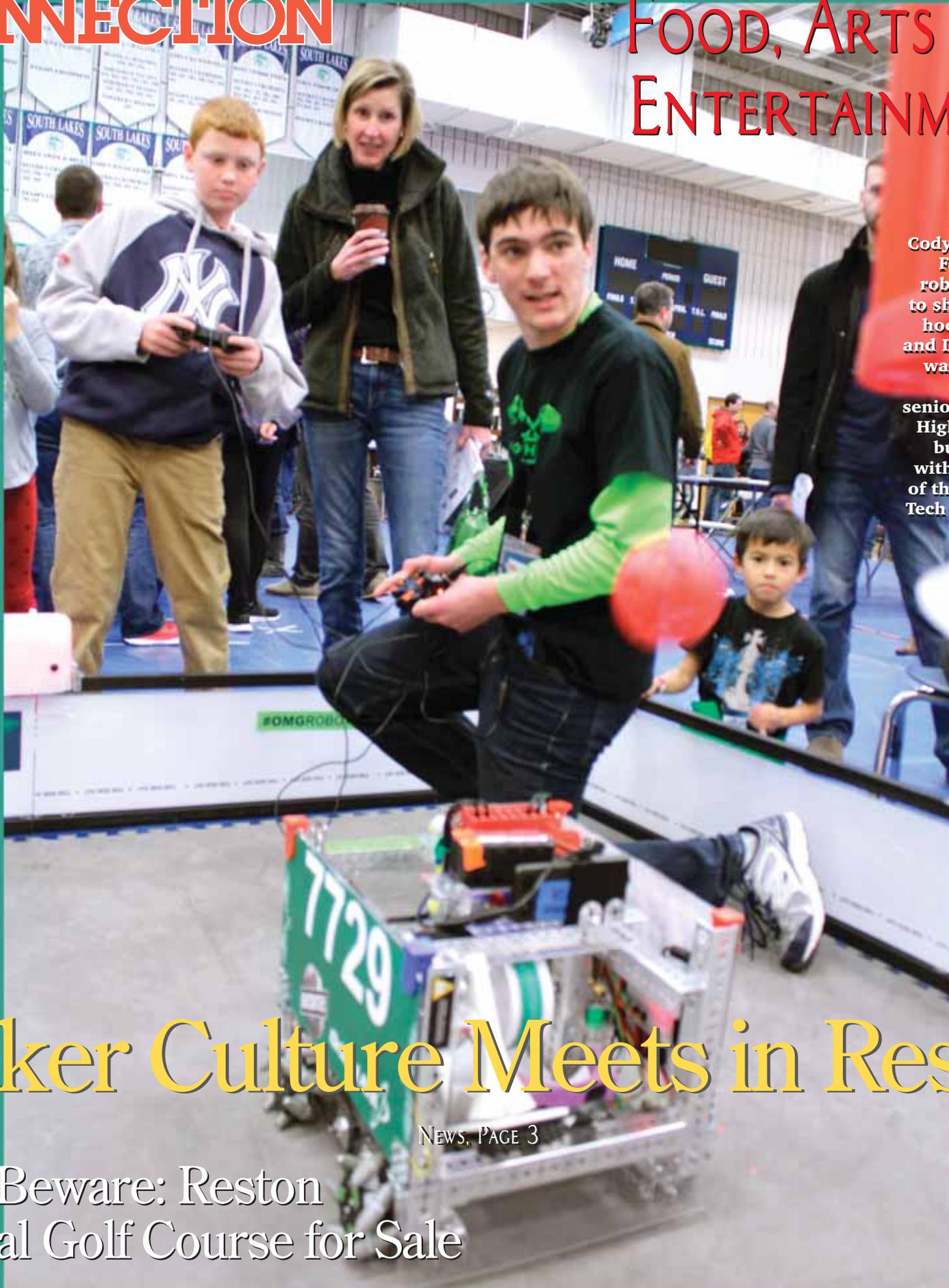




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Cody Schneider, 8, of Fairfax controls a robot in an attempt to shoot a ball into a hoop as his mother and David Joyner, 18, watch at the Maker Faire. Joyner, a senior at South Lakes High School, helped build the machine with other members of the school's FIRST Tech Challenge team.

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NEWS

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Dr. Elizabeth Feldman, breast surgeon at Reston Hospital Center, performed the first

lumpectomy using the SCOUT system in Northern Virginia. "The technology of the SAVI SCOUT has taken breast conserving surgery to a new level. With this system, I'm able to have incredible accuracy in localizing a tumor for removal, ultimately giving my patients a much higher chance at seeing better clinical and cosmetic results."

"We're proud to be the first hospital in Northern Virginia to use the new SCOUT radar localization system," says John Deardorff, President and CEO of Reston Hospital Center. "It's our goal to remain at the forefront of surgical technology so that both our surgeons and patients have access to the latest in surgical care."

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Buyer Beware Reston National Golf Course for sale.

BY FALLON FORBUSH
THE CONNECTION

Could a new property listing in Reston be the opening “ding-ding” of another battle royal?

The Reston National Golf Course was listed for sale by investment advisory firm ARA Newmark on Tuesday, Feb. 28.

Here’s where the fighting words come in.

ARA lists the property as “168 acres of by-right residential development.” This is misleading because any owner of the golf course would not have the right to develop the land into residential property by right.

“Right now, it is considered for golf course and planned recreation and it is intended to remain that,” said Hunter Mill Supervisor Cathy Hudgins. “Open space is a big deal for Reston, so [redevelopment] would be a big leap.”

The Reston community has already fought about this with the golf course’s current owners and won.

Fairfax County designated the land for only recreational use. Any residential development plan for the property would require approval from the county’s Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to rezone the property. This process requires multiple public hearings along the way, which is where the golf course owners have had a history of losing this battle with Restonians.

When Northwestern Mutual, the majority owner of RN Golf Management, which owns the Reston National Golf Course, tried to go around the process, the Fairfax County Zoning Administrator told Northwestern Mutual attorneys that they could not redevelop the golf course without rezoning approval. The attorneys then challenged the county in court, where they were told no again.

IN NOVEMBER 2015, a judge ruled that the golf course owners would have to go through the county’s Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to seek a land-use change to redevelop the property into anything other than open recreational space.

Months before this ruling, the county added another layer of complication that would make the process for redeveloping the property even more difficult.

The Fairfax County’s comprehensive plan for Reston—the Reston Master Plan Special Study—was amended and adopted by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on June 2, 2015. The amended version includes this provision: “The Reston National and Hidden Creek Country Club golf courses are planned for private recreation use, more specifically to remain as golf courses.”

“Any property owner has the right to seek a change to their land-use designation,” said Connie Hartke, president of Rescue Reston, the grassroots organization that lead the resistance to the golf course’s redevelopment.

But developers would be up for an even tougher fight for round two if they applied for redevelopment. This is because they would not only have to seek rezoning with the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, but also a comprehensive plan amendment.

A month prior to the property listing, the Reston Association doubled down on its stance against the golf course’s redevelopment by approving a resolu-



PHOTO COURTESY OF RESCUE RESTON

Golfers play at Reston National Golf Course during Rescue Reston’s Golf Tournament and Nature Walk in October 2016.

tion that opposes any development of the Hidden Creek Country Club or Reston National golf courses.

The resolution states that Reston has been a golf course community since its inception in 1961 and that both golf courses are an essential element of Reston because of their integration into Reston’s natural open space areas and because of the active recreational opportunities they provide.

Still, golf course owners are moving forward with their by-right advertising.

“We can only confirm that the golf course will be coming to market for an as-is sale and that we believe the property development potential,” Mark Anstine, spokesperson for ARA, told the Connection over email.

In the meantime, Rescue Reston will continue to advocate for its green golf course. Hartke said her group will continue lobbying and protecting the golf course, which requires expensive legal support.

TO HELP FOOT THESE BILLS, the group’s third annual Golf Tournament and Nature Walk is set for Oct. 2.

“We cannot do this without an attorney at our side,” Hartke said.

While the fundraiser is set for the fall, the recent listing has Rescue Reston seeking help now. As soon as the grassroots organization notified its supporters, an additional \$3,500 in backing was pledged, according to Hartke.

“Out of the six-digit legal bill that we had for the four-year court case (decided in 2015), our supporters have helped pay all but 16.13 percent of the bill as of January,” Hartke said. “I think it’s so impressive. This is showing how dedicated the community is. It’s not just showing up at meetings or signing petitions, they open up their wallets.”

There have been no new applications to redevelop the golf course, according to Hudgins’ office. The golf course is still listed for sale.

Hudgins hopes buyers beware and perform due diligence before making any offer to purchase the property.

“Anyone who’s buying it has to recognize what they’re buying,” Hudgins said. “I hope there’s enough sunshine to help any buyer who approaches this to understand what they’re acquiring.”



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Jeffrey Ugarte, 8, of Reston uses a saw with the help of Patrick Waters, an educator and maker who goes by the name Woodshop Cowboy, at the Maker Faire. Waters is a self-taught carpenter who tries to find ways to get young people into the world of making. He teaches at Nova Labs, Inc. in Reston.

Maker Culture Meets in Reston

BY FALLON FORBUSH
THE CONNECTION

Tech enthusiasts, inventors, entrepreneurs, educators and curious minds gathered last weekend at the 4th annual Maker Faire.

The event, previously known as the NoVa Mini Maker Faire, was Sunday, March 19, at the South Lakes High School and the Langston Hughes Middle School on South Lakes Drive in Reston.

From engineers to artists to scientists to crafters, the Maker Faire is an opportunity for “makers” to show hobbies, experiments and projects. More than 100 makers shared their knowledge through hands-on projects, demonstrations, workshops and a speaker series in areas of art, engineering, robotics, drones and 3D printers. Students and schools also shared how making and innovation occurs in education.

New to this year’s event was the NoVa Maker Educator Meetup, which gave educators an opportunity to network

and learn from their peers in the region. A group of experienced educators shared brief presentations describing their maker programs.

A complete list of makers who participated at the event can be found on the Maker Faire NoVa website at www.nova.makerfaire.com.



Nicole Baumgartner of FutureMakers, an educational consultant company that trains children to be makers, helps Polina Rady, 7, of Herndon make a 3D print using a process called thermoforming. The process uses heat and a vacuum to stretch softened plastic over a mold. Rady made the mold herself out of different shaped items at the Maker Faire.

OPINION

Virginians Will Lose Under the New Health Care Proposal

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



COMMENTARY

Explanation of the recently announced American Health Care Act usually starts with an expressed need to clean up the mess that the Affordable Care Act — or Obamacare — had made. Most all agreed that the massive transformation the program of health care had brought about could use some tweaking and refinement, but clearly a seven-year campaign against the Affordable Care Act left a blurred view of what the program did for consumers. If the ACA had created a mess, the recently proposed replacement of it will certainly create an even messier and unfair situation.

Virginians in particular will suffer a double hit on health care especially for those most in need. The General Assembly would not approve an expansion of Medicaid that would have brought health care to as many as 400,000 uninsured most in need in the Commonwealth and would have expanded the health care network with the four billion dollars that would have flowed into the state.

While the new program would eliminate Medicaid expansion in 2020, persons would have been able to get health care in the interim rather than to go without or have to seek help at free clinics or one-time-a-year Remote Area Medical (RAM) clinics. States that have expanded Medicaid would continue to get full coverage for persons already enrolled but would get a lesser amount for new enrollees beginning in 2020. That provision alone would add to the four billion loss already incurred in Virginia.

There are 327,000 Virginians who gained coverage under the ACA as it expanded access to affordable health care. The proposed replacement to the ACA would do away with federal health insurance subsidies that helped people afford their monthly premiums and lowered out-of-pocket expenses. Subsidies would be replaced with tax credits. Currently insurers can charge older customers up to three times what they charge younger customers; under the new plan that would increase to five times.

Although some would never acknowledge it,

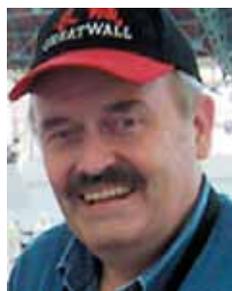
there are features of the despised Obamacare program that were maintained. Insurers would still be banned from denying coverage based on preexisting conditions. Dependents would still be able to stay on parents' insurance plans through age 26. Caps on annual or lifetime coverage would still be banned.

Clearly fewer people will have access to affordable care under the AHCA. Virtually every developed country in the world with the exception of the USA has decided that access to health care is a basic human right. What is the biggest objection to the program enacted under President Obama? It included targeted taxes on investment income and wages for the very high income individuals and couples. The new AHCA eliminates many of the taxes. The wealthiest 400 households including the billionaires in the new administration would get an average tax cut of \$7 million per year while taxes for many low-income working families would increase. Eliminating the two taxes on very high income households would cost the federal government \$275 billion over 10 years.

Most Virginians will lose under the replacement proposed for the ACA. Only the very rich will gain. Maybe that is what the debate is really about!

New Blood for RA, Ferment in RTC

BY JOHN LOVAAS
RESTON IMPACT PRODUCER/HOST



INDEPENDENT PROGRESSIVE

Sometimes a little anger and angst can stir positive developments here in Bob Simon's community. I'm watching the 2017 Reston Association Board of Directors elections pretty closely, including sitting in on the candidate forums for the At-Large, Hunters Woods and North Point seats in order to see the candidates in head-to-head competition. Out of a total of 10 candidates, eight are new blood, that is first-timers. They are a promising group overall.

One thing they share is upset with recent RA Board performance and a sense the organization is mistake prone and going in the wrong direction. The Tetra purchase deal and cost overruns is the consensus example of systemic failure. The Lake Anne land swap is also mentioned, and a sense that the Board fails to follow its own policies — for example, budget limits and conflict of interest rules. High management pay and nearly a million dollars in lawyer fees also made some lists. Overall this is a group demanding change. After the forums, I am sticking with Eric Carr for At-Large, Victoria White in Hunters Woods/Dogwood, and John Mooney in North as most likely to deliver the change.

Meanwhile, the most nagging issue refusing to go away is Pay-to-Park in Reston Town Cen-

ter. When the change was first announced, I knew there would be a reaction after 25 years hassle-free parking. But, like a lot of change, I figured the upset would blow over in a few months and life would continue as before. I even bought into Boston Properties' stated reason for the conversion — to protect its garages and the right to shop from evil Metro commuters. Wow, was I wrong!?

I had no idea what a costly and convoluted system BP would foist off on the Reston community, visiting shoppers, and their own tenants. Nor was this highly unfriendly system needed to solve the unwanted commuter parking problem which has been dealt with elsewhere by simply not opening garages to non-tenants until 9:30 or 10 a.m. It is clear that the BP goal was profit, corporate greed if you will, to generate about \$10 million revenue in addition to the highest rents in the region.

What baffles me most is why would BP, having decided to beef up its bottom line, not go out of its way to make the transition as easy as possible. Why would you go out of your way to instantly make top dollar, make RTC low-wage store employees pay to come to work, and devise a nifty high tech system that challenges would-be customers and wrings more money out of tenants with a dysfunctional vali-

ation system? Why?

BP would have us believe that in fact a return to normalcy, as well as profitability, is right around the corner. Perhaps, but people who are in touch with merchants throughout RTC tell a very different story. One merchant tells me that he has spoken to managers or owners of the vast majority of RTC establishments. Nearly all report declines in sales since Jan. 3, ranging from 10 percent area up to 35 or even 40 percent. The merchants are hurting.

People I talk to are more than a little upset, refusing to use the app and swearing off RTC except on weekends. A protest march around RTC on March 3 attracted about 400 marchers according to press reports.

The trouble is, of course, that the corporate disrupters aren't paying the price for the boycotting. The businesses are taking the hit, and the customers to some extent as well in higher prices to offset validation charges. Merchants are fighting back. They are talking about legal action and supporting more protest actions by the community. To follow these plans, go to: www.facebool.com/restonunited/.

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LETTERS

Community Summit Explains Budget Process

To the Editor:

Hunter Mill District (and other Fairfax County) residents missed a great opportunity to learn the facts about the County's budget process and outlook if they didn't attend March 4 Hunter Mill District Community Summit at the Frying Pan Park visitor's center. This annual event sponsored by Supervisor Cathy Hudgins and presented by County and Schools budget officers is a good way for Reston and Vienna area residents to learn about the costs and outlook for public services that they need and want. While the attendance this year was "OK," it could have been much better. It seems that too many people take every opportunity to complain about taxes and government services and decisions without taking the time to find out the facts that result in them. Actually, Fairfax County government takes extraordinary efforts to communicate with its residents—who don't seem to do their part to receive the information.

If citizens had taken the time last

year to learn about the County's budget and financial situation and the extent to which its hands are tied by Virginia law, they likely would not have defeated the proposed meals tax in November. The lack of understanding based on many public comments and letters to the editor was evident. It is also evident that many of those complaining about the Reston Service District for transportation have not taken the time to look at the County Budget's presentation of transportation costs and funding. Granted, it would be easier to do if there was some sort of overview summary or table (which I have suggested) but the budget does group many of the separate funds which support transportation together in one section. Be aware that pinpointing, reading and understanding the material does take some time, and wouldn't it be easier to attend some of the community meetings where you could ask for such a presentation? Lacking that, the County provides a boatload of information on its budget website: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/. Inform yourself and then attend one of the public hearing sessions in early April.

Therese Martin
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'Sacred Profane,' Erica Rebollar in performance.

Dance to Provoke and Challenge

"Sacred Profane" at Reston's CenterStage.

Where and When

Reston Community Center/CenterStage presents "Sacred Profane" by Rebollar Dance at the Hunters Woods Village Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Performance: Wednesday, April 5, at 8 p.m. Tickets \$15-\$20. Call 703-476-4500 or visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com

BY DAVID SIEGEL
 THE CONNECTION

Arts Council of Fairfax County Strauss Artist Grant recipient Erica Rebollar and Rebollar Dance are returning to CenterStage. This time the performance is "Sacred Profane." With an all-women cast of diverse ages, cultures and ethnicities, "Sacred Profane" uses music compositions like tapestries of sound by Jeffrey Dorfman along with pops songs and classical music.

Strauss Artist Grants recognize the work and contributions to the quality of life in Fairfax County of professional artists; their continued pursuit of their creative work; their achievements and demonstrated history of accomplishments. Holding a MFA from UCLA, Rebollar is also a Visiting Lecturer of Dance, University of Maryland-Baltimore County and adjunct faculty, George Washington University.

The D.C. area "is multi-cultural, yet cultures are divided; women's life experiences are often not shared," said Rebollar. "Sacred Profane" is a choreographed performance that skirts the boundaries of risk-taking" with a cross-cultural perspective on themes such as femininity.

The performance of "Sacred Profane" means to be "a loose, provocative canvass with bodies in motion," said Rebollar. "Movements, situations and stories are contrasted to each other to provoke questions and challenge ideas."

Asked about the title "Sacred Profane," Rebollar indicated it came to her after trav-

els to Morocco and observing the local culture then thinking about American culture and the cultural expectations of both countries.

"I sought to find a common denominator through gender, and explore our shared experiences as well as what makes us different. This work is the outcome," said Rebollar. "Through viewing the differing cultural expectations, dress codes, societal norms, and

behavioral defenses that women of Morocco and America display and deal with, I then imagined the title 'Sacred Profane.'"

The performance of "Sacred Profane" at Reston's CenterStage is in partnership with D.C.'s Dance Place. Dance Place is "committed to enriching the field of dance locally, nationally and internationally." Founded nearly four decades ago, Dance Place aims to build "a community of artists, audiences and students through

high quality performances, commissions, training and educational programs."

The all-women "Sacred Profane" cast of performers combines backgrounds in various dance genres and viewpoint. The performance includes collaboration with a punk rock dance band, South Asian Performing Arts Network (SAPAN), Somapa Thai Dance Company, and guest artists Heather Doyle and Annemarie Clark.

With dance that is at times celebratory and other times irreverent, Rebollar indicated that "Sacred Profane" is an evening length "woman spectacular."



Erica Rebollar

SPRING FUN

Reston Welcomes Raul Midón to the CenterStage and Local Schools

Reston Community Center will present singer/songwriter/multi-instrumentalist Raul Midón for a one-night performance on March 29 at p.m. at the CenterStage. The Reston audience is in for a treat as his highly anticipated ninth album, "Bad Ass and Blind," debuts on March 24 — the same week as his Reston concert. Midón's new release promises to be a smash hit and our CenterStage performance will be among his first for the new music.

South Lakes High School and Langston Hughes Middle School will host this gifted artist on Tuesday, March 28 as part of RCC's Professional Touring Artist Series Artist-in-Residency program.

Blind at birth, Raul Midón has been creatively shattering boundaries with jazz, soul and pop signatures for the last decade.

"We selected Raul Midón as our artist-in-residence this season because he brings a singular perspective and style to his music and a positive message of overcoming adversity," said Paul Douglas Michniewicz, RCC's Arts and Events Director. "Our goal is to give Reston students the opportunity to experience the work and background of a musical genius as well as the ability to see multiple points of view. Raul's cultural frame of reference and his holistic response to his blindness help students connect and fosters respect for our differences."

The CenterStage is located at Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Tickets



PHOTO COURTESY OF RAUL MIDÓN
Raul Midón

for the March 29 performance are \$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston. In-school residencies are not open to the public.

Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com. Tickets are available for purchase online (until 1 hour before performance) or in person at the Box Office on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 4-9p.m., Saturday: 1-5 p.m., and two hours prior to curtain time.

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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 for more.

"No Place Like Home." Great Falls Studios presents a juried art show on exhibit through April 8 at ArtSpaceHerndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Visit www.artspaceherndon.com/ for more.

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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 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. 703-956-9560. www.artspaceherndon.com.

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 or call 703-471-9242 for more.

THURSDAY/MARCH 23

Cabaret Singer. 2:15-3:30 p.m. at Reston Community Center, Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Beverly Cosham sings cabaret favorites. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com for more.

Go-Kart Opening Benefit. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. at Dulles Autobahn Indoor Speedway, 45448 East Severn Way, Suite #150, Sterling. First Autobahn Indoor Speedway in nation with Next Generation Karts. 50 percent of the day's sales will be donated to Special Olympics Virginia. Visit www.specialolympicsva.org or www.AutobahnSpeed.com for more.

Sip, Shop, and Stroll. 7-9 p.m. at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Shopping event that includes one night only offers, gifts, and giveaways. Free. Visit www.restontowncenter.com.

FRIDAY/MARCH 24

Student's Short Films. 7-9:30 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Nine short films from the Film and Video Studies curriculum at George Mason University. \$20. Call 703-956-9560 or visit www.artspaceherndon.com for more.

Bluegrass Concert. 8 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. Eddie's wife Martha adds her vocal talent to the group and the resulting sound of this trio is a hit, whether singing or playing instrumentals. \$15 children 12 and younger free. Call 703-435-8377.

SATURDAY/MARCH 25

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SATURDAY/MARCH 25

Kids' Trout Fishing Day. 8 a.m.-noon at Sugarland Trail Stream behind the Herndon Police Station, 397 Herndon Parkway. Stream 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. Call 703-435-6800, ext. 2106 or Tim.Lander@herndonva.gov for more. (Rescheduled from March 18)

Swim Team Tryouts. 10 a.m.-noon at Life Time Swim, 1757 Business Center Drive, Reston. Open to members and non-members, ages 5+, Life Time Swim Team is a part of USA Swimming and offers weekly practices, specialized training, regular competitions and the chance to win awards. Call 571-512-3500 for more.

Prom Dress Giveaway. noon-6 p.m. at RCC Lake Anne, 1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston. Reston Community Center will host its Annual Diva Central Dress Giveaway, open to anyone interested in a prom dress. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com or call 703-476-4500.

MARCH 31-APRIL 2

Rings for Spring Bridal Event. Various times by appointment at Midtown Jewelers, Reston Town Center, 11990 Market St. D, Reston. Selection of engagement rings and wedding bands from designers. Specials available only for this weekend. Call 703-707-9663 or visit midtownjewelers.com for more.

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SATURDAY/APRIL 8

Founder's Day. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza N., Reston. A celebration the 53rd anniversary of Reston's founding. Visit www.restonmuseum.org/foundersday or call 703-709-7700 for more.

Aqua Egg Hunt. 1:30.m. at Herndon Community Center pool, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Children will collect as many floating and sinking eggs as possible in the time allowed. \$10. Open swim at 4 p.m. Visit herndonva.gov/ for more.

the day at Fountain Square, Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Activities include:

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SATURDAY/APRIL 15

Egg Hunt. 9:30 a.m. at 777 Lynn St. behind the Herndon Municipal Building. Story readings, coloring mural, tattoo shack, petting zoo, photo-op with Easter Bunny, instrument "Petting Zoo" brought to you by Bach to Rock. \$9 in advance or \$10 onsite the day of the event. Visit herndonva.gov/ for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 29

Spring Fling. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Goddard School, 2400 Dulles Town Blvd., Herndon. Pony rides, face painting, balloon twisting, crafts, games, and food. Email HerndonVA@goddardschools.com or call 703-653-0337 for more.

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Arts Workshop. 5-6:30 p.m. at Greater Reston Arts Center, Reston Town Center, 12001 Market St #103, Reston. Studying art post-secondary school workshop at GRACE. Free. Email booth@restonarts.org or call 703-471-9242.

SUNDAY/MARCH 26

Choral Symphony. 3 p.m. at the Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Circle, Manassas. The Reston Chorale and the Piedmont Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Maestro Glenn Quader, will be performing Beethoven's Symphony No. 9, the "Choral Symphony." Visit www.HyltonCenter.org for more.

Women's Choral Festival. 4-6 p.m. at the Community of Faith United Methodist Church, 13224 Franklin Farm Road, Herndon. Featuring the Oakcrest School Girls Concert Chorus along with piano and string quintet. Call 703-620-1977 for more.

TUESDAY/MARCH 28

Reston Art Films. 7:30 p.m. at CenterStage, Reston Community Center, Hunters Woods Village Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Watch three films by film director Rebekah Wingert-Jabi, a Peabody Award recipient and Reston native. Visit www.publicarreston.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 29

Raul Midón Concert. 8:00 p.m. at the CenterStage, Reston Community Center, Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Singer/songwriter/multi-instrumentalist playing from his ninth album, "Bad Ass and Blind." \$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston. Visit www.CenterStage.org for more.

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SATURDAY/APRIL 1

Watershed Cleanup Day. 8 a.m.-noon at Runnymede Park, 195 Herndon Parkway. Runnymede Park and Sugarland Run watershed cleanup day and shred. Volunteers should dress for the weather, wear boots with sturdy soles, and bring work gloves, and there will be a free secure document shred truck on the premises too. Visit tinyurl.com/HerndonCleanup or call 703-435-6800 x 2014 for more.

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SUNDAY/APRIL 2

Tidewater Guitar Quartet. 4-6 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Tidewater Guitar Orchestra members John Boyles, Sam Dorsey, Todd Holcomb and Cliff Morris have recently come together with guitars. Call 703-956-6590 for more.

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Fairfax Water Notice of Public Hearing

Resolution Authorizing Acquisition of Property Necessary for Public Purposes by Condemnation or Other Means

April 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

The Fairfax County Water Authority ("Fairfax Water") will hold a public hearing pursuant to Va. Code Ann. § 15.2-1903(B) at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2017, to receive and consider public comments on the proposed acquisition, by condemnation or other means, of certain water line and temporary construction easements on a portion of certain real property located at 1894 Preston White Drive, Reston, VA 20191. The subject property is more particularly described as Fairfax County Tax Map Parcel No. 27-1-(16)-(5)-7B1 (the "Property"). Fairfax Water seeks to acquire these easements on a portion of the Property for public use in order to lay, erect, construct, install, operate, maintain, repair, and replace one or more present or future water mains, including fire hydrants, valves, vaults, meters, building service connections, and other equipment, accessories, and appurtenances necessary in connection therewith for the purpose of the transmission and distribution of water. Following the public hearing, Fairfax Water's Board may vote on or after April 6, 2017, to adopt a Resolution approving the proposed public use and authorizing and directing the acquisition of such easements on a portion of the Property for the public use by condemnation or other means.

A proposed Resolution and other related information will be made available for public review prior to the public hearing at Fairfax Water's website: www.fairfaxwater.org

The public hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA 22031. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed Resolution when it becomes available should call Eva Catlin at (703) 289-6017. Interested parties also may submit written comments to PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org or mail to:

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Public Hearing Comments
8570 Executive Park Avenue
Fairfax, VA 22031

All written comments must be received by close of business on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 to be included in the record of the public hearing.

I Can't Forget What I Don't Remember



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I wouldn't say I'm forgetting things, but according to my wife, Dina, I certainly don't seem to be remembering them, at least as she does. Naturally, this "misremembering" could be attributed to the condition which likely affects many couples who have been over hill, over dale and over many dusty trails in nearly 39 years of marriage, as we have. Nevertheless, identifying the condition doesn't soothe the savage beast. Another possible/probable explanation is the ever-unpopular, recently-confirmed actual occurrence common to many cancer patients receiving chemotherapy: "chemo brain."

Even though I'm a veteran of these cancer/chemo wars apparently doesn't make me immune to its harmful effects. Quite the contrary in fact. Survival is wonderful, but years-long treatment does take its toll. And for a cancer patient now in his ninth consecutive year of treatment, the bell tolls for me. Fortunately, I can still hear the bell. The question is: will I remember having heard it? I say, absolutely! My wife says: not so fast.

All kidding aside, I can see this difference of opinion becoming a problem. At present, I'm not the least bit (well, maybe a little bit, otherwise; why would I be droning on about it?) concerned about a few of our memories fading since I don't believe that they have. I'm inclined to invoke an opposite-George Costanza here and say it's her, not me. Not surprisingly, my wife will play the part of one of George's ex-girlfriends and say it's definitely me. So what else is new? Nothing. The question/worry is: will this become a chronic problem?

Which in a way is what all us heretofore "terminal" cancer patients want. Obviously, a cure for what ails me/others similarly diagnosed would be ideal, but the more realistic scenario is that one day, cancer will be treated as a chronic condition, like diabetes, not a terminal disease as my stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer was originally characterized by my oncologist on Feb. 27, 2009 (you bet I remember that date!). Oh yes, that is a date that will live in infamy. Unlike Pearl Harbor, however, where thousands died, and unlike the message delivered by Franklin Delano Roosevelt that same day, when the sober news was first heard by a nation then at war, only three people heard what my oncologist said to me that day, and only my life was at stake, though certainly my wife, Dina and my brother, Richard were impacted, even though they weren't the ones receiving a grim prognosis.

As Dina and I regularly reminisce about our life together, we regularly have different recollections. She's entitled. I'm entitled. There might be a right. There might be a wrong. But without Warner Wolf around to "go to the videotape," the chance that we'll remember a shared memory similarly or at all considering there's now almost four decades worth of stuff is unrealistic, isn't it? I mean, we're different people. We process and store information differently. In fact, I might say, it's likely a miracle if we did actually remember, identically, people, place and things.

The older one gets, the greater the cumulative information in our brains and apparently, the less chemical/muscular ability we have to access/retrieve all that information. Not remembering or remembering differently is nothing more than the passage of time rearing its ugly head. Now combine that inevitability with the toxicity of chemotherapy — and God knows what else my cancer is affecting, and what you have here is a sitting duck. If I were to believe totally in this inevitability or in my wife's assessment, I would say there's disintegrating hope for me. But I don't. I believe in the power of me. I believe in the power of positive thinking and in always seeing the bright side — and joking/laughing about all of it. So what if I don't remember or remember differently, it probably wasn't worth remembering anyway.

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Herndon Church Hosts Conference on 'Breaking Free Through Forgiveness'

More than 700 women attended the Women's Meeting at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon on Saturday, March 11. The theme of the conference was, **Breaking Free Through Forgiveness.** "When we insist on holding on to past hurts and sorrows, we are never free. Freedom comes when we acknowledge the wrong and let go of the hatred," says Thérèse Bempohl, Director of the Office for Family Life at the Catholic Diocese of Arlington which is a co-sponsor of the event. Author and Survivor of the Rwandan Genocide, Immaculée Illibagiza was the featured speaker.

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MONTHLY CAREGIVER GROUP

Sunrise at Reston Town Center offers a monthly Caregiver Support Group on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Monthly support group offers a safe place for family caregivers, to meet and develop a mutual support system and to exchange practical information and possible solutions. Learn about resources available in the community and how to manage caregiver related stress. Call 703-956-8930 or email Reston.ED@sunriseseniorliving.com to RSVP.

TUESDAY/MARCH 21

Transportation Meeting. 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of Coates Elementary School, 2480 River Birch Road, Herndon. Fairfax County Department of Transportation will host two informational meetings on the proposed Reston Transportation Service District. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot for more.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 29

Transportation Meeting. 7 p.m. in the lecture hall of Hughes Middle School, 11401 Ridge Heights Road, Reston. Fairfax County Department of Transportation will host two informational meetings on the proposed Reston Transportation Service District. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot for more.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 12

Medicare 101. 2-2:30 p.m. at the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Fairfax County is offering the free seminar, Medicare 101. Contact Karen Brutsché at 703-390-6157 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. 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 or call Dora Lockwood at 401-864-4778.

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 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, or send an email to 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 and click on Volunteer Solutions.

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. Also visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/lombudsman/.

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.

Proposed Reston Road Improvements Presented

Community meeting solicits resident feedback.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

Adam Lind, the project manager for bicycle, pedestrian and traffic safety improvements for Fairfax County, brought several of his colleagues from the Department of Transportation (FCDOT), including director Tom Biesiadny, to a community meeting on March 16. Armed with enormous aerial maps and a 60-plus slide PowerPoint deck, Lind and company presented proposed improvement options for three major roadways in Reston.

"This is our chance to make some much-needed improvements at no cost to the county," said Lind, referring to the annual repaving work that is funded and undertaken by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). Different areas around the Commonwealth are singled out each year for the projects. "It's a once in every 10-to-15-year cycle and our opportunity to really re-think the roads for everyone's use" rather than just paving the potholes.

"Reston is a walking and biking community," added Fairfax County Supervisor Cathy Hudgins, who was in attendance. The projects all fall into Hudgins' Hunter Mill District, and the supervisor stressed the need to consider the big picture for all road users when making these decisions.

The sections under review are:

- ❖ North Shore Drive, Ring Road to Wiehle Avenue
- ❖ Twin Branches Road – from Lawyers Road to South Lakes Drive
- ❖ Colts Neck Road, from Reston Parkway to Sunrise Valley Drive

FOR THE NORTH SHORE project, the county offered two options: either keep existing parking along both sides of the road but narrow travel lanes to add bike lanes or shared-lane markings, or to restrict on-street parking to one side of the street from Ivy Oak Square to Wiehle Avenue and add bike lanes in both directions for this section. From Ivy Oak Square to Ring Road, parking on both sides would once again be permitted, but the road narrowed for the inclusion of bike-only and shared lanes.

One area resident expressed concern about either plan, citing that old growth trees would be removed, harming the aesthetics of their cluster neighborhood. Parking was also a potential problem, since there is no other place in the cluster for on-street parking except along North Shore Drive.

The Twin Branches proposal was also met with some skepticism. A resident from the Beacon Hill community pointed out that parking is already a serious issue when there are swim meets at the Lake Audubon pool and any loss of on-street parking would exacerbate the problem.

The county's recommendation to add dedicated turning lanes at the intersection of Twin Branches and Lawyers roads was



Aric Line cycles the roads of Reston to and from work. He's happy to see more bike lanes, but wants more focus on pedestrian safety.



John Farrell lives off of Soapstone Road in South Reston, which has already received the repaving and road diet redesign. According to the Colonial Oaks cluster president, turning on Soapstone leads to frequent "near death experiences."

Public Feedback Deadline

The public feedback period for the revised plans is open through March 31. Comments can be emailed to DOTBicyclePrograms@fairfaxcounty.gov. Once finalized, road work is slated to begin this spring. More information, including the slides used at the presentation and all of the maps, are available on the county's website. Search for "2017 Proposed Hunter Mill Street Design Improvements."

generally well received. At peak travel hours, the back up can extend the entire length of the road, from Lawyers to South Lakes Drive, and accidents occur, especially when impatient drivers attempt to go around vehicles turning south onto Twin Branches from Lawyers.

A traffic light has been requested for this intersection, but the request remains "in consideration," according to Lind, and the best option for now is to make what improvements are possible and within the scope of the county's authority.

Much of the public discussion was inspired by the proposals for Colts Neck Road. From Reston Parkway to Glade, the plan calls for keeping existing parking, but narrowing the lanes — a strategy called a "road diet" — to allow for bike lanes.

On the section of Colts Neck from Glade Drive to Colts Neck Court, FCDOT recommends the road diet to create a center turn lane, reducing the travel lanes to one in either direction, adding bike lanes and crosswalks to improve public safety, especially by the Hunter Woods shopping center, which sees considerable pedestrian traffic.

Between Colts Neck Court and Sunrise Valley Drive, the plan would leave the two north-bound travel lanes, reduce the south bound to one lane, and add the bike lanes.

Aric Line has been biking the Reston roads for years, often travelling to and from work in the Town Center, and often making several trips per day by bicycle along Colts Neck Road. He's not opposed to new bike lanes, but he thinks the focus along this particular roadway should be more about pedestrians. Line sees this area as dangerous for those on foot due to lack of lighting, the speed at which cars travel this stretch, and the absence of crosswalks.

THE COUNTY answered with studies showing that where implemented, the road diet plan generally results in reducing the number of speeding drivers. The road narrowing, coupled with new crosswalks, makes getting across the road safer, with fewer lanes of traffic with which to contend. Lawyers Road and Soapstone Road are the most recent examples of completed road diet projects in Reston, and Lind brought statistics and highlights of an opinion poll that indicate that the Lawyers Road diet is having the desired effect.

John Farrell, president of the Colonial Oaks cluster association along Soapstone Road, had several words of caution for the crew from FCDOT. Driving daily along the street in front of his neighborhood results in frequent "near death experiences," said Farrell, as competing vehicles attempt turns. "Someone has to get out of the way." Farrell calls the turn lanes "suicide lanes." "The way the road has been re-made, there's no place to go."

Too many left-turn off sets in a short stretch of road are a real hazard, according to Farrell.

A Reston resident since 1984, Farrell is concerned that what he sees as a "lack of planning" will have a negative impact on Colts Neck, as well. "You have a lot of elderly and a lot of pedestrians moving along that road, with an assisted living facility on the other side of the road coming in the future." Farrell also questioned the safety of the shifting lanes and markings.

Most of the attendees seemed prepared to accept the roadwork with further modification based on resident input. Some were pleased that the roads would be repaved and re-designed, and not at the county's expense. A few, like Farrell, questioned why



A map showing part of FCDOT's proposed road improvement plans for Reston during the state's summer repaving program. The roads under review are Colts Neck and Twin Branches in South Reston, and North Shore on the north side of the district.

adding bike lanes was even a necessity.

Farrell said that his research of the county's website showed that the number of bike trips in the area are about .4 percent of traffic movement. "But we want to rework our roads and bottleneck the traffic by giving up 25 percent of the roads to cyclists. It just doesn't make sense."

The FCDOT plans for Reston were modified from an earlier draft, with changes made after a public forum held late last year. Lind said that many of the recommendations that they received at that earlier public engagement were incorporated into the new draft plans, noting that, after all, "you are the ones who live here and know these roads best."