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## South Lakes Freshman Ties 100 Meters Record

Hannah Waller, a freshman at South Lakes High School, tied a 12-year-old record when she won the 100 meters at the 6A North Region Track and Field Championship Friday, May 26 at James Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax.

Waller ran a 11.99 to tie the region mark set by Murielle Ahoure, a 2012 and 2016 Olympian. Ahoure ran for Hayfield Secondary School when she set the mark in 2005.

Waller also won the 200 meters (24.74) and has qualifying times in both events as well as the 400 meters going into the state championships.

At the region championship, the Seahawks also got a winning performance from junior Jamie Richards, who won the girls discus with a throw of 119-07.00.

Other SLHS highlights from the region meet include:



**Hannah Waller in 200 Meters race at the 6A North Region championship.**

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❖ Senior Devyn Jones finishing third in the 300 meter hurdles (45.89) and fifth in the 100 meter hurdles (15.07).

❖ Senior Timiebi Ogobri's third place finish in the 100 meters (11.27).

❖ Juniors Olivia Beckner and Sean Casey's top five finishes in

the 1,600 meters with Beckner finishing second in the girls division (4:56.01) and Casey winning his heat and finishing fifth overall (4:26.35).

❖ Both 4x800 meter relay teams finished fourth. Beckner teamed with juniors Emily McGrath, Aly Rayle and Reagan Tobias for a

## Network Alliance, Inc. Celebrates 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Network Alliance, Inc. (Network Alliance), a leading IT management solutions provider, is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year in business. Central to Network Alliance's ongoing, expansive growth over the past two decades are its technical expertise and commitment to top-notch customer service.

From its early beginnings when cloud-hosted solutions were in their infancy and a large amount of doubt and uncertainty surrounded this new technology, Network Alliance, as a pioneer that became an expert, led the charge. At the core of this success was building lasting relationships and trust with clients and prospects from the get-go and beyond, as illustrated by Network Alliance's 98 percent client retention rate. This customer focus has never wavered and is a key element of the company's culture and approach. This commitment earned Network Alliance additional recognition in multiple categories at the national Stevie Awards program for Sales and Customer Services, for the fifth year in a row in 2017.

"We are extremely proud of this company milestone," Network Alliance's Founder and CEO Don Britton said. "Although we have experienced innovation, change, and evolution over the past 20 years, we have consistently held true to what matters most to us — customer service, top-level expertise and service offerings, and never forgetting to share our success by giving back to our community. I look forward to Network Alliance's ongoing success and spirit of innovation to forge ahead as we continue to delight our customers and exceed their expectations for their IT infrastructures and solutions."

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9:26.45. The boys team of Casey, junior Alex Loukili and seniors Peter Sepulveda and Jack Watkins ran a 8:02.28.

South Lakes will send 27 athletes to the VHSL 6A State Championships June 2-3 at Todd Stadium in Newport News.

### Public Hearing Notice Fairfax County Secondary Six Year Plan

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and The Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, in accordance with Section 33.2-331 of the Code of Virginia, will conduct a joint public hearing in the Board Auditorium, Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035 at 3 p.m. on June 20, 2017.

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on the Secondary Six Year Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2018 through 2023. Copies of the proposed plan may be reviewed at the VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.

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Persons wishing to speak at this public hearing should contact the Office of the Clerk to the County Board of Supervisors at 703-324-3151.

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# Reston Is Experiencing Growing Pains

## Zoning amendment controversial.

BY FALLON FORBUSH  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning wants to amend the zoning ordinance for Reston, but it was met with a lot of grief during three community meetings this month on May 3 and May 15 at the North County Governmental Center and May 24 at Lake Anne Elementary School.

The changes being proposed would alter the zoning regulations for most of Reston, according to Cathy Belgin, deputy zoning administrator of the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning.

The amendment would change the density cap for Reston for areas that are zoned Planned Residential Community (PRC) District. The current cap for these areas is set to an average of 13 people per acre. Belgin's department is recommending raising it to an average of 16 people per acre.

"The Board of Supervisors, who ultimately makes the decision, will have the flexibility to decide," she said.

The other change would increase the maximum number of dwelling units per acre for PRC zoned land. Currently, the maximum number is 50 dwelling units per acre.

"But the comprehensive plan created a whole [new] category that allows you to do that, particularly focused around the transit station areas," she said. "So, we're looking to update the zoning rules to facilitate the implementation of the plan as it's adopted," she said.

Any rezoning or changes to PRC Districts are only permitted in accordance with the area's correlating comprehensive plan.

As Belgin stated, this has already been done.

The Reston Master Plan Special Study began in 2009 and concluded when the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors adopted it on June 2, 2015. The document updated Fairfax County's Comprehensive Plan to integrate changes to Reston, including residential neighborhoods, Village Centers, commercial areas and the Reston Transit Station Areas (TSAs).

Belgin and her colleagues at the planning and zoning department are pushing for the amendment, saying it is required to implement the plan.

However, the outrage she and other government officials and employees received introducing the amendment was not the first growing pain Reston has experienced since its comprehensive plan was amended.

### \$2.2 Billion Infrastructure Plan Already in the Pipeline For Reston TSAs

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors



**Bruce Ramo criticized county officials for placing too much emphasis on promoting growth, without having firm commitments to pay for the infrastructure — transportation, first responders and schools — that would support increased density.**



**Regina Coyle from the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning is bombarded with questions during the meeting on May 24.**

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**Connie Hartke, president of Rescue Reston, a grassroots organization that opposes the redevelopment of Reston National Golf Course, asserted on May 3 the need to warn bidders who wish to purchase the land, which is for sale, that they must maintain the land as a golf course.**



**Mark Looney of the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce took to the mic on May 3 to offer a minority opinion in the room and endorsed the amendment on behalf of developers. "There was a lot of debate and discussion that went into the comprehensive plan that was implemented. There are a lot of people who believe in that plan and are continuing to implement that plan."**

approved the \$2.2 billion Reston Transportation Funding Plan on Feb. 28, a reverberation from the Reston Master Plan Special Study adopted two years prior.

This was despite vocal opposition at public meetings throughout the two months the Fairfax County of Transportation pitched it to the community.

In the comprehensive plan, the county designated the Reston Transit Service Area as land 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 new transportation funding plan will construct infrastructure projects the comprehensive plan identifies. These include roadway improvements, intersection improvements and new roadways to add to the TSA's road network to improve connectivity to, from and around the transit stations.

The funding plan will use \$1.2 billion in public funding over 40 years. The county expects in-kind contributions from developers to pay for \$716 million, but private funding will make up the \$350 million bal-

ance.

The Board of Supervisors approved a new road fund for commercial developers and a service district tax for residential and commercial property owners within the TSAs. These property owners will begin paying the fees in 2018.

This new tax is where the community pushed back to no avail.

### Congestion Concerns

Despite these plans to build out infrastructure, there were complaints from the audience at the community meetings about the current state of congestion in Reston.

Robert Whitfield of the Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance stood up on May 3 to claim that Reston would not be able to accommodate the increased density the new zoning amendment would allow.

"I don't think that we do ourselves well by looking at growth as always putting upon us," Supervisor Cathy Hudgins, who represents Reston and the Hunter Mill District on the Board of Supervisors, said in response.

She then apologized to the crowd because they weren't going to like what she was

about to say or her tone.

"I really see Reston as a community that welcomes people," she said. "If transportation is bad, yes, it hurts ... Virginia doesn't pay ahead for transportation. I'm sorry, you can go to Maryland if you want that, but that is not what this commonwealth does ... We always struggled through to get to a point that transportation catches up with the development. No one is going to build a road before the development comes. We would love it if they did, but they do not."

Whitfield then tried to interrupt her.

"Mister Whitfield, now I have the mic," she fired back. "Mister Whitfield, you are with the taxpayers alliance. If you think that it is that much of an onerous to have taxes in the commonwealth, you don't get the right then to say 'Why not have the roads built,' you really don't."

Hudgins then asked the crowd a question: "What happens if you say no?"

"Traffic only is here because there is something happening here," she said. "How do we keep it happening and contributing to everybody? I'm not making a speech for this

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# Remembering on Memorial Day 2017

On Memorial Day, we remember all of those who have died in military service, more than 400,000 in World War II, more than 30,000 in Korea, more than 50,000 in Vietnam.

As many as 620,000 soldiers died in the Civil War, stunningly about 2 percent of the population at that time. To compare, while more than 2.5 million soldiers have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, that number is still less than one percent of the U.S. population.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 6,880 U.S. military service men and women have died in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

On Memorial Day, there are many ways to remember the fallen, including a visit to Arlington National Cemetery, or many other local commemorations. But at a minimum, wherever you are, you can observe a moment of silence at 12:01 p.m. along with Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), or you can set your own moment at some point during the day.

More than 52,000 U.S. military service members have been wounded in action, although that number is likely to be revised upward. In 2013, the military confirmed traumatic brain injury in more than 220,000 of the more than 2.5 million troops who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. The long-term consequences of many of these injuries, including mental health consequences, are unknown, but they will require a national commitment to excellence in health care and services for both active duty military personnel and veterans. Virginia's U.S. Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine continue to advocate for better service from the Veterans Administration.

Cuts proposed to health care, food assistance and other aspects of the social safety net in the proposed budget would disproportionately harm veterans.

**EVERY YEAR** around Memorial Day, this newspaper names the local men and women who have died in military service since Sept. 11, 2001.

Marcus D. Prince, 22, of Norfolk, Virginia died April 26, 2016 in Juffir, Bahrain. Prince was a U.S. Navy civilian who was supporting Operation Inherent Resolve.

Blane D. Bussell, 60, of Virginia, died Jan. 26, 2016 in Manama, Bahrain; Bussell was a U.S. Navy civilian who was supporting Operation Inherent Resolve.

Sgt. Charles C. Strong, 28, of Suffolk, died Sept. 15, 2014 in Herat Province, Afghanistan while conducting combat operations. Sgt. David H. Stewart, 34, of Stafford, was one of three Marines who died June 20, 2014 while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

Seaman Philip Frazier Manes, 21, of Fairfax, died Sept. 27, in Manama, Bahrain. He was supporting Operation Inherent Resolve.

Army Sgt. Lyle D. Turnbull, 31, of Norfolk, died Oct. 18, 2013 in Kuwait, from a medical emergency. Capt. Brandon L. Cyr, 28, of Woodbridge, was one of four airmen who died April 27, 2013, near Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, in the crash of an MC-12 aircraft.

1st Lt. Robert J. Hess, 26, of the Kings Park West neighborhood of Fairfax, was killed by enemy fire on April 23, 2013, Afghanistan. Hess was known as "RJ" and graduated from Robinson Secondary School in 2005, where he played football, lacrosse and was the captain of the swim team. He was a U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter pilot who deployed to Afghani-

stan on April 11, 2013. His family remembers his sense of humor and his natural leadership ability.

Master Sgt. George A. Banner Jr., 37, of Orange, died Aug. 20, 2013, of injuries sustained when enemy forces attacked his unit with small arms fire in Wardak Province, Afghanistan.

Spc. Caryn E. Nouv, 29, of Newport News, was one of two soldiers who died July 27, 2013 in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked their vehicle with an improvised explosive device and small arms fire.

Lance Cpl. Niall W. Coti-Sears, 23, of Arlington, died June 23, 2012, while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Coti-Sears loved music, played the guitar, composed songs and entertained family and friends at holiday gatherings. Niall was very close to his grandfather, William Coti, who was a Marine. "He was always my protege," William Coti told the Arlington Connection. "He always wanted to be a Marine and he followed my example. It weighs heavily on me that this had to happen."

Chief Warrant Officer Five John C. Pratt, 51, of Springfield, died May 28, 2012 in Kabul, Afghanistan, when his helicopter crashed.

Staff Sgt. Jessica M. Wing, 42, of Alexandria, died Aug. 27, 2012 in Kuwait City, Kuwait.

In February 2012, Brig. Gen. Terence J. Hildner, 49, of Fairfax, was the highest ranking military officer to die in the war. Hildner died Feb. 3, 2012 in Kabul province, Afghanistan.

Sgt. Aaron X. Wittman, 28, of Chester, Virginia, died Jan. 10, 2013 from small arms fire. Sgt. David J. Chambers, 25, of Hampton, Virginia, died Jan. 16, 2013 from a roadside bomb. Sgt. Robert J. Billings, 30, of Clarksville, Virginia, died Oct. 13, 2012 when enemy forces attacked with an improvised explosive device. Staff Sgt. Jonathan P. Schmidt, 28, of Petersburg, Va., died Sept. 1, 2012 from enemy small arms fire. 1st Lt. Stephen C. Prasnicky, 24, of Lexington, Virginia, died June 27, 2012, from a roadside bomb.

Aaron Carson Vaughn, 30, was one of 30 American service members and 22 Navy SEALs killed Aug. 6, 2011 when their Chinook helicopter was shot down in Afghanistan. Vaughn's family has ties to McLean and Burke. He was survived by his wife, Kimberly, and their two children.

Spc. Douglas Jay Green, 23 of Sterling, died Aug. 28, 2011. when insurgents attacked his unit using a roadside bomb in Afghanistan. Green enlisted in 2007, after attending Potomac Falls High School.

Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25, of Fairfax Station, died June 18, 2010 at Zhari district, Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device.

May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23 of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19 of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23 of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. Stephan L. Mace, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan.

Bill Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. After Sept. 11, 2001, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. His application to become a Marine was denied because of his age, but he successfully lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption.

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. 2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Georgia. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington.

Pfc. David Sharrett II, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son. But the senior Sharrett has battled to learn the truth about his son's death, that he was killed by his lieutenant in a "friendly fire" incident. In April, 2012, Sharrett Sr. obtained documents confirming some of the details of his son's death and a subsequent cover-up.

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, 26, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept.

23, 2008, while serving in Iraq, from small arms fire.

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet.

Ami Neiberger-Miller lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq. He was 22.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, when an IED exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006.

Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

U.S. Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after Sept. 11, 2001.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq on Oct. 29, 2005.

Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded. Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Iraq five days earlier.

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhriz, Iraq. Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamowski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria; Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church, Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria, and Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

Capt. Jesse A. Ozbab, 28 of Prince George, Virginia, died on May 20, 2012 in Afghanistan from a roadside bomb. Constructionman Trevor J. Stanley, 22, of Virginia Beach, died April 7, 2012 while deployed to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. Pfc. Michael W. Pyron, 30, of Hopewell, Va., died Jan. 10, 2012 in Afghanistan. Maj. Samuel M. Griffith, 36, of Virginia Beach, died Dec. 14, 2011 in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. James Ronald Leep Jr., 44 of Richmond, died Oct. 17, 2011 at Forward Operating Base Kalsu in Iraq. Spc. Levi Efrain Nuncio, 24 of Harrisonburg, died June 22, 2011 in Afghanistan. Capt. Michael Wray Newton, 30 of Newport

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# ENTERTAINMENT

Send entertainment announcements to [www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/). The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

## ONGOING

**Lake Anne Exhibit.** Deadline is June 2 to enter photographs for the Lake Anne show. The exhibit runs from June 5-July 2 and is free and open to the public 9 a.m.-8 p.m. throughout the week at the JoAnne Rose Gallery, Reston Community Center at Lake Anne, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Visit [www.leagueofrestonartists.org](http://www.leagueofrestonartists.org) for more.

**Women's Training Program.** through June 12, 6:30-8 p.m. at South Lakes High School, Seahawks Drive, Reston. Reston Runners Women's Training Program. Runners, walkers, run/walk intervals and Fresh Start, for women who need a more gentle start to working out. Designed by women for women. \$45. Email [wtp@restonrunners.org](mailto:wtp@restonrunners.org) for more.

**Art Exhibition.** 8 a.m.-5 p.m. through June 29 at U. S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive. Exhibit "H. K. Anne Presents The American Landscape," will be on exhibit at the USGS National Center is a public building, parking is available in the visitor's lot outside the visitor's entrance. Photo ID is required to enter. Visit [www.HKAnneFineArt.com](http://www.HKAnneFineArt.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).

**"A Bird in the Hand"** through spring 2017 Reston Town Square Park, 11990 Market Street, Reston Town Center. See and explore Patrick Dougherty's monumental public art sculpture made from tree saplings. Presented by GRACE in collaboration with IPAR. 703-471-9242 [restonarts.org](http://restonarts.org)

**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).

## THURSDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 1-4

**37th Annual Herndon Festival.** 10 a.m.-11 p.m. in Downtown Herndon, 777 Lynn St. The event features a carnival all four days, three stages of entertainment, a 10K/5K Race & Fitness Expo, children's hands on art area, children's alley, business expo, two nights of fireworks, arts and crafts vendors, and an assortment of food vendors. Visit [www.herndonfestival.net](http://www.herndonfestival.net) for more.

## DEADLINE JUNE 2

**Lake Anne Exhibit.** The Reston Photographic Society, a special interest group of the League of Reston Artists, invites photographers to enter photographs for the Lake Anne show. The exhibit runs from June 5-July 2 and is free and open to the public 9 a.m.-8 p.m. throughout the week at the JoAnne Rose Gallery, Reston Community Center at Lake Anne, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Visit [www.leagueofrestonartists.org](http://www.leagueofrestonartists.org) for more.

## FRIDAY/JUNE 2

**Morning Storytime.** 10:30 a.m. every Friday at Scrawl Books, 11862 Market St. Reading stories for children. Visit [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com).

**Casino Night.** 6:30-10 p.m. at Volkswagen Group of America Headquarters, 2200 Ferdinand Porsche Drive, Herndon. Staffed gaming tables, hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, raffles, a live and silent auction, as well as a celebrity emcee with music and dancing. Call 202-540-2328 for more.

## JUNE 3-AUG. 26

**Free Concerts.** 7:30-10 p.m. every Saturday night in the pavilion at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St. Call 703-912-4062 or visit



## Yoga Outside

**On Sunday, June 11 it's the Love Your Body Yoga Festival, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 11900 Market St., Reston. Yoga studios and wellness centers of Northern Virginia will be offering classes, services, and information on ways to care for your body, along with live entertainment and activities for children. Donations to participate in classes benefit Cornerstones. Visit [loveyourbodyyogafestival.com](http://loveyourbodyyogafestival.com) for more.**

[www.restontowncenter.com/concerts](http://www.restontowncenter.com/concerts) for more.

## SATURDAY/JUNE 3

**Gardens of Notes Tour.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St. A tour of five residential gardens in three Reston neighborhoods, followed by a celebration at Hidden Land Landscaping. \$20. Visit [www.restonchorale.org](http://www.restonchorale.org).

**Bruno's Barnyard Bash.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at North Hills Pavilion, 1325 North Village Road, Reston. See farm animals, make farm themed crafts, play games, milk a pretend cow and even learn how to make ice cream. Event is cancelled in the event of rain. \$12/Reston Association Member child \$16/Non member child. Email [kelsey@reston.org](mailto:kelsey@reston.org) for more.

**Meet the Author.** 2-3 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Road. Author and scholar Dr. Harry Butowsky will discuss his biography "I Survived: My Name is Yitzkhak." Call 703-689-2700 for more.

**Landau Eugene Murphy, Jr Concert.** 7:30-10 p.m. at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St. Kicks off the concert series. Call 703-912-4062 or visit [www.restontowncenter.com/concerts](http://www.restontowncenter.com/concerts).

## MONDAY/JUNE 5

**Muscle Up Mondays.** 6:30 p.m. every Monday, 11900 Market St. Free fitness classes in the Pavilion presented by CRUNCH Fitness-Reston group instructors. Visit [www.crunchreston.com](http://www.crunchreston.com) or call 571-267-5000 for more.

## JUNE 5-JULY 2

**Lake Anne Exhibit.** at the Reston Community Center at Lake Anne, 1609 Washington Plaza N. Exhibit features work by members of the Reston Photographic Society. Visit [www.leagueofrestonartists.org/rps](http://www.leagueofrestonartists.org/rps) or call 703-476-4500.

## DEADLINE JUNE 6

**Photo Competition.** Professional and amateur photographers are invited to submit entries to the Herndon Town Calendar Photo Competition. Call 703-956-9560 or visit [www.artspaceherndon.com/calls-for-art/](http://www.artspaceherndon.com/calls-for-art/).

## TUESDAY/JUNE 6

**Book and Art Sidewalk Sale.** 5-8 p.m. at 845 Station St., Herndon. The Closet sponsors sale for decorating or sprucing up the home and yard with an inventory of books on gardening, art, interior design, cooking and home improvement, as well as a selection of prints and paintings for

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## COMMENTARY

# Get Out and Vote

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

My credentials as a progressive Democrat (capital D) are well established; sometimes missed in the political back and forth of an election year might be my earnest effort to be a democratic (small d) advocate. The outcomes of elections can be no more reflective of the public mood and aspirations than substantial participation by voters in the electoral process. That observation has been made over and over yet elections occur with only a small fraction of eligible voters taking part.

Voting does take some time and effort. To vote one must register, but registration is active as long as you have not moved. Even though elections take place on a weekday when many people work, it should be possible to find some time between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. in order to vote. If not, absentee voting is an alternative. There has been much legislation over the years designed to suppress the vote, but I and others have spent a lifetime working to get it defeated in the courts or in the legislature.

Although candidates spend huge amounts of money and time selling themselves to voters, there are many voters who consider themselves too ill-informed to vote. Bringing a realistic vision of a candidate to a voter is not an easy task. Candidates need to keep trying, and voters need to step up the effort to find out information on candidates for themselves. The recent growth of interest groups registering voters and informing people on the issues is a very hopeful sign. I believe it will help change the outcome of some elections, and for sure it is likely to increase participation.

Virginia has an election every year. While most states skip the



and all members of the House of Delegates this year. That election will be on Nov. 7. But even before we get to those campaigns there are many more primary elections in both parties this year than I can ever remember.

June 13 is a most important date when primary elections will take place. Voters do not register by political party in Virginia. To vote in the Democratic or Republican primary on June 13 you need to declare your political party at that time. You cannot vote in more than one primary.

Of course I am voting in the Democratic primary and will be voting for current Lieutenant Governor Ralph Northam for the Democratic nomination for governor and Justin Fairfax as the Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor. Attorney General Mark Herring will be the Democratic nominee for re-election as he is not being challenged in the primary.

If you are voting in the Republican primary on June 13, you have a choice of three candidates for the nomination for governor, and three for lieutenant governor. I am not being challenged in the primary but several delegate districts have primaries in Northern Virginia. To look at a sample ballot for each party, go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm),

However you choose to vote, do get out and vote and encourage your neighbors to do the same.

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### SATURDAY/JUNE 3

**Sexual Trafficking Walk.** 8 a.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Help raise awareness and prevent teen sex trafficking by participating in the Just Ask Walk/Run for Freedom. Sponsored by Just Ask Trafficking Prevention. Visit [justaskprevention.com](http://justaskprevention.com) for more.

### ONGOING

**Sunrise at Reston Town Center** offers a monthly Caregiver Support Group on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8 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](mailto:Reston.ED@sunriseseniorliving.com) to RSVP.

**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. [parkinsonsfoundation.org](http://parkinsonsfoundation.org). Contact Natalie McCall at [nmccall@onelifefitness.com](mailto:nmccall@onelifefitness.com) or 703-904-7600 for more.

**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 MG Help Desk at 703-324-8556 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.

**Passages DivorceCare.** For those experiencing the pain of separation or divorce, the caring community at Vienna Presbyterian Church offers Passages DivorceCare. This 15-week program offers a path toward healing. Vienna Presbyterian Church is located on the corner of Maple Avenue (Rt. 123) and Park Street in Vienna. Cost to cover materials is \$20, scholarships available. Call 703-938-9050, go to [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. Call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on Volunteer Solutions.

**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

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**Kayleen Bell** and **Matthew Notarangelo**, both of Herndon, graduated from York College of Pennsylvania.

**Kayleen Bell**, of Herndon, a senior Hospitality Management major at York College of Pennsylvania, has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2017 semester.

**Kathryn Laura Rice**, of

Herndon, earned a Master of Music from the Office of Graduate Studies from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Donald Brown**, of Herndon, was named to the Champlain College (Burlington, Vt.) president's list for the spring 2017 semester.

**Jason Silve**, of Herndon, graduated from Becker College (Worcester, Mass.) in May 2017. Silve earned a Bachelor of Arts in liberal arts.

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# OPINION

## Memorial Day 2017

FROM PAGE 4

News, died June 11, 2011 in Afghanistan. Capt. Charles A. Ransom, 31, of Midlothian was one of eight airmen who died April 27, 2011, at the Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, from gunfire. Sgt. Sean T. Callahan, 23, of Warrenton died April 23, 2011 in combat in Afghanistan. Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Venetz Jr., 30, of Prince William died Jan. 28, 2011 in Afghanistan, after being seriously wounded months before. Spc. Sean R. Cutsforth, 22, of Radford, died Dec. 15, 2010 in Afghanistan. Spc. William K. Middleton, 26, of Norfolk died Nov. 22, 2010 in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabacoy, 30, of Virginia Beach died July 5, 2010, in Afghanistan.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

— MARY KIMM

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16. The last day for donations is December 16. Call 703-860-4600 for more information.
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- 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.

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## Price Points — In the Wrong Direction



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not that I need a pound bag of M&Ms to weigh 16 actual ounces (it's now down to 10.70 oz.) or a half gallon of ice cream to weigh 64 ounces (rather than the 48 oz. it currently is) or the "family" size bag of Utz potato chips to measure more than its current/meager/non-typical-family size of 9.5 ounces (down from 14 ounces that I remember), nevertheless; I do need to feel the love, and right now I don't. I sort of understand price points and the business models ingrained to retain customer loyalty (price matters more than size, generally), but I am hard-pressed to ignore the fact that even though I'm spending the same amount of money as I always have, I'm not getting anywhere near the same amount of product as I always have.

Not that the few items I've listed here are staples (well, maybe not to you they aren't), or the necessary building blocks of a healthy diet, they are pieces to a puzzle which characterizes some of my eating habits — and probably some of yours, too. After all, we are all victims of advertising messages which bombard us 24-7, on television, on radio, in print and on devices. In a way, we're all sitting ducks targeted to quack accordingly because some entity/marketing strategist knows who we are, what we're doing and when we're doing it. It's not exactly "Big Brother," but it's a bit more than "Little Sister."

My brother, Richard and I grew up in the 50s. We ate cookies, candy and snack cakes until the cows came home, and we didn't even live on a farm. Quite the opposite, we lived in suburbia, seven miles from Boston, according to the sign on Rte. 9. We ate dessert after breakfast, lunch and dinner and a few times in between: after school and before bedtime. Why? Because my mother had been non-stop advertised-to about the importance of calcium and the best way for children to get calcium was to drink eight glasses of milk per day to "build strong bones and healthy bodies." And the only way to get us boys to drink that much milk was to feed us something for which milk was a kind of elixir: cookies, cakes, snack cakes, etc. So we ate and drink to our hearts content, but more importantly, we ate and drank to the development of our bones and bodies. And so it continues to this day, sort of, mostly. As my sister-in-law, Vanessa says and then laughs after listening to Richard and I talk about our dessert issues: "Boy, your mother did some job on you two."

I'm exaggerating, a bit, with respect to our current daily consumption. I mean, who could keep up that pace? Moreover, given certain age/weight/cancer realities (particularly concerning yours truly), it would be totally, extraordinarily irresponsible to continue to snack-cake and cookie our way through the day. Still, the urge to splurge seems hard-wired into our brains and when the moment is right, it might not be Cialis that we always think of. (Do you remember the Seinfeld episode when George was determined to combine sex and eating and brought a sandwich to bed? For the record, the thought has never crossed my mind.)

I imagine as you've read this column you've developed a sense that given the Lourie's long-standing — and sitting commitment to such hedonistic pursuits, pennies, nickels, dimes or quarters on the dollar are unlikely to dissuade either one of us from our Santa-like appointed rounds.

Still, we're not idiots. We're aware of the effects on our bodies if we devolve into the snack cake eating machines of our youth/adolescence. We're not getting any younger nor are we likely getting any thinner or healthier. I'd like to think we've gotten smarter and more respectful of what foods go in and by association what money goes out.

But as difficult as it is to turn an ocean liner around after it's headed out to sea, so too is it difficult for yours truly to care less about what I've spent my entire life caring more about: desert/sweets. However, I do anticipate a reaction to this most recent size reduction. As my mother, Celia, used to say: "It's enough already."

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

# Community Experiences Growing Pains

FROM PAGE 3

plan, I'm just making a speech for the attitude that I continue to hear."

She told the crowd that if we want Reston to be better, the community needs to band together.

Screams from the crowd were then hurled at her: "We are together!"

## Together ... Against The Amendment

Most of the Restonians at the meetings were together in opposing the amendment.

When community members asked officials on May 3 why this zoning element couldn't have been accomplished simultaneously with the amendment to the comprehensive plan, they received an answer that made them audibly groan.

"Quite frankly, it was complicated," Fred Selden, director of Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning, said in response. "We just didn't think we had the capacity to do both of them at the same time."

During the six years of the planning process, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors established a 40-member Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force to work with county planning staff to make recommendations for changes to the Fairfax County Planning Commission and Board.

The members represented many organizations throughout Reston, including developers, citizen associations, civic organizations, homeowners' associations and merchants.

"Over half of them were developers or land-use attorneys," Terry Maynard, co-chair of the Reston 20/20 Committee, said at the May 3 meeting. At the time, he was on the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force as a representative of the Reston Citizens Association.

"The Reston Master Plan does not represent the will of the people," he added to applause from the crowd.

Dennis Hays, a member of the Reston Citizens Association, also took the microphone on May 3 to talk to the county officials in the room.

"I'm here in Reston as a choice," Hays said. "I came to Reston because it is a unique place and it needs to be protected as a unique place."

He summed up the general feeling in the room by stating that the community thinks the plan is "not good for Reston."

He recommended that the county table the amendment and bring it up the next time the comprehensive plan is reviewed.

Mark Looney of the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce then took to the mic to offer a minority opinion. He was a member of the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force.

"There was a lot of debate and discussion that went into the comprehensive plan that was implemented," Looney said. "There are a lot of people who believe in that plan and are continuing to implement that plan."

He spoke up for developers and their in-

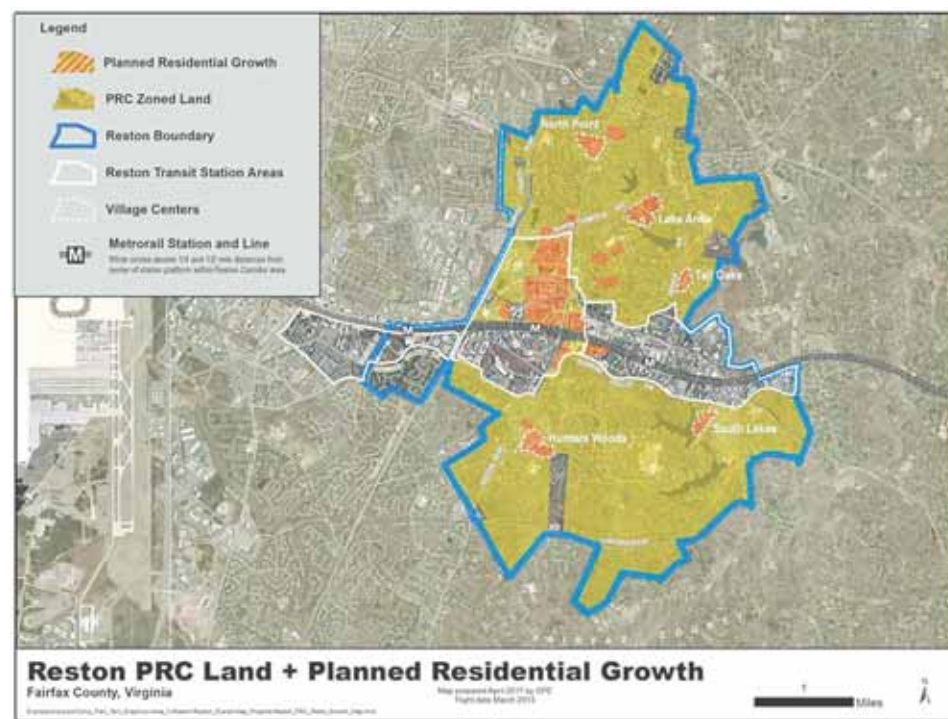


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**Map 2: After much concern from the community, the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning updated the map to show where the planned high density areas of the PRC District areas are, shown in red within the yellow-green on this map.**

tent for endorsing the amendment.

"As someone who represents developers, the choices that property owners will make are to try and stay true to Reston's history and remain zoned PRC and then keep the community as a single whole unit, or they will be forced to look for other tools to achieve the objectives that the comprehensive plan put in place," he said. "And so, the changes that are before here are an effort to try to keep Reston as one community by keeping the same zoning in place and not have Balkanized zoning to where one parcel is zoned one category, another parcel is zoned another category."

The crowd was silent in response.

The crowd also had concern about adding density without adding more open space to the community.

## Golf Course Hullabaloo

Open space has been an important element that the community has been willing to fight for.

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

ARA listed 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.

Reston's comprehensive plan also includes a provision that says, "The Reston National and Hidden Creek Country Club golf courses are planned for private recreation use, more specifically to remain as golf courses."

Connie Hartke, president of Rescue Reston, and other supporters were at the May 3 meeting wearing bright yellow T-shirts. The grass-roots organization opposes the redevelopment of Reston National Golf

Course and has won legal battles in court with developers to preserve the course.

"Everyone knows the golf course is for sale," Hartke said at the meeting. "There is not an ethical broker or real estate agent in this area who should be promising anyone anything about that being permanent at this point," she said. "Any property owner has the right to try and change the land use designation."

Though Hartke said that Belgin was an "ally in our fight for open space," the group organized and rallied to make it clear they were still watching and making sure the county would make no changes in its support of their mission.

More than 100 members of the group demonstrated in front of the Northwestern Mutual office in Reston on Sunday, May 7. The company is the majority owner of RN Golf Management, which owns the Reston National Golf Course.

"The purpose of Sunday's rally was to send a message to those bidding on the Reston National Golf Course property that we stand ready to defend the open space land use designation of this property," Hartke said. "A golf course is what it is, and a golf course is all they are buying. We will defend the vision of Bob Simon and the planned community of Reston."

## Calls For Referendum

"How about putting it to a vote for Reston residents?" someone in the crowd stood up and yelled during the meeting. "That would make it democratic."

The audience cheered and started clapping.

Roars of "Referendum, Referendum" then began echoing in the cramped room.

This, however, is unlikely as the process for the amendment is less egalitarian.



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**Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning Deputy Zoning Administrator Cathy Belgin takes to the podium for the third time to to promote the amendment to the public, which has been overwhelmingly opposed.**

"This is not the last conversation to have," Hudgins said at the meeting.

If the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors authorizes the amendment to move forward in the deliberation process in July 2017, the Fairfax County Planning Commission will host a public hearing in September. After the commission provides its recommendation, the Board of Supervisors will host a public hearing and vote in October.

But several members of the crowd were pessimistic about the process, telling the officials about their frustration, accusing them of ignoring the will of the people throughout the process of developing their hometown.

"It makes no difference how many hearings you have and how often we get to say, 'We hate what you're doing,' if you never listen and Supervisor Hudgins and the other supervisors go ahead and approve the things that we hate," Tammi Petrine, co-chair of the Reston 20/20 Committee, said during the May 3 meeting. "What is the point?"

Hudgins responded to the angst that was brewing in the room.

"Some of what we have talked about tonight is really the plan that has to exist if there is to be a tomorrow here," she said. "If there is a view that you can have nothing else built after today, and you think the place will still thrive, I think you'll be mistaken."

## Reston Association Weighs In

The Reston Association Board of Directors adopted a resolution on Thursday, May 24, calling for an additional community meeting to further debate the proposed amendments and specifically petitions the Hunter Mill District Supervisor, Cathy Hudgins, to make it happen.

The resolution states that the association is not currently supportive of the proposed amendments and is seeking more information from the county.

During the May 24 meeting, officials did not want to allow the public to ask questions. However, yelling and shouting of demands forced officials to comply.

The RA resolution condemned county officials for attempting to conduct a meeting without two-way dialogue by saying the board "does not condone Fairfax County staff withholding any information and not fully answering questions from the Reston community."