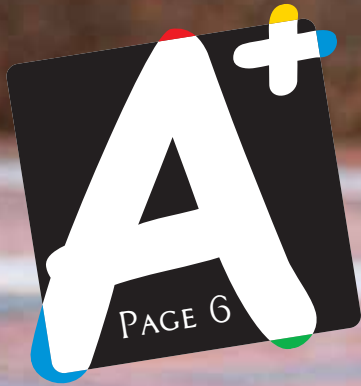




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Abigail Lockhart, an art student at Shepherd University draws a chalk mural in a professional space at ChalkFest Saturday in Reston Town Center.

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## WEEK IN RESTON

### Franchise Fair To Explore 'Being Your Own Boss'

FranNet of Virginia's Capital Area Franchise Fair, the annual learning event held in partnership with the Community Business Partnership, provides help and education for entrepreneurs interested in exploring franchise ownership options that best fit their financial, professional and personal goals.

Experts, lenders and a dozen franchisors from various industries will discuss: the best franchise fit, trends, the franchise business model, local regulations, and funding a franchise. FranNet of Virginia is a franchise matchmaking service that provides educational seminars and free individual counseling to entrepreneurs through SCORE and the Virginia Small Business Development Centers; private employers; career counseling agencies; government agencies; and local military bases.

Franchise Fair will be held on Monday, Nov. 6, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Reston Association Conference Center, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive in Reston.

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Tickets cost \$35, \$49 at the door. Register at [www.capitalfranchiseshow.com](http://www.capitalfranchiseshow.com). For questions, contact Heather Rosen at 703-291-0939 or [hrosen@frannet.com](mailto:hrosen@frannet.com).

### Networking Mixer At Hidden Creek Country Club

Savvy Business Network teams up with Women on Course to host a Networking Mixer on Sunday, Oct. 1, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Hidden Creek Country Club, 1711 Clubhouse Road, Reston. Play the 19th hole and enjoy the benefits of the golf lifestyle without swinging a club. Join the mixer to network with like-minded women including brunch, a fashion show and shopping finds from a variety of lifestyle vendors. This event welcomes the first 50 people who RSVP. Payment is required in advance to confirm reservation. Vendor opportunities available. Contact Meryl at [info@savvybusinessnetwork.com](mailto:info@savvybusinessnetwork.com) or Yes Kirkman at [YesKirkman@gmail.com](mailto:YesKirkman@gmail.com) to reserve space.

### FAITH NOTES

*Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community, including special holiday services. Send to [reston@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:reston@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday.*

**St. Anne's Episcopal Church**, 1700 Wainwright Drive, Reston, holds Sunday services at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and contemporary service at 5 p.m. during the summer.

Nursery, Sunday school and adult education available. Call 703-437-6530 or visit [www.stannes-reston.org](http://www.stannes-reston.org).

**HAVEN of Northern Virginia** offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. Call 703-941-7000 or visit [www.havenofnova.org](http://www.havenofnova.org) for schedules and registration information.

**The Mount Pleasant Baptist Church** of Herndon invites the community to join them for praise and worship followed by a stirring message from the Word of God on Sundays starting at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. (with Sunday school at 7:30 and 9:30 a.m.). Visit [www.mtpleasantbaptist.org](http://www.mtpleasantbaptist.org) or call 703-793-1196.

**The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and the Jewish Outreach Institute** offer the Mothers/Parents Circle, an umbrella of free educational events and resources. Jewish rituals, ethics and the creation of a Jewish home, regular meetings and group Shabbats and holidays. Participants include Sha'are Shalom, Congregation Beth Emeth, Temple Rodef Shalom and the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia. Visit [ShalomDC.org](http://ShalomDC.org).

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

The public is invited to join a Bible believing, multi-ethnic/multi-cultural congregation, with

Bible-based sermons and uplifting music. Call 703-599-3527 or visit [www.hopefellowshipchurchloudoun.org](http://www.hopefellowshipchurchloudoun.org).

**Epiphany United Methodist Preschool**, 1014 Country Club Drive, N.E. in Vienna, is now enrolling 3- to 4-year-old students. Call 703-938-2391 or visit [www.epiphanypreschool.com](http://www.epiphanypreschool.com).

**Washington Plaza Baptist Church** will hold Adult Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at Lake Anne Village Center.

The group is studying the Gospel of Mark. Services follow at 11 a.m.

**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church** needs knitters the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7 p.m., at 432 Van Buren St., Herndon. The church's Prayer Shawl Ministry is offering free knitting instruction while providing shawls, blankets and other knitted items for people in need. No cost and yarn can be provided. Email [shawl@saint-timothys.org](mailto:shawl@saint-timothys.org) or visit the Pastoral Care page at [www.saint-timothys.org](http://www.saint-timothys.org).

**Nondenominational Christian businessmen** meet for prayer, Biblical discussion and fellowship 7 p.m.

Fridays at Anita's, 1051 Elden St., Herndon and noon Thursdays at 555 Grove St., Suite 200, Herndon. Call 703-795-1257.

**Trinity Presbyterian Church**, 651 Dranesville Road, Herndon, has Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. during the summer. Nursery and childcare are provided starting at 8 a.m. until the end of the service. Call 703-437-5500 or visit [www.trinityherndon.org](http://www.trinityherndon.org).

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

### SCHOOL NOTES

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

**Collin Hanley**, of Reston, traveled to Pine Ridge, South Dakota this summer as part of the largest group of student travelers in Belmont

University (Nashville, Tenn.) history.

**Jenna Hirshfeld**, of Reston, has earned a spot on the Worcester (Mass.) Polytechnic Institute women's soccer roster.





**The 8K Race and 2K Walk and Fun run Saturday in Tim Susco's memory at South Lakes High School started off with a bang as runners took to the road for a \$200 dollar first place prize.**



**Caroline Penalva, a scientist and Jessica Barker, a veterinarian, both from D.C. attended the 8K Race and 2K Walk and Fun run Saturday in Tim Susco's memory at South Lakes High School.**

# Running, Walking to Heal Annual 8K Race at South Lakes High commemorates Reston runner lost to brain aneurism.

BY COLIN STOECKER  
THE CONNECTION

**R**eston resident, Tom Susco broke down in tears at the annual 8K Race and 2K Walk/Fun Run at South lakes High School Saturday when his wife handed him a photo of a smiling child who had just been lost to a brain aneurism. The child's family had attended the race that morning in his memory.

"This race is about support for those who have lost loved ones to a brain aneurism," said Nancy Susco, Tim Susco's mother.

The race is held each year in memory of her son, Tim Susco, who died in 2007 of a brain aneurism at age 26. Tim Susco was an avid runner, track and field member and student at South Lakes High School in Reston. He was also an organ donor.

"We talked about this some time before he died. His heart and lungs went to a man from Hawaii and the liver was split between two people, one from California and one from Arizona," said Tom Susco.

Agnes Susco, Tim's grandmother; Joel Susco, his uncle; and Barbara Susco, his grand-aunt were also present at the race.

"We are here to support our family and our nephew who passed away," said Barbara Susco. "We've done this for the past 10 years and it's our family reunion," she said.

"Because of the popularity of the race, other groups who have lost family members to brain aneurism have come together, it's a healing moment" said Barbara Susco.

Turnout for the event numbered in the hundreds as groups of racers in matching t-shirts with different causes and in memory of different people.

Jessica Barker, a veterinarian from D.C. ran in the 8K race for her sister who had a brain aneurism and needed brain surgery. "It's an important cause and a beautiful, well-organized run for an amazing group of people. It's a good thing all around," she



**Tim Susco's parents, Nancy and Tom Susco at The 8K Race and 2K Walk and Fun run Saturday in their son's memory at South Lakes High School.**

said. This is her third year running.

First place for the 8K run is \$200, second place is \$100, and third place is \$50.

"A lot of the times what happens is the winners just donate the prize back to us because it's such a good cause," said Tom Susco.

**Ten years later high school friends of Tim Susco are still coming to the 8K Race and 2K Walk and Fun run Saturday in Tim Susco's memory at South Lakes High School. Here a family marches to the race to represent their lost friend.**

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**From left: Joel Susco, Tim's uncle; Agnes Susco, Tim's grandmother; and Barbara Susco, grand-aunt were also present at the 8K Race and 2K Walk and Fun run Saturday in Tim Susco's memory at South Lakes High School.**





# Voting Every Year, But Always Critical

League of Women Voters provides forums to learn about the candidates.

Every year is Election Year in Virginia, and each year the election matters. This year, all the members of the Virginia House of Delegates are up for reelection, along with statewide races for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General.

So many things are at stake. The deadline to register to vote in the General Election on Nov. 7, or update an existing registration, is Monday, Oct. 16.

Of the 30 incumbents in the Virginia House of Delegates who are running unopposed, 11 are in Northern Virginia: Mark Keam (D-35); Ken Plum (D-36); David Bulova (D-37); Vivian Watts (D-39); Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41); Mark Sickles (D-43); Paul Krizek (D-44); Mark Levine (D-45); Charniele Herring (D-46); Patrick Hope (D-47); and Rip Sullivan (D-48).

Marcus Simon (D-53) faces no Republican challenger, but will face Mike Casey, an Independent.

In Northern Virginia, there is only one open seat, the 42nd, vacated by Dave Albo (R) who says he can't afford to continue dedicate so much time to the legislature at the expense of his law practice. Kathy Tran (D) faces Lolita Mancheno-Smoak (R).

Other contested races: Kathleen Murphy (D-34) faces Cheryl Buford (R). Kaye Kory (D-38) faces Paul Haring (R). Tim Hugo (R-40) faces

Donte Turner (D). Alfonso Lopez (D-49) faces Adam Roosevelt (R). Jim LeMunyon (R-67) faces Karrie Delaney (D). Jennifer Boysko (D-86) faces Linda Schulz (R).

The local Connection newspaper to each of these races has covered or will write about each contested race; you can find the stories on our website.

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) will hold both in-person and televised forums for the public to learn about the candidates who are running for election to the Virginia House of Delegates.

❖ Thursday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. at Providence Community Center: 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax. Invited candidates: Mark L. Keam (D), David L. Bulova (D), Eileen Filler-Corn (D), Kathy K.L. Tran (D), Lolita I. Mancheno-Smoak (R), Marcus B. Simon (D), and Mike S. Casey (I).

❖ Thursday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. at Hayfield Secondary School, Lecture Hall: 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. Invited candidates: L. Kaye Kory (D), Paul B. Haring (R), Vivian E. Watts (D), Mark D. Sickles (D), Paul E. Krizek (D), Mark H. Levine (D), Alfonso H. Lopez (D), and Adam Roosevelt (R).

❖ Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Sully Government Center: 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Invited candidates: Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum (D), David L. Bulova (D), Donte T. Tanner (D), Timothy D. "Tim" Hugo (R), Karrie K. Delaney (D), James M. "Jim" LeMunyon (R), Jennifer R. Boysko (D), and Linda C. Schulz

(R).

The remaining televised forum at Fairfax County Public Access are on Channel 10 or livestreamed on YouTube "Inside Scoop Livestream." The public can submit questions by email to theinsidescooptv@gmail.com or call 571-749-1142 between 7-8:30 p.m. Tune in on:

❖ Monday, Oct. 2 at 8 p.m.: Invited candidates: Kathleen J. Murphy (D), Cheryl A. Buford (R), Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum (D), Donte T. Tanner (D), Timothy D. "Tim" Hugo (R), R.C. "Rip" Sullivan, Jr. (D), Karrie K. Delaney (D), James M. "Jim" LeMunyon (R), Jennifer R. Boysko (D), and Linda C. Schulz (R).

## Killing the Poor to Pay Millionaires, Current Attempt

Because the current effort in the Senate to vote on "repeal and replace" for the Affordable Care Act is, if anything, worse than the previous attempts in substance, I hope that you will read my previous editorial from June. <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2017/jun/27/opinion-editorial-killing-poor-pay-millionaires/>

— MARY KIMM

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## LETTERS

## County Should Welcome Short-term Rentals

To the Editor:

At a public hearing on Sept. 5 in Reston, Fairfax County residents voiced their concerns and requests regarding the county's efforts to draft regulations governing short-term rentals (STRs). Through various home-sharing platforms (e.g., Airbnb and Vacation Rental by Owner), homeowners can offer spare couches, rooms, and even entire homes or apartments to visitors coming to the area as a way to make extra income.

Residents' opinions, fears, and experiences with and about STRs ranged across the spectrum. Opposers of STRs cited all the potential bad things that STRs can bring to a neighborhood. We

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## Never Armed Enough!

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

Much to my dismay last week I received in the mail an envelope with the return address of the National Rifle Association of America headquarters in Fairfax, Virginia. I knew immediately it was not a letter admonishing me for regularly taking part in the vigil to end gun violence held in front of their office on the 14<sup>th</sup> of each month.

COMMENTARY No, the colorful envelope had two dozen pictures of various rifles, handguns, and what I call machine guns. I was urged to open the envelope to take part in the "exciting NRA sweepstakes." With the usual disclaimer that I did not have to join the NRA in order to win, the flyer announced in a list with pictures that the first prize in the sweepstakes was "12 World-Class Firearms" including four pistols, four rifle/shotguns, and four other firearms that looked like military weapons to me. Second prize was nine such guns, and third prize was seven super firearms! If I did not choose to take the guns, I could substitute a "trophy bull elk hunt in New Mexico; a bison, bird, and deer hunt in North Dakota, or a black bear hunt in Ontario." If I entered the sweepstakes by Oct. 31, I would be "eligible for a chance to win a top-of-the-line LaRue Tactical Rifle and 7,200 rounds of ammo!" Needless to say I will not be entering the sweepstakes although I was tempted to so that if I won I could have the guns melted down and turned



into some peaceful art symbols. As disturbing to me as the military-style weapons offered as prizes was the language in the letter telling me why I should not just enter the sweepstakes but why I should join the NRA. Not a single mention was made that I might be a hobbyist, I might like hunting, I might be a marksman, etc. The entire pitch was about the threat of the government taking away people's guns.

"NRA needs you as a fighting, card-carrying member more than ever before... That's because the Second Amendment is the one freedom that gives you and me the power to protect every other freedom in our Bill of Rights... And because of gun owners like you, NRA has beaten back hundreds of attacks on our rights, from gun licensing to gun rationing, taxes and surtaxes on guns and ammo, ammo bans, gun bans, bans on gun shows and more..."

Despite the rhetoric in the mailer, the reality I see is drastically different than Mr. LaPierre described in his letter. The U.S. Congress is currently debating the "Sportsmen's Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act of 2017" which among other provisions would allow the use of armor-piercing bullets and ease the importation of foreign-made assault rifles. One of its very frightening provisions would allow the use of silencers on guns. Proponents argue that gun users' ears can be harmed by the sound. What about the practice in industry of having ear plugs or ear coverings. Imagine the slaughter a terrorist could do with a silenced gun!

For some it seems that we are never armed enough. I believe that opinion is more of a threat to our society than are common-sense gun safety measures.

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# LETTERS

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heard stories about wild parties, screeching cars in the middle of the night, and a lost sense of community. Supporters of STRs told stories about how they are able to pay their mortgage thanks to the ability to rent spare rooms. Families suffering from job loss and single parents can stay in their homes because of STRs, which, despite being currently illegal in Fairfax County, they do anyway.

Many of those at the hearing who spoke against STRs were older, 60s+, while those in favor were largely younger than 60s. Could the range of opinion be generational? (Raise your hand if you like change.) According to the county representatives, results from a survey showed some opposed at all costs, some in favor with no regulation, and many somewhere in between. The reality is, those on either extreme of the opinion spectrum will not get their way. Regardless how you feel about it, the sharing economy is here to stay, and the county will regulate it.

Before moving to the Town of Herndon, my husband and I lived in an unincorporated section of the county. Thirty percent of the 264 townhomes in our community were rentals. Many times over the 13 years we lived there, I called the police with noise complaints. I also served on the HOA, which meant having to listen to plenty of the typical complaints about renters (noisy, hoggers of parking spaces, trashers of property) as well as having to enforce HOA rules that renters never seemed to get right. Most of their ignorance could be pinned to their landlords who failed to inform their tenants about the rules. These same concerns were raised by the STR opposers. Their complaints were with long-term renters, not STRs. It would be easy to dump all renters into the same boat and send them down Bad Creek; however, that would be unfair. Not all renters engage in annoying or destructive behaviors, yet some homeowners surely do. So to oppose STRs simply because some renters are undesirable doesn't hold water. At the same time, who wants to live in a neighborhood flooded with STRs where you never know who your neighbor is going to be from week to week?

We moved to Herndon a couple of years ago, buying a house with two spare rooms and a spare bathroom. We don't need that space, yet it would be a shame to let it go unused. For us, Airbnb is an opportunity to earn extra income while also getting to meet

people from all over the world.

We're an international household and travelers ourselves, so Airbnb has been a perfect fit as hosts and guests. Several guests have told us that without the affordability of Airbnb, they wouldn't have been able to come here for events such as weddings, funerals, and symposiums, or to visit the area. All of our guests seek a more personable local experience, something a hotel could never offer. Many of our guests have told us they wouldn't — or couldn't — have come to Herndon if they had to pay for a hotel.

As hosts, we are ambassadors for Herndon and the surrounding area. We guide guests toward local restaurants, shops, and sites of interest. Our guests spend money here. The money we earn goes right back into our home. The extra income has helped us pay for home improvements, such as new windows, a new roof, and enhanced landscaping. All these things benefit our neighborhood by helping to increase property values. Our neighbors' right to the safe and peaceful enjoyment of their property is paramount. If any of our guests ever violated that right, we'd ask them to leave immediately. Airbnb backs us up on this. So far, our guests have been fantastic; several are repeat visitors. Most of our neighbors don't even know we're hosts. In other words, we are exactly the type of STR entrepreneurs Fairfax County should support. We are willing to be regulated in order that STRs do not become a problem for others in the area. Yes, there are rogue players out there, and they should be stopped for a lot of reasons. We're willing to pay a modest and fair fee to support regulation.

Because we live in the Town of Herndon, we are currently operating legally (we're not subjected to the County's prohibition on STRs). But Herndon is drafting regulations and likely watching how the county handles this.

So we'd like the County and Town to consider the benefits that people like us bring to the community and region. STRs are not all alike, which means a one-size-fits-all law won't suffice. It will take careful crafting to ensure protection of our communities against those who have no interests here other than to make as much money as possible while allowing entrepreneurs to operate responsibly and respectfully so that STRs enhance our communities.

**Sarah Snyder**  
Herndon

## Confederate Symbols Belong in Museums

To the Editor:

White supremacists incited deadly violence in Charlottesville, Va. in defense of a Confederate monument. We must show the country that Fairfax County gives no safe harbor to such hatred. Let's remove the John Quincy Marr monument in Fairfax. Confederate symbols on public

land endorse a movement founded on white supremacy. We will never solve our community's problems if an entire group of citizens is alienated or feels targeted for discrimination.

Confederate symbols belong in museums and on private property, and the time has long passed to move the John Quincy Marr monument to an appropriate place. Our community should figure out how to remove the monument and act on it.

**Clare Bennett**  
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### Tall Oaks Assisted Living Has Teamed with TAD Relocation and Transitional Transport for a RESTON Delivery to Hurricane Irma Victims

Dear Friends,

We have all seen the pictures of the devastation that Hurricane Irma has caused in Florida. We all want to help, and now there is an opportunity in Reston to do just that!

A special collection day of much needed supplies will be held **Friday, September 22, from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM in the parking lot of Tall Oaks Assisted Living in Reston.** Tall Oaks is located at 12052 North Shore Drive, just off Wehle Avenue, close to the Wehle Avenue Metro Station. There is easy access with plenty of free parking.

Trucks from TAD Relocation and Transitional Transport will be on site to take all donated items directly to those in need in Florida where they will be distributed by the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and Life for Animals.

#### The most requested items are:

Toiletries	First Aid Items	Bed Pillows and Blankets	Gloves
Diapers	Cleaning Supplies	Utility Knives and Leather Work	Hand Sanitizers
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	Box Fans		

As many seniors in Florida are not able to return to their homes, Tall Oaks has reduced by \$1,000.00 the first month's rent for any victims of Hurricanes Irma or Harvey who sign a new lease, monies that can go towards moving expenses or to the purchase of new personal items and furniture.

For more information, please call Chuck Thornton, Director of Community Relations for Tall Oaks Assisted Living at 703-834-9800.

Now is the time to collect at your office, church, home, or school. We appreciate your help, and we know the people in Florida will also!

Sincerely,

Eileen Anatra  
Executive Director  
Tall Oaks Assisted Living, managed by  
Coordinated Services Management, Inc.



Eileen Spata  
Regional Director  
TAD Relocation



Siamak Masoudi  
Principal  
Transitional Transport  
Moving and Storage





# New Year, New Teacher

## How to identify effective teachers.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

**A**s a new school year got underway this month, Sebla Tobin, a family therapist in Rockville, Md., noticed an uptick in the number of her patients who are parents, expressing concern about the teachers their children had been assigned.

“So many parents are leery of new teachers or teachers who are young,” she said. “I encourage them to give the teacher a chance before passing judgment and marching into the principal’s office to ask for a different teacher. Just because a teacher graduated from college last spring doesn’t mean that they won’t be effective. And a teacher who’s been in the classroom for 20 years may be jaded and grumpy.”

Teacher effectiveness is a concern among parents as the school year gets underway, says Tobin, and she points to research which shows how teachers can affect student achievement. A 2011 study from Harvard and Columbia universities showed a link between effective teachers and students who were more likely to attend college, have lower teenage pregnancy rates and other positive outcomes. So what qualities constitute an effective teacher?

Effective teachers are knowledgeable of the subjects they are teaching, says Pamela Garner, Ph.D. professor of Childhood Studies at George Mason University. “Effective teachers are able to transfer that knowledge to students who have different comprehension levels,” she said.

Creating a classroom environment that is safe for student learning is also important, adds Garner. “Overall, effective teachers work hard to create a positive classroom climate which is characterized by providing opportunities for student input in decision making and support for individual differences,” she said.

Setting high expectations for all students, but realizing that students have a variety of abilities, is an important factor, believes Jessica Lewis, Ed.D., professor of education at Marymount University. “For some students getting a C is like a medal of honor and that’s OK,” said Lewis. “Students want to do well and be pushed, but pushed with support. Knowing that a teacher understands the student and their abilities sends a positive message that the teacher is on their side when it comes to learning.”

A teacher who is able to demonstrate genuine concern for students is necessary to create an effective learning environment, adds Lewis. “Parents often say ‘I want a teacher who knows their content,’ but I al-



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

**A positive classroom helps welcome students back to school is an important factor in student learning, says Pamela Garner, Ph.D. of George Mason University.**

ways go back to ‘does the teacher care?’ If a teacher doesn’t care, then they’re not going to be effective. An effective teacher motivates students to want to learn.”

An ability to form a strong relationship with students is another characteristic that Lewis believes is important. “The more rapidly the teachers can get to know the individual students and things they enjoy like their hobbies, the sports they like, the sooner that teacher can see that students are real little people behind those names,” she said. “As a teacher you have to put the heart first and policy second. What factors are going on at home that

can throw the student for a loop. If you have a caring adult to say, ‘Hey do you want to talk about it?’ that can make a big difference.”

An effective teacher accepts students for and where they are, adds Lewis. “Students can learn more from a teacher when the teacher shows that they care,” she said.

**“An effective teacher motivates students to want to learn.”**

— Jessica Lewis, Ed.D.,  
Marymount University



**Honor Guard of Cadets raises a ceremonial National Ensign at Herndon’s main flag pole.**

## Sept. 11 Commemoration Held at Herndon High

**H**erndon High School Navy JROTC cadets commemorated the 9/11 anniversary, by holding a special ceremony in the front of Herndon High School on the morning of Sept. 11, 2017. The Herndon Police and Fire Departments and Fairfax County Police Departments were represented by First Responders. Parents and adminis-

trators looked on as an Honor Guard of Cadets raised a ceremonial National Ensign at Herndon’s main flag pole. Herndon’s Principal, Dr. Liz Noto provided remarks of remembrance and honor for those countrymen and women that were lost. Herndon High School Band provided two buglers who played Taps at the conclusion of the ceremony.



PHOTOS BY LISA HERNDON/HERNDON POLICE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**Herndon High School Band provided two buglers who played Taps at the conclusion of the ceremony.**



**Honor Guard at the Herndon High 9/11 ceremony.**



Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) and U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) signing Charlottesville Joint Resolution.



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## House, Senate Condemn Hate-filled Violence

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) and Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) signed the joint resolution condemning the violence from hate groups in Charlottesville. Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine authored the Senate companion. The legislation now heads to President Donald Trump's desk.

"I am pleased the House of Representatives spoke in one unified voice to unequivocally condemn the

shameful and hate-filled acts of violence carried out by the Ku Klux Klan, white nationalists, white supremacists and neo-Nazis in Charlottesville. I hope this bipartisan action will help heal the wounds left in the aftermath of this tragedy and send a clear message to those that seek to divide our country that there is no place for hate and violence," Connolly said.

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# Music of Hope and Inspiration

## Quetzal to perform at Reston's CenterStage.

BY DAVID SIEGEL  
THE CONNECTION

**E**xpect to hear thoughtful and creative songs about a love for humanity, justice and environmental consciousness," said Quetzal Flores about the upcoming performance of the

musical group Quetzal at Reston's CenterStage. The group aims to provide "a regenerative sense of hope and inspiration."

Flores went on to say that the "Quetzal musical style is a blend of Mexican and American folk. We are particularly influenced by Black music from both cultures."

For those not familiar with Quetzal, it is a bilingual (Spanish-English) musical group that began in East Los Angeles, Calif. Quetzal is known for creative tunes that aim to have listeners want to dance and think about community activism for positive social change.

"Art and culture in general, stimulates and incites creative and critical thought," said Flores. "Our intention is never to bombard folks with messages, but to present lived realities in hopes that we can build points of connection."

Connecting music directly to stir social activism, Flores noted that "It's an endless cycle of reciprocity. The more we mirror real life and imaginary experiences the more we feel nods of validation that in turn gives us permission to continue."

As an example of Quetzal lyrics, Flores spoke of a recently released song titled "The Eternal Getdown." The song asks "beyond the picket, the boycott and the trend that will soon be abated. That all of these deaths are interrelated. Ferguson, Emmitt, Guerrero, and Brown. How do we initiate our people into the Eternal Getdown?"

Flores went on to note, "In other words how do we get to the point where our humanity can thrive in the face of brutality? How do we look to what exists in our communities already to build a perpetual state of 'Getting Down' or 'Being Down'?"

For Flores she would like CenterStage audiences to be curious about the music, message and social activism of Quetzal.

"I chose Quetzal to open the 2017-2018 Professional Touring Artists Series because they create a great balance between art and activism," said Paul Douglas Mischewicz, Arts & Events Director, Reston Community Center. "Their music is delightfully spirited and when you listen carefully to their lyrics, they bring up immigration issues that affect all of us." The Quetzal performance is part of the Reston Community Center's celebration of Hispanic American Heritage Month. The month pays tribute to Hispanic Americans who have influenced and enriched the nation and society.

## Where & When

Reston Community Center/CenterStage presents Quetzal at the Hunters Woods Village Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Performance: Sunday, Oct. 1 at 3 p.m. Tickets \$20-\$30. Call 703-476-4500 or visit [www.restoncommunitycenter.com](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com)

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC., FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND A SAVE PLAN PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE § 56-604 AND TO IMPLEMENT A 2018 SAVE PLAN INFRASTRUCTURE RELIABILITY AND REPLACEMENT ADJUSTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 20 OF ITS GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS CASE NO. PUR-2017-00095

On August 15, 2017, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("CVA" or "Company"), filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for approval to amend Phase 2 of its SAVE Plan pursuant to the Steps to Advance Virginia's Energy Plan (SAVE) Act, Chapter 26 of Title 56 ("SAVE Act") of the Code of Virginia ("Code"), and for approval to implement a 2018 Infrastructure Reliability and Replacement Adjustment ("IRRA") ("Application").

In its Application, the Company requests approval to increase the total five-year (2016-2020) cap on authorized Phase 2 SAVE Plan expenditures from \$150 million to \$173.8 million, and to maintain the 5% tolerance band authorized in Case No. PUE 2015-00071 ("2015 SAVE Order"). According to the Company, its investments in the replacement of large-scale SAVE eligible projects limit the funds available for smaller projects, and the Company anticipates that it will exceed the current five-year cap of \$150 million if the Company maintains the current rate of SAVE investments. CVA is not proposing to modify the operational aspects of its current SAVE Plan or the authorized categories of SAVE eligible infrastructure, nor is the Company proposing any other substantive changes to the terms and conditions of the SAVE Plan.

Section 56-604 A of the SAVE Act allows CVA to recover SAVE eligible infrastructure costs (as defined in Code § 56-603) through a SAVE Rider, which is defined in the Company's tariff as the IRRA. Accordingly, CVA requests authority to implement a 2018 IRRA in accordance with Section 20 of its General Terms and Conditions, as contemplated in the Commission's November 28, 2011 Order Approving SAVE Plan and Rider in Case No. PUE-2011-00049, as modified by the July 3, 2013 Order Approving Amended SAVE Plan in Case No. PUE-2013-00015 and extended by the 2015 SAVE Order. The 2018 IRRA comprises a 2016 Infrastructure Replacement Reconciliation Rate ("IRRR") and a 2018 Infrastructure Replacement Current Rate ("IRCR") and is billed as a combined fixed charge each month. The 2016 IRRR is designed to true-up the IRCR in effect for calendar year 2016 to the actual SAVE costs experienced during that time period, and the 2018 IRCR is designed to recover projected costs associated with SAVE-eligible infrastructure replacements during calendar year 2018.

In its Application, the Company seeks approval of the following: (1) the Company's 2016 IRRR credit in the amount of \$1,263,556; (2) the Company's 2018 IRCR in the amount of \$5,740,130; and (3) the filing of rate sheets implementing the 2018 IRCR and 2016 IRRR. The 2018 IRCR and the 2016 IRRR result in an IRRA total net charge to customers of \$4,476,574 for 2018. The Company requests that the 2018 IRRA be effective with the first billing unit of January 2018 through the last billing unit of December 2018. The Company's 2018 IRRA proposed monthly rates by rate schedule are as follows: Residential Sales Service / Residential Transportation Service, \$1.14; Small General Service 1 / Small General Transportation Service 1, \$1.24; Small General Service 2 / Small General Transportation Service 2, \$3.30; Small General Service 3 / Small General Transportation Service 3, \$10.17; Large General Service 1 / Transportation Service 1, \$96.59; and Large General Service 2 / Transportation Service 2, \$463.14.

The details of these and other proposals are set forth in the Company's Application. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Company's Application and supporting testimony and exhibits for the details of these proposals. While the total revenue that may be approved by the Commission is limited to the amount produced by the Company's proposed rates, TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may approve revenues and adopt rates, fees, charges, tariff revisions, and terms and conditions of service that differ from those appearing in the Application and supporting documents and may apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Application and supporting documents.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Comment that, among other things, directed the Company to provide notice to the public and provided interested persons an opportunity to comment on the Company's Application.

A copy of the Company's Application may be obtained at no charge by requesting a copy of the same from the Company's counsel, James S. Copenhaver, Esquire, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc., 1809 Coyote Drive, Chester, Virginia 23836. The Application and related documents also shall be available for review in the Commission's Document Control Center, Tyler Building, First Floor, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219 between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

On or before October 6, 2017, interested persons may file written comments on CVA's Application with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Interested persons desiring to submit comments electronically may do so, on or before October 6, 2017, by following the instructions on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. Comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2017-00095.

On or before October 6, 2017, interested persons desiring to participate as a respondent in this proceeding shall file a notice of participation as a respondent pursuant to Rule 5 VAC 5 20-80 B of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. If not filed electronically on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the notice of participation shall be filed with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. The notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2017-00095, and copies thereof simultaneously shall be served on counsel for the Company.

On or before October 6, 2017, interested persons may request that the Commission convene a hearing on the Company's Application by filing a request for hearing with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Requests for hearing shall refer to Case No. PUR-2017-00095 and shall include: (i) a precise statement of the filing party's interest in the proceeding; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; (iii) a statement of the legal basis for such action; and (iv) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in this matter. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2017-00095, and copies thereof simultaneously shall be served on counsel for the Company.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure may be viewed at <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. A printed copy of the Rules of Practice and Procedure and an official copy of the Commission's Order in this proceeding may be obtained from Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P. O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118.

COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC.



# ENTERTAINMENT

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

## ONGOING

**Reston Farm Market**, Saturdays, through Dec. 9, 8 a.m. - Noon, Lake Anne Village Center, 11401 North Shore Drive, SNAP accepted, bonus dollar program. (CLOSED for Multicultural Festival Sept. 23)

**Herndon Farm Market**, Thursdays through Nov. 9, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Old Town Herndon, 700 Block of Lynn St., by the Red Caboose. SNAP accepted, bonus dollar program.

**Jazz in the City Exhibit**. Various times at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Kristine Keller and Robert Gilbert paint with an interest in New York. Call 703-956-9560 or visit [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com).

**All-comers' Group Fun Run at Potomac River Running**. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., 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).

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 20

**"Mean to Be."** 7 p.m. in the Jo Ann Rose Gallery at Reston Community Center Lake Anne. The Reston Historic Trust & Museum presents "Meant to Be: How Reston Almost Wasn't" with Timothy Beatley. Free. Seating is limited, reservations are welcome. Contact 703-709-7700 or [restonmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:restonmuseum@gmail.com) for more information or to RSVP.

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 21

**Food for Kids Community Packing Event**. 10-11:30 a.m. in Room 6 at at Dominion Energy, 3072 Centreville Road, Herndon. Email [LynnB517@verizon.net](mailto:LynnB517@verizon.net) or visit [www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org](http://www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org).

**Lunch Bunch Thursdays**. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. BYO lunch and see different entertainment in the Pavilion at Fountain Square each week. Rain or shine. Visit [restontowncenter.com](http://restontowncenter.com).

**Fashion Tip Thursdays**. 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. This week, Victorian collars and accents. Call 571-526-4185 or visit [restontowncenter.scoutandmollys.com](http://restontowncenter.scoutandmollys.com).

**Third Thursdays Art Crawl**. 6 p.m. 750 Center Street, Herndon. ArtSpace exhibits art throughout Herndon. Free. Go to [www.artspaceherndon.org](http://www.artspaceherndon.org).

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 22

**Storm Victim Donations**. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Tall Oaks Assisted Living, 12052 North Shore Drive. A special collection day for much needed supplies. Call 703-834-9800.

**Lullabye a Lamb**. 7-8 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Come to Kidwell Farm at Frying Pan Farm Park to see the bedtime routine for the park's farm animals. Bring a flashlight or lantern for this twilight tour of the park and see how animals on a farm settle down for the night. \$8. Call 703-437-9101 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark/).

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 23

**Reston Multicultural Festival**. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at Lake Anne Plaza. A celebration of the diversity and community spirit that is found in Reston, featuring music, entertainment, dress, food, and cultural treasures from all over the world. Everyone is encouraged to dress in attire from their own cultural roots. All ages. Free. Rain or shine. Visit [www.restoncommunitycenter.com](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com).

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## SUNDAY/SEPT. 24

**Walk to End Alzheimer's**. 1:30-5 p.m. at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Join in and unite in a movement with the Alzheimer's Association Register at 703-359-4440 or [samartey@alz.org](mailto:samartey@alz.org) [alz.org/walk](http://alz.org/walk).

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 27

**Senior Movie Day**. 10 a.m. at Bow Tie Cinemas in Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Reston Association presents the feature film, "The Circle." Refreshments and door prizes provided prior to movie. Free to 55+. Information at [Ashleigh@reston.org](mailto:Ashleigh@reston.org), 703-435-6530, or reston.org.

**Used Books and Media Sale**. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Friends night, sale runs through Sept. 27. Prices start at \$.50. Visit [restonlibraryfriends.com](http://restonlibraryfriends.com).

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 28

**Lunch Bunch Thursdays**. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. BYO lunch and see different entertainment in



## Art Show

**ValeArts Fall Art Show, Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Sunday at Vale Schoolhouse, 3124 Fox Mill Road, Oakton. The nine artists of ValeArts will present "Transformations," an exhibit of more than 150 works of local art. Call 703-860-1888.**

the Pavilion at Fountain Square each week. Rain or shine. Visit [restontowncenter.com](http://restontowncenter.com).

**Fashion Tip Thursdays**. 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. This week, Formal Velvet. Call 571-526-4185 or visit [restontowncenter.scoutandmollys.com](http://restontowncenter.scoutandmollys.com).

## SUNDAY/OCT. 1

**Quetzel in Concert**. 3 p.m. at CenterStage. Hunters Woods Village Center, 2310 Colts Neck Rd, Reston. East Side musicians committed to continuing the legacy of 70-plus

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## SATURDAY/OCT. 7

**Mucca Pazza in Concert**. 3 p.m. at CenterStage. Hunters Woods Village Center, 2310 Colts Neck Rd, Reston. Mucca Pazza has appeared on Late Night with Conan O'Brien and NPR's Tiny Desk Concerts. \$20 Reston/\$30 Non-Reston. Call 877-775-3462.

## SUNDAY/OCT. 8

**Meet the Artists Reception**. 2-4 p.m. at the Jo Ann Rose Gallery at Lake

Anne Community Center, 1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston. "Stolen Moments" exhibit by the League of Reston Artists' runs from Oct. 2-30. Visit [www.leagueofrestonartists.org](http://www.leagueofrestonartists.org).

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 11

**Adult Coloring Session**. 7 p.m. at Reston Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. "Color Me Happy," release the inner artist. Call 703-689-2700 or visit [librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov).

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**Herndon Good Neighbor**. Nominations are currently being accepted for the 2017 award for a neighbor that's gone above and beyond. Call 703/435-6800 X2084 or e-mail [information@herndon-va.gov](mailto:information@herndon-va.gov).

## SATURDAY/OCT. 14

**16th Annual Reston Home Tour**. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Featuring six private homes in throughout Reston. Tickets: before Oct. 7, \$25; Oct. 7-14 and online \$30. Group discounts. Tickets available at Reston Museum, Appalachian Spring. GRACE, Chesapeake Chocolates and The Wine Cabinet at North Point. Call 703-709-7700 or visit [restonmuseum.org](http://restonmuseum.org).

**Meet the Author**. 2 p.m. at Reston Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Local author and paranormal investigator Rob Gutro will present his "Double Murder Ghost Investigation" and talk about his book, "Lessons Learned From the Dead." Adults, teens. Call 703-689-2700 or visit [librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov).

## MONDAY/OCT. 16

**Photography Exhibit**. 7:30-9:30 p.m. in Room 6 at the Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. The Reston Photographic Society invites photography enthusiasts of all skill levels to attend meetings on the third Monday of the month. Visit [www.leagueofrestonartists.org](http://www.leagueofrestonartists.org).

## THURSDAY/OCT. 19

**Third Thursdays Art Crawl**. 6 p.m. 750 Center Street, Herndon. ArtSpace exhibits art throughout Herndon. Free. Go to [www.artspaceherndon.org](http://www.artspaceherndon.org).

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**Senior Olympics Rolls Along**  
Green Acres Senior Center hosts bocce competition.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE  
THE CONNECTION

**D**espite forecasts of post-Hurricane showers, things rolled along in bright sun at the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics bocce competition on Thursday, Sept. 14. Nineteen competitors in five age groups from 50-99 are signed up at Green Acres Senior Center in Fairfax. Competitors and onlookers sat at picnic tables munching donuts and drinking water to cool down as they waited for the competition to begin.

Ninety-two-old Henry Coletto from Oakton, the oldest competitor, has no one in his age group for competition so he was paired with Sonny Caputo from Springfield in the 80-89 age group. Caputo says this is his first Senior Olympics although he is playing in the regular bocce league.

Coletto's regular league partner, Nicholas Garito of Fairfax, is also competing. "Henry and I had a tough year.

We came from last place to third place," Garito said, adding he got the bocce program started 10 years ago and convinced the Lions Club to build the



**Henry Coletto, Oakton, the  
oldest bocce competitor,  
waiting for his game.**

court five years ago.

Coletto says he lived in Massachusetts for 82 years and then four of his children who live around here "kidnapped me and brought me here." He had driven to the competition from Oakton. He said, "My children don't believe I should drive too much anymore."

Robena Reid of Lorton and Lynn Thompson of Fairfax started out with the women's 55-59 competition. Reid says she is kind of a novice, and Thompson says this is her first tournament, and she has practiced twice. Pink balls, blue balls, back and forth.

Charlie Perla, bocce ref, said, "Here we go measuring again. Blue is closer and touching. No,

no, no it's red." He adds, "Get out the dollar bill." The test of touching is whether you can get a dollar bill between the balls. "I can't believe it: did they both get gold?" He measures again and the final result is Reid wins by one inch.

Herb Levitan of Arlington plays one of the later competitions. He says he is registered in 27 events this year but may not be able to do a couple of them on Saturday since he is also organizing a table tennis match at the same time.

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Submit civic/community announcements at [ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar](http://ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar). Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 22

**Storm Victim Donations.** 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Tall Oaks Assisted Living, 12052 North Shore Drive. A special collection day for much needed supplies. Call 703-834-9800 for more.

## IN-PERSON, TV DEBATES

**The League of Women Voters** of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) will hold four in-person forums and three televised forums for the public and the press to learn about the candidates who are running for election to the Virginia House of Delegates. The League invited all certified candidates campaigning for office in their respective districts. At the in-person forums, question-and-answer sessions will be followed by an opportunity for informal conversations with individual candidates. The public and press are encouraged to attend. For more information about the candidates' priorities and positions, visit [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org).

In-person forums:

- ❖ **Thursday, Sept. 28** at 7 p.m. at Providence Community Center: 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax.
- ❖ **Wednesday, Oct. 25** at 7:30 p.m. at Sully Government Center: 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly.

The televised forums at Fairfax County Public Access are on Channel 10 or livestreamed on YouTube "Inside Scoop Livestream." The public can submit questions by email to [theinsidescoopvtv@gmail.com](mailto:theinsidescoopvtv@gmail.com) or call 571-749-1142 between 7-8:30 p.m. Tune in on: **Monday, Sept. 11** at 8 p.m.; **Monday, Sept. 18** at 8 p.m.; and **Monday, Oct. 2** at 8 p.m.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 30

**Reston Community Yard Sale.** 8:30 a.m. at 1900 Campus Commons Drive (corner of Sunrise Valley Drive and Wiehle Avenue). 85 families will be selling a variety of items for a new home or a college dorm. Call 703-435-6577 for more.

## TUESDAY/OCT. 3

**Community Emergency Response Team Training.** There are two sessions each week on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 p.m.-10:30 p.m., at 432 Van Buren Street in Herndon. Classes run until October 26. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/cert/cert.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/cert/cert.htm) form more.

## TUESDAY/OCT. 10

**Finances Lecture.** 2 p.m. at Reston Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Financial advisor, Monica Mason, will present "Rock Your Runway: Financial Fitness For Women" for women on how to get and stay financially fit. Call 703-689-2700 or visit [librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov).

## MONDAY/NOV. 6

**Capital Area Franchise Fair.** 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Reston Association Conference Center, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Provides help and education for entrepreneurs interested in exploring franchise ownership options that best fit their financial, professional and personal goals. \$35 (\$49 at the door). Visit [www.capitalfranchiseshow.com](http://www.capitalfranchiseshow.com)

## ONGOING

**RSVP,** a volunteer network for seniors seeking service opportunities in and around Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria, offers a wide array of opportunities for volunteers 55 and older. RSVP volunteers enjoy flexible schedules, free accident and liability insurance while serving, optional mileage and meal reimbursement and are invited to volunteer group projects and social gatherings. To sign up for an upcoming orientation, email Carly Hubicki at [chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org](mailto:chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org) or call RSVP at 703-403- 5360. To learn more about RSVP, visit [www.rsvpnova.org](http://www.rsvpnova.org).

**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.

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# Talking the Walk



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Our long, local, overnight nightmare is almost over. By the date this column publishes: Sept. 20, 2017, I will, for the first time in nearly nine weeks, not had to have snaked down in the dark, our "turny-twisty" and narrow 150-year-old staircase to walk from the upstairs master bedroom to the downstairs and only usable commode. Though the renovation of this upstairs bathroom is not entirely complete nor ready for primetime (it is mostly usable as the water is now running and flushing), the demolition/renovation process apparently must go on/adhere to a schedule so, on Tuesday, Sept. 19 the downstairs bathroom, with all its fully functioning amenities will come under the sledge hammer – among other tools, and provide no further use until on or about Oct. 24.

This heretofore ("Good Will Hunting") logistical challenge has not presented too many difficulties for my wife, Dina. But given that I'm a male of a certain age, quite the opposite has been true for me. Once or twice and occasionally even more per overnight depending upon how late and how much I've had to eat or drink before bedtime, I'll need to visit the bathroom to attend to some very personal business. To be clear, the 'challenge' to which I refer is getting to the bathroom, not starting and/or finishing what I intended once I get there.

Moreover, when the task at hand has been completed, of course I need to retrace my steps – usually in the dark, and walk back upstairs. Though not nearly as difficult as walking downstairs; nevertheless, at the time I am going down and back up, in the middle of the night, my vision might not so readily acclimate and my balance is, let's just say: inconsistent, especially when trying to avoid the miscellaneous bathroom-remodeling boxes staged in the living room on the very route I must travel.

Needless to say, having this nightly nonsense come to an end is most definitely a column worth writing. Not necessarily to self-indulge anymore than usual but more so to amuse you regular readers and possibly even prepare you for your own in-home renovation. And considering that this renovation is our first – and we have minimal experience with these matters, I thought it useful to write it forward and perhaps share a less-than-obvious impact of taking the one-and-only-on-the-same-floor bathroom out of service. Sinks, mirrors and shower/tub issues notwithstanding, all of which can be withstood and endured with the reorientation to the downstairs bathroom, the commode issue, considering its unpredictability, naturally trumps all other real or imagined difficulties.

Though the upstairs bathroom is incomplete and lacking multiple finishing elements, its transformation so far is incredible – to our eyes. I'll spare you any details because that really would be self-indulgent and not at all the point of this column. But the two months or so it will have taken for the upstairs bathroom to become operational again and the nightly effect it's had on me appears to have been worth the wait.

As concerns the downstairs bathroom, we are now ready, willing and able to integrate its destruction into our routine. Given that it is more of a powder room than a master-type bathroom – though it will include a shower-only enclosure, no longer will it be my twice-nightly destination. In addition, I am looking forward to its transformation because the interim process will not prevent me from going anywhere I regularly go nor inconveniencing my wife, Dina, when she readies for work in the morning.

Monitoring its progress will be more of a curiosity than a calamity, since, in my mind, there will be no sense of urgency about the pace of this project as there had been with the upstairs bathroom because my bathroom access will not be affected in the least. And in the most, I am extraordinarily grateful – and relieved.

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**Teresa Decarmen, Web and Graphic Artist at Reston Community Center and Bebe Nguyen, Director of Communications at Reston Community Center draw a chalk portrait at ChalkFest Saturday in Reston Town Center.**



**Abigail Lockhart, an art student at Shepherd University draws a chalk mural in a professional space at ChalkFest Saturday in Reston Town Center.**

# ChalkFest Brings Public Art to Reston Town Center

**Professional artists, individuals and families shared chalk art on the streets.**

BY COLIN STOECKER  
THE CONNECTION

**S**aturday was Chalk Fest in Reston Town Center, where families, professional artists, and anyone wanting to make chalk art on the streets could register for a spot to decorate the Town Center. The event was led by Public Art Reston and sponsored locally as a fundraiser to create more public art in Reston. “ChalkFest is similar to an event held by Savannah College of Art and Design where art students can draw on the street,” said Anne Delaney, Executive Director of Public Art Reston.

The event has been going on for four years and the turnout this year reflects that it’s been catching on with the public as well as professional artists.

“We have developed a sense of community here with the artists. There is a spirit of sharing and supporting each other, like being kind and sharing chalk,” said Delaney.

Professional artists couple Phil Erickson, a former Reston resident, and Penny Hauffe worked side by side at the ChalkFest Saturday. “The fest is fun, just regular people get to stop and chat, it’s about people who appreciate art!” said Hauffe who is in her fourth year participating in the event.

“There’s also something fun about using chalk in a public place,” she said.

“I have fun hanging out with the other artists. It’s like building sand castles at the beach, it’s temporary art for the public,” said Erickson.

“We’ve had some good turnout online and new professional artists and new skills,” said Abbie Funling, a Reston resident and program assistant with Public Art Reston.

ChalkFest had 100-120 registrations this year, and two or three times as many people were expected to show up Saturday. There



**Artists Phil Erickson, a former Reston resident, and Penny Hauffe worked side by side Saturday at the ChalkFest in Reston Town Center.**

**Artist Phil Erickson, a former Reston resident, observes his semi-completed mural at ChalkFest Saturday in Reston Town Center.**



**Anne Delaney, Executive Director of Public Art Reston showcases one of the registration bags for participants at ChalkFest Saturday in Reston Town Center when they sign up. Each bag contains chalk.**

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**Children participate in ChalkFest Saturday in Reston Town Center.**

was an audience choice award as well as an official judging. Professional artists had the largest chalk art spaces. Awards were given out for best in professional, amateur, and families and children.