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Dalton Stocks, 4, of Reston maneuvers a scooter through a DWI obstacle course — without the drunk goggles — while his grandmother, Beverly Dulong of Reston, watches.

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## News

### RCC Preference Poll Results Announced

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the appointments of three Reston residents to the nine-member Reston Community Center Board of Governors at the request of Hunter Mill District Supervisor Catherine Hudgins during its meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 24.

The three-year terms for William Keefe, William Penniman and Vicky Wingert will begin on Nov. 6 and expire in 2020. Their appointments are based on the results of the RCC's Annual Preference Poll, which was held in September.

Voting in the 2017 Reston Community Center Preference Poll concluded at 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 29. Counting was conducted by Votenet Solutions' eBallot online voting platform. Votenet Solutions is an independent contractor providing the electronic and mail-in ballot processing. The League of Women Voters of Fairfax verified and entered ballots dropped in the voting boxes at RCC facilities into the electronic voting website. A total of 1,414 valid ballots were cast in this year's poll:

- ❖ William Keefe: 1,169 votes
- ❖ William Penniman: 1,112 votes
- ❖ Vicky Wingert: 1,285 votes

Keefe served on the RCC Board of Governors from 2008-13 and 2014-2017, and has

served on the Reston Association Board of Directors (2005-08), the Reston Planning and Zoning Committee (1997-2002) and volunteering with Reston Youth Basketball and Cornerstones. He is a 2017 Best of Reston awardee.

Penniman served on the RCC Board of Governors for approximately 10 years, including in leadership positions such as secretary and treasurer. He was RCC's representative on the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force and is a member of the Reston Planning and Zoning Committee.

Wingert has been a Reston resident since 1973 and has been active in many community organizations, including two terms on the RCC Board of Governors. She has also worked as the Reston Association's day camp director, open space director and CEO, as well as president of the RA Board of Directors. She is a former president of the Reston Historic Trust and was a Best of Reston awardee in 2000 and 2017.

The RCC provides a wide range of programs in arts, aquatics, enrichment and life-long learning. For more information about programs and events, visit [www.restoncommunitycenter.com](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com) or call 703-476-4500.

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# Helping Keep Homeless Warm this Winter

**Hypothermia Prevention Program gearing up for 2017-2018 season.**

BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he first semi-cold snap just hit the region, but it's just a taste of colder days and wintry weather yet to come. It's also a reminder that some of people will be braving the season without the ability to simply turn the temperature up on a heating unit. In a region that is consistently described as having one of the healthiest economies in the country, there are still hundreds who are homeless in the Fairfax-Falls Church community.

Fairfax County and surrounding communities operate shelters for individuals and families year-round and serve a large clientele with their efforts, but when winter arrives, it becomes apparent that there are many more homeless throughout the area, and without the Hypothermia Prevention Program their lives would be in danger.

During the 2016-2017 season, Abby Dunner from the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness reports that at least 1,057 people utilized one of the shelters for at least one night.

**THE PROGRAM** is an integral part of the county's commitment to prevent and end homelessness, offering shelter – and more – during the coldest months of the year. The non-profits New Hope Housing (NHH), FACETS, Cornerstones and Northern Virginia Family Services operate the program under contract with Fairfax County, dividing their efforts and offerings into five service areas, with the help of some 44 faith-based communities who have volunteered not only their congregants to assist, but also offered their facilities as shelter venues during the program's season.

New Hope Housing handles the task in the South County Route 1 area, the Central area, including Annandale and Seven Corners, as well as within the City of Falls Church, in partnership with Friends of Falls Church Homeless Shelter.

In South County, NHH goes into high gear starting Dec. 1 with their overnight shelter program through the Ventures in Community Hypothermia Outreach Program (VIC-HOP) at Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church in Alexandria. An army of volunteers, many from faith-based agencies, assist staff with meal preparation and service for dinner and a to-go breakfast. NHH also offers housing assistance and employment skills at both shelters.

The City of Falls Church program will kick off on Nov. 15 and run through March 31, 2018 at the Falls Church Homeless Shelter at 217 Gordon Road. from 6 p.m.-8 a.m. daily. Like the South County facilities, case management services will be available, in addition to hot meals and a warm and safe sleeping environment.



**On a day like this, many appreciate that Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church in Alexandria offers their facilities to the homeless during the Hypothermia Prevention Program Season through their Ventures in Community Hypothermia Outreach Program, with New Hope Housing coordinating the services for the region.**

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**Thousands of volunteers make the Hypothermia Prevention Program possible each year, offering a warm meal and a warm place to sleep. A cheerfully decorated lunch bag from some of the region's youngest citizens, can help warm the heart as well.**

## Contact Information

How to make contact in your area to receive assistance or to offer it:

- ❖ South County – [www.newhopehousing.org](http://www.newhopehousing.org).
- ❖ City of Falls Church – [www.newhopehousing.org](http://www.newhopehousing.org)
- ❖ Central – [www.newhopehousing.org](http://www.newhopehousing.org)
- ❖ North County – [www.cornerstonesva.org](http://www.cornerstonesva.org).  
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- ❖ Western/Central – [www.facetscares.org](http://www.facetscares.org).

In the Central region, from Dec. 1 through March 31, 2018, NHH operates their seasonal program out of the Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter (BCCS), starting at 4:30 p.m. Faith communities offer their facilities on a weekly rotation, enabling NHH to greatly expand the numbers they can assist. Clients can access meals, laundry, showers and cold-weather clothing and supplies at BCCS, before some are transported to a volunteering faith community for overnight accommodation in the care of NHH staff. Guests are then transported back to BCCS the following morning.

Cornerstones coordinates the efforts in the North County area, including Herndon and Reston, operating out of the Embry Rucker Community Shelter. The main Hypothermia Prevention Program opens at the North County Government Building on Dec. 1, where guests are directed after visiting the Embry Rucker facility. Case management, supplies, meals, showers, laundry, and even bus tokens are available to guests. During the 2015-2016 season, FACETS and their partners served 385 guests.

The Western and Central region, which includes Fairfax and Centreville, is operated by FACETS. Their prevention program begins on Nov. 26. Accommodations vary, as guests are hosted by various partnering faith communities. The first four weeks will be hosted at one site, then, beginning on Dec. 24, the program utilizes two community sites rotating each week. FACETS provides case management services at each location. FACETS also encourages community members to volunteer at a location, or to donate items like food and clothing. The organization offers volunteer and staff training sessions "with the goal of making sure everyone involved feels safe and confident in providing shelter to those experiencing homelessness this season."

**IN ADDITION** to offering accommodation and life skills services, the Hypothermia Prevention Program includes visits – at least once per week – to the venues by nurse practitioners from Fairfax County's Homeless Healthcare Program. Basic medical care can be offered onsite, and flu vaccines will be offered free of charge. Outreach personnel will also visit, helping to assist clients wishing to enroll into the Community Health Care Network's free clinics.



# Renting Out Homes Through the Net

Proposed zoning rules would allow residents to operate short-term lodging as an accessory use of a home.

BY KEN MOORE  
THE CONNECTION

**N**ick Ploutis developed his backup plan during tough economic times when fewer people contracted him to paint their houses.

"It has saved me," said Ploutis of Springfield, a father of four who rented out his Alexandria property through a short-term rental platform. "Airbnb has helped me to pay my bills."

Fairfax County Planning Commission held a workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 1 to address issues associated with allowing short-term rentals, such as who can operate lodging, the number of days permitted, whether homeowners or occupants must be present during the rental period, fees and necessary permitting for registering homes for short-term rentals, and if a log of overnight adults guests must be maintained and available to county staff.

"I think a lot of [short-term rentals] are flying under the radar," said Dranesville District Commissioner John Ulfelder. "Technically, they are illegal right now."

Currently, short-term lodging is not a permitted use under the existing Zoning Ordinance.

Laurie Arrants, of the Mason District, expressed comfort that the county will examine this new rental industry before rushing ahead: "Adding risk associated with lodging into the residential communities is a huge paradigm shift," when local zoning code has protected residential areas from commercial activity, she said.

Right now, the county is considering limiting the number of nights in a range of 30 to 180 days annually; planners said they want the rentals clearly defined to be an accessory use, that the property's primary use will still be somebody's domicile.

Gail Henry of Fairfax asked why there would be a limit to the number of days residents could rent out home spaces. "I imagine there are many positives," said Henry, referring to widowers, military members, people laid off or underemployed, or trying to remain in an expensive county.

She voiced concern over a negative undertone she sensed in the county's initial discussions on the topic.

But planning commissioners have not taken any stand, said Planning Commission Chairman and Springfield District Commissioner Peter Murphy.

"No one on the commission is calling balls and strikes right now, we are simply asking questions," said Murphy, during the public workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 1.

**QUESTIONS CONCERNING** parking, noise, and insurance liability dominated the queries from the planning commissioners

### Proposed Standards

**Related to Operation:**

- Short-term lodging allowed as **accessory use** to the primary residential use
- ✓ Limited to overnight rentals of not more than **30-180 calendar days/year**
- ✓ Operator must be present during all rental period except for a maximum of **14-60 calendar days/year**
- ✓ Limited to one contract per night
- A log of all overnight adult guests must be maintained & must be available upon request by County Staff

✓ Indicates provision to be advertised with flexibility

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This chart shows a range of proposals for the zoning ordinance regarding short-term rentals.



**Julie Strandlie, Mason District Commissioner**



**Nick Ploutis, Springfield**



**James Hart, At-large Commissioner**



**Timothy Sargeant, At-large Commissioner**



**Don Hinman, Mount Vernon**



**Gail Henry, Fairfax**

to Department of Planning and Zoning staff during the two-hour meeting.

Liability insurance must be addressed, said Don Hinman, of Mount Vernon District, who spoke on behalf of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations. The federation advocates that homeowners (or residents) must be present when renting out

for short-term rental.

At-large Commissioner James Hart called the short-term rentals analogous to child care centers operating in people's homes.

He asked if inspections will be made, but county officials said they intend the responsibility to be placed on the homeowner or occupant hosting the short-term renter.

**"It will be next to impossible for condo associations and HOAs to amend documents if theirs do not already prohibit [short term rentals]."**

— Julie Strandlie, Mason District Planning Commissioner

## Regulating, Permitting Short-Term Rentals

Fairfax County is moving forward with a process to permit and limit short-term lodging like Airbnb and other platforms. This would regulate who can operate short-term lodging, impose limits on the operation and develop a permit process for seeking approval of short-term lodging as an accessory use to the occupancy of a dwelling.

The county's Department of Zoning Ordinance process allows time to fine-tune additional language of short-term rentals; the county will advertise public hearings to give all residents an opportunity to voice opinion. The county conducted an online survey and have conducted several public meetings already, including last week's public workshop at the Planning Commission.

For more, see [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/short-term-rentals.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/short-term-rentals.htm) and [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/shorttermrentals/shorttermrentals-calendar.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/shorttermrentals/shorttermrentals-calendar.htm).

"If we're approving a registry of these, maybe there's some expectation in the public that somebody at some point has checked to make sure there's a working smoke detector and that there's a fire exit that meets code," said Hart. "I hope that there's not a false sense of security by us approving a registry for these, that yes, you can sleep overnight there ... and we don't know if it's a firetrap or not."

Lee District Commissioner James Migliaccio would like to see "a more draconian approach" taken with violators.

"I'm looking to protect the neighbors a bit more," said Ellen Hurley, Braddock District Commissioner.

**THE STRONGEST** request came from Mason District Commissioner Julie Strandlie. She implored the county to conduct a survey of HOAs and condo associations.

"I think it is imperative that we do a survey to find out what our communities existing HOA and condo language says," said Strandlie. "It will be next to impossible for condo associations and HOAs to amend documents if theirs do not already prohibit [short-term rentals]."

At-large Commissioner Tim Sargeant said he has concerns for small HOAs that might not have the resources to pursue legal costs should the need arise.

"We're not precluding any HOA in any way from saying no?" asked Commissioner Hart.

"That is correct," answered Lily Yegazi, senior assistant to the zoning administrator.

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Virginia's First Lady Dorothy McAuliffe (left) and Fairfax County Farmers Markets Coordinator Chelsea Roseberry (right) with Reston Farmers Market Co-Market Master Fran Lovaas giving them a bit of Market history.

## Virginia's First Lady Visits Reston Farmers Market



Pausing to welcome First Lady Dorothy McAuliffe to the the Reston Farmers Market are, from right: Patrick Sullivan of Anthem Health; Minerva Orozco, Cornerstones SNAP Manager; McAuliffe; Fran Lovaas, Co-Market Master; Chelsea Roseberry, Fairfax County Markets Coordinator; and, John Lovaas, founder and co-Market Master.



Joining the ceremonial presentation of the real \$15,000 check from Anthem to the SNAP program to enable low-income beneficiaries to purchase fresh, nutritious locally grown food at the Reston Farmers Market are, (from left): Fran Lovaas; Bill Bouie, Chairman of the Board of the Fairfax County Park Authority; Del. Ken Plum (D-36); Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill); Rodney Taylor, Director of Food and Nutrition for Fairfax County Public Schools; State Sen. Janet Howell (D-32); Anthem representative Patrick Sullivan; and First Lady Dorothy McAuliffe.

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# OPINION

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### EDITORIAL

We welcome contributions from public and private schools, individuals and homeschoolers. We publish artwork, poetry, essays, creative writing, opinion pieces, short stories, photography, photos of sculpture or gardens or other creative efforts.

We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent through email or delivered on CD or flash drive. Writing should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf). Artwork should be photographed or scanned and provided in jpeg format.

Some suggestions:

- ❖ Drawings or paintings or photographs of

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## Doublespeak on Immigrants — Fairfax County In League with Trump?

BY JOHN LOVAAS  
RESTON IMPACT PRODUCER/HOST

**M**any of us attending the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting late into the evening Oct. 24 were dismayed to learn that the Fairfax County Police and the Fairfax County Sheriff are acting as extensions of Federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) personnel rounding up and detaining hundreds of immigrants, most of whom are suspected of a misdemeanor at worst. In fact, the county has turned over four times as many immigrants to ICE for deportation in 2017 as it did in 2016. This acceleration matches exactly the anti-immigrant surge in activity since the new administration took over in Washington.

Once again, we find Fairfax County law enforcement acting contrary to stated policy of the Board of Supervisors. This very Board adopted a resolution on April 4, 2017 pledging non-cooperation with the federal government on immigration except when serious criminal activity is involved. Immigration, the Board noted, is a federal responsibility;

the county does not have the resources to take on these responsibilities and will not ask its officers to do so except in serious criminal matters. In fact, acting as an extension of ICE in minor civil offenses can jeopardize local law enforcement relations with the communities they serve, not to mention the devastating effects of breaking up families in the process. Nevertheless, the County police and Sheriff's deputies continue to work in league with Trump administration ICE agents.

At the Oct. 24 meeting, those of us who stayed to hear testimony from the Northern Virginia Ethical Society, the faith community Sanctuary Congregation Network, the American Civil Liberties Union, CASA, and a coalition of immigrant advocates, learned that the Fairfax County Police Department patrols and searches for immigrants alongside ICE.

Furthermore, the FCPD responds to inquiries, alerts, and



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orders of ICE to detain and turn over immigrants sought by the feds, apparently including immigrants not suspected of any criminal offense. And, according to the Declaration of the Residents of Fairfax County submitted by the coalition of advocacy groups: "Worst of all, Fairfax County, through its Sheriff's Office, maintains a contract with ICE to hold immigrants...as if they were under federal custody. This means our [county] government is making money off the suffering of our immigrant communities."

County actions are more than a little troubling.

Senior Counsel Allie Boldt with DEMOS noted it is quite clear the "legal landscape" provides room for the county to just say no to federal requests, especially when minor civil infractions are involved for which non-immigrants might get a citation if anything at all — and certainly not time in the county jail.

Why is the BOS, as in past po-

lice killing, turning a blind eye to police and Sheriff Stacey Kincaid's behavior contravening county policy? Why are police so zealously pursuing and locking up immigrants? Would officers behave differently if the 1,400 person force composition better reflected the people they serve; i.e., if they had more than 3 percent Hispanics in uniform when the county is 16 percent Hispanic? (Sadly, these numbers have remained unchanged for years.)

Nor were Chairman Sharon Bulova's closing words on Oct. 24 encouraging.

As if to excuse or explain surging cooperation with ICE, she said, "We do have issues of human trafficking and gangs that do require our cooperation." No one had said otherwise regarding such criminal activity.

Although not as harsh, her words reminded some of Trump's campaign references to immigrants crossing our southern border as "rapists and murderers."

Other Supervisors, including our own, sat as mutes, unwilling to speak against growing persecution of people in our community they had promised to protect.

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## COMMENTARY

# The Cruelty of Politics

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I am sure I will have some commentary on the outcome of the Nov. 7 election in future columns, but as I write this column election results are not yet known. No matter the outcome, I share the frustration experienced by many with the negativity that seems to inevitably overtake campaigns with high stakes. Political operatives who provide the advice upon which campaigns are planned continue to insist that negative advertising wins elections as it gets people's attention and creates a fear or anger that moves voters to take part. I am not sure if anyone has measured how many people get turned off and decide not to vote because of the vicious ads.

Even more concerning to me than the half-truths and falsehoods that have slipped into campaigning is the cruelty that has moved into the operation of government. After years of complaining about the Affordable Care Act while in complete control of the Congress and now also the presidency, the Republicans have not been able to repeal and replace what they came to call Obamacare. The reason might simply be that provision of health care to all with coverage for pre-existing conditions in a developed nation is the right thing to do. Failing to achieve legislative success, the administration has set about trying to kill the program through administrative actions and neglect. That is where the cruelty sets in.

The first effort at killing the program came with an executive order to withhold subsidies which al-

lowed insurance companies to keep premium increases to a minimum. With the loss of the subsidies, Anthem pulled out of Virginia in August leaving 60 jurisdictions with no insurer offering coverage; they reversed their action after intense efforts by Governor Terry McAuliffe. The loss of federal support will be devastating in Virginia where 240,000 Virginians rely on subsidies to be able to afford insurance. There clearly

must not be a lack of money in Washington with the huge tax cuts now being proposed for the very wealthy.

The cruelty does not end there. To reduce the program further the advertising budget to remind people about open enrollment was slashed by 90 percent, and the time to enroll was reduced from 12 weeks to 6 weeks. The open enrollment started Nov. 1 and will close on Dec. 15. Tell anyone you know who might be eligible and spread the information through social media programs in which you participate that open enrollment ends on Dec. 15.

A final crippling blow could be the administration announcement that it will not enforce the individual mandate that has been critical to keeping costs down by spreading the risk across a wide pool of participants. As though this is not enough, the Republican Congress and administration failed to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) that provided care to 65,000 children and 1,100 pregnant mothers in Virginia. We have a new insurance program in place in this country; it is called Trumpcare. It is a very cruel system!

## Blood Donations Sought

The American Red Cross encourages people to share their good health this holiday season by donating blood for patients in need. Upcoming blood donation opportunities in the area Nov. 16-30:

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- ♦ Reston  
11/21/2017: 2-7:30 p.m., Sheraton Hotel, 11810 Sunrise Valley Drive
- 11/22/2017: 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Reston Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive.
- 11/22/2017: 3 p.m.-8 p.m., St

Thomas a Becket RCC, 1421 Wiehle Ave.

11/30/2017: 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Billy Casper Golf, 12700 Sunrise Valley Drive, Suite 300

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# Real Estate Developer Acquires 1 of Reston's 2 Golf Courses

**T**he Hidden Creek Country Club was acquired by Connecticut-based real estate developer Wheelock Communities, the company announced with a press release on Wednesday, Oct. 25.

While some things will remain unchanged, the company intends to make major investments.

Fore Golf Services, the company that has been managing the golf course, will continue to do so. General Manager Eric Levin and his employees will also continue working at the club. Wheelock plans to immediately invest approximately \$300,000 in upgrades to the property, including improvements to its Roanoke Grill, Tavern, lobby, Fairway Room and the locker rooms. New golf carts will also be delivered in December.

And this is only the beginning of what could change.

"Over the next several years, Wheelock will be working in partnership with the Reston community and club members to explore potential changes to the property that could provide the community with additional public amenities, civic spaces, enhanced environmental benefits and new housing choices," Dusty Smith, a spokesperson for Wheelock, told the Connection over email.

While Wheelock has publicly expressed interest in residential uses for the property, it is not speculating on zoning changes.

"We intend to fully embrace the Reston process and have no preconceived notions of what direction this may take us," Smith said.

Reston has a history of fighting such proposals in favor of preserving green and open space.

**RESCUE RESTON**, a grassroots organiza-



**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.**

tion that opposes the redevelopment of Reston's other golf course — Reston National Golf Course — fought a five-year legal battle to preserve the course.

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

When Northwestern Mutual, the majority owner of RN Golf Management, which owns Reston National, tried to go around the process, the Fairfax County Zoning Administrator told Northwestern Mutual attorneys that they could not redevelop the

golf course without rezoning approval. The attorneys then challenged the county in court, where they were told no again.

While the county's comprehensive plan for Reston — the Reston Master Plan Special Study — states that "the Reston National and Hidden Creek Country Club golf courses are planned for private recreation use, more specifically to remain as golf courses," Reston National 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.

While Rescue Reston is strongly opposed to how the owners of Reston National have

approached development, it seems like the new owners of Hidden Creek have started off on good terms with the organization.

**CONNIE HARTKE**, president of Rescue Reston, released a statement to the Connection about the recent acquisition of Hidden Creek:

"There is a very sharp contrast in communications by Wheelock, the new owners of Hidden Creek CC, and Northwestern Mutual, the majority owner of Reston National Golf Course. Wheelock quickly introduces themselves, gives an overview of short-term and longer-term plans with promise of future discussions with club members and the Reston community. NWM makes every move through attorneys and to this day continues to search for a major housing developer through their broker ARA Newmark, the largest brokerage in the multihousing industry. Restonians are understandably concerned about what 'new

housing choices' Wheelock is intending, but by following the county process for a comprehensive plan change, our community will have multiple opportunities to influence the outcome.

Their openness so far certainly gives more hope that they will indeed be, as Dan Green says, 'an engaged member of the community.'

We do not expect such an open communication to come from a purchaser of the golf course on the south side of Reston. We've certainly had no engagement from Northwestern Mutual. It is more important than ever that the community check in periodically on Rescue Reston's website and social media pages to stay aware and ready for a call to action."

Wheelock declined to provide information about the cost of the acquisition.



## Reston Lions Induct Seven New Members

**First Vice District Governor, Wilma Murphy, visited the Reston Lions Club regular meeting held at the Hidden Creek Country Club on Wednesday, Oct., 4. She discussed activities of the District and inducted seven new members. Those pictured include, in the front row, from left: Wilma Murphy; Denise Brown; Patty Giese; Aradhna Madireddi; Membership Chair Anne Ryan; and President Steve Reber; and in the back row: Alvaro Calle; Secretary Jim Ryan; Jitendra Sonis; Viet Nguyen; and Matt Law. Brown, Giese, Madireddi, Calle, Sonis, Nguyen and Law were inducted as new members.**

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DON LEAS



# Home LifeStyle

## Lighting Up the Season

Tastemakers create holiday trees, mantelpieces, wreaths and a menorah for charity.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

Some local designers are collaborating with patients at Children's National Health Center to deck the hall for charity. The tastemakers are creating holiday trees, mantle pieces, wreaths and a menorah for a community fundraiser called "Light Up the Season." The Creative & Therapeutic Arts Services at Children's National worked with the Children's Health Board to pair designers with patients for inspiration.

"We were very excited to learn about Light Up the Season and be able to take part," said Nadia Subaran of Aidan Design. "Over the years we've been regular participants in the DC Design House, another charity event benefitting Children's National. However, with this event we got the chance to interact and collaborate with the children that these events benefit. It's been a much more hands on experience for us. And who doesn't love decorating holiday trees?"

Subaran, along with Megan Padilla and Kelly Emerson also of Aidan Design created a holiday tree design called "A 'Wimpy' Tree - A Tree in Cartoons," which was inspired by a patient named Wesley and his favorite book series, "Diary of a Wimpy Kid."

"Our tree will explore a black and white theme in keeping with the graphic novel genre," said Subaran.

The design team says that they used 2- and 3-D interpretations of classic Christmas décor combined with "striking graphic visuals, pops of color, and a good dose of wit, the tree will be both a throwback to a simpler time and on trend for young readers."

"A Guiding Light" is the name of the mantel design created by Kelley Proxmire of Kelley Proxmire, Inc. and inspired by a patient named Cheyenne. In creating her mantel, the designer said that she, "tied in biblical references to light, which are shown throughout the display, and incorporated Cheyenne's favorite color: red for a red, white and silver-themed mantel."

Two sisters named Leilah and Ava were the inspiration for a tree design called, "A Colorful Family Christmas" by Annie Elliott and Christy Maguire of Annie Elliott Interiors. "When asked what they liked best about Christmas, the girls agreed that being together with their entire family was tops," said Elliott. "In that spirit, they inspired our theme, 'A Colorful Family Christmas.' Playing board games, reading stories, sitting around a fire and decorating the tree also are favorite family activities. You'll see all of these holiday traditions reflected in our tree's decorations."

"Leilah and Ava have many favorite colors, but a winner for both is teal," added Maguire. "Therefore, teal drives the tree's color palette, and other of the girls' favorites, purple, blue, and green, also are included."



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**Christy Maguire (left) and Annie Elliott (right) of Annie Elliott Interiors, (pictured with Leilah and Ava) will collaborate on a holiday tree for Light Up The Season 2017.**

Other area designers include Lena Kroupnik of Lena Kroupnik Interiors, Allie Mann and Alexandria Hubbard of Case Design/Remodeling, Inc., Camille Saum of Camille Saum Interiors of Bethesda, Md.; Victoria Sanchez of Victoria at Home, Susan Nelson and Todd Martz of Home on Cameron, Ashley Greer of Atelier Ashley Flowers of Alexandria; Pamela Harvey of Pamela Harvey Interiors of Herndon; Josh Hildreth and Tara Price of Josh Hildreth Interiors of Reston and Lisa Tureson of Studio Artistica in Oak Hill.

The holiday designs will be on display during a family-friendly community fundraising event to benefit Children's National at Four Seasons in Georgetown, 2800 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW - on Sunday, Dec. 3 from 1-4 p.m. There will be activities for all ages, such as holiday cookie decorating, ornament making, a visit from

Santa and Children's National Dr. Bear mascot, musical performances and youth entertainers, silent auction, and light fare and libations. In addition, guests will be encouraged to write holiday cards for Children's National patients. Visit [childrensnational.org/lightuptheseason](http://childrensnational.org/lightuptheseason) for more.

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**— Nadia Subaran of Aidan Design**

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# Words Not Enough

Advocates demand local change on immigrant interactions.

BY KEN MOORE  
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County “is making money off the suffering” of the immigrant community, said Matt Bakker.

“Worst of all, Fairfax County through its Sheriff’s Office maintains a contract with ICE [U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement] to hold immigrants within the Adult Detention Center as if they were under federal custody,” said Bakker, who spoke on behalf of a coalition of advocates on immigration.

“They also act as informants and they tell ICE where to find the person,” said Diane Burkley Alejandro, of ACLU People Power.

“This is aiding and abetting,” she said.

Fairfax County has turned more than four times as many immigrants over to ICE in 2017 as they had by this time last year, including 100 people in September alone, according to Alejandro. Immigrants are often jailed when others would be cited and released, she said.

“These people end up in ICE custody through the police. Police send people to jails when I would be given a summons,” said Alejandro. “The Police and Sheriff admit they do not have to hand over a single person to ICE; they do it anyway.”

Six people waited more than eight and a half hours on Tuesday, Oct. 24, to speak before the Board of Supervisors during the public comment period at the end of its regularly scheduled board meeting.

“Current policies of cooperating with ICE are ripping holes in the fabric of our community. We’re better than this,” said the Rev. Alexis Vaughan Kassim, of the DMV Sanctuary Congregation Network.

**THE BOARD VOTED** to adopt a resolution on April 4, 2017 pledging non-cooperation with federal government on immigration law except when serious criminal activity is involved.

“While immigration is a federal matter, Fairfax County does partner with federal authorities on serious criminal matters when required,” according to the resolution. “Whereas, we do not ask, nor do we have the resources for, our police officers to become immigration officials, nor for Fairfax County to assume the responsibilities of federal immigration officials.”

## The Dramatic Rise in Fairfax’s Civil Immigration Enforcement

Fairfax Immigrants Turned over to ICE  
2016 v. 2017 (Jan.—Sept.)

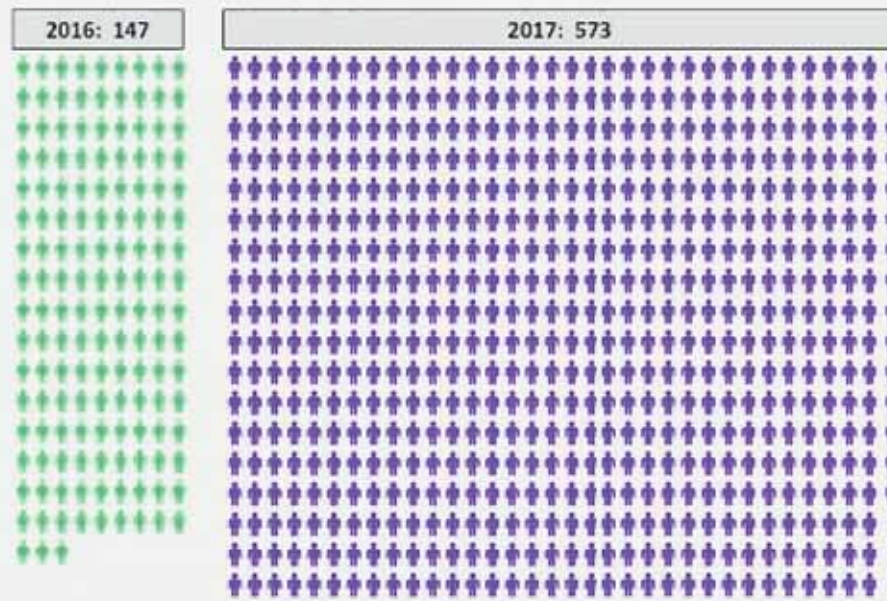


GRAPHICS FROM DIANE BURKLEY ALEJANDRO/ACLU PEOPLE POWER

**An increase in civil immigration enforcement in Fairfax County occurred between 2016 and 2017.**

## 4 Times As Many Immigrants Held For ICE This Year

(Jan.—Sept.)



**Fairfax County has turned over four times as many immigrants to ICE in 2017 (573) as it did in 2016 (147).**

Chairman Sharon Bulova stated in her Board Matter that same day: “Fairfax County is a welcoming and accepting com-

munity where residents of all backgrounds deserve to feel respected and safe. It is important that we, as local leaders, speak out

## More

### Immigrants in Fairfax County:

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when our constituents are concerned regarding policies or practices that may affect them. We are a safe, diverse and caring community, and if that harmony is threatened, I believe we have a duty to speak out and clearly articulate our values.”

**WORDS ARE NOT ENOUGH**, the advocates said.

“County officials have assured us they will not collaborate nor enforce immigration law but recent actions put the lie to these assertions,” said Bakker.

“Fairfax by its actions has embraced ICE’s mission of ensuring the deportation of all undocumented immigrants whether or not they have committed a crime and the data will show that,” said Alejandro.

“Our demand is simple,” she said. “Equal justice and liberty for all. More specifically, the county needs to treat immigrants as they do all other people.”

“All of our faith traditions call us to stand up for the humanity of our neighbors, to resist labeling undocumented residents in our community as criminals and outsiders, and to oppose policies that lead to the detention and deportation of our families, friends and neighbors,” said Vaughan Kassim.

Being undocumented is not a crime, said Allie Boldt, senior counsel with Demos, which conducts analysis of how county policy must be strengthened to protect immigrant communities “who are facing unfair and terrifying policies at all levels of government.”

“The legal landscape allows the county to do a lot more to protect its immigrant residents who are represented here today. In fact, the Constitution even requires some of these changes,” Boldt said.

The 10th amendment protects county government from being forced to do the federal government’s bidding, she said. “What that means is if ICE asks the county government to do something, the county

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**Diane Burkley Alejandro, ACLU People Power**



**Matt Bakker**



**Allie Boldt, DEMOS**



**Jorge Mendez, CASA**



**Govind Nair, Northern Virginia Ethical Society**



**The Rev. Alexis Vaughan Kassim, of the DMV Sanctuary Congregation Network**



**“Who Are They?” Statistics on immigrants held in jail for ICE pickup and deportation.**



## Local Stance on Immigration

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can just say no.”

Boldt asked the county to end arrests and detention based on civil immigration matters, to restrict when and how information about a person’s immigration status is shared, to accept a wider range of identification documents, and to ban county contracts and agreements to perform and facilitate federal immigration law enforcement.

**A DECLARATION** was read in English by Bakker and then in Spanish by Jorge Mendez, representing CASA.

They requested that the county terminate any agreement with ICE, including agreements between ICE and the Office of the Sheriff; that the police department update its general order so “it protects our community rather than attack it;” that traffic and safety policing no longer lead to detention and deportation of immigrants; that the Sheriff’s Department no longer honors ICE requests to detain immigrants unconstitutionally; that the juvenile detention authorities no longer share information with ICE; and that county buildings, including schools and courts, be “safe spaces” that “forbid entry to ICE officers.”

“With this declaration we demand that all authori-

ties in Fairfax County end their agreement and voluntary and unnecessary collaboration with ICE. In place of your ineffective statements of support, we need policies that guarantee non-cooperation with ICE,” said Bakker.

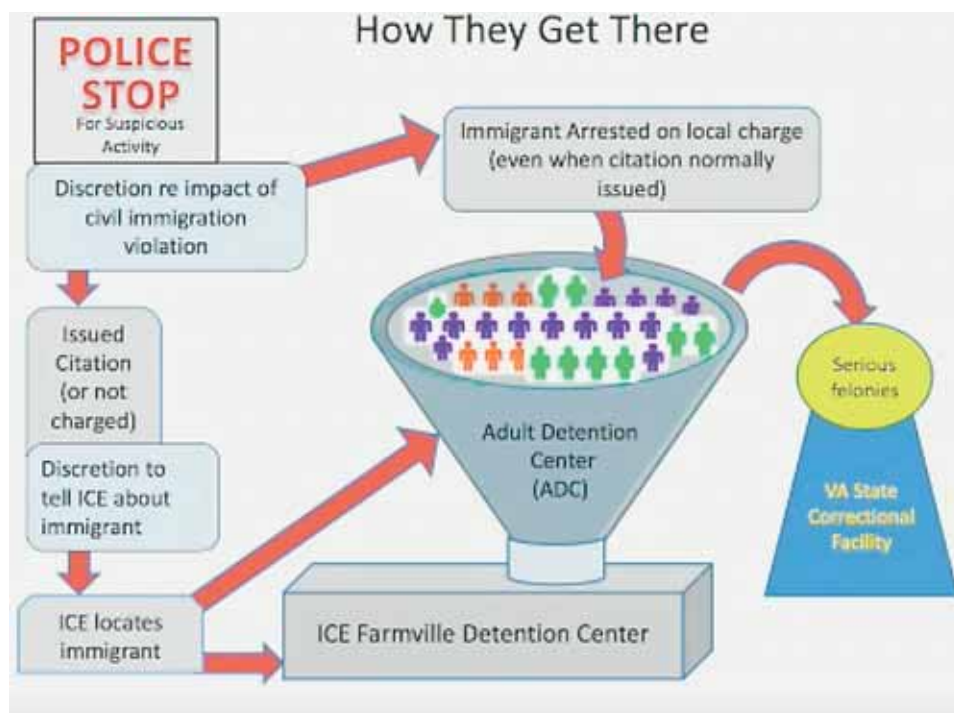
“An atmosphere of fear, intimidation, arbitrary detention and xenophobia is not compatible with the ethical basis of our ... community nor with the continued economic vitality and social progress with which Fairfax County has up to now been an exemplary model,” said Fairfax resident Govind Nair, of the Northern Virginia Ethical Society.

**BULOVA THANKED** thanked the speakers for their work, testimony and advocacy.

“This is a difficult time in our world and in our community and in this country,” Bulova said. The board is required to strike a balance “between making sure we continue to be a welcoming place, a tolerant place where people from all over the globe have felt comfortable coming to,” she said, and “making sure we are protecting the public.”

“We do have issues of human trafficking and gangs that do require our cooperation. Everyone deserves to be safe.”

She said the board awaits response from the police chief. “We should be hearing back.”



**“How They Get There:” Interaction with local police can land undocumented immigrants in ICE custody in a variety of ways.**

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## ONGOING

**“Aida” the Musical.** Through Nov. 11, various times at Reston Community Center, Hunters Woods Village Center at 2310 Colts Neck Road. Reston Players presents “Aida” with music by pop legend Sir Elton John and lyrics by Tim Rice. Visit [restonplayers.org/show1/](http://restonplayers.org/show1/).

**Art Exhibit.** Through Nov. 18 at Greater Reston Arts Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Artist Sue Wrbican, bringing her most recent photographic series inspired by the landscape paintings of American Surrealist Kay Sage (1898-1963). Free. Call 571-267-5000 or visit [restonarts.org](http://restonarts.org).

**Cotton Collective Art.** Through Dec. 2 at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Exhibit called “The Fabric of Families Center Street Cotton Collective.” Call 703-956-9560 or visit [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com).

**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).

## FRIDAY/NOV. 10

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## NOV. 10-12

**Herndon High School Theatre presents “Twelfth Night.”** Various times at Herndon High School Auditorium, 700 Bennett St. William Shakespeare’s holiday comedy set in the roaring ’20s. \$6 per student and \$12 per adult. Visit [www.HerndonDrama.org](http://www.HerndonDrama.org).

## SATURDAY/NOV. 11

**All American Concert.** 4 p.m. at Hunter Woods Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. All the music in this patriotic concert has been written or arranged by American musicians. They include the legendary king of marches, John Philip Sousa and former Secretary of the Navy, J. William Middendorf, II. Call 703-476-4500.

**Meet the Author.** 7-9 p.m. at Scrawl Books, Reston Town Center, 11862 Market St. Reston. Reading and signing with author Melissa Scholes Young of her book “Flood.” Email [info@scrawlbooks.com](mailto:info@scrawlbooks.com), call 703-966-2111, or visit [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com).

**Dancing with the Services.** 7 p.m. at the Crown Plaza Hotel Dulles, 2200



Centreville Road, Herndon. The event, based on the popular television show Dancing with the Stars, will feature local DMV celebrities. Visit [www.dancereston.com](http://www.dancereston.com) or call 571-306-7925.

## SUNDAY/NOV. 12

**A Visual Journey Exhibit.** 2-4 p.m. at Jo Anne Rose Gallery, Reston Community Center, Lake Anne, 1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston. Photographs by Carla Steckley including infrared and the newest work, triptychs on canvas will be on display from Nov. 1-27. Free. Email [CPSteckley@aol.com](mailto:CPSteckley@aol.com) or call 703-476-6016.

**Teen Ensemble Audition.** 5-6 p.m. at RCP Rehearsal Hall, 266 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. Dodgeball Theatre’s Teen Ensemble, now in it’s 10th year, is a performance art training program and devised work production company open to 13 -18 year olds of all backgrounds and experience levels. Email [dodgeballdirector@gmail.com](mailto:dodgeballdirector@gmail.com) for more information.

## TUESDAY/NOV. 14

**Bernice Lewis Concert.** 6 p.m. at Amphora’s Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden St., Herndon. A Reston-Herndon Folk Club concert. \$10 Members, \$11 Non-members. Visit [www.restonherndonfolkclub.com](http://www.restonherndonfolkclub.com).

## THURSDAY/NOV. 16

**Meet the Poet.** 7-9 p.m. at Scrawl Books, Reston Town Center, 11862 Market St. How to Prove a Theory event with poet Nicole Tong. Email [info@scrawlbooks.com](mailto:info@scrawlbooks.com), call 703-966-2111, or visit [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com).

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## NOV. 18-19

**Children’s Nutcracker.** Noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. shows at the Classical Ballet Theatre, 320 Victory Drive, Herndon. The Children’s Series “Nutcracker,” is a condensed version of the popular holiday classic. The approximately 40-minute performance followed by a short question and answer session and memorable photographs with dancers. Visit [www.cbtnva.org](http://www.cbtnva.org).

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By LYNN PURPLE

## Art Exhibit

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## SATURDAY/NOV. 18

**Herndon Turkey Trot 5K Race.** 4 p.m. at the Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave. Runners and walkers, take your mark and get ready to conquer a fun 5K trail course, which winds around the Herndon Centennial Golf Course. Visit [herndon-va/events](http://herndon-va/events).

## SUNDAY/NOV. 19

**Gray Goose Studios Class.** 2-4 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Children and teens can create art in the medium of their choice with assistance from the instructor as needed. Drawing, painting, collage, mosaic, and sculpture supplies provided. Artists can choose one medium or work in mixed media. \$25. Call 703-956-9560 or visit [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com).

**Meet the Cat Expert/Author.** 4-6 p.m. at Scrawl Books, Reston Town Center, 11862 Market St. “Purrs of Wisdom” discussion and signing with author/ cat expert Ingrid King. Email [info@scrawlbooks.com](mailto:info@scrawlbooks.com), call 703-966-2111, or visit [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com).

## FRIDAY/NOV. 24

**Black Friday Brunch.** 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Community Canteen in Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St. Breakfast menu includes custom omelets, breakfast sandwiches, Belgian waffles, and more, plus fresh-baked treats at the counter, Metropolis Coffee and Rishi Tea. Call 703-707-9442 or visit [communitycanteen.com](http://communitycanteen.com).

**27th Annual Reston Holiday Parade.** 11 a.m. at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St. Day of holiday activities including tree lighting and singing. Call 703-709-6720 or visit [restontowncenter.com](http://restontowncenter.com).

**Meet the Authors.** 11:30 a.m. at Scrawl Books, in Reston Town Center, 11862 Market St. Lezlie Evans and Joan Waites will be doing a storytime and book signing with their new Christmas books “Finding Christmas” and “An Artist’s Night Before Christmas.” Call 703-966-2111, or visit [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com).

## NOV. 24-JAN. 4

**Gingerbread Village.** Various times at the Hyatt Regency Reston,

Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St. See the annual display in the hotel lobby. Call 703-709-1234 or visit [reston.hyatt.com](http://reston.hyatt.com).

## THURSDAY/NOV. 30

**Meet the Author.** 7 p.m. at Scrawl Books, Reston Town Center, 11862 Market St. Poet Alan King will read from and sign his new book “Point Blank.” Visit [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com).

## SATURDAY/DEC. 2

**Meet the Christmas Author.** 11 a.m. at Scrawl Books, Reston Town Center, 11862 Market St. Sue Fliess will be doing a storytime reading and book signing with her new Christmas book “We Wish for a Monster Christmas.” Visit [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com).

**Horse-drawn Carriage Rides.** 4-9 p.m. at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St. \$5 per person; children 5 and under ride free with adult. Proceeds go to local charities. Call 703-709-6720 or visit [restontowncenter.com](http://restontowncenter.com).

## SUNDAY/DEC. 3

**Run with Santa 5K.** 8:30 a.m. at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St. Jump into the season’s spirit and wear the favorite holiday gear or costume. Free kids fun-run with finisher medals. Call 703-689-0999 or visit [praces.com/runwithsanta](http://praces.com/runwithsanta).

**Mini-Train Rides.** noon-4 p.m. at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St. Proceeds go to local charities. Call 703-709-6720 or visit [restontowncenter.com](http://restontowncenter.com).

## THURSDAY/DEC. 7

**Meet the Author.** 7 p.m. at Scrawl Books, Reston Town Center, 11862 Market St. Suzanne Scurlock-Durana will be doing a guided meditation/reading/ book signing of her book “Reclaiming Your Body: Healing from Trauma and Awakening Your Body’s Wisdom.” Visit [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com).

## SATURDAY/DEC. 9

**Meet the Author.** 11 a.m. at Scrawl Books, Reston Town Center, 11862 Market St. Dar Williams will be at the store to sing and sign copies of her book “What I Found in 1000 Towns: A Traveling Musician’s Guide to Rebuilding America’s Communities — One Coffee Shop, Dog Run, and Open-Mic Night at a Time.” Visit [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com).

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## SUNDAY/DEC. 10

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**Meet the Author.** 2 p.m. at Scrawl Books, Reston Town Center, 11862 Market St. Alan Tom will be launching his new book “The Disgusting Adventures of Bugaboo and Buzz Buzz: Into the Toilet of Doom.” Visit [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com).

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**Benjamin Hickey, 3, of Oakton is helped onto the motorcycle of police officer Hyun Chang of the Fairfax County Police Department's Motor Squad by his grandmother Diane Frazier of Alexandria.**



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**The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office set up a tent to make free child identification cards for families during the open house.**

# Community Invited To See 'Police Toys'

## Reston District Station hosts Open House.

BY FALLON FORBUSH  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Reston District Station of the Fairfax County Police Department hosted an open house in its parking lot at the North County Governmental Center on Cameron Glen Drive on Saturday, Oct. 21.

Police officers with the station and other divisions of the FCPD mingled with visitors throughout the day and encouraged children and parents alike to check out their various vehicles and equipment, including motorcycles, boats and cruisers. Several employees with the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Fairfax Connector also parked their snow plows and buses for children to tour.

The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office also set up a tent to make child identification

cards for families during the open house. Sheriff deputies fingerprinted, photographed and measured children to make free plastic ID cards for the parent's safe-keeping. None of the information is retained by the Sheriff's Office. The cards are intended to be used for assisting law enforcement agencies should the children ever become missing.

"It gives the public a chance to see all of the police toys and talk to police without there being an emergency, someone hurt or in trouble," said police officer Katy Defoe, a crime prevention specialist for the Reston station, who organized the event.

Chick-fil-A, Cava Grill and the Reston Citizen's Advisory Committee also set up tables to hand out food samples and beverages.

This was the second open house conducted at the North County Governmental Center since it opened in June 2016, according to Defoe. The center houses the police station, the Hunter Mill District Supervisor's office and a large public room for use by Reston residents.

The FCPD Reston District Station covers



**Patrick Dunn of Reston sits with his son Lincoln, 1, at the helm of a boat used by the Fairfax County Police Department Special Operations Division Underwater Search and Recovery Unit during the open house.**

56 square miles in Reston and parts of Great Falls, Vienna, Oak Hill and Herndon. The station employs 137 sworn police officers,



**Dalton Stocks, 4, of Reston maneuvers a scooter through a DWI obstacle course — without the drunk goggles — while his grandmother, Beverly Dulong of Reston, watches.**

auxiliary officers, police citizen aides, administrative support staff and school crossing guards, according to the FCPD.



**Patrick Dunn of Reston sits with his son Lincoln, 1, at the helm of a boat used by the Fairfax County Police Department Special Operations Division Underwater Search and Recovery Unit during the open house.**



**Hamilton Stocks, 2, of Reston is helped through a DWI obstacle course — without the drunk goggles — by his father Nathan Stocks.**



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## News



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**Gov. Terry McAuliffe; GRACE Board Chair Robert Goudie; VCA Executive Director Margaret Vanderhye; and GRACE Executive Director and Curator Lily Siegel.**

## GRACE Receives a '50 for 50 Arts Inspiration' Award

From an original pool of more than 350 nominees, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, the state arts agency, has selected the Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) to receive one of its "50 for 50 Arts Inspiration Awards" in the category of Bedrock Institutions.

Winners in the Bedrock Institutions category have been in existence more than 10 years, have demonstrated a benefit to the economic health and/or tourism in the community, exhibit artistic excellence, celebrate diversity, and showcase Virginia as a cultural destination. GRACE is one of four visual arts institutions statewide to be honored.

"This is an incredibly proud moment for GRACE. To be in such rare company is humbling," said Executive Director and Curator Lily Siegel. "All of us here view this as a real legacy award — one that honors the many people, fantastic partners, and generous sponsors who over GRACE's 40+ years have made this iconic community institution what it is today. I am very pleased to be moving GRACE forward on its vision to elevate the arts in the area by showcasing local and regional artists alongside artists of national and international reputations. We will continue to contribute and grow our importance and

relevance in the Commonwealth and DC metropolitan region."

The "50 for 50 Arts Inspiration Awards" were conceived and designed by the Commission as a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary tribute to 50 examples of programs, individuals, and organizations critical to the arts in Virginia.

"We are indeed fortunate in Virginia to have an abundant and diverse roster of outstanding artists and organizations and their supporters spanning disciplines and decades," said Margaret Vanderhye, the Commission's executive director. "The 50 selected winners are representative of the best, but this list is far from definitive. Every day in communities across the Commonwealth, thousands of people benefit from the creative energies and pursuit of excellence that characterize Virginia artists and arts organizations," she concluded.

VCA Commissioner and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Co-Chair Jo Hodgins (Annandale) said, "These awardees carry the banner for countless arts workers and supporters who use the arts to build a strong Virginia. We believe the arts are essential for a creative 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce, economically dynamic communities, and a culture based on wellness and accessibility."

## 'Dancing With the Services' Raises Money for Local Service Groups

The Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Reston will be hosting a charity gala called "Dancing with the Services" on Nov. 11 at the Crown Plaza Hotel Dulles. The event, based on the popular television show Dancing with the Stars, will feature local DMV celebrities. Tucker Barnes from Fox 5, Anna Trebunskya from ABC's Dancing with the Stars, and former NFL star John Elway will sit on the judge panel as they critique the dance moves of the service members who will be competing for the first place Mirrorball Trophy.

This glitzy event will include a dinner and show for ticket holders. Ten active service members from the armed forces Army, Navy, Air Force,

Herndon/Fairfax Police Force, Firefighters & EMTs, even the Vice Mayor have volunteered to dance as competitors. They will be paired with a certified Fred Astaire dance instructor and learn a dance routine for the judges to score. The competitors will spend weeks practicing their routines while raising additional money on their own. All of the proceeds will go to The Pink Fund, Fraternal Order of Police & The Police Unity Tour.

Susannah Moss, the executive director for the event and owner of the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Reston, has experience hosting these events. She co-founded the annual DC's Dancing Stars Gala in Washington, D.C. that generates more than \$300,000 a year for

local charities. For this event, she wanted to focus on the people in the DMV area who help their communities thrive and honor all local heroes.

This charity event will be a great opportunity to experience what it's like to see a Dancing with the Stars show live. To support the event, consider buying a ticket to the event or donating an item to the silent auction. Service members are the backbone to our community and it's important to recognize their hard work and dedication. Get more information at Fred Astaire Dance Studio Reston/Herndon; email [reston@fredastaire.com](mailto:reston@fredastaire.com); visit [www.dancereston.com](http://www.dancereston.com); or call 571-306-7925.



# BULLETIN

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## ORNAMENT FUNDRAISER

**White House Ornaments Sale.** Through Dec. 15, 2017 White House Ornaments available for purchase from Assistance League of Northern Virginia for \$22 per ornament. Proceeds benefit the nonprofit's children's programs. Local delivery can be arranged. Visit [www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org](http://www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org).

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## NOV. 10-26

**Parking Garage Closing.** Due to construction of the new Fairfax County commuter parking garage at the future Metrorail Silver Line's Herndon Station site, the access road from Sunrise Valley Drive to the Herndon-Monroe Park and Ride facility will be closed starting Friday, Nov. 10, through Sunday, Nov. 26. Commuters who wish to use the existing Herndon-Monroe garage during this time will need to enter and exit the facility via the Dulles Toll Road (Rt. 267). This detour will require drivers to pay a \$1 toll upon exiting the garage with an E-Z Pass or exact change. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov) for more.

## DEADLINE NOV. 13

**Apply for Fuel Assistance.** The Virginia Department of Social Services is currently accepting applications for fuel assistance. To qualify for fuel assistance, the maximum gross monthly income for a one-person household must not exceed \$1,307. For a household of four, the maximum gross monthly income is \$2,665. Families and individuals can apply through their local department of social services office. To apply online or to check eligibility for services, visit the CommonHelp website at [commonhelp.virginia.gov](http://commonhelp.virginia.gov). Applications may also be submitted by telephone by contacting the Enterprise Customer Service Center, Monday-Friday, from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. at 855-635-4370.

## THURSDAY/NOV. 16

**Blood Donations Needed.** 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Amazon Web Services, 12900 Worldgate Drive, Suite 800. With the holiday season comes a decline in donations. By giving blood or platelets, donors may give patients more time – and more holidays – with loved ones. Make an appointment to give blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

**DMV2Go at the Pavilion.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St. With the DMV wireless office on wheels, apply for or renew an ID card and driver's license; get driving records; obtain vehicle titles, license plates, decals, order disabled plates, and more. Visit [dmv.virginia.gov](http://dmv.virginia.gov).

**Public Hearing – Planning Commission.** 8:15 p.m. in the Board Auditorium of the Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The Board of Supervisors authorized the consideration of a Comprehensive Plan amendment to restore inadvertently omitted noise impacts guidance into the Transit Station Areas section of the Reston Plan. The proposed amendment integrates the guidelines for these areas with the guidance for the Reston Transit Station areas that was adopted in 2016 at the conclusion of Phase I. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/fairfaxforward/pa/restontsasnoise/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/fairfaxforward/pa/restontsasnoise/).

## NOV. 16-17

**Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive.** To support this year's Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive, confirm your donation commitment by Oct. 31 at [www.cornerstonesva.org/donations/drives](http://www.cornerstonesva.org/donations/drives). Call 571-323-9569 or [nate.king@cornerstonesva.org](mailto:nate.king@cornerstonesva.org).

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## Infusion Schedule is all Fowled Up



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Previously, chemotherapy only had anecdotally-described memory loss: “chemo brain” as proof of a missing fragment. Recently however, clinical studies have confirmed the link. Yet, I still feel as if I haven’t forgotten that I don’t recall any prior infusions occurring on the day after Thanksgiving, as my next infusion is presently scheduled. If I remember correctly, and there are occasional disputes, this would be the first Friday after a holiday when I’ve needed to be local, and infused. And yes, the Infusion Centers are open for business on the weekdays following major holidays.

Having recently had my quarterly, post-scan, face-to-face appointment with my oncologist and survived the ordeal, we moved on from discussing the scan results to being examined to scheduling future appointments – including a brain MRI and CT Scan, and of course, my next infusion. And looking at the calendar, Nov. 24 is that next date. Generally speaking, per previous conversations with my oncologist, rescheduling my infusions by a week or two, here or there, had not been much of a problem (my oncologist is a strong proponent of quality of life), and pretty much up to me. However, as I’ve gotten older and presumably wiser – and well aware of my creatinine level/kidney issues, my current infusion schedule is what it is for a reason – protecting my kidneys. Moving the infusion up a week or back a week is not an arbitrary, Kenny-made decision any more, despite my holiday wish least. Sure enough when I asked my oncologist if he had any thoughts on my possibly rescheduling my next infusion to five weeks or seven weeks (vs. the current six weeks), he had a specific preference: five weeks. This would mean infusing the Friday before the following Thanksgiving Thursday (the effect of which would likely cause some eating challenges for yours truly – on my favorite meal of the year no less) rather than extending the infusion interval to seven weeks.

His thinking, as he explained it to us was: he didn’t want me to wait any longer for my infusion/medicine than was absolutely necessary. Not that I don’t realize how precarious my situation is but I am sort of going merrily along of late. His rebuke, so to characterize, to me about not extending my next interval to seven weeks reminded me yet again of the seriousness of my underlying diagnosis. The last thing one can do is take cancer’s inactivity for granted. Even though I’ve been stable for four years since I was last hospitalized in August 2013, I do have an incurable disease: non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV, and I was initially characterized as “terminal,” so hardly am I “N.E.D.,” no evidence of disease.

So my next infusion date is up to me, just not as ‘up’ as I thought it was/has been. Either I can keep my original six-week interval infusion appointment as currently scheduled or I can advance one week to five weeks (my previous regular interval). Extending it to seven weeks is not recommended. According to my oncologist, this is good news. Since my creatinine level/kidney function has not appreciably improved while extending the interval from five to six weeks, shortening the interval back to five weeks is not a concern to him which means my kidneys are up to the challenge, which is very reassuring since kidney damage is permanent.

And even though waiting a seventh week for my next infusion might allow my kidneys more time to filter the chemotherapy a bit longer, it might also give the cancer some time to activate – and we certainly don’t want that.

However, nothing lasts forever, and cancer cells in particular are pretty resourceful and often figure out what’s being done to them and start doing something else which leads to different treatment. At the moment, the drug I’m infusing, alimta, is working miracles. Perhaps the next drug will be as successful, perhaps not; and that of course is the problem, the unknown.

What I do know is this: a definite is better than a maybe. If I infuse the previous Friday, I definitely won’t feel like eating on Thursday. If I infuse on the Friday after Thanksgiving, maybe I won’t feel like driving. So what! A bird in hand ...

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



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