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First Place winner in the "Expressions" Portrait Competition during the Herndon Arts Week in October, Nathan Loda of Vienna, stands with his wife Florencia and daughter Ella Mae beside his oil portrait, "The Fishing Girl."



Delaney Unseats LeMunyon

Former Republican defeats Republican who unseated Democrat Chuck Caputo in 2009.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Democrat Karrie Delaney unseated Republican incumbent Jim LeMunyon in the election last week, swamping him with a decisive victory in a wave election that saw 12 House GOP incumbents unseated across Virginia. Delaney, a former Republican, campaigned on a platform of expanding Medicaid to 400,000 Virginians who live in poverty or with disabilities. Control of the House of Delegates has yet to be worked out, and Democrats may actually be able to get some traction on that issue next year.

“I’m humbled to be elected to serve the people of Virginia’s 67th District and honored that the voters share my vision to rise above the partisan politics in Richmond to find real solutions for the people of Northern Virginia,” said Delaney in a written statement

following the election.

Delaney swept all of the Fairfax County precincts, racking up huge numbers in Brookfield and Rocky Run. LeMunyon won only one precinct in the district, Loudoun County’s absentee precinct, by 37 votes. Overall, Delaney took a commanding 58 percent of the vote — a 5,000 vote margin of victory in a district that was seen as a potential bellwether for how the election might turn this year.

“Karrie Delaney’s campaign has reflected her experience advocating on behalf of Fairfax’s most vulnerable populations and services they rely on,” said Virginia House Democratic Caucus Leader David Toscano and Caucus Chairwoman Charniele Herring. “Her commitment to the needs of her fellow Virginians is clear, and we look forward to working alongside her



Karrie Delaney

as she serves as their voice in Richmond.”

DELANEY, 38, is a native of Tampa. She moved to Northern Virginia in 2006, eventually settling in Chantilly two years later. She has a bachelor’s degree in psychology from the

University of South Florida. Her professional background is in human service, including working as a counselor for children in foster care and as a sexual assault crisis counselor. She later became the director of communications for Shared Hope International, and she now does communications strategy for several nonprofits. She briefly served as a Republican member of the West Melbourne City Council in Florida, an experience she says has given her a bipartisan sensibility that would serve her well as a member of the General Assembly.



The 67th District stretches from South Riding through Sully Station and Penderwood.

“When I had my first job working with children in foster care, I worked at a group home. And in that experience I met young people every day I saw examples of the system failing them,” said Delaney in an interview with Connection Newspapers earlier this year. “So I saw that if we had leadership that really truly put people first, I think we could see a really positive impact in the lives of vulnerable people in our community.”

LeMunyon was first elected in 2009, when he unseated incumbent Democrat Chuck Caputo. During that campaign, LeMunyon focused on transportation issues — a theme that LeMunyon followed through on during his time in Richmond. Now that he and

other Northern Virginia Republicans will no longer be at the table, the influence of the region may suffer if Republicans manage to maintain a one-vote majority in the House of Delegates. Whatever happens with the House leadership, its members will have a class of freshmen that are far more liberal than the members who are there now.

“It was obvious that Karrie Delaney was the correct choice this election for a safer Virginia,” said Jason Lindsay, executive director of Pride Fund. “While Jim LeMunyon served in the Virginia House of Delegates, he voted time and time again for dangerous gun lobby bills that would endanger Virginia families and children.”

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Fairfax County Leads Blue Wave

Democrats sweep statewide races, come close to taking over House of Delegates.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Democrats swept all three statewide seats last week and picked up so many seats in the House of Delegates that control of the chamber is now in doubt. A week later, three seats are too close to call, awaiting possible recounts.

Voters rejected Republican arguments about sanctuary cities and Confederate memorials, divisive issues that had moderate Republicans trying to win over extreme elements of President Donald Trump's coalition. It didn't work, and it may have signaled a new era in how Democrats can take on Republicans and win at the ballot box.

"The new Democratic Party is back," said Democratic National Committee Chairman Tom Perez during a raucous Election Night party at George Mason University. "And we're back with a bang."

Democrat Ralph Northam won 54 percent of the vote against Republican Ed Gillespie, whose performance slipped a bit from his 2014 nail-biter against Democrat Mark Warner for a seat in the U.S. Senate. Back in 2014, Gillespie won 48 percent of the vote. This year he was only able to get 45 percent.

"The doctor is in," declared Northam, a pediatric neurologist, after Gillespie concede the race.

Voters in Fairfax County helped Democrats run up the numbers across Virginia and turn the blue wave into something Democratic House Leader David Toscano



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/THE CONNECTION
Democrat Ralph Northam declares victory in the hotly contested race for governor at George Mason University.



Northam



Fairfax



Herring

calls a "tsunami." Northam took 80 percent of the vote in Arlington, 78 percent of the vote in Alexandria and 68 percent of the vote in Fairfax County. He also received about 40,000 more votes than Gov. Terry McAuliffe did four years ago.

Now Republicans say they are ready to

mount their own resistance.

"Our grassroots are now primed to hold Northam accountable during his time as governor, and we plan to do just that," said Americans for Prosperity-Virginia State Director J.C. Hernandez. "If the Northam administration tries to advance policies that

grow government and make life more costly, we stand ready, willing, and able to educate our neighbors on the issues."

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP was not on the ballot in Virginia this year, but he loomed over every part of this campaign. The election cycle started when many Democrats were still in shock that the real-estate developer turned reality TV star was elected president. A historic women's march after Trump's inauguration led to an unprecedented number of female candidates taking on entrenched Republican elected officials this year, mostly men. The gamble paid off, and many of those defeated male incumbents are now preparing to leave office.

"Women are leading the resistance," said Emily's List president Stephanie Schriock. "A record number of women ran for office in Virginia, and now a record number of women will serve in the Virginia House of Delegates, fighting for improved public education, investment in infrastructure, economic growth, and access to health care."

Voters in key swing jurisdictions voted for Northam; he won 61 percent in Prince William County, 60 percent in Loudoun County, 60 percent in Henrico County and 52 percent in Virginia Beach. And although Gillespie performed well in traditional Republican strongholds like Rockingham and Pittsylvania, he struggled in the Richmond suburb of Chesterfield. Party leaders on both sides of the aisle say voters were reacting to Trump and sending a message.

"Voters turned out in droves in a direct rebuke of state Republicans and the Trump administration," said Jessica Post, executive director of the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee. "Americans from coast to coast sent a clear message that when faced with adversity, we will step up and defend our values, safeguard the progress we have

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Unofficial Election Results 11-8-17

SOURCE: VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS, RESULTS.ELECTIONS.VIRGINIA.GOV
* Incumbent

GOVERNOR

Ralph S. Northam (D) 1,409,086, 53.90%
Edward W. "Ed" Gillespie (R) 1,175,698, 44.97%
Clifford D. Hyra (L) 27,987, 1.07%
In Fairfax County, Northam received 67.87%
In Arlington, Northam received 80.00%
In City of Alexandria, Northam received 78.36%

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Justin E. Fairfax (D) 1,368,179, 52.72%
Jill H. Vogel (R) 1,224,481, 47.18%

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Mark R. Herring (D)* 1,385,304, 53.34%
John D. Adams (R) 1,209,303, 46.56%

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

34th District
Kathleen Murphy (D)* 20,522, 60.92%
Cheryl Buford (R) 13,146, 39.02%

35th District
Mark Keam (D)* unopposed 22,566, 93.04%

36th District
Ken Plum (D)* unopposed 21,107, 93.01%

37th District
David Bulova (D)* unopposed 18,856, 93.56%

38th District
Kay Kory (D)* 16,023, 73.51%
Paul Haring (R) 5,723, 26.26%

39th District
Vivian Watts (D)* unopposed 21,392, 92.62%

40th District

Donte Tanner (D) 15,004, 49.74%
Tim Hugo (R)* 15,110, 50.10%

41st District

Eileen Filler-Corn (D)* unopposed 22,959, 90.84%

42nd District

Kathy Tran (D) 18,761, 60.97%
Lolita Mancheno-Smoak (R) 11,967, 38.89%

43rd District

Mark Sickles (D)* unopposed 22,084, 93.34%

44th District

Paul Krizek (D)* unopposed 18,330, 92.81%

45th District

Mark Levine (D)* unopposed 31,360, 95.09%

46th District

Charniele Herring (D)* unopposed 18,919, 96.40%

47th District

Patrick Hope (D)* unopposed 29,672, 96.20%

48th District

Rip Sullivan (D)* unopposed 27,625, 94.61%

49th District

Alfonso Lopez (D)* 19,308, 81.30%
Adam Roosevelt (R) 4,391, 18.49%

53rd District

Marcus Simon (D)* 19,235, 74.28%
Mike Casey (I) 6,362, 24.57%

67th District

Karrie Delaney (D) 17,036, 57.86%
Jim LeMunyon (R)* 12,365, 42.00%

86th District

Jennifer Boysko (D)* 16,865, 68.52%
Linda Schulz (R) 7,707, 31.31%

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\$315 MILLION
YES 262,442, 73.35%
NO 95,346, 26.65%

OPINION

Give Locally in Fairfax County

School holidays can bring uncertainty and hunger for tens of thousands of poor children in our area.

The holidays are about giving, and giving thanks. The holidays are about children and family. The holidays are about sharing, about joy. The holidays are about being thankful and about faith and appreciation. The holidays are about alleviating suffering for others.

Northern Virginia is among the wealthiest

areas in the country. Many if not most of us go through our daily and seasonal routines without encountering evidence of the needy families among us.

In Fairfax County, more than 52,000 (28 percent) of FCPS students are poor enough to receive free or subsidized meals.

The median family income in Fairfax County rose to \$129,800. But among families with children, 6 percent have income below the poverty level. That's \$20,420 for a family of three. That's about \$1,700 a month. Median rent in Fairfax County is \$1,747, meaning the cost for half the rentals is more than that.

These are children living in families who may be on the brink of homelessness, families who must choose between medical bills, car repair, heat and food. Some of these are children who

may not be sure that they will have a meal between the meals they get in school.

School holidays can bring uncertainty and hunger — a far cry from the celebrations, gifts and plenty that we associate with Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Hundreds of homeless students attend the public schools, and their needs are greater.

Many nonprofits in the county need your help to provide a holiday meal for Thanksgiving or Christmas, to provide children with gifts.

There are literally hundreds, probably thousands, of ways to give locally this season. Here are a few ideas. We will rerun this list again after Thanksgiving, so please let us know what we have missed.

— MARY KIMM

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WHERE TO GIVE LOCALLY

- ❖ **Cornerstones**, 11150 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 210, Reston, serving Reston and Herndon. 571-323-9555, www.cornerstonesva.org. Nonprofit providing support and advocacy for those in need of food, shelter, affordable housing, quality childcare, and other human services. Programs and services include the Embry Rucker Community Shelter, Emergency Food Pantry, Hypothermia Prevention Program, Thanksgiving Food Drive, Gifts for Kids and annual Coat Drive. Gifts will be collected at Cornerstones main office, 11150 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 210, Reston, VA 20190 on Thursday, Dec. 7 and Friday, Dec. 8, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 9, 9 a.m. – noon. Contact Nate King, Donations and Drives Coordinator, at 571-323-9569.
- ❖ **Share of McLean** operates a food pantry; provides assistance to families to avoid eviction, keep utilities on and meet other needs in a crisis. Share of McLean will provide holiday assistance to more than 250 needy families (630-plus people) this year. Help neighbors in need by donating money, fulfilling a wish or donating Walmart, Target, Giant, or Safeway gift cards. Share's Furniture Program is in major need of drivers and helpers. Visit the Furniture Program page. The Food Pantry is in major need of supplies; visit the Food Pantry page and check Facebook to see how to help the Food Pantry. Visit www.shareofmclean.org for more info about Share.
- ❖ **Herndon-Reston FISH** (Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help), 336 Victory Drive, Herndon, 703-391-0105, herndonrestonfish.org. Herndon-Reston FISH has assisted local residents in short-term crises by since 1969. FISH provides Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help by responding to emergency requests for rent, transportation, utilities, medical prescriptions and other needs. FISH operates The Bargain Loft, a thrift store, which needs donations of good quality saleable items, accepting and selling art, furniture, jewelry, household linens, dishes, pots and pans, books, women's designer clothing (clean and on hangers), puzzles, games, collectibles, small electronics and more. If you have store questions, call 703-437-0600. Herndon-Reston FISH also provides Holiday Food & Gift Baskets during the November and December season.
- ❖ **LINK**, serving Herndon, Chantilly, Loudoun and more. Every year the goal is to provide each family with a week's worth of non-perishable food in November and again in December. When funds allow, grocery gift cards are also included. In November, clients also receive a voucher for coats and warm clothing. In December, children 16 and under receive gifts. holiday@linkagainsthunger.org. 703-437-1776 www.linkagainsthunger.org.
- ❖ **Committee for Helping Others** (CHO), Vienna, organized in 1969 by a group of churches and individuals in the Dunn Loring, Merrifield, Oakton, Vienna community to provide simple, loving charity to those in need. Last year 450 children had a special Christmas through the annual Christmas Store. 703-281-7614, www.cho-va.com
- ❖ **Northern Virginia Family Service**. Just \$50 provides a complete holiday meal to a family of four. Donate at give.nvfs.org/holidaydonation or via check payable to "NVFS" with "Operation Turkey" on the memo line, or send grocery store gift cards.

Northern Virginia Family Service, attn: Holiday Initiatives, 10455 White Granite, Drive, Suite 100, Oakton, VA 22124.

- ❖ **Second Story** — Abused and Homeless Children's Refuge, 2100 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA 22182. 703-506-9191, second-story.org. Second Story (formerly Alternative House) provides shelter and services for homeless, runaway or abused teenagers, unaccompanied youth, and young mothers and their children. Requests for food and clothing are up more than 50 percent.
- ❖ **Shepherd's Center of Oakton Vienna** providing services, personal enrichment, volunteer opportunities for adults 50 and over. Currently serving 3,000+ mature adults in the region. 703-281-0538, www.scov.org.
- ❖ **Touching Heart** in Herndon is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to educate children to have giving hearts. www.touchingheart.com, 703-901-7355.
- ❖ **Western Fairfax Christian Ministries** — food pantry at 13981 Metrotech Drive in Chantilly. For more information or to sponsor a family, call 703-988-9656, ext. 105. To mail gift cards or send donations by check, add a note saying "food basket program" and send them to: WFCM, P.O. Box 220802, Chantilly, VA 20153.
- ❖ **HomeAid** builds and renovates facilities that house the homeless, and partners with many local organizations to do so. 3684 Centerview Drive, Suite 110B, Chantilly, VA 20151. www.homeaidnova.org.
- ❖ **FACETS** helps parents, their children and individuals who suffer the effects of poverty in the Fairfax area, a partner in efforts to end homelessness in Fairfax County. FACETS is always in need of volunteers, and offers a variety of one-time and ongoing opportunities. 703-865-4251, volunteer@facetscares.org or www.facetscares.org. 10640 Page Ave., Suite 300, Fairfax, VA 22030.
- ❖ **Britepaths** will have 3,000 individuals and families in need of holiday assistance list this fall. Sponsor a family or donate to provide a family with a Thanksgiving meal, December holiday meal and/or gifts for their children. britepaths.org.
- ❖ **Fairfax City Area FISH** (For Immediate Sympathetic Help) helps local people who are in temporary need of life's basic necessities such as food, clothing, and financial assistance for rent, mortgage payments, utilities, and medical treatments. FISH also provides limited transportation for doctor appointments and food delivery. 703-222-0880, fairfaxfish.org.
- ❖ **Lamb Center**, day center for homeless, Fairfax. 703-691-3178, www.thelambcenter.org.
- ❖ **Food for Others** provides a safety net for people who suddenly face unforeseen emergencies such as a family illness or the loss of a job or a spouse. Located at 2938 Prosperity Ave., Fairfax, VA 22031. 703-207-9173, info@foodforothers.org or www.foodforothers.org. Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
- ❖ **Ecumenical Community Helping Others** (ECHO). 703-569-9160, www.foodforothers.org. Open to receive donations at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Provides food and financial assistance to those in short-term emergencies, and provides clothing and household goods to low

income families, helping more than 5,000 people last year.

- ❖ **Lorton Community Action Center** (LCAC) will provide Thanksgiving and Holiday assistance to more than 450 families this year. Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets along with fulfilling gift wishes for more than 1,000 children and teens will help low-income families More information at lortonaction.org/seasonal-assistance/. Volunteers are needed for these events as well. Register online at lortonaction.org or call 703-339-5161, ext. 140 or email Linda@LortonAction.org. Mailing address: LCAC, P.O. Box 154, Lorton, VA 22199-0154.
 - ❖ **Assistance League of Northern Virginia** is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that feeds, clothes and educates children in need. Assistance League's philanthropic programs touch the lives of thousands of children at 11 Title I schools in Northern Virginia, serving children most in need at selected schools in Fairfax and Prince William counties and the City of Alexandria. To learn more about volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, email alnorthernva@gmail.com or visit www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org.
 - ❖ **Comfort for America's Uniformed Services** (CAUSE) ensures that recuperating service members have opportunities for recreation and social interaction and receive concrete signs of appreciation for all that they have done. 1100 N Glebe Road, Suite 373, Arlington, VA 22201. 703-591-4968, cause-usa.org.
 - ❖ **Shelter House** provides crisis intervention, safe housing and supportive services to promote self-sufficiency for homeless families and victims of domestic violence in Fairfax County. www.shelterhouse.org/
 - ❖ **United Community Ministries**, Mount Vernon, 703-768-7106, 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria, VA 22306 assists low-income families and individuals living along the Route 1 Corridor, UCM provides four different housing programs as well as a Workforce Development Center to help prepare people for moving forward with their jobs. For the holidays, donations of nearly 10,000 toys, books, games, clothing, and other gifts ensured a joy-filled holiday for more than 1,200 children in 600 families. 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria VA 22306. www.ucmagency.org
- Donations of cash/checks and gift cards are also welcome.
- ❖ **National Capital Food Bank**, 6833 Hill Park Drive, Lorton, serving all of Northern Virginia. 703-541-3063, www.capitalareafoodbank.org.
 - ❖ **Homestretch** is the largest provider of transitional housing in Fairfax County and offers a services to help the homeless better their lives through education. Email jhenderson@homestretchva.org; 703-237-2035 x125; homestretchva.org/.
 - ❖ **Pathway Homes** focuses on providing housing and support services to individuals with serious mental illnesses, with the mission to help these individuals reach their full potential and lead stable lives. They offer both in-home programs, semi-independent houses and assisted living facilities. 10201 Fairfax Boulevard, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA 22030. 703-876-

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Veterans Honored in Herndon

Town of Herndon and the American Legion Wayne M. Kidwell Post # 184 observe Veterans Day.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

The Town of Herndon and American Legion Wayne M. Kidwell Post #184 held their Veterans Day Observance on Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Veterans Memorial, Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Veterans Day is the one day each year all military personnel who have served in the United States Armed Forces are honored.

Dave Womack is the American Legion Post Commander. Womack reminded those in attendance that Veterans Day was initially celebrated to commemorate and mark Armistice Day, Nov. 11, 1918, and to honor and remember veterans who died in World War I.

Lt. Col. James Howell, United States Army was guest speaker at the observance. In his remarks, Howell explained that since the end of World War II, on Nov. 11, veterans of all wars are celebrated to honor their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. Howell titled his remarks, "A Veteran's Ser-

vice Never Ends" and told the stories of three men who fought in different wars; the way the men sacrificed themselves, willingly shouldered a heavier burden and lived their lives to serve others. Traits that make a veteran so special.

THE FIRST VETERAN Howell highlighted was Ernie Harmon, a member of the last horse-mounted cavalry unit to fight in battle. Howell reported Harmon was convinced that the horse cavalry was outdated, and embraced the new concept of the tank-based armored force. Sharing Harmon believed World War I, like the next war, was one to end all wars, he quoted Harmon as saying, "The United States Army must be prepared to win it." According to Howell, towards the end of Harmon's life when he was asked about his drive, determination, and why he was so successful in combat, Harmon said, "What a difference a will to win can make!"

The second veteran Howell spoke about was Herndon native Sgt. Wayne M. Kidwell for whom the Herndon American Legion



PHOTOS BY MERCIA HOBSON/THE CONNECTION

Lt. Col. James Howell, United States Army was the Guest Speaker at The American Legion Wayne M. Kidwell Post # 184 Veterans Day Observance.

Post 184 was renamed. Howell described Kidwell's deployment to Vietnam and ambush by the enemy. "For three days in 1968... A Company, 1/502nd fought a North



Robert Thompson, bugler and First Vice Commander of American Legion Post 184 sounds Taps at the Herndon Veterans Day Observance. As Veterans saluted and civilians bowed their heads, the 24 notes of the National Call of Remembrance echoed over the Town Green.

Vietnamese force more than twice their size at the village of Ap Dong Lam. After a day of skirmishes, ambushes, and casualties on both sides...Wayne Kidwell from Herndon, Virginia and the men of A Company assaulted the village in the face of a determined and entrenched enemy...who... al

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Planners, Schools, Innovation on the Rise

Land and money needed to build an elementary and high school to serve upcoming residential communities rising near Innovation Station.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Two 12-story office buildings near the future Innovation Center Metro Station are anticipated to be “razed” before being built.

Houston Office Partners LP and DSVO Dulles LP requested approval for plan amendments to replace the office buildings with mid- to high-rise residential buildings with retail space.

The Planning Commission on Nov. 2, 2017 recommended approval of the project, which is scheduled for a public hearing before the Board of Supervisors on Dec. 5, 2017.

Schools in the area will be impacted and there are already “serious capacity issues at Coates Elementary School,” said planner Casey Gresham.

The applicant agreed to proffer, or contribute, \$1,250 more than standard for each dwelling unit in order for the school system to potentially buy land and build an additional elementary and high school school to serve the future community.

“The money is nice but the schools are expensive, schools sites are expensive, where do we stand in trying to find some school sites in this part of the county for new schools?” asked Dranesville District Planning Commissioner John Ulfelder.

William O'Donnell, of Planning and Zoning, answered. “There are four more rezonings that we are negotiating that have huge amounts of land. So we are looking at potential ability to allow a school site on one of those.”

This application is the first up of the group at the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors for approval, he said.

“So everyone is well aware of the need and everyone is trying to work together under the circumstances,” said Ulfelder.

“We need land for schools and we need help in constructing the schools,” said O'Donnell.



Gregory Riegler,
McGuireWoods



John Ulfelder,
Dranesville Planning Commissioner



Casey Gresham,
planner



William O'Donnell,
planner

and ideas. The space is anticipated to foster entrepreneurship. The actual functions would be limited in the proffers, but are anticipated to be flexible enough to allow any creative business that is compatible with multifamily residential uses.”

“To me, that’s an important feature,” said Ulfelder. “I’m hopeful it can have the intended effect and impact.”

New Schools Needed

Makers Rise, the proposed development by Houston Office Partners at the future Innovation Station Metro stop, would be served by Lutie Lewis Coates Elementary School, Rachel Carson Middle School and Westfield High School, according to Fairfax County Planning Commission documents.

But given the development potential of the proposed site as well as four other developments that will eventually come before the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, “the existing schools are projected to exceed the available capacity.”

The 2018-2023 Fairfax County Capital Improvement Program (CIP) points to the need for a new high school and elementary school in the northwestern portion of the county to address these capacity issues. Franklin Middle School would also need to expand to help balance enrollments at Carson Middle School.

The proposal calling for as many as 866 residential units would result in 27 new high school students, 17 new middle school students, and 54 new elementary school students, according to planning documents, causing capacity problems at all school levels.

“A new elementary school site, as well as the construction of said elementary school, is a critical component to address the overall deficits and in balancing the growing enrollments at Coates and McNair elementary schools,” planning documents say.

The applicant has been participating in discussions with other applicants of adjacent developments to find a solution.

“I believe we are well on our way to getting there,” said Gregory A. Riegler, who represents the first applicant to come before the Planning Commission for approval.

— KEN MOORE

TWO OPTIONS will remain open-ended as construction of the Innovation Station continues.

One option shows both buildings to be residential mixed-use buildings with a maximum of seven stories and 866 residential units; the additional option would permit one building to be up to 19 stories high.

Board of Supervisors scheduled to hold public hearing on “Makers Rise” on Dec. 5, 2017.

“The good news is we’ll be back here doing that together, making that choice,” said Riegler.

The 7.33-acre undeveloped site is part of the larger 58-acre Dulles Station development along the south side of the Dulles Toll Road, and accessed via Dulles Station Boulevard from Sunrise Valley Drive.

The proposal also includes the expansion of an existing parking garage to construct an additional 440 parking spaces.

More than 20 percent of the project will remain open space, according to planning documents.

MAKERS RISE, the name of the current development project, was more than intentional, said Gregory A. Riegler, who represents this applicant.

“You almost can’t pick up a newspaper or business trade journal without reading about the changing face of retail and the challenges of retail,” said Riegler. “This

makerspace is another way to frankly activate a mixed use community like this.”

The applicant plans at least 5,000 square feet in both buildings for maker space and retail.

The applicant describes proposed makerspace as “flexible work spaces that encourage the creation of creative products

Blood Donations Needed

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:

◆ Herndon

11/16/2017: 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Amazon Web Services, 12900 Worldgate Drive, Suite 800

◆ Reston

11/21/2017: 2-7:30 p.m., Sheraton Ho-

tel, 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

How to donate blood?

Download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-

2767) to make an appointment or for more information.

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other do-

nors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, from a computer or mobile device. To get started and learn more, visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass and follow the instructions on the site.

ENTERTAINMENT

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

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.

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.

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)

THROUGH NOV. 30

Sweats for Vets Drive. Not Your Average Joe's is partnering with the Northwest Federal Credit Union Foundation in Reston to raise money to help area veterans. Mention the "Sweats for Vets," drive while being served lunch or dinner in the restaurant and NYAJ's is donating 15 percent of the cost of your meal to our Sweats for Vets veterans program. Visit nwfcufoundation.org.

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, call 703-966-2111, or visit www.scrawlbooks.com.

An Evenin' with Mark Twain and Henry H. Rogers. 7 p.m. at the Reston Regional Library 11925 Bowman Towne Drive. Take in living history as actors bring Mark Twain and Industrialist Henry H. Rogers to life. Adults, teens. 703-689-2700.

NOV. 16-18

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.

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.

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.

SUNDAY/NOV. 19

Gray Goose Studios Class. 2-4 p.m.



Grand Opening

Nando's newest location opens Nov. 18, 121210 Sunset Hills Road, Reston. 100 percent of sales donated to Herndon High School and South Lakes High School. This design is the bottom of one of four light fixtures in the restaurant from Ashanti Design out of South Africa, upcycled and hand woven from t-shirt off-cuts. Visit www.nandosperiperi.com for more.

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.

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, call 703-966-2111, or visit www.scrawlbooks.com.

TUESDAY/NOV. 21

Sam's Book Club. 7 p.m. at the Reston Regional Library 11925 Bowman Towne Drive. The former library director leads a book discussion. Read "The Last Painting of Sara DeVos" by Dominic Smith. Call 703- 689-2700.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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Town Recognizes Herndon Arts Week

Beth Meyers, Board Member of Arts Herndon (pictured fifth on the left) said, "It was an honor and privilege to attend the Town of Herndon's Town Council Public Session on Sept. 26 when Mayor Lisa C. Merkel and the Town Council presented the Proclamation to recognize Herndon Arts Week, Oct. 9-15, 2017."

Herndon Celebrates Arts



Images and stories from the October 2017 "Herndon Arts Week."

Seven Major Art Events Held Throughout Herndon

Nicholas Black holds a poster depicting the daily events of Herndon Arts Week. Mike O'Reilly, President of the Board, Arts Herndon said, "Arts Herndon, the official arts organization of the Town of Herndon, is once again celebrating Herndon Arts Week with a variety of programs for all ages throughout the week. We are fortunate to live in a town that recognizes and appreciates the importance of the arts in creating a community where we all want to live, work, and play."

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'Kids Day' Dancing, Drumming, and Art

On Monday, Oct. 9, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 150 children and adults joined Arts Herndon and their arts week partner, Frying Pan Park, Fairfax County Park Authority for "Kids Day" held at the park, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. The family-friendly event offered free dance, music, and craft experiences. The Bureau of Good Roads in Washington D.C. teamed up with Arts Herndon and provided hands-on crafts for children to learn more about street design through art.

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Honor Guards Marc-Antony Jaoude, 11, and Aidan Proctor, 12, members of Boy Scout Troop 1570, National Capital Area Council, Powhatan District, present the Colors at the Town of Herndon and American Legion Wayne M. Kidwell Post 184 Veterans Day Observance held Saturday, Nov. 11 at the Veterans Memorial on the Town Green.

Herndon Honors Veterans

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lowed the soldiers to enter the village and (then) ambushed them... The battle in the village lasted for two more days, and by its end, Wayne Kidwell and nine others 'Strike' Soldiers were killed in action."

Howell shared how 17-year-old Kidwell said, "Send me. I'm willing to serve and sacrifice for the greater good." With reticence in his voice, Howell commented, "I know I didn't have that much courage and conviction at 17. I aspire to have that much character now."

The third Veteran Howell highlighted was his classmate and friend, Mike Erwin who possessed "a drive to change the world." Howell recalled Erwin was never one to settle adding Erwin also understood the best way to reinforce positive relationships in our society was through our children. Moreover, the best environment to teach and foster positive psychology in our children was when they were in school. Howell said, "In 2015, Mike tested his Positivity Project... Two years later, the project is impacting more than 110,000 students across the country in 184 partner schools...39 of those schools are here in Fairfax County."

"By teaching teachers how to implement the program, rein-

force the 24 positive character strengths, and instill an 'other people matter' mindset in their everyday activities, Mike is changing the world one school at a time."

In conclusion, Howell stated he intended to honor veterans by telling stories that demonstrated not only the value of veterans to society, but also stories which embodied some of the ideals veterans aspire to achieve: bravery, character, integrity, leadership, perseverance, teamwork, and love.

ADDRESSING THOSE GATHERED, Howell said he hoped his stories inspired those there and they would be more inclined to reach out to a veteran. "And that as veterans... we are greater inclined to continue serving our communities."

The American Legion Wayne M. Kidwell Post #184 thanked the following organizations and individuals for their support: Town of Herndon and the Town Manager, Bill Ashton; Boy Scout Troop # 1570 for their Presentation of the Colors; Scoutmaster Scott Durham; Cooper Middle School Choir in McLean for singing the National Anthem, led by Alexandria Singer; and the Herndon Woman's Club and Jackie Simpson for the refreshments served after the observance.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

NOV. 16-18

Christmas Craft Show. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Oakton Church of the Brethren's 24th Annual Christmas Craft Show is a three-day event featuring a wide variety of handmade creations and craft supplies for purchase, plus a soup and sandwich lunch and bake sale. Visit www.oaktonbrethren.org for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/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.cbntva.org for more.

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5th Annual Snowflake Stampede. 5:30 p.m. at Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. At the Bull Run Festival of Lights, a 2.5 mile fun run or walk for holiday enthusiasts of all ages. Enjoy a special preview of the Festival of Lights on foot, and take a picture with your favorite display. Parking and check in are at the corporate barn pavilion; follow the signs for the Snowflake Stampede. \$22 per adult (13 and older); \$17 per child (3-12); 2 and younger, free. Visit ticketfly.com to sign up (search Snowflake Stampede). Prepayment required. More at www.novaparks.com/events/bull-run-festival-of-lights/snowflake-stampede.

SUNDAY/NOV. 19

Turkey Trot. 8 a.m. Start and finish at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Dept., 400 Center St. S., Vienna. Visit www.viennaturkeytrot.org/ for more.

NOV. 22-JAN. 7

Bull Run Festival of Lights. Monday-Thursday, 5:30-9:30 p.m., \$15 per car; Fridays-Sundays and holidays, 5:30-10 p.m., \$20 per car. Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. The Bull Run Festival of Lights is more than just a light show. After enjoying two and a half miles of light displays, stop at the Holiday Village, complete with bonfires, s'mores, holiday merchandise and free activities, the Holiday Village is fun for the whole family. Have a photo taken with Santa. Call 703-631-0550 or visit www.novaparks.com/events/bull-run-festival-of-lights.

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 for more.

Holiday Celebration. 8 a.m.-11 p.m. at Reston Town Center. 27th annual Reston Holiday Parade, tree lighting,

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The train takes its laps through the Reston Town Centre during the holidays.

and a full day of events. Rain or shine. Ice skating all day. Festive, 1-hour procession of Macy's-style balloons, musicians, characters, community groups, VIPs, and the arrival of Santa & Mrs. Claus; Conservatory Ballet Performance in Fountain Square. Call 703-579-6720 or visit restontowncenter.com/holidays for schedule.

FRIDAY/NOV. 24-THURSDAY/JAN. 4

Gingerbread Village. On display in the lobby of the Hyatt Regency Reston. See the Hyatt's annual Gingerbread Village. Call 703-709-1234 or visit reston.hyatt.com for more.

NOV. 24-26

Thanksgiving Weekend Show. Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Spring Hill ReCenter, 1239 Spring Hill Road, McLean. Approximately 80 juried artisans offering original, handmade arts and crafts, including decorative painting, fused, etched, painted and stained glass, ceramics and pottery, hand-painted silk, woodworking handweaving, photography, paintings and drawings, clothing and functional textiles, jewelry and much more. All of the artists and artisans will be on hand to answer questions and talk about their work. \$5, Free for children 12 and under. Email anneclark01@comcast.net or call 703-391-5611.

SATURDAY/NOV. 25

Turkey Walk. 10-11 a.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Discover the wild turkey's habits and secret ways during a walk through the cedar forest. Look for turkeys and their signs. This program for participants age 3 to adult. Call 703-631-0013 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence.

SATURDAY/DEC. 2

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will be doing a storytime reading and book signing with her new Christmas book "We Wish for a Monster Christmas." Visit www.scrawlbooks.com for more.

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 for more.

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.

Holiday Arts and Crafts Show. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Over 80 artisans and craftspeople will exhibit and sell their work at this annual arts and crafts show sponsored by the Town of Herndon Department of Parks and Recreation. Free admission and parking. Additional parking at the Herndon Centennial Golf Course. Visit herndon-va.gov/recreation/special-events/holiday-arts-and-crafts-show.

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 for more.

Holiday Crafts Day. Various times at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Enjoy Christmas at the Farm, write letters to Santa, decorate cookies, take a wagon ride with Santa, and enjoy seasonal craft projects. Call 703 -437-9101.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 6

Supervisor Hudgins Holiday Open House. 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the North County Governmental Center Community Room, 1801 Cameron Glen Drive. Email huntermillRSVP@fairfaxcounty.gov for more.

FRIDAY/DEC. 8

Santa, Stars, and S'mores. 6-7:30

p.m. at Runnymede Park in Herndon. Follow the luminaries to the campfire and Santa. He'll be here to chat with each child, as well as read a story. Dress for the outdoors. S'more kits available for sale. In case of inclement weather, event will be held Sunday, Dec. 10 at same time. Visit herndon-va.gov/recreation/special-events/a-storybook-holiday-celebration to register.

DEC. 8-9

Christmas Store Help Needed. Friday night for set up and Saturday to escort shoppers at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. NE. Call 703-938-7213 for more.

SATURDAY/DEC. 9

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 for more.

SATURDAY/DEC. 16

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 for more.

SUNDAY/DEC. 17

Handel's "Messiah." 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Enjoy a free performance of Handel's "Messiah" by the choirs of Unity of Fairfax and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax Visit www.unityoffairfax.org/events.

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 for more.

SATURDAY/DEC. 23

Horse-drawn Carriage Rides. 4-9 p.m. at Reston Town Center, 11900



Gingerbread Village

Gingerbread Village at the Hyatt in Reston Town Center looks like something from the Dicken's tales.

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 for more.

SUNDAY/DEC. 24

Christmas Eve Celebrations. Celebrate Christmas in a positive, welcoming and inclusive spiritual community. Meditation service at 9 a.m., family-oriented service at 11 a.m.; candlelight service at 7:30 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, Oakton. Free. Visit www.unityoffairfax.org/events.

THROUGH DEC. 24

Santa's Flight Academy. Various times at at Fair Oaks Mall, 11750 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax. Santa surrounded by a space motif. Visit www.santaexpresslane.com for more.

SUNDAY/DEC. 31

Burning Bowl Ceremony. 9 and 11 a.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Experience this ritual of releasing what no longer serves you and envisioning the year ahead. Free. Visit www.unityoffairfax.org/events.

New Year's Eve Scramble. 10 a.m. at Herndon Centennial Golf Course, 909 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Shotgun start. Entry fee includes green fee, cart fee, range balls and prizes. \$60 per player. Call 703-471-5769 or visit www.herndongolf.com.

MONDAY/JAN. 1

New Year's Labyrinth. noon-4 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Set your intentions for 2018 while walking Unity's indoor labyrinth. Free. Visit www.unityoffairfax.org/events.

New Year's Day 5K. 10 a.m. at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Music, food, awards, and fun celebration following the race. Presented by Potomac River Running. Call 703-709-6720 or visit restontowncenter.com for more.

THROUGH EARLY JANUARY

Winter Walk of Lights. At Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. During the Winter Walk of Lights, the garden is transformed into a half-mile, walk of lights. Revisit perennial favorites such as the animated Lakeside Lights, the Fountain of Lights, and the Holiday Nature Walk – and look for new displays each year. Round out a visit roasting marshmallows and sipping on hot beverages, available for purchase. Visit www.novaparks.com/events/winter-walk-of-lights.

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❖ **Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services**, 8305-17B Richmond Highway, PO Box 15096, Alexandria, VA, 22309. 703-768-9419, www.goodhousing.org/. The mission of Good Shepherd Housing (GSH) is to reduce homelessness, increase community support, and promote self-sufficiency. GSH housing manages more than 70 housing units.

❖ **Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington Fairfax Area** operates clubs in two of the neediest areas of the county, Culmore and Mount Vernon/ Route 1 corridor, focusing on character and academic success. www.bgcgw.org/fairfax.

❖ **Christian Relief Services**, 8301 Richmond Highway, Suite 900, Alexandria, VA 22309, 703-317-9086, 703-317-9690, christianrelief.org/

❖ **Friends of Guest House Northern Virginia** offers structure,

supervision, support and assistance to female ex-offenders who want to improve their lives and break the cycle of incarceration. Friends of Guest House offers the only program for women of its kind in Northern Virginia. One East Luray Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301-2025, 703-549-8072, info@friendsofguesthouse.org, friendsofguesthouse.org/

❖ **Wright to Read** 703-299-9854, www.wrighttoread.org. Provides volunteer-based, one-to-one tutoring and mentoring to City of Alexandria public elementary school children in need. Funds are needed to provide field trips and enrichment activities, books and other resources. For more information about Wright to Read and becoming a "Tutor/Mentor" see website.

❖ **Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia** transforms the lives of lower-income families in need by providing affordable homeownership opportunities in Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax and Falls Church. Learn more at www.habitatnova.org.

❖ **Alice's Kids** (@alicewillhelp)

aliceskids.org P.O. Box 60, Mount Vernon, VA 22121 When a child is raised in poverty they suffer both publicly and privately. When there is no food in the refrigerator, no electricity nor heat, these are hardships that they can keep hidden from their peers. But, when that same child can't afford to pay for the band field trip, a pair of glasses, a chorus outfit or a new pair of shoes, these are indignities that are evident to their classmates. Alice's Kids pays for these relatively inexpensive items in the hopes of preserving the dignity of the child. Alice's Kids helps children from all over the Mount Vernon area through small acts of kindness.

❖ **The Community Foundation of Northern Virginia** has launched its Permanent Fund campaign, a community endowment which is a forever source to provide critical support for those in need in the Northern Virginia region; Consider leaving a legacy through a current or planned gift to the Permanent Fund at the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia. www.cfnova.org/permanentfund.

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Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. *Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.*

THROUGH NOV. 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 for more.

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 for more.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Herndon High School Library needs volunteers. Training available to help with re-shelving books, pulling books for teacher use, helping to check passes, or other special projects. To learn more, email hhs_library@fcps.edu.

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. Applications may also be submitted by telephone by contacting the Enterprise Customer Service Center, Monday through 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 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. Information on all services online at 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/.

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. Call 571-323-9569 or nate.king@cornerstonesva.org.

DEADLINE NOV. 17

Gifts for Kids Drive. Visit www.cornerstonesva.org/donations/drives by Nov. 17 to request a child's personalized wish list (average \$60-\$75 per child). Call 571-323-9569 or

nate.king@cornerstonesva.org.

FRIDAY/NOV. 17

Television-How to Buy and Use. 2 p.m. at Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road. The Fairfax County Department of Cable and Consumer Services explains the features of high-definition televisions, including the clarity of picture, as well as additional advantages. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com, or call 703-390-6157 for more.

MONDAY/NOV. 20

Planning and Zoning Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at the North County Governmental Center, 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston. The Reston Planning and Zoning Committee will meet. On the agenda: Renaissance Centro 1801, LLC - vote. For additional information, visit rpz.korchy.com.

THURSDAY/NOV. 21

Blood Donations Needed. 2-7:30 p.m. at Sheraton Hotel, 11810 Sunrise Valley Drive. 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 or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

THURSDAY/NOV. 22

Blood Donations Needed. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Reston Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr. 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 or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 6

Supervisor Hudgins Holiday Open House. 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the North County Governmental Center Community Room, 1801 Cameron Glen Drive. Email huntermillRSVP@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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News Blue Wave

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made, and push onward.”

JUSTIN FAIRFAX beat state Sen. Jill Vogel (R-27). Some Democrats feared that Vogel might end up being the lone Republican to win a statewide seat, potentially yielding a key tie-breaking vote in the state Senate on issues like immigration or reproductive rights. But Fairfax, former federal prosecutor, sailed to victory with 53 percent.

“As just the second African-American to ever win statewide office in the Commonwealth of Virginia, Justin Fairfax has already made history just by winning this seat,” said Charles Chamberlain, executive director of Democracy for America. “For Democrats, he’s also made history by showing doubters in Richmond and Washington that progressives dedicated to an inclusive populist political agenda can win big in Virginia.”

Democrat Mark Herring was the only part of the statewide ticket running for reelection, so his campaign was largely a referendum on his time in office. On the campaign trail, Herring talked about his work tackling the opioid crisis and taking on the gun lobby. Voters agreed, and gave him 53 percent of the vote against lawyer John Adams.

“Attorney General Mark Herring came under attack from the gun lobby for doing exactly what he was elected to do: prioritizing the safety of Virginia families over gun lobby profits,” said former U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords in a written statement. “I am proud to stand by Attorney General Herring as a true champion for safer communities, and I am thrilled to see Virginia voters stand by him as well.”

THE NEXT YEAR in Virginia politics is likely to be one of the most tumultuous periods since Reconstruction. With Democrats poised to take some measure of control of the House, the composition of committees and their chairmen is bound to change. Those details have yet to be worked out, a week after the election. But one thing is clear: When members of the House of Delegates elect a new speaker of the House in January, they will be setting the stage for a session that will have more liberal members than ever before.

“Voters in Virginia soundly rejected the politics of division and bigotry and instead converted hate into political power,” said Julio Lainez, director of America’s Voice Virginia in a written statement. “This, however, is a first step, and it sends a clear message to candidates running in 2018: The Trump/Corey Stewart Political Playbook leads to political oblivion.”

FAITH NOTES

Blue Christmas Service - a non-traditional service of remembrance and hope - will be held at Katie’s Coffee House 760 Walker Road, Great Falls on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3:30 p.m. brought to you by Great Falls Area Ministries. For more information call Carol Wright 703-582-1640.

Wesley United Methodist Church located at 711 Spring St., SE, Vienna, Virginia 22180, at the corner of Spring Street and Moore Avenue. 10:30 a.m. fellowship time in the fellowship hall; 11 a.m. traditional family worship in sanctuary.

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Not About Me, Mostly



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Recently, as in a few weeks ago, Mindy, who none of you regular readers know, died of lung cancer. She was my decade’s long best friend’s wife. And she was my friend too, going back almost 40 years. Married to my oldest friend (starting in 10th grade), Cary, for over 35 years, Mindy was originally classified as stage I five years ago. Cary didn’t tell me for a year or so after because he didn’t want to burden me with another piece of bad news, and Mindy being diagnosed with lung cancer would most definitely have been bad news. She had a lobectomy (part of the lung is surgically removed), back then and that’s pretty much all I know about the beginning stages. After the surgery however, she was told she was cancer free.

Unfortunately, I wasn’t able to attend Mindy’s funeral. I had my own post-scan appointment on the Monday morning following the Sunday funeral and night-time shiva and the logistics of traveling back and forth from Washington, D.C., to Boston and back were unworkable. Two week-ends later, last weekend in fact, I flew up to Boston and spent four days with Cary, just him and me in the house – without Mindy, of course. We shared an awful lot about Mindy and life, reminiscing backward and contemplating forward. One afternoon, along with Mindy’s first cousin, Julie, Cary and I visited Mindy’s grave, about 20 minutes from the house, where I was able to pay my respects and say a few words in private. After standing alongside the grave site for a few minutes, Cary took out his smart phone, bent over toward the ground and played “their” song, sniffling and wiping away tears in the process. A very touching moment. Another afternoon, I sat with Cary at their kitchen table and read through all the condolence cards with Cary explaining all the relationships to Mindy. One night, Cary and I went to dinner with his two sons, Jonathan and Jordon (along with Jon’s girlfriend, Coleen and Jordy’s wife, Lauren). At dinner, I shared two jokes with the boys that Mindy had told years ago, that to this day, I keep in my repertoire; they had not heard them before. One involved an elephant, another had to do with Jesus Christ becoming a bell ringer. Cary’s third - and oldest son, Jeffrey, was not present as he had flown back to California on Tuesday where, after spending three weeks at home with his father and brothers watching his mother struggle to survive, he returned a few days after the funeral.

As for me, I teared up throughout the week-end. Over the years, especially after my parents moved to Florida, I didn’t see Cary and Mindy as regularly as I had while my parents were still living in Massachusetts (four times a year, generally). From 1989 on, maybe we visited one another a dozen times in person: high school reunions, bar mitzvahs, a couple of Celtic’s games and the odd occasion where the timing/opportunity presented itself. All the while, going on 45 years now, we spoke/speak every couple of weeks, picking up in conversation without ever missing a beat.

What was particularly/uniquely difficult for me – and I don’t think it is as difficult as losing one’s “soul mate,” as Cary described Mindy, just as they were beginning to embark on their final journey together: retirement – was that I too have lung cancer. As such, it was a peculiar position in which I found myself. Not only was I grieving the loss of a close friend: Mindy, way too young; she was younger than me by a couple of years, and the effect it had on my best friend, Cary, I was also witnessing first hand, up close and extremely personally, the ravages and devastating impact of a lung cancer diagnosis, a diagnosis with which I am all too familiar. Of course, I felt bad for Cary losing his beautiful wife. Of course, I felt bad for the boys losing a fabulous, devoted mother. But there was a part of me that felt bad for me. As a cancer survivor, it’s easy to pretend that this disease isn’t killing you until you attend a funeral/spend time with the family of someone who has succumbed to this terrible disease. Then it hits home, with a vengeance. “Cancer sucks,” as so many of us know, but life must go on, as difficult as it sometimes is.

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International Guitarist/ Vocalist in Concert

Acoustic guitarist Beppe Gambetta of Genova, Italy, presented a concert of American root music fused with northwest Italian traditions and folk ballads at Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden St., on Tuesday, Oct. 10. The Folk Club of Reston/Herndon hosted the event, funded in part by Arts Herndon. Using steel string guitars, Gambetta awed the audience of 87 ticketed guests.



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Cabaret Performance at the Herndon Senior Center

For many of Herndon's older residents, getting out for a concert can be challenging. With this in mind, Arts Herndon brought the nostalgic music of Tim McGee of Oak Hill to the Herndon Senior Center on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 1-2 p.m. Nicholas Black, Director of Music, Arts Herndon described McGee's voice as "warm [and] filling the entire ballroom." Ruth Junkin, director of the Herndon Senior Center, commented on the importance of music, no matter one's age. "Performing arts lend grace to our lives, evoke fond memories, and give us an emotional connection to our world... Thank you to Arts Herndon for sponsoring a wonderful performance."



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Arts Crawl in Downtown Herndon

Due to inclement weather, Arts Herndon canceled the Arts Crawl scheduled for Thursday evening, Oct. 12. It was to be the grand finale of the newly added 2017 series, Third Thursdays Arts Crawl, seven once-a-month free crawls held outdoors on the Town Square in downtown Herndon featuring artists and the sale of their works, live music, dance, children's hands-on craft projects, sidewalk chalking, and demonstrations. Pictured from the Sept. 12, Third Thursday Arts Crawl, is Artisan Jordan Kinslow of Herndon speaking with local crawlers Stephen Vides-Sanchez and Stephanie Wright.

Herndon Celebrates Arts



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Portrait Competition and Exhibit

First Place winner in the 9th Annual "Expressions" Portrait Competition, Nathan Loda of Vienna stands with his wife Florencia and daughter Ella Mae beside his oil portrait, "The Fishing Girl." Asked why he entered the competition, Loda simply said, "I was out to win." Loda received a cash prize of \$750. Anna Schoenfeld, co-director of Arts Herndon described portraiture as "...painting, drawing and sculpting a person's likeness, done over time and with training and skill." Upon viewing the art, Town Councilmember Signe Friedrichs expressed her pleasure in seeing a diversity of portraits in subject, medium, and technique.



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Local Guitarist/Vocalist in Concert

On Sunday, Oct. 15, at ArtSpace Herndon, guitarist and vocalist Crys Matthews blended her signature Americana, folk, jazz, blues, bluegrass, and funk into a strong performance. Matthews said, "I'm very appreciative of the community that's been fostered through Arts Herndon. They have been very supportive of my music and the message I hope to send with it. My message is, even in the darkest of times, hope and love in all its forms should be a beacon."



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Reading and Book Signing

On Friday, Oct. 13, 7-9 p.m., at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Arts Herndon celebrated the literary arts with a book signing and reading of a novella, "The Appointment," by Mike Maggio, vice president of the Poetry Society of Virginia, Northern Region. Maggio said his novella is about an "aging professor whose life is turned upside down." Peggy O'Reilly, board member of Arts Herndon, attended the event. "I was fascinated by Mike Maggio's discussion of literary influences on the characters and story development... It was an extra treat to hear him read a passage from the book, and encourage us to respond to the images and characters from our own experience."