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It's 8 a.m. Reston Farmers Market Managers Fran and John Lovaas ring the official bell announcing the opening of the Reston Farmers Market on the first day of the 2018 season, Saturday, April 21.

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Meet the Farmers at the Reston Farmers Market

The 2018 Reston Farmers Market opens.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

It's a little after 1:45 a.m., Saturday morning, April 21. Dawn won't break for almost six hours but one of the vendors for the Reston Farmers Market, Valentine Miller of Valentine's Bakery & Meats in Orange, Va., is up and ready to go. He has to get his coolers and bins of fresh top quality natural meats and home-made baked goods from the family home business onto his truck. The meats are all natural with no growth hormones, steroids or antibiotics. The family's fresh homemade baked turnovers, pies, sweet bread and coffee cakes take special care, as Miller's wife, Carletta baked them on Friday.

THREE AND A HALF HOURS and seventy-seven miles later, Miller pulls his truck into the Fairfax County Farmers Market at Lake Anne Village, 11401 North Shore Drive, Reston. Miller will be here every Saturday, April through December operating his stall, 8 a.m.- noon, except Sept. 22 when the market will be closed for the Multi-cultural Festival.

Miller is one of the 31 vendors at the 2018 Reston Market. Like the other vendors, he has only a short time to set up his tables and products and be ready for shoppers at one of the largest farmers markets in Fairfax County.

According to the Fairfax County Park Authority website, the markets are strictly producer-only, meaning that all of the farmers and producers may only sell what they raise on their farms or make from scratch. They are encouraged to use local ingredients in the creation of their products as much as possible. All farmers and producers come from within a 125-mile radius of Fairfax County.

Betsy Herbst of Misty Meadows Farm in Smithsburg, Md. pulls into the parking lot a little after 6 a.m. The temperature is 43 degrees.

"Just wish it would warm up a bit, she says. "So glad the farmers market finally started." Hess was up at 3:30 that morning packing the van. Misty Meadows will be at three markets this morning. The one Reston, one in Burke and another that is not part of the Fairfax County markets.

"Three markets sounded like a good idea, in hindsight," Herbst says. Allen Hess is with Herbst. Hess adds: "We've got it down to a science. We know what we are doing, how, when and where."

"And we can do this in under 15 minutes," chimes in Herbst.

The seller for today's market is Maria



Trucks and vans pull into Lake Anne Village parking lot at 11401 North Shore Drive, Reston well before dawn on the first day of the Reston Farmers Market, Saturday, April 21, 2018.



Betsy Herbert, staff at Misty Meadows Farm, fills in the signboard for the Reston Farmers Market as she sits in the heated van. "Just wish it would warm up a bit," she says.

Miller. Miller talks while seated in the heated van and filling out the price board. "It's nice to come to the same market in Reston. I have been here for three years. The people are so friendly."

Mark Glascock is another vendor at the Reston market. It is now a little after 7. Glascock is setting up his tents and tables. As he works, Glascock tells that he and his wife Lauren run Glascock Produce out of Berkeley Springs, W.Va. "This is my life," Glascock says. "I was up at 3 a.m. I love all



Caitlin Lundquist is an employee of Glascock's Farm. She helps owner Mark Glascock get the produce tent out of the truck. "This is the best. The only thing better than shopping is working at the farmers market," says Lundquist.

my farmers markets, but the Reston Farmers Market has been mine since it opened. I load three trucks every Friday."

An interesting question comes up. How are the farmers producing the produce? It has been a cold spring, yet here in the dawn's light table after table overflow with fresh produce, greens, flowers, and herbs.

Unloading her produce is Wanda Catlett, co-owner with her husband Jose, of J & W Valley View Farm of Westmoreland County. Catlett offers the answer.

Market Vendors

78 Acres, Kiwi Kuisine, Arnest Seafood, LoKL Gourmet, Baguette Republic, Misty Meadow Farm Creamery, Blue Ridge Dairy, Mt. Olympus Farm, Breezy Meadows Farms, Nitro's Ice Cream, Cavanna Pasta, Penn Farm, Caprikorn Farms, Potomac Vegetable Farms, Colonial Kettle Corn, Reid's Orchard, Farm at Sunnyside, Smith Family Farm, Fresh Crunch, Spring Valley Farm/Orchard, Glascocks Produce, Stallard Road Farms, Grace's Pastries, Toigo Orchards, GreenFare Organic Café, Valentines Bakery & Meats, Good Omen Farm, Glascocks Produce, Virginia Vistas Greenhouse (May-July) (shares space with Nosh), J & W Valley View Farm, and Zaynas Delight.

"We started seeding the beginning of February in the three greenhouses. They are 20 by 100 feet. Then we planted the tomatoes, squash, and cukes in black mulch plastic, directly in the soil using a mulch layer. The black plastic helps with weed control, warms the soil and there's no need for herbicides. We may lose a few plants because of the cold. But we have 10,000 tomato plants out there."

Not everyone at the market is a farmer. Nate Gulnac is a teacher and works weekends, April through November for Toigo Orchards in Shippensburg, Penn. "The family took a chance on me when I was in college. I really enjoy the family," says Gulnac. At the end of May, I'm exhausted from teaching ... It's nice to be outside again and I get to eat some fresh produce."

A NEW VENDOR at the Reston Market is Katey Wietor, owner of Good Omen Farm. "This is my first day at the market," Wietor says. "I was up at 4:30, as I live an hour away." On the table in front of Wietor are canning jars full of small vibrant-colored cut flowers, artistically designed and packets of herbs. Wietor grows her flowers and herbs in tunnels, plastic covered greenhouse-like structures close to the ground. She leases two acres in southern Fauquier County. As for the herbs, Wietor says it's important to consume them. "Herbs complete your diet. Eating well isn't just about fruits and vegetables. It includes herbs in your diet."

Another new vendor at the Reston Market is Gwyn Whittaker, owner of GreenFare Organic Café in Herndon. She offers organic, whole plant meals prepared oil-free and with no added salt. They are ready to eat. GreenFare values seasonal and local produce and prepares all the food in their kitchen.

By now, the clock ticks toward 8 a.m. It's almost the official start time for the Reston Farmers Market. John and Fran Lovaas, market managers, hold the bell. At exactly 8, John rings it with a passion and then even a greater passion.

The Reston Farmers Market opens for its 20th season.

South Lakes Junior Elected to School Board

Benjamin (Bennie) Tignor, a junior at South Lakes High School, has been elected by the countywide Student Advisory Council (SAC) to serve a one-year term as student representative to the Fairfax County School Board, beginning July 1.

Tignor will participate in School Board meetings as a nonvoting member, filling the position currently held by Niharika Vattikonda, a senior at TJHSST. He will be the 48th student representative to the School Board.

According to Fairfax County Public Schools newsletter — Tignor says he hopes to use his position to facilitate “a two-way flow of information, not only from student to Board, but from Board to student. This ensures that students understand that there are representatives who hear their voices, and although they may be limited by budget or policy restrictions, are working to improve the average student’s life.

“Maintaining the student voice and ensuring it is heard is crucial to fostering the high academic standards, healthy and ethical lives, and responsibility the School Board aims to inspire within the student body,” he adds. “I feel it is my duty, as a member of the Fairfax County student body, to project the voices of my peers to those who can interpret and take initiative on their behalf. At times, students feel that individually their voice does not have an impact ... I would be able to ensure these voices are heard.”

HE LISTS four main issues as priorities for the School Board, including: school safety in response to school shootings, school workload and pressure toward International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced Placement (AP) diplomas, the ability of students to present feedback on issues that directly impact the student body, and methods of teaching and personal learning within advanced courses.

Tignor says he wants to advocate for new methods of learning that will accommodate all of the ways students learn while allowing for “a broader expression of learning styles” in the classroom.

As an advocate for project-based learning, he has spoken in favor of a broader use of project-based learning both to FCPS instructional personnel and at a regional project-based learning conference,

saying that it “allows the individual to express his or her method of learning in the best way that suits them, incentivizing innovation and the freedom to enjoy what you produce as a student.”

Tignor believes his work in leadership positions at South Lakes and the initiative he has taken in

these positions have prepared him to serve as the Student Representative to the School Board. He currently serves as president of the German Honor Society and, in his leadership class, helped increase participation in the school’s character education program (Scholarship, Ownership, Awareness, and Respect) by 220 percent in less than half a semester. He also helped design and execute the Terraset Workshop, which was recently recognized by the Virginia Student Councils Association.

AT SOUTH LAKES, Tignor has taken honors courses in algebra, biology, English, world history and geography, U.S. and Virginia government; IB courses in chemistry, math, history of the Americas, English literature, biology, physics, and German; and classes in German, orchestra, leadership, and stem engineering. He has been on the All A Honor Roll from 2015-17, and is a varsity lacrosse player.

Tignor is also a member of the National Honor Society and the Interact (Rotary) Club. He took first place in the Biomedical Engineering category of the Regional Science Fair this year for his entry, The Effects of Concentrations of Immobilized Enzymes on the Rate of Enzymatic Activity, which also won a first place award from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Society. He has earned Gold Awards on the National German Examination for the past three years, and served internships at the BMW M division design studio and Brainlab Headquarters, both in Munich. Tignor mentors third and sixth grade students at Terraset Elementary every week, and formerly volunteered at Fryling Pan Park.



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Meeting materials will be available at <http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/planning/springmeetings/default.asp> beginning April 16, 2018.

Public meetings begin at 4:00 p.m. in each of the locations except as noted below:
A formal comment period will be held at these meetings.

Monday, April 16, 2018 Hampton Roads - Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization, 723 Woodlake Drive Chesapeake, VA 23320	Thursday, April 19, 2018 Lynchburg - VDOT Lynchburg District Office Ramey Memorial Auditorium 4303 Campbell Avenue Lynchburg, VA 24501	Tuesday, April 24, 2018 Richmond - Hilton Garden Inn 800 Southpark Boulevard Colonial Heights, VA 23834
Monday, April 30, 2018* Northern Virginia - Northern Virginia District Office Potomac Conference Room 4975 Alliance Drive Fairfax, VA 22030 *meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.	Thursday, May 3, 2018 Staunton - Holiday Inn and Conference Center 152 Fairway Lane Staunton, VA 24402	Monday, May 7, 2018 Culpeper - Culpeper District Auditorium 1601 Orange Road Culpeper, VA 22701
Tuesday May 8, 2018 Fredericksburg - Germanna Community College Workforce and Technology Center 10000 Germanna Point Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22408	Thursday, May 10, 2018 Salem - Holiday Inn Valley View 3315 Ordway Drive NW Roanoke, VA 24017	Monday, May 14, 2018 Bristol - Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center One Partnership Circle Abingdon, VA 24210

You can also submit your comments by email or mail by May 30, 2018:

For roads and highways: Six-YearProgram@VDOT.Virginia.gov, or Infrastructure Investment Director, Virginia Department of Transportation 1401 East Broad St., Richmond, VA 23219.

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COMMENTARY

Recognizing the Natives of Virginia

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

The Commonwealth of Virginia made a significant step last week in setting the record straight on the settlement of the land area now known as Virginia by dedicating a memorial to the earliest Virginians on the grounds of the State Capitol in Richmond. Too often discussions about the settlement of Virginia start with English settlers landing at Jamestown in 1607.

While that event is most important, it should not overshadow the fact that indigenous people lived in the region for 12,000 to 17,000 years before that depending on the archeologists with whom you speak. How they got here is also discussion as to whether it was a northern route through what is now Alaska or east from Europe.

Their population at the time the English arrived is estimated to be about 50,000. They had a system of governance built around 30 tribes in a confederation under the Powhatan paramount chiefdom. They had a system of agriculture, held religious beliefs built around nature, and were good stewards of the environment.

During two periods of history Virginia Indians were almost obliterated. The English settlers brought diseases against which the indigenous people were not immune and superior weapons that killed or drove off the Indians. In 1924 with the passage of the Racial Integrity Act in Virginia, Indians were no longer recognized. That law made you either white or if you had one drop or more of "colored" blood you were non-white. Current day Virginia Indians have great difficulty tracing their lineage because of this law that did not recognize their ancestors.

After a couple decades of study and advocacy the federal government on Jan. 29, 2018 officially recognized seven Indian tribes along with an additional four tribes that had been recognized by the state. Only two of the tribes, the Pamunkey and Mattaponi, have retained reservation lands assigned by treaties made with the colonists.

Last week Governor Ralph Northam led the ceremony on the grounds of the State Capitol dedicating Mantle, the Virginia Indian Tribute monument. The name Mantle is taken from the deerskin decorated with beads and shells that Chief Powhatan wore around his shoulders. The monument is like a labyrinth viewed by the

many Indians as a sacred symbol. It is shaped like a nautilus, a growing symbol of strength. The area is naturally landscaped with a meditation area and infinity pool. Learn more at <http://indiantribute.virginia.gov/monument.html>. The General Assembly held a successful Reconvened Session last week in which the Governor's vetoes were sus-

tained. The Special Session in which the General Assembly continues to work on a budget for the next two years has not adjourned. A budget that includes a plan for Medicaid expansion for persons who cannot afford health care is likely to be completed in the next couple of weeks. Significant progress is being made on a very important step for all Virginians.

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CAMPS & SCHOOLS Affording Summer Camp

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

One of the great pleasures of summer is going to camp. From kayaking and rock climbing to horseback riding and sailing, camp is a place where lifelong memories are created. A recent study by the non-profit, global policy think tank RAND Corporation shows that voluntary summer programs like camp have a significant, positive impact on low-income students during a time when they fall behind their wealthier peers both academically and socially.

Katie Crump, a case manager at Interfaith Works, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the poor and underserved, says that the luxury of summer camp often eludes those who need it most.

"The opportunity of attending a real summer camp is a big thing for them. Unfortunately, this experience can be unattainable due to the high cost and finding transportation among other things," said Crump. "Attending summer camp affords kids a special and important experience that's all their own. It allows kids to be kids, something that is particularly vital for low-income children who are often forced to deal with the burdens of adulthood at a young age."

Despite the cost of summer camp, keeping children engaged during the stretch of time between June and August when school is not in session is a critical part of their

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development, says Jerome Short, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology at George Mason University.

"Summer camps give opportunities for children to develop social, emotional, cognitive, and behavioral skills," he said. "Some research shows that higher [socioeconomic status] children increase academic and behavioral skills over the summer and lower [socioeconomic status] children lose skills over the summer. Research shows that lower [socioeconomic status] children benefit from learning social and behavioral skills in different settings with new peers and challenges to apply their skills."

Even with limited resources, summer camps can still be accessible, says Tom Rosenberg, president and CEO of the American Camp Association (ACA). "There is a camp for every budget," he said "[Most] ACA-accredited camps provide some form of scholarship assistance. Reach out to the camp directly to ask about specific financial aid and scholarship options."

The RAND study also showed that even though low-income students can lose up to two months of math and reading skills over

the summer, high-quality summer programs can bridge that gap. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) camps are an example of programs that can be effective, but possibly unaffordable for some families.

Wolftrap and Colvin Run elementary schools in Fairfax County will be the site of a non-profit STEM camp called Camp Invention. Organized by the National Inventors Hall of Fame (NIHF), the hands-on program is designed for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Through activities like building robots and designing gadgets, campers get a sense of what it's like to be a physicist or engineer.

"The program has sponsors that provide funding that's used to help underrepresented kids attend the camps," said Ken Torisky, spokesman for National Inventors Hall of Fame. "The money is distributed to students by the school district."

Options for financial assistance for summer camp run the gamut from discounts for dependents of those serving in the military to camp funding offered by churches, synagogues, and civic organizations. "I would suggest to parents that they look into their child being sponsored by a local business to attend a camp or look into payment plan options at a camp that they are interested in attending," advised Stacie Gottlieb, director, Bullis Summer and Extended Day

Programs in Potomac, Md.

While Bullis does not offer financial assistance for summer camp, Gottlieb says that there are discounts for early registration and registering for multiple weeks of camp.

Parents should check to see if a camp participates in U.S. government assistance programs, particularly those with income eligibility requirements, like Title XX, advises Rosenberg. While it might be too late for this summer, he encourages parents to explore Dependent Care Flexible Spending Accounts and a Child and Dependent Care tax credit through the FSA Feds website: <https://www.fsafeds.com/>.

"I generally think lower income children benefit when they have access to the same opportunities as upper-income children and also gain cultural skills and knowledge important to upward mobility when they have opportunity to interact with upper-income kids," said Amy L. Best, Ph.D., professor and chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology at George Mason University. "I also think upper-income kids gain mightily when they have genuine interactions with kids from other class backgrounds. Because empathy, cross cultural understanding, and an ability to work in diverse groups are skills that this new century demands, having opportunities to hone those skills are of value for all involved."



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Design drawing of the new Lakeport dock, shorter in length than the old one and having a floating dock to launch smaller boats safely.

Newly Constructed Lakeport Dock Expected to be a Community Gem

It takes a community to build a dock.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

Paul Renard, Lakeport Cluster Board Vice President and Chair of the Dock Oversight Committee agreed to an interview and site walk on Friday, April 20, 2018, for the new Lakeport Dock Project. Renard's first words were to credit all the people who came together and shared their talents, skills and time to help make the project a new reality. Renard emphasized the credit goes to them. Without everyone, the Lakeport Dock Project and repairs to the nearby bulkhead, would not be where they are today.

"The project should hopefully begin within the next two weeks," said Renard.

Nearly three years of hard work, community involvement and input produced a design and engineering specifications for a beautiful and safe boat dock, one with rock-solid stability and long-term life expectancy. Renard explained there would also be a floating dock that would make launching

small boats easier and safer.

THE REASON behind the project, the dock demolition and construction of a new dock as well as fixing a failing retaining wall between Lake Thoreau and a hillside, is simple. Wind, water and sun may make the scenery and the Lakeport Cluster community a great place to live, but the elements deteriorate wooden structures.

A close inspection of the dock revealed among other failures, splintered and rotted wood, popped nails, pilings not driven far enough into the ground or rock below the water, and deck framing not resting on the pilings.

The high drop from the dock down to the water to launch a boat appeared to make the maneuver difficult and possibly unsafe. Farther down the dock, the retaining wall between Lake Thoreau and a hillside was failing. Walking back down the long dock, the lighting on the adjacent path was broken, vandalized. Renard reported other

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The current dock and bulkhead exhibit deterioration.

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Rebels, Masters, and Scoundrels: The Art of Star Wars. Through April 29 at ArtInsights, Reston Town Center, Reston. New art by LucasFilm concept artist Bill Silvers and rare images by movie campaign artist John Alvin will be on exhibit and for sale. Call 703-478-0778. Visit www.artinsights.com.

Mr. Knick Knack! 10:30-11:15 a.m. May through October. At Reston Town Center Pavilion. Free performances of heart-centered music for children. No performances on Memorial Day, Labor Day, or Columbus Day. Visit www.restontowncenter.com/events.

Pet Supplies Drive. Through May 4, collection bins in building lobbies at Reston Town Center has teamed up with GoodDogz.org of Reston to collect supplies for organizations treating pets in need. Items such as dog beds, blankets, toys, grooming products, leashes, and crates can be donated in building lobby collection bins. Visit gooddogz.org.

Exhibit: This and That. Through May 7, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily at The Artists' Undertaking Gallery, 309 Mill St. in Historic Occoquan. "This and That." an features copper work by Anne Jordan of Fairfax; oil paintings by Steve Myles of Reston; and turned wood by Greg Wandless of Fairfax. Meet the artists, Saturday, April 14, 1-5 p.m. Call 703-494-0584 or visit www.theartistsundertaking.com.

"Thoroughly Modern Millie." Through May 12 at Reston Community Center's CenterStage, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Performance Dates are April 20, 21, 27, 28, 29*, May 4, 5, 6*, 11, 12, 2018. Curtain time is 8 p.m. except for April 29 and May 6 which are matinees with a 2 p.m. curtain. Cost is \$27/adults; \$23 students/seniors. Visit restonplayers.org.

Craig Moran: Spaced Out. Through May 29 at GRACE at Signature, 11850 Freedom Drive, Reston. A D.C.-based painter known for his boldly patterned canvases, Moran's newest body of work is a whirl-wind of exuberant colors and energetic shapes, evoking elements of the natural world and portraiture in a dynamic flattened space. Call 703-471-9242 or visit www.restonarts.org.

Reston Concerts on the Town. 7:30-10 p.m. Saturdays, June through August. At Reston Town Center Pavilion, 11900 Market St. Music genres from around the nation performed by live bands. Bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets. Free. Rain or shine. Alcohol permitted at restaurants only. Visit www.restontowncenter.com/concerts.

Reston Farmers Market. Open Saturdays, through Dec. 1, 8 a.m.-noon at 1609 Washington Plaza N., Reston. Fairfax County Park Authority markets are strictly producer-only meaning that vendors must grow or make from scratch everything they bring to market. Call 703-642-0128 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.

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'Mike Cloud; Figure Studies' at Greater Reston Arts Center

The Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) is presenting Mike Cloud: Figure Studies featuring Brooklyn-based artists Mike Cloud on view April 28–July 7. This is the first time Cloud's work has been shown in the greater D.C. area.

Figure Studies addresses how we read symbols, shapes, faces, and history. The exhibition includes the artist's critically acclaimed series of Leibovitz Orange collages, a selection of paper quilts, and painting.

The title refers to the artistic exercise of creating preparatory drawings, often using live models, to most exactly portray the human form. The exhibition is organized around Cloud's version of a prevalent scene in Renaissance history painting, The Rape of the Sabine Women, entitled Cycle and Stable (2015). He does not follow in the tradition of history painting per se with his depiction. Instead, he insists on his subject through written language.

Cloud asks us to question our assumptions and look at the

way we look. For the Leibovitz Orange collages, 26 of which are included in this exhibition, and Paper Quilts Cloud mined Annie Leibovitz's photographs for moments he could dissect and repurpose to question subjective systems of perception. He plays with ideas of celebrity and recognition in a poignant presentation of humanity.

His work is held in private and public collections including The Bronx Museum, New York; Lincoln Center, New York; and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Upcoming events include: Artist Talk — April 28, 4 p.m.; free and open to the public, Greater Reston Arts Center; Opening reception — April 28, 5–7 p.m.; free and open to the public, Greater Reston Arts Center; Creative Responses — May 31: Presenter TBD; June 28: Tim Doud — 7 p.m.; free and open to the public, Greater Reston Arts Center. Gallery hours: Tues–Sat, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. For more information visit restonarts.org

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 25

Book Sale. 5-8 p.m. at Reston Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Reston Friends Members Night. From the latest popular titles and classic favorites to the rare and unexpected fiction and non-fiction. The Reston Friends have something for everyone. Members only. Visit www.restonlibraryfriends.com.

THURSDAY/APRIL 26

Classical Piano Concert. 2:15 p.m. at Reston Community Center Hunters Woods CenterStage, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Dr. Linda A. Monson,

director of the School of Music at the College of Visual and Performing Arts at George Mason University, will perform selections from the classical repertoire. Visit the website at olli.gmu.edu or call 703-503-3384.

FRIDAY/APRIL 27

Harried Americans RoadShow. 7-9 p.m. at Cafe Montmartre, 1625 Washington Plaza N., Reston. The featured artist for this month's show is Argentinian guitarist/composer, Cristian Perez. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased online at harriedamericans.com or at the door. Or call 571-308-8637.

Amphibians After Dark. 7 p.m. at Lake Fairfax Park in Reston. Cost is \$6/\$8. (7-Adult) Assist park naturalists with a calling amphibian survey. Learn how to identify frogs and toads by their calls as we explore pools and ponds. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

SATURDAY/APRIL 28

Fairfax Run for the Children. 8 a.m. at Fairfax County Courthouse Complex, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Join Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for the 8th Annual 8K and 3K races. The superhero-themed race attracts nearly 1,000 runners and walkers, 250 volunteers, and raises almost \$85,000 each year to support Fairfax CASA's advocacy work with abused and neglected children in the community. Participants can enjoy the after race celebration, including superhero meet and greets, a DJ, free food, face painting, kids' crafts, photo booth, and more. Visit www.fairfaxrunforthechildren.com/.

Independent Bookstore Day. Starts 10:30 a.m. at Scrawl Books at Reston Town Center, 19111 Freedom Drive, Reston. Ann Marie Stephens will read from her best-selling books, "Cy Makes a Friend" and "Scuba Dog." Visit www.scrawlbooks.com.

Scout & Molly's Anniversary Party. 12-6 p.m. at 11944 Market St., Reston. Join them for cake, gifts with purchases, and surprises. In honor of anniversary, customers will receive 10 percent off all purchases the entire weekend. Call 571-526-4185 or visit www.reston.scoutandmollys.com.

Creative Dance Center Performance. 3 p.m. at Reston Town Center's Fountain Square. Enjoy a free dance presentation with Creative Dance Center's Performance Troupe, ages 7-15, celebrating the excitement of Broadway musicals. Visit www.cdcdance.com.

Delaney's Book Drive. 4-5 p.m. at 1713 Ascot Way, Reston. A record number of kids are growing up in low-income households and many public schools lack the funding and resources to provide basic necessities, like books for their students. Help volunteers collect 2,000 used or new books for children in need. Visit www.barberafoundation.org/events/delaney-book-drive-1.

Mike Cloud at GRACE - Opening Reception. 5-7 p.m. at Greater Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market St., #103, Reston. Cloud works with collage, paint, language, and found imagery to question canonical ideas that have become widely accepted as non-metaphorical truths. Show runs April 28 through July 7. Visit www.restonarts.org or call 703-471-9242.

SUNDAY/APRIL 29

PRR Mighty Mile Race. 8 a.m. at Reston Town Center, Reston. Sponsored by Potomac River Running, a fun-filled 1-mile race just for kids, specifically designed for ages 6-14. Register at www.prraces.com/mightymile. Call 703-689-0999 or visit www.prraces.com.

Strings on the Promenade - Harp Performances. 3-4 p.m. at The Promenade at Reston Town Center. Enjoy harp music on Sundays in April, featuring Carmen Robinson playing tunes for all ages: Celtic, rock, R&B and popular theme songs. Free. Visit www.restontowncenter.com.

MONDAY/APRIL 30

Women's Training Program. 6:30-8 p.m. at South Lakes High School, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston. Reston Runners Women's Training Program will help walkers, runners and those in between improve their

fitness. Presentations on injury prevention, proper form, personal safety, and workouts with enthusiastic coaches. Contact Molly Barrie at wtp@restonrunners.org or visit the website www.RestonRunners.org.

TUESDAY/MAY 1

Mother's Day Pottery. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. For ages 2-5. Paint a special mug for mom to enjoy any day of the year. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com or call 703-476-4500.

TUESDAY, MAY 2

Pajamarama. 7 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Come, wear your PJs, bring a favorite stuffed animal and join Busia Bear for favorite bedtime stories. All ages are welcome to attend this preschool family storytime. All ages. No registration required. Call 703-689-2700.

FRIDAY/MAY 4

TGIF: Free Fridays. 5-7 p.m. at GRACE, Greater Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market St., #103, Reston. Creative Fun at GRACE. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com or call 703-476-4500.

Baby & Me (Yoga). 10:30 a.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Bring your baby and you will both reap benefits from this nurturing yoga workshop designed for the two of you. Age 6 weeks to 15 months with adult. Register beginning April 20. Call 703-689-2700.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 4-6

Cinco De Mayo. At ArtInsights, 11921 Freedom Drive, Reston. A portion of all limited-edition art and framing sales will go to animal rescue charities. Call 703-478-0778 or visit artinsights.com.

SATURDAY/MAY 5

Native Plant Sale. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Runnymede Park, 195 Herndon Pkwy., Herndon. Vendors for the sale are Watermark Woods and Nature By Design. The event is sponsored by Friends of Runnymede Park. Visit www.frpweb.org.

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Pet Fiesta! Exhibition and Pet Adoption. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Reston Town Center Pavilion. Super pet adoption, paws-ively fun pet contests and fashion show, exhibitors of pet resources, pet rescue and non-profit groups. Presented by and benefiting GoodDogz.org. All on-leash pets welcome. Free admission, rain or shine. Visit the website petfiesta.org.

HHS Band Benefit Concert. 6 p.m. at Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Hosting Normandy Kick-Off Celebration. Features live performances by "The 5:55" and more. Support their trip to Normandy to represent the USA at the 75th Anniv of D-Day. Donations accepted at entrance and www.herndonband.org/normandy.

SUNDAY/MAY 6

March for Babies. 8 a.m. registration; 9 a.m. walk. at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Support the March of Dimes for the health of all moms and babies with a 3-mile walk, then celebrate the efforts with lunch, DJ, and family fun. Call 571-257-2305 or visit marchforbabies.com.

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New Dock

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bollards had deteriorated. He acknowledged there was a dark corner on the lakeside path without any lighting. At the very end of the dock, water cut under an eroded wedge of land.

Renard shared that all concerns would be addressed in the project with new construction completed or remediation. Renard said that in the design plans, the old dock would be demolished. The new structure would include a floating platform for launching smaller boats more safely and comfortably. Renard said almost all the old pilings would be removed and new pilings driven to a significantly deeper depth.

An underground crushed stone barrier and silt screen would be built along the shore to protect the new dock and the lake, Renard said. The bollards would be replaced and the new one(s) installed in the dark area.

As for the eroded split of land that abutted the dock, bio-logs would be placed there to change the slope and reduce erosion. Invasive species would be removed and new plantings brought in to improve the water quality. "Much of this work will be done by community volunteers," said Renard.

RENARD said that they began the process of designing the new dock and selecting a



Erosion and invasive plants compromise a split of land that abuts the current dock. Bio-logs will be installed to stop the erosion and invasive plants removed. The new dock will be sited away from the land.

contractor over three years ago. About four months ago, the Reston Design Review Board approved the design. Two months ago, a Virginia Class A contractor was selected and placed under contract. The project is currently in the permit approval process with Fairfax County. Renard commented the process is "taking longer than expected since the County is treating the dock as a commercial structure because it is being constructed by an HOA rather than an individual."

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May is National Bike Month! Expect more people biking on roads and trails. Here are some safety tips from BikeFairfax.

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Wood Leaving RA for New Job; Butler Named Acting CEO

Reston Association's CFO and acting CEO, Robert Wood, has announced his resignation. Wood accepted a job at a national non-profit organization in Washington, D.C. His last day at RA was Friday, April 20.

"Robert has been very instrumental in implementing much-needed changes to internal controls, policies and procedures at Reston Association," said RA Vice President, Sridhar Ganesan. "Financial reporting and budgeting have also seen very strong improvement during his tenure as CFO." Larry Butler, the association's senior director of Land Use and Planning, will take over as acting CEO while the Board of Directors continues its search for a permanent chief executive. Butler has served in various roles at RA, including director of Parks and Recreation.

"We thank Robert for his service to Reston Asso-



Larry Butler

ciation and wish him well in his new opportunity," said RA Board President, David Bobzien. "The association will be in good hands with Larry Butler as acting CEO. His wealth of institutional knowledge is well suited for his new role."

"I look forward to leading RA during this important transition for the organization," said Butler. "My priority is to assist the board and staff in the search for both a new CEO and CFO, and to continue the great service our members expect."

"I would like to thank the board, RA staff and members of the community for their support during my time in Reston," said Wood. "Reston is a special place and I appreciate the opportunity given to me to have worked at the association."

Former CEO, Cate Fulkerson, left her position at RA in February. The board then appointed Wood to serve as acting CEO while a search began for Fulkerson's replacement. Wood has been with the association since April 2015.

VDOT Wants to Hear from You

Submit written comments regarding the Hunter Mill Bridge over Colvin Run.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

The Virginia Department of Transportation held a public information meeting on Monday, April 16, at Forest Edge Elementary School in Reston about plans to improve safety and operations on the one-lane Hunter Mill Road bridge over Colvin Run.

In the project overview provided at the meeting, VDOT stated the purpose of the project is to "replace the weight-restricted one-lane Hunter Mill Road Bridge over Colvin Run with a two-lane bridge to improve safety and operations."

The improvements would "expand the bridge to two lanes with four-foot side shoulders, including a new concrete bridge deck and abutments."

VDOT wants citizens to know they can still provide written comments by submitting them by April 26, to Brian Morrison, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation,



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Image of Route 674 (Hunter Mill Road) over Colvin Run as seen in materials provided to the public at the recent VDOT Public Information Meeting.

4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or email meetingcomments@VDOT.virginia.gov. Reference "Hunter Mill Road over Colvin Run" in the subject line.

Citizens can review the project information at the VDOT project website, www.virginiadot.org/

projects, or during business hours at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive in Fairfax.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers Needed for Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival. At Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Greater Reston Art Center's (GRACE's) largest annual fundraiser. May 18-20. Draws up to 30,000 visitors. Over 500 volunteers are needed. Volunteers perform a variety of roles including setting up with the logistics crew, welcoming and booth sitting for participating artists as part of the Artist Hospitality entourage, welcoming visitors and accepting donations for GRACE as a Festival Ambassador, or helping young artists with their creations in the Family Art Park. Visit restonarts.org/fineartsfestival.

The Herndon High School PTSA is in need of a treasurer, but anyone interested in serving on the board is welcome. The HHS PTSA works to provide connections between students, teacher and parents. They offer mini-grants to teachers, scholarships and achievement awards to students as well as appreciation events for staff. Email HerndonHSPTSA.Treasurer@gmail.com

STEM Professionals Needed. Help assist K-12 STEM teachers as part of the American Association for the Advancement of Science's STEM Volunteer Program, stemvolunteers.org, during the 2018-19 school year. In the 2017-18 school year, there are 85 volunteers in six Northern Virginia school districts. Contact Don Rea at 571-551-2488, or donaalrea@aol.com.

Volunteer Adult Mentors Needed. Help assist the Department of Family Services' BeFriendA-Child mentoring program. Mentors provide opportunities for companionship, guidance and support to children who have been abused and neglected, or are at risk of abuse and neglect. Contact Ibrahim Khalil at Ibrahim.khalil@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-4547.

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SATURDAY/APRIL 28

A Community Conversation about the Opioid Crisis. 1-5 p.m. at Epiphany Episcopal Church, 3301 Hidden Meadow Drive, Herndon. For students in 7th-12th grades and their parents. Register at epiphanyes.org/occc. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/news/2018/battling-opioid-crisis.

SATURDAY/MAY 5

Free Sober Rides. Saturday, May 5, 7 p.m. through Sunday, May, 6, 4 a.m. Area residents, 21 and older, may download Lyft to their phones, then enter a code in the app's "Promo" section to receive a no cost (up to \$15) safe ride home. WRAP's SoberRide promo code will be posted at 5 p.m. on May 5 on www.SoberRide.com. The SoberRide code is valid for the first 1,500 Lyft users who enter it.

THURSDAY/MAY 10

Open House and Public Hearing. 5:30 p.m. at NVTA Office, 3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200, Fairfax. The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority has released 60 candidate projects and related information for its inaugural FY 2018-2023 Six Year Program for public comment. The open house will start at 5:30 p.m. and the public hearing will commence following a 7 p.m. presentation on the six year program. Pre-registration is open for those who would like to speak at the public hearing. Pre-register to speak in one of three ways: e-mail: TheAuthority@TheNoVaAuthority.org; phone: 703-642-4652 or in person on May 10, 2018 from 5:30-7 p.m. Visit www.TheNoVaAuthority.org.

Reston's Early Advertising. 7 p.m. at Reston Community Center, Lake Anne, Jo Ann Rose Gallery. Chris Rooney will present a talk on the print advertising campaigns of Reston during its first decade and how they relate to the creative revolution of Madison Avenue in the 1960s. For details, visit <https://www.restonmuseum.org/programs>.

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You Mean Tomorrow Tuesday?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not that deadlines don't happen in the newspaper business; of course they do, every Tuesday for us weeklies. But when combined with my usual post-chemotherapy malaise, it is a bit more challenging. More so when the deadline is tightened up due to the nature of hitting and occasionally missing in-house communications, which is also not unreasonable given the multiple demands multi tasking imposes.

Compounding this task even more is that until I'm back to semi post-chemo normal, in the interim, I am not eating too much, not sleeping well, have low energy (related to the previous two deficiencies), my hands are shaky, my balance is off and I'm having some difficulty focusing. It's a good thing I'm sitting at a desk while attempting to write this column because operating any heavy machinery would definitely be out of the question. What I need to do is mind my own business.

Business which at the moment involves fending off my buff-colored male cat, Chino, as he angles to sit on my writing pad as I move him from left to right – and then right to left since he won't take "Chino, move!" for a directive. But if I know anything, other than what to expect post chemo, I also know what to expect from Chino – or any of the other cats we manage: independence, as any fellow cat owner knows. Unlike a "true and loyal dog," a cat, generally speaking, is not inclined to respond to your commands, well, too many of them, anyway. Nor are they likely to respond to any physical discipline and/or pushing/pulling/redirection. Invariably, if you push, they pull. If you pull, they push.

How Chino knows I'm not feeling well and on an unanticipated and abbreviated deadline, I'll never know. But rather than leave me to it, he'll interfere every way possible: nuzzling, nudging, leaning, rubbing, meowing, moving about and plopping down when all else fails. If you love cats as we do, this is their charm. If you don't love them and their antics, I can see how this kind of behavior can be very frustrating.

I mean, with all this activity, it's difficult to think about what I'm supposed to be doing when I'm so busy preventing things from getting done. I imagine Chino thinks he's doing me a favor, being so affectionate and so in the way. Maybe he thinks he's contributing to the creative process by sitting in the middle of my writing pad? In a way, maybe he is. He's forcing me to concentrate. Moreover, he's forcing me to focus on this most immediate task which, at the moment, has me fending him off with my left wrist while I'm scribbling prose with my right hand. Oddly enough, it might be working as I'm three-quarters finished with this column which 30 minutes ago was a weekend task until it became a today/Tuesday task.

Now if I didn't have a CT scan and lower abdomen MRI scheduled for Wednesday, I'd have a bit more time to sort out the details of writing this column. Unfortunately, post-chemo, mid-newspaper deadline and pre-scan is a triple threat which sometimes can impose its will. A 'will' which I take personally so I will persevere and complete this column with one final paragraph now that Chino has left my desk and likely ended up on some unoccupied couch to sleep; he's had a big day.

All kidding aside, if there's one behavior I need more than any other during these deadline triple threats, it's companionship. Because of Chino and our other four cats: Andrew, Sloane, Biscuit and Twinkle, I am never alone and always have someone to talk to who, occasionally talks back. Not that we understand one another, but it's giving and getting, and it's loving and affecting – me and my cancer; and everything in between.

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

OPINION

Proposed Budget Hit All the Right Notes

“While this Mark-Up package includes a 2 cent increase in the real estate tax rate, an increase of \$241 on the average annual tax bill, I believe the additional revenue is an important investment needed to shore up the foundation on which our quality of life rests.”

BY SHARON BULOVA
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During today's [April 24] Board of Supervisors Meeting, the Board marked up the FY2019 Advertised Budget by a vote of 8-2. Formal adoption of the budget will take place on May 1. I would like to share with you my remarks prior to our vote this morning:

The process for adopting the County Budget every year is all about community engagement. Fiscal Year 2019 is no exception, with Budget Forums and Town Hall Meetings hosted in each of our nine Districts, Budget Committee meetings (which included our partners on the School Board), and three days of public hearings on the Advertised Budget earlier this

month. Since February, our offices have received hundreds, if not thousands, of letters, e-mail messages, phone calls and personal visits from our constituents.

The Budget “mood” this year was harmonic, thanks to an Advertised Budget that I believe hit all of the right notes.

The Budget that we are about to “Mark-Up,” or amend, is based on a tax rate of \$1.15. The package:

- ❖ Fully funds the School Board's request, bringing teachers' salaries into competitive alignment with our sister jurisdictions in the region;

- ❖ Overall support for our school system is increased by \$91.49 million or 4.22 percent over Fiscal Year 2018, with 52.8 percent of our General Fund Budget going to schools;

- ❖ Fully funds compensation for our County employees with a 2.25 percent Market Rate Adjustment, Performance, Merit and Longevity increases;

- ❖ Includes funding for Fairfax First, Gang

Prevention, the expansion of Diversion First and Opportunity Neighborhoods, additional slots for Early Childhood programs, and funding to address the Opioid Crisis;

- ❖ Provides an increase in funding for Metro (pending a long-term solution), VRE and our Connector Bus System.

While this Mark-Up package includes a 2 cent increase in the real estate tax rate, an increase of \$241 on the average annual tax bill, I believe the additional revenue is an important investment needed to shore up the foundation on which our quality of life rests. I want to thank Budget Committee Chairman Jeff McKay for his excellent work bringing this Mark-Up Package to the Board today, along with Budget Guidance that addresses issues discussed during budget deliberations with each of our colleagues. Adoption of a Budget every year requires the good faith collaboration of each member or our Board and I appreciate everyone's willingness to come together on a Budget process that moves Fairfax County forward.

Reston Association-Two Steps Forward

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What is going on at the Reston Association? There is a lot of confusion in the community as a result of the recent turmoil following changes at the top among both professional staff and the Board of Directors. From here, it appears that the organization is on the right track with a couple of moves and critically needed internal reforms during the presidency of Sherri Hebert. Further progress will hinge on filling key positions and on the performance of new people in the organization.

Here's what I mean.

The first key personnel change was the removal of CEO Cate Fulkerson, who couldn't recover from the disaster of the Tetra/Lake House acquisition and rehab and the deterioration of management and financial systems during that time.

Also, the Board moved forward to hire a broad-gauged in-house attorney (Anthony Champ) at a reasonable 6-figure salary, presumably to replace RA's high priced band of external lawyers. In my view, RA has way overspent on outside legal services — to the

tune of \$700,000 - 800,000 range per year, and has little to show for it.

The Board must finish the job. It should unload the external attorneys who amount to glorified debt collectors and sketchy land-use legal services.

Now that Sherri has stepped aside as President, new President David Bobzien, himself an attorney (former Fairfax County Attorney), needs to lead in wielding a scalpel, better an axe, in this area.

The just announced departure of Chief Financial Officer Robert Woods, a change set in motion before the CEO's removal, is a blow. Woods is an experienced, skilled CFO and was a vital cog in the financial system reform.

Fortunately, Sridhar Ganesan, now Board Vice President, has similar strengths and can help fill in until a new CFO is brought aboard.

It was Ganesan who engineered both RA's historic assessment reduction and paying off of the Lake House debt.

The restructuring of a weak Fiscal Committee now led by Board



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member/ Treasurer Eric Carr further strengthens financial management. The relocation of Victoria White, the Hunters Woods Board rep, was also a blow to reforms. The Board

needs to move quickly to fill that vacancy with a quality

replacement.

Overall, the Board majority that emerged just over one year ago has made substantial progress in repairing the failed financial and administrative management of RA. Besides the progress in restoring financial controls and getting out from under the Tetra/Lake House debt overhang, the Hebert-led Board has moved to regularize RA's contracting procedures. These procedures worked efficiently back when I served on the Board, but failed completely during the Tetra acquisition and rehab period. Hopefully, now we will see competitive bidding restored as the absolute norm it once was. The Board has also instituted a constructive Whistleblower policy, a step toward restored transparency.

Not everything is moving so

smoothly however.

The long-delayed process of adopting straightforward ethics policies and procedures started under the prior Board is still hung up in the new Board. The lack of an effective conflict of interest reporting became a real problem in the last few years.

The new Board majority vowed to complete and install a new straightforward policy with teeth. This still has not been completed. Progress in this area will be one more test to see if Mr. Bobzien can continue the forward movement begun a year ago.

The other keys to reforming and reinvigorating Reston Association besides the performance of a new President and replacement of Mr. Woods and Ms. White will be the performance of newly elected Board members Andy Sigle (1 year At-Large seat) and Ven Iyer (At-Large). Andy is an experienced candidate and has served one Board term previously while Ven is brand new and still learning the ropes.

All in all, I am optimistic the new RA team will be successful in restoring management and financial systems and improving efficiency and cost reductions! We will return to this subject in the months ahead.

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