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## WELLBEING

# Required Vaccinations for School

Local clinics offer free immunizations.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

As parents compile back-to-school task lists, health officials say that along with backpacks, notebooks and pencils, parents add the vaccinations that are required by Maryland and Virginia state laws in order for students to attend school. Now is the time to get those immunizations to avoid the back to school rush.

"We have free, walk-in clinics where you can get vaccines between now and the beginning of the school year," said Mary Anderson, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services. "We urge parents to go now and not wait. We offer vaccines at clinics every day of the week at four different locations."

Appointments are not required for immunization visits in Montgomery, Arlington and Fairfax counties. The Alexandria Health Department, however offers services by appointment only.

"We would certainly encourage parents to make an appointment now," added John Silcox, Fairfax County Health Department. "Appointments fill up quickly, and there are some walk-in appointments, but the closer you get to school the more crowded our clinics get."

Fairfax County has five clinics which offer vaccines. "School-required immunizations are always free at our clinics, whether a person has insurance or not," said Silcox. "We highly encourage parents to call the clinic that is most conveniently located to them so that they have you vaccines in time for school."

Parents must bring a copy of the child's existing immunization record. "A parent or designated adult must be with the child when the go to get vaccines," said Anderson. "If a parents doesn't have or can't find their child's record, we can try to reconstruct it."

As recently as May, the Washington, D.C. region saw a case of a vaccine preventable disease, says Anderson. "There was a case of measles that this particular individual had contracted outside of the country," she said. "But this is a reminder about the importance of vaccinations because if you had come in contact with this individual and hadn't been vaccinated you could have gotten sick."

## Local Health Departments Offer Free Vaccines

### ALEXANDRIA

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/health/info/default.aspx?id=11444>

### ARLINGTON COUNTY

<https://health.arlingtonva.us/public-health/health-clinics-services/immunization-clinic/>

### FAIRFAX COUNTY

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/immunization/school>

### MONTGOMERY COUNTY

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS/RightNav/SeventhGradeImmunizations.html>



PHOTOS COURTESY OF FAIRFAX COUNTY

Parents are encourage to get required vaccines now to avoid the back-to-school rush.

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— Mary Anderson, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services

## Immunization Requirements

### MARYLAND

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/immunizations/>

### VIRGINIA

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/requirements/>

Some students may be granted an exemption from the Virginia and Maryland state requirements for religious or medical reasons. "There is an exemption form that people would need to get filled out and turn into their school in order to be exempt from the state requirement."

## CALENDAR

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

### ONGOING

#### Art Exhibit: Herndon Town Calendar Competition.

Through Aug. 8, gallery hours at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. This exhibit features finalists in the 8th Annual Herndon Town Calendar Competition. Jurors evaluated images submitted to the competition by photographers and select finalist photographs for the exhibit. Visitors to the gallery can vote for the People's Choice. The 12 winning photographs and People's Choice will be announced during the Awards Reception on July 29. Visit [www.artspaceherndon.org](http://www.artspaceherndon.org).

**Homegrown Yoga.** Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Alison Adams is bringing Homegrown Yoga to ArtSpace Herndon. All levels welcome. Drop in and take a class. \$25 two week unlimited pass or drop-in available. Visit [www.homegrownpoweryoga.com](http://www.homegrownpoweryoga.com) to sign up.

**The Elden Street Tea Shop.** Saturdays in ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Sip tea and enjoy a variety of locally made snacks and pastries while enjoying the latest art installations in the gallery. Visit [www.eldenstreettea.com](http://www.eldenstreettea.com).

**Over-40 Softball League.** A Fairfax-based league is looking for enough players to form another team. Players must be at least 40 years of age to be eligible. All games are doubleheaders - played on Sundays at Bready Park in Herndon between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. If interested, email [skeduman@aol.com](mailto:skeduman@aol.com).

### WEDNESDAY/AUG. 1

#### Where's Waldo Scavenger Hunt

**Grand Prize Party.** Noon at Scrawl Books, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. Celebrate another successful "Shop Local" scavenger hunt for Waldo throughout Reston. Everyone who found Waldo at participating local businesses in the Reston Town Center and turned in their completed game boards to Scrawl is eligible to win. The winner will be drawn at random during the party, but everyone is invited to come celebrate. Free. Visit [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com) or call 703-966-2111.

### AUG. 1-15

#### Share A Haircut.

10 a.m.-9 p.m. at local Hair Cuttery locations. Give back to those in the community with Hair Cuttery's annual Share-A-Haircut program. For every child's haircut (up to age 18) purchased Aug. 1-15,, a free haircut certificate will be donated to a child in need. Email [lynnieb517@verizon.net](mailto:lynnieb517@verizon.net) with Assistance League of Northern Virginia with questions.

### THURSDAY/AUG. 2

#### ALS Association Fundraiser.

Not Your Average Joe's, 1845 Fountain Drive, Reston. Every Thursday in August, NYAJ's donates 15 percent of the bill to The ALS Association. Diners must tell their server "I want to help fight ALS" for bill to count towards donations. Email

[kpcuddihy@gmail.com](mailto:kpcuddihy@gmail.com) or visit [webdc.alsa.org/goto/margespeeps](http://webdc.alsa.org/goto/margespeeps).

#### Creative Response: Heather

**Spence.** 7 p.m. at Great Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market St., #103, Reston. Join the Greater Reston Arts Center one Thursday of each month to hear a creative professional respond to the work on view in the gallery. The short presentation will be followed by open conversation. Sponsored by Reston Community Center. Free and open to the public. Visit [restonarts.org](http://restonarts.org).

### THURSDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 2-5

#### 70th Annual Fairfax County 4-H

**Fair and Carnival.** At Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with carnival games, rides and tempting foods. Friday features the free Big Truck Night event from 5-7:30 p.m. "No Horn" hour is from 5-6 p.m. Tractor Pull at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Stop by the 4-H Fair throughout the weekend as exhibitors display their winning entries and get their farm animals ready to show. Try a turn at farm chores, watch stage entertainment and enjoy horse and livestock shows. Thursday and Friday - free parking and discount tickets for unlimited rides. Admission to the 4-H Fair and Carnival is free; \$10 per car parking fee on Saturday and Sunday. Visit [fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/4-h-fair](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/4-h-fair) for details.

### FRIDAY/AUG. 3

#### Totally Trucks.

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at RA's Central Services Facility, 12250 Sunset Hills Road, Reston. Check out all the big trucks that Reston Association uses to make Reston beautiful. In addition, there may be a police and fire truck on display. Children will receive a "Totally Trucks" construction helmet. Horn free hour 8:30-9:30 a.m. Rain or shine. \$1 per person, 0-2 years old; \$2 per person, 3 and older. Register through [web1.vermontsystems.com/wbwsc/varestonhoawt.wsc/splash.html](http://web1.vermontsystems.com/wbwsc/varestonhoawt.wsc/splash.html), email [Ashleigh@reston.org](mailto:Ashleigh@reston.org) or call 703-435-6577.

### SATURDAY/AUG. 4

#### Concerts on the Town: Chubby

#### Carrier & the Bayou Swamp

**Band.** 7:30-10 p.m. (rain or shine) at Reston Town Center. These family-friendly concerts include a wide range of musical styles including Motown, swing, blues, jazz, Latin fusion, Celtic, bluegrass and zydeco and take place every Saturday night through Aug. 25. Free. Visit [www.restontowncenter.com](http://www.restontowncenter.com).

### MONDAY/AUG. 6

#### Open Orchestra Rehearsals.

7:30 p.m. at Sunset Hills Montessori School, 11180 Ridge Heights Road, Reston. Join members of the Reston Community Orchestra for open rehearsals during July and August. For those who have wondered what it would be like to play with the Reston Community Orchestra, looking for a chance to play between seasons or semesters or who have an instrument that's collecting dust but keeps calling them to come back. Music and stands provided.

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## What's Next for the Herndon Downtown?

Mayor, Town Council, Comstock and even citizens who filed appeals want the downtown redeveloped, but appeals delay the project.

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

*This story is part of an ongoing series on the Proposed Herndon Downtown Redevelopment Project*

“The Town remains in discussion with Comstock, and I am hopeful that we are able to find a pathway forward,” said Lisa C. Merkel, Mayor Town of Herndon “They have indicated a desire to resubmit, and when that happens as always, there will be opportunities for public input.”

After Herndon’s Historic Preservation Review Board approved the Applications for the Certificates of Appropriateness, citizens with property interests in the land across the street from the project had the right to file Appeal Notices, which they did within the required 14 days after Certificates of Appropriateness approval. Under provisions of Section 78-60.3(g)(7)(b) of the Town of Herndon Zoning Ordinance, the appeals rendered the Certificates of Appropriateness void. The project can’t move forward without them.

**Recap of Events to Date:** On Nov. 1, 2017, the Town of Herndon and Comstock Herndon Venture LLC entered into a Comprehensive Agreement for the Proposed Herndon Downtown Redevelopment Project to be constructed on 4.675 acres in the Historic Downtown District. They submitted renderings of the project as part of their RFP Proposed design plans dated June 18, 2018, depicted a mixed-use project that includes a public/private parking garage, 274 residential units, 17,000 square feet of retail space and an 18,000-square-foot arts center.

According to the town website, at the Heritage Preservation Review Board Public Hearing on June 18, Comstock’s Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness (COA), HPRB #18-15 and HPRB #18-16 for the demolition of the existing buildings located at 770 Elden Street and 750 Center Street respectively and HPRB #18-17 of the exterior architecture of the development received approvals. The board voted 6 to 1.

However, during the Historic Preservation meeting on June 18, although in each of the two Staff Reports related to Comstock’s Applications for demolition permits, staff recommended HPRB defer action to give the applicant additional time to address staff comments, HPRB approved them. In addition, as cited in the Staff Report pertaining to Comstock’s Application for Certificates of Appropriateness for the new construction of residential units, retail space, arts center and parking garage, Town staff recommended the continuance of the Application to the July 16, 2018 Public Hearing.

Staff stated in the report the Board could then, “review the elevation plans, provide comments to the applicant and take into consideration the comments provided by staff prior to approval of this application,”

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**New Events:** In a letter dated July 13 to David Stromberg, Town of Herndon Zoning, Christopher Clements, Manager Comstock Management Service, Comstock Herndon Venture gave notice of the withdrawal of Comstock’s Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness. He thanked members of the Board for their hard work and wrote, “We look forward to presenting this project to the HPRB once again in the near future.”

**Questions:** Why did town staff make recommendations to defer actions on the Applications for the two COA for demolitions and recommend the continuance of the Application for the Certificates of Appropriateness new construction to July 16? On what grounds did citizens file appeals?

**Staff Reports:** Highlighting the issues as stated in the Staff Report, read by Raymond P. Ocel Jr., Development Program Planner/Deputy Zoning Administrator about the demolition of the building at 750 Center Street during the June 18 HPRB Public Hearing, Ocel expressed the need for sufficient time to address staff comments. He cited time needed to study if the demolition conformed to the criteria of the Herndon Heritage Preservation Handbook and Zoning Ordinance. He cited that the applicant’s letter “does not comprehensively address the 10 criteria noted in the Handbook and Zoning Ordinance and those should be addressed in detail for further review by the Board and staff.”

Town staff found similar issues related to the Herndon Heritage Preservation Handbook and Zoning Ordinance with the demolition of the building at 750 Elden Street. Ocel’s report stated, “The [applicant’s] letter does not comprehensively address the 10 criteria noted in the Handbook and Zoning Ordinance and those should be addressed in detail for further review by the Board and staff.”

The HPRB Staff Report recommendations per the new construction, found limited issues for conformance with the Herndon



The top photo is a rendering of the proposed Comstock Center Street units closest to Elden Street. Comstock Herndon Venture LLC provided it to the Town of Herndon in 2017 as part of their Redevelopment/ Request for Proposals. The bottom photo is a rendering of the proposed Center Street units closest to Elden Street submitted by Comstock June 18, 2018, during their HPRB Application for Certificate of Appropriateness.

SCREENSHOTS OF COMSTOCK PROPOSALS



The top photo is a rendering of the proposed Arts Walk Comstock Herndon Venture LLC provided to the Town of Herndon in 2017 as part of their Redevelopment/Request for Proposal. The bottom photo is a rendering of the proposed Arts Walk Comstock submitted June 18, 2018, during their Historic Preservation Review Board Application for Certificate of Appropriateness.



# OPINION

## In-Service Training

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



**T**he only common requirement for holding elective office is that one be a registered voter in the state meaning then of course that you must be at least 18 years of age.

You do not need to be a resident of the district you hope to represent although you will have to move into the district if you win. The concept of a citizen legislature is that it is made up of people from all walks of life in the community who can collectively speak for the community at large. Supposedly there would be no professional politicians—just regular everyday folks. Such an approach should work out well to have the community broadly represented.

In the past, because of laws and practices, most legislatures have been filled mostly with old white men. Recent years have seen a shift including in Virginia as more women are running for office and getting elected. This year has more women, young people, and people

of color running than ever before.

With the diversification of who sits in the legislature the challenge becomes taking people of many different backgrounds, perspectives and constituencies and bringing them together to work for consensus on legislation to get a majority vote. While skills acquired in business and civic activities teach many of the soft skills of interpersonal relationships and team building that are transferable to a legislative body, there are unique differences that are important to recognize.

Most legislatures with which I am familiar have orientation programs to acquaint new members with where the bathrooms are, rules of order in committee meetings and on the floor, and operating procedures around the capitol. Putting legislation together, developing a strategy for its passage, and keeping constituents back home happy are most often handled by the political party caucuses or helpful mentors.

Another source of in-service training I have found invaluable are conferences put together by professional associations, specifically the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL).

I am at their national conference this week.

NCSL keeps up with what is happening in state capitols around the country and through publications, conferences and consultancy keeps legislators informed. The association is truly non-partisan, although its leadership—chosen from among state legislators across the country—maintain their party allegiance while the staff is able to stay out of the partisanship.

Virginia of course had the first representative legislature in the western world beginning in 1619. Not everyone followed the Virginia model however in writing their constitution of organizing their legislatures. I continue to be amazed as I work with colleagues from around the country as to the number of different ways that legislative bodies can organize themselves and do their business. No one has a corner on the best way to do the people's business, but we can learn from taking a look at how other states conduct their business.

NCSL refers to the states as the laboratories of democracy. The description is appropriate as we all face mostly the same challenges. Our responses are different, however. By getting together for what some would call a conference, but what I think is more appropriately called in-service training, we can do a better job for the people we represent.

### COMMENTARY

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Gerrymandering Continues to Mess with Our Elections

To the Editor:

No matter where we stand on the political spectrum, the possibility that anyone interferes or tampers in our elections is unacceptable. Meanwhile, gerrymandering continues to mess with all

our elections.

Gerrymandering is drawing voting districts to expand the impact of some votes and shrink others. In 2019, Virginians will elect 100 state delegates and 40 state senators. In 2020 another national census will be taken, and in 2021 the incumbents elected in 2019 (with more influence from the majority party) will draw voting maps that favor their own re-election. Having incumbents draw their own districts is a serious conflict of interest. Unless we find a fairer way,

this process will be repeated in 2029, 2031, and so on.

You can help by (1) identifying which candidates favor fair redistricting, (2) voting for them, and (3) checking out OneVirginia2021.org. where you (like more than 80,000 other Virginians) can send a message to your representatives demanding an independent commission to apportion districts fairly.

**Karen Scarfone**  
Clifton

**Write** The Connection welcomes views on any public issue. The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for libel, grammar, good taste and factual errors. Send to:

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## Raising Money for 'Night of Magic'

The Northwest Federal Credit Union Foundation recently celebrated its fourth annual Neon Night Glow Run, raising money for their ninth annual Night of Magic, which the NWFCU Foundation hosts at Inova Children's Hospital. There were 250 participants in this year's race, with proceeds going towards the annual event, which creates a memorable evening of fun for critically ill children and their families.

"This year's Neon Night Glow Run was a tremendous success, grossing over \$13,000," said Executive Director of the NWFCU Foundation, Alexandria Shade. "We appreciate our community sponsors

and race participants for coming together to support our program with Inova Children's Hospital and the children receiving treatment there."

The NWFCU Foundation was established in 2004 to promote and manage Northwest Federal Credit Union's philanthropic activities. The mission of NWFCU Foundation is to empower youth to achieve their goals by helping them learn and celebrate life and supporting their health and well-being. The NWFCU Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax deductible to the extent permissible by law for those who itemize deductions. For more information, visit [www.nwfcufoundation.org](http://www.nwfcufoundation.org).



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**Participants in the 2018 Neon Night Glow Run begin the race**

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PHOTOS BY JEANNE THEISMANN/THE CONNECTION

**The crew of USCGC Nathan Bruckenthal mans the rails during the commissioning ceremony for the cutter in Alexandria July 25. Bruckenthal is the Coast Guard's 28th Fast Response Cutter named after Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Nathan Bruckenthal, a 1997 Herndon High School graduate who was killed in action during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004.**

# USCGC Nathan Bruckenthal

**Coast Guard Cutter named for Herndon High graduate.**

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
THE CONNECTION

**U**nited States Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Karl Schultz joined family members and friends of the late Nathan Bruckenthal, a 1997 graduate of Herndon High School, at the Alexandria waterfront July 25 to commission the USCGC Nathan Bruckenthal, the Coast Guard's newest Fast Response Cutter.

"The name Nathan Bruckenthal is one that is recognized and revered throughout our service," Schultz told the crowd. "Petty Officer Bruckenthal defined service above self and we are here today to honor that legacy."

Among those in attendance at the ceremony were Bruckenthal's sister Noabeth Bruckenthal, widow Patti Bruckenthal and daughter Harper, who was born during the deployment from which her father never returned.

Bruckenthal participated in track and field and the Naval Junior ROTC while attending Herndon HS. He was killed April 24, 2004, when a small boat near the Iraqi Khawr Al Amaya Oil Terminal that he and six others were attempting to board exploded in an attempted suicide bombing.

Bruckenthal, the first Coast Guard member killed in action since the Vietnam War, was posthumously awarded a Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

At the time of his death, Bruckenthal, who also attended Herndon Elementary and Herndon Middle schools, was deployed with the Coast Guard Patrol Forces

Southwest Asia. He had joined the Coast Guard in January 1999 and been in his assignment since September 2002. This was his second tour of duty in Iraq, having previously been deployed there from February to May 2003 and returned in February of 2004.

The 154-foot patrol craft USCGC Nathan Bruckenthal is the 28th vessel in the Coast Guard's Sentinel-class FRC program. FRCs feature advanced command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance equipment and can reach a maximum speed of over 28 knots.

The USCGC Nathan Bruckenthal's new homeport will be Atlantic Beach, N.C. The crew voted to adopt as its motto "Bravery in Battle" in honor of Bruckenthal.

"He was always a hero in our mind before he made the ultimate sacrifice," said his father, Rick Bruckenthal. "The last story is the sad story, but also a great story because we don't know how many people's lives he and his crew saved that day."



**Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Karl Schultz delivers remarks during the commissioning ceremony for the Coast Guard Cutter Nathan Bruckenthal in Alexandria on July 25. The USCGC Bruckenthal is named after Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Nathan Bruckenthal, a 1997 Herndon High School graduate who was fatally wounded during Operation Iraqi Freedom in the Arabian Gulf in 2004.**



**Patti Bruckenthal, widow of Petty Officer Nathan Bruckenthal, is joined by her daughter Harper Bruckenthal and sister-in-law Noabeth Bruckenthal at the commissioning of the USCGC Nathan Bruckenthal July 25 at the Alexandria waterfront. At right is Joe Re of the Navy League of the United States.**

**Charles V. Mauro, author of the historical fiction novel, "We Once Met By Chance," awaits the question Thomas Pruyn is posing to him during a book signing. Jessie Bond, Pruyn's communication partner, Ian Nordling and Rosaleen Presley, Ian's mother and communication partner listen. Presley shares Pruyn and Nordling use a letterboard spelling to communicate.**



MERCIA HOBSON/THE CONNECTION

## Local Civil War Author Launches Next Book

**'We Once Met by Chance: Four Life Stories during the American Civil War'**

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

**H**erndon author Charles V. Mauro combined extensive research and interviewed Northern Virginia experts to weave the compelling historical fiction novel, "We Once Met by Chance: Four Life Stories during the American Civil War," released spring 2018 by LifeRich Publishing.

The prolific writer and Civil War historian held a book signing during July's Third Thursdays Arts Crawl on the Town Hall Square, 730 Elden Street. Sitting at a table, Mauro introduced individuals to his book that tells the story of the American Civil War from the perspectives of four people.

Featured in Mauro's book are John S. Mosby, Confederate officer from Virginia who led guerrilla raids outside the city of Washington compelling Union troops to guard the city rather than engage in battles elsewhere; Union officer, Charles Russell Lowell, an articulate young man from Massachusetts sent to capture or kill Mosby; Laura Ratcliffe, a young woman living in Herndon who supported Virginia and spied for Colonel Mosby; and James Robinson, an African-American man who lived with his family in Manassas on land he owned that became the battleground for two major battles during the war.

Mauro's 288-page book is available on Amazon in three formats- Kindle, hardcover and paperback.

## Life's a Carnival at Frying Pan Farm Park, Aug. 2-5

Carnivals bring out the kid in everyone. Enjoy some old-fashioned family fun at the 70th Annual Fairfax County 4-H Fair and Carnival at Frying Pan Farm Park. There will be carnival games, rides and tempting foods for four days – Thursday, Aug. 2 through Sunday, Aug. 5, 2018. Stretch your dollars on Thursday and Friday with free parking and discount tickets for unlimited rides. For those who purchase early, passes start at \$16 per person for unlimited carnival rides between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. In the evening, ride tickets cost \$1, and most rides take three to five tickets. Friday also features the free Big Truck Night event from 5 to 7:30 p.m. "No Horn" hour is from 5 to 6 p.m. for those sensitive to noise. The fair and carnival kick into high gear over the weekend

when carnival rides open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Don't miss the Tractor Pull at 4 p.m. on Saturday, and stop by the 4-H Fair throughout the weekend as exhibitors display their winning entries and get their farm animals ready to show. Try your hand at farm chores, watch stage entertainment and enjoy horse and livestock shows. Admission to the 4-H Fair and Carnival is free, but there is a \$10 per car parking fee on Saturday and Sunday. Get all the details on the 4-H Fair and Carnival website <http://parks/frying-pan-park/4-h-fair>. Frying Pan Farm Park is located at 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. For more information, call 703-437-9101 or visit Frying Pan Farm Park. <http://parks/frying-pan-park>



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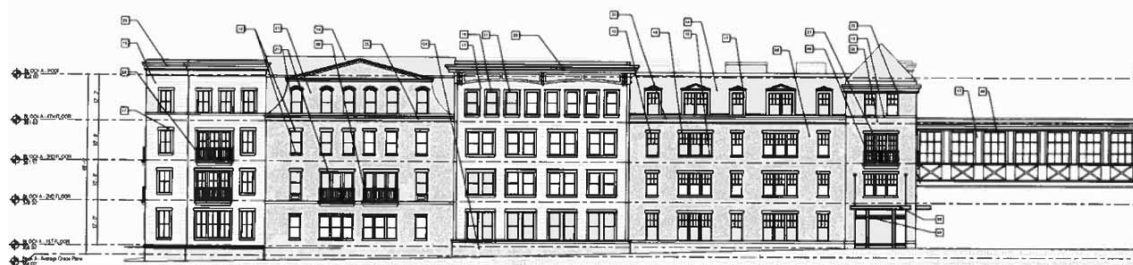
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**NEWS**



D1 BLDG A - WEST ELEVATION

**Image of Comstock's proposed West Elevation of units on Vine Street opposite the Vinehaven community.**

# Downtown Discussions Continue

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Heritage Preservation handbook although the report stated the current guidelines, "Generally encourage the use of traditional materials and discourage the use of synthetic materials that do not appear as traditional materials. Advances in technology since the adoption of the Handbook have yielded synthetic materials that may be more suitable as substitutes to traditional materials by means of visual qualities."

As for conformance with the town's Zoning Ordinance, staff cited 16 items on the report that required further refinement, among them to provide additional storefront detail as some storefronts appeared void of articulation and period-appropriate detailing, and the need to refine the elevation of the Block A building as refinement was needed for the facade and roofline.

During the Comstock's presentation of the Applications for the COAs, they acknowledged a willingness to work with the Town.

**Appeals:** Appellants filed their appeals on the following grounds: Developer's adverse impact on traffic in the surrounding area, which is, rated "D" Density that has increased above FAR 0.5-floor which is standard in the "Heritage Preservation Handbook" for new development. Size and massing are inconsistent with color renderings in the downtown Pattern Book which depicts 2 and 3-story buildings. The impacts of overflow parking from apartment owners/guests into the shared parking and onto Center Street

"New construction is predicated on the demolition of 770 Elden Street building whose preservation category and significance were misrepresented to the public and HPRB. ..."

"Town officials made the presentation to HPRB in the Town of Herndon, which owns the property. Undue influence on HPRB occurred as a 'cheat sheet' was given to the HPRB board members that would help them easily identify adopted policy. There was no marketing study provided to support the number of apartments."

**Quotes:** "We support and seek redevelopment in downtown Herndon that is compatible with the Herndon Historic District, neighboring homes, and

is more in line with the renderings in both the Downtown Pattern Book and Comstock's redevelopment proposal. We look forward to having our concerns addressed and, if the project proceeds, working collectively with the Town and Comstock to bring the project to the finish line."- Appellants

"During my tenure on the town council, my primary goal has been to see downtown redevelopment finally happen for Herndon. The plans that were submitted by Comstock are in line with the parameters set out by the Town; the density and scope of the project have not changed. The Town remains in discussion with Comstock, and I am hopeful that we are able to find a pathway forward. They have indicated a desire to resubmit, and when that happens as always, there will be opportunities for public input."- Lisa C. Merkel, Mayor Town of Herndon

"The town continues discussion with Comstock regarding moving forward on the redevelopment project."

-Town of Herndon

Mike McFarlane, HPRB member (voted against approving the COAs): "I've been open-minded until literally this evening É But I'm just going to read from the Town Ordinance section 78.5.14 section 2 [current code is 78-60.3(f)(1)] new construction. It says: A Certificate of Appropriateness for new construction of a building or structure may be approved only after considering the following standards as well as other appropriate matters: 'a) Whether or not the design will be architecturally compatible with the historic landmarks, buildings, and structures in the Heritage Preservation Overlay District in terms of size, scale, color, material, and character.' That's in the ordinance. And I just don't think this development does it."

"It may end up being good, but I think we are the Heritage Preservation Review Board. And Mr. Chairman, you've mentioned before the aptly named, 'Heritage Preservation.' I think this is going to change the town dramatically, in more ways than just having a giant Reston Town Center-type building hereÉ Well, this is Old Town Herndon, warts and all. It's a different place, and we've adopted a Heritage Preservation District to follow that."

Comstock did not reply to emails or calls.

**WEEK IN HERNDON**

## Gas Station in Herndon Robbed at Knifepoint

Fairfax County Police Department responded to a call for a robbery in the 13000 block of Coppermine Road in Herndon early Tuesday morning, July 24, 2018, at 1:31 a.m.

According to the police report, an employee of

the business stated a man wearing a mask came into the store with a knife and demanded money. The suspect was described "as a white man, 25 to 30 years old, and approximately 6' tall."

An undisclosed amount of money was stolen.



# CALENDAR

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\$20 per session; \$75 for all four. Register at [restoncommunityorchestra.org/2017-2018-concert-series/open-rehearsals/](http://restoncommunityorchestra.org/2017-2018-concert-series/open-rehearsals/).

## THURSDAY/AUG. 9

**ALS Association Fundraiser.** Not Your Average Joe's, 1845 Fountain Drive, Reston. Every Thursday in August, NYAJ's donates 15 percent of the bill to The ALS Association. Diners must tell their server "I want to help fight ALS" for bill to count towards donations. Email [kpcuddihy@gmail.com](mailto:kpcuddihy@gmail.com) or visit [webdc.alsa.org/goto/margespeeps](http://webdc.alsa.org/goto/margespeeps).

**Alzheimer's Association Raffle.** 6-9:30 p.m. at Jimmy's Old Town Tavern, 697 Spring St., Herndon. Raffle fundraiser for Alzheimer's Association Walk To End Alzheimer's in Northern Virginia. Free admission. Visit [www.alz.org/walk](http://www.alz.org/walk).

## FRIDAY/AUG. 10

**Fractured Nursery Rhymes Storytime.** 11 a.m. at Scrawl Books, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. Join local Great Falls author, Judy Politzer for a fun-filled lesson on the alphabet based on her book, *Fractured Nursery Rhymes*, Fairy Tales, and Potpourri. Visit [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com) or call 703-966-2111.

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 11

**Dog Day.** 11:30 a.m. at Scrawl Books, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. The K9 Caring Angels, a non-profit group dedicated to helping the community by training Service, Therapy, and Comfort Canines will bring two dogs to share their loving paws and happy tails with people in need to Scrawl Books. Free, but guests are asked to help support the organization through donations or by contributing requested items, including Pet Valu Perform Ultra Brown Rice and Lamb Puppy Food, outside toys, dog beds, blankets and shampoo. Visit [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com) or call 703-966-2111.

**Lake Anne Cardboard Boat Regatta.** Noon-6 p.m. at Lake Anne, Reston. The Reston Historic Trust & Museum holds the second annual Lake Anne Cardboard Boat Regatta. Festivities are free of charge, with all team registrations and sponsorships benefiting the Reston Historic Trust & Museum. Teams of all ages will construct and decorate their own life-size cardboard boats. Boats will then take to the water in timed heats. Contact Alexandra Campbell at [info@restonmuseum.org](mailto:info@restonmuseum.org) or 703-709-7700.

## MONDAY/AUG. 13

**Donation Deadline.** During bank hours at Sonabank, 11527 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Sonabank is collecting school supplies at all branches. Visit [www.sonabank.com](http://www.sonabank.com).

**Open Orchestra Rehearsals.** 7:30 p.m. at Sunset Hills Montessori School, 11180 Ridge Heights Road, Reston. Join members of the Reston Community Orchestra for open rehearsals during July and August. \$20 per session; \$75 for all four. Register at [restoncommunityorchestra.org/2017-2018-concert-series/open-rehearsals/](http://restoncommunityorchestra.org/2017-2018-concert-series/open-rehearsals/).

## TUESDAY/AUG. 14

**Design and Wine: Felting Critters.** 7-9 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Each event is \$40 per person which covers wine, light snacks and supplies. No prior art experience necessary. Registration required at [www.artspaceherndon.org](http://www.artspaceherndon.org).

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 15

**Dog Days of Summer.** 4-7 p.m. in the Pavillion at Reston Town Center. Dogs and owners can frolic in the Pavilion when it is transformed into an off-leash play area each week. Treats, toys, areas to cool off, pet-friendly giveaways, and more. Free. Visit [restontowncenter.com](http://restontowncenter.com).

**Get Woke! Book Club.** 7 p.m. at Scrawl Books, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. This progressive book club focuses on reading titles that cover timely political issues. The August meeting will focus on a discussion of housing access and incarceration. Attendees are asked to read either "Evicted" by Matthew Desmond or "The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness" by Michelle Alexander. Free. Visit [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com).

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## Fortitude For a Fortnight



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Intestinal or otherwise. "All hands to the pump," (Downton Abbey), emotionally speaking. The weight of it all is not too much to bear, but it is pretty close to it:

- ❖ 24-hour urine collection on Tuesday;
- ❖ Pre-chemotherapy lab work and quarterly CT Scan on Wednesday (not often occurring on the same day but this cycle unfortunately they did);
- ❖ Balance of Wednesday and Thursday waiting for lab results which ultimately determine whether I'm approved for chemotherapy on FRIDAY;
- ❖ Thursday through Monday (or longer): waiting for scan results from previous Wednesday (my life doesn't hang in the balance exactly, but it's definitely hanging somewhere);
- ❖ Friday: my actual chemotherapy;
- ❖ Sunday through Thursday (post chemotherapy): feeling lousy, hardly eating, irregular sleep, tired all the time (typical post-chemotherapy side effects)
- ❖ And finally, per my July 25 column entitled "Phoning It In," talking with my oncologist over the phone to discuss my scan, my treatment going forward, my life, etc.

In summary: Tuesday, July 24 to Monday, Aug. 6, two weeks of cancer "centricity."

Considering this first paragraph, no wonder I used the word hope and expressed per pen the written emotion so much in my previous two columns. When cancer or any other treatment for a serious disease, operation, recuperation, physical therapy and so forth is concerned, ultimately, what else is there?

Whether you're following doctor's orders and/or supplementing it with non-Western, holistic-type alternatives, rarely are there any guarantees other than as they say "death and taxes" and for a time was said in the 1940s and 50s: "The Washington Senators finishing last in The American League."

Nevertheless, hope springs eternal, as a formerly long-suffering life-long member of Red Sox Nation can attest: three World Series Championships since 2004 after breaking/braking the "Curse of the Bambino," (the 86-year drought since the Red Sox had last won the World Series in 1918 - Babe Ruth's last season playing for the Red Sox).

And as I live on/write on nine years and nearly eight months past a "13-month to two-year" prognosis diagnosed back in late February 2009, I am eternally hopeful - and always forever grateful.

And in spite of my amazing, miraculous good fortune, the last thing I do, and I mean the absolute last thing I do, is take any of it for granted. That is why the emotion so often expressed in pen and in person is hope. I am never going to betray/dismiss who and/or what has power over my outcome/life expectancy.

I mean, at the end of the day (heck, at the beginning of the day), I am a mere mortal and don't presume for a minute (or even a second) that living in the "Kenny lane" is sufficient to defeat the greatest advisory mankind has ever known: cancer. And though I am generally positive and optimistic, I am cautiously so.

After all, I'm just not supposed to blow by (live through) my original prognosis as if it was an arbitrary statement. It was the real deal, and when you first hear it, it's a surreal one at that. But here we are, late July, 2018.

At this actual real-time Friday-morning moment, I am on hold with oncology confirming that my pre-chemotherapy lab results are acceptable for today's infusion. (Otherwise, this fortnight will be extended by seven days.) As any cancer patient under treatment knows, one's presence is never really confirmed until the medical staff advises you. Soon, I will be advised.

In all the intervening moments, I am still waiting to hear back concerning the results from my CT Scan on Wednesday. Hopefully (there's that word again), we will hear before the weekend. It's so much easier to suffer through/anticipate the fortnight when news is known sooner rather than later.

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





## Take a Glimpse into a Hollywood Inspired Master Bathroom Remodel

The Master Bathroom is the place where most of us start our day. It sets the tone. A bathroom that is organized and has a calming, spa-like feeling in the design can help you prepare for your day in a pleasant and streamlined fashion that can help you become more successful in your life. Recently, a couple came to Abbey Design Center knowing they needed to upgrade and change their master bathroom. They wanted a more open and organized structure that fit their needs. They commissioned Abbey Design Center to remodel their master bathroom and create a functional bathroom space with ample storage which was warm, inviting and included luxurious hints of Hollywood glamour.

The Northern Virginia homeowner's bathroom renovation wish list included more storage, better accessibility, a larger shower and that "Hollywood"

style. Once Abbey's designers knew what their clients wanted, they also knew exactly what had to be removed and revised from the current space. Abbey's professional redesign of the bathroom floor space made it open and functional. They accomplished this by removing the corner tub and tearing down the wall separating the existing water closet. This opened the room up to bring a more organic flow to the space. These seemingly small changes made a big impact and showed off an enlarged open floor plan for the bathroom.

Abbey Design Center's professional team of craftsman then installed a vanity to replace the corner tub and enhanced the space with a custom-built cabinet bench with a quartz top. This luxurious touch also provided extra functional seating and storage. The shower was then enlarged and took over the space that

was once an enclosed water closet. The smaller, dated bathroom vanities were replaced with two tall cabinets that made a dramatic visual impact as well as giving the homeowners even more storage for bathroom essentials. Lastly, new built-in linen cabinets were installed to accommodate the spa essentials of any Hollywood inspired retreat.

Finishing touches like the natural textured stone tiles and warm desert color palette brought this glamorous California dream to life. The result was an earthy and organic luxury spa-like bathroom that this couple was happy to enter into and start their mornings in each day. Abbey Design Center took their project beyond expectations to deliver this project. Let Abbey help you turn your house into a home that you will be happy to come home to each day.



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