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**Local children undergoing medical treatments and their families enjoy a Night of Magic at Inova Children's Hospital in Falls Church on Friday, Aug. 17. The Northwest Federal Credit Union Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Northwest Federal Credit Union based in Herndon produced the annual event.**



**Northwest Federal Credit Union's President and CEO, and NWFCU Foundation Chair, Jeff Bentley (far right) presents a check for \$10,000 to benefit the Inova Care Clinic for Children, a service of Inova Health System as Chuck Molina, NWFCU Board of Directors Treasurer (second from left) and Alexzandra Shade, Executive Director of the NWFCU Foundation (fourth from left) assist.**

# A Night of Magic for Children Receiving Treatment

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he NWFCU Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Northwest Federal Credit Union, held its ninth annual Night of Magic on Friday, Aug. 17, at Inova Children's Hospital in Falls

Church. Since 2009, the Foundation has produced Night of Magic as a way of creating a memorable evening for children receiving treatment at local hospitals and their families, many of whom miss social events like parties and school dances.

"It is our privilege to partner with Inova Children's Hospital each year to provide this

special Night of Magic and serve these pediatric patients and their families," said Jeff Bentley, Northwest Federal Credit Union's president and CEO, and NWFCU foundation chair. The event was an evening of fun featuring music, dancing, food and more in a safe setting. To help with transportation expenses to and from the hospital and medical appointments, the Foundation surprised guests with a \$50 gas gift card.

The evening's event also included a \$10,000 donation by the NWFCU Foundation to the Inova Cares Clinic for Children, the largest donation the Foundation has made to date which according to Executive Director of the NWFCU Foundation,

Alexzandra Shade, will enable the clinic to further service its mission to provide "comprehensive pediatric medical services for children of low-income families."

Twenty-six corporate sponsors gave to support Night of Magic among them locally based Harris Teeter Stores of Northern Virginia; in Herndon Apple Spice Junction, Northwest Federal Credit Union and Cantina D'Italia and in Reston Odin, Feldman & Pittleman, P. C., Chick-fil-A Village Commons and Not Your Average Joe's.

To learn more about Night of Magic and the NWFCU Foundation visit [www.nwfcufoundation.org](http://www.nwfcufoundation.org).



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During the mid-August Herndon Town Council Public Hearing held in the Herndon Council Chambers, Mayor Lisa C. Merkel, Vice Mayor Jennifer K. Baker and Members of the Herndon Town Council presented the Key to the Town of Herndon to Runnymede official, Chancellor Iftikhar Chaudhri, Runnymede Borough Council, 2017-2018 Mayor of Runnymede Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Town of Herndon friendship with Runnymede, England. (From left) Councilmembers Bill McKenna and Grace Wolf Cunningham, Mayor Lisa C. Merkel, Councilmember Richard B. Kaufman, Vice Mayor Jennifer K. Baker, Councilmember Signe Friedrichs, Chancellor Iftikhar Chaudhri, Runnymede Borough Council and Councilmember Sheila A. Olem.

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## WEEK IN HERNDON

### Herndon Planning Commission Panel on Housing Diversity

On Wednesday, Sept. 5, the Herndon Planning Commission will moderate a panel discussion among Fairfax County officials and a non-profit organization representative specializing in housing issues on ways the town can preserve and protect the housing diversity represented throughout its neighborhoods, particularly in preparation for the arrival of Metrorail's Silver Line in 2020.

The panel discussion begins at 7 p.m. and will be held in the Herndon Council Chambers, 765 Lynn St., Herndon. Panelists include Tom Fleetwood, director, Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development; Cynthia Bailey, deputy county attorney, Fairfax County; and Shelly Murphy, CEO, Wesley Housing. According to Planning Commission Chair C. Melissa Jonas, the intent of the panel is to educate both commissioners and citizens about the benefits of housing diversity and how to navigate pressures related to significant marketplace impacts on housing, such as Metrorail's arrival. Ultimately, said Jonas, "Our aim is to listen, learn, and then recommend to the Town Council appropriate goals and objectives toward maintaining the housing diversity that is a hallmark of neighborhoods in Herndon."

Citizens are invited to attend and observe the discussion.

### Labor Day Schedule for the Town of Herndon

The Town of Herndon government offices and services will be impacted by the Labor Day holiday, Monday, Sept. 3, 2018. Refuse Collection-No refuse will be collected on Monday, Sept. 3. Refuse normally collected on Monday will be collected on Tuesday, Sept. 4.

Herndon Centennial Golf Course is open 6:30 a.m. - dark.

Haley Smith and Bready Parks' Restroom Facilities will close at 5 p.m.

Herndon Community Center is closed Sunday, Aug. 26, 6 p.m. - Monday, Sept. 3 for annual cleaning and maintenance.

Offices are open Aug. 27 - Sept. 1, 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., for registration and customer services.

Pool and hot tub (only) closed Friday, Aug. 24, 6 p.m. - Monday, Sept. 3 for repairs.

The Community Center facilities will reopen on Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 6:00 a.m.

Herndon Labor Day Festival will be Monday, Sept. 3, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on the Town Green. It will feature music, a craft show, food vendors, wineries and micro-brews. For more information visit [herndon-va.gov/laborday](http://herndon-va.gov/laborday) or call (703) 787-7300.



# America Needs Unions

BY DAVID BRODER  
PRESIDENT,  
SEIU VIRGINIA 512



Broder

**T**his Labor Day, while some of us attend barbecues or spend quality time with our families, millions of Americans will go to work.

Americans are now working longer hours for lower wages. Despite an increase in our educational attainment, fewer of us have paid sick days, parental leave or employer-based healthcare. Even fewer of us have retirements we can count on.

Unions are a solution to our broken economy. Working people who form unions with their co-workers earn higher wages, have better health care, have more secure retirements, and are safer on the job.

The statistics are overwhelming. Working people in unions earn 30 percent more than their non-union counterparts, and are nearly five times more likely to have a guaranteed pension.

Women workers who are union members earn nearly \$9,000 a year more than their non-

union counterparts. For African-American workers, the union differential is also about \$9,000, and for Latino workers the yearly advantage is more than \$11,000.

Unions have made all the difference in my family's life.

I'm the great-grandson of eastern European Jewish immigrants, who fled anti-Semitic violence, and came to this country with nothing. Thanks to my grandparents' union, my father was able to go to college. Thanks to my mother's teachers union (in which she was a powerful leader), our family never had to choose between seeing a doctor and putting food on the table, and my parents can now retire and live with dignity.

It's no wonder that more people are speaking out, organizing and voting for the rights to form a union.

Across the country, in deeply-conservative states like Oklahoma and West Virginia, union teachers and community allies have successfully mobilized for improvements to our education system, teacher pay and workers' rights.

Here in Virginia in 2016, a bipartisan majority of voters rejected the anti-worker constitutional amendment known as "right to work," while last month, voters in Missouri rejected the state's right-to-work law by a 2:1 margin.

Across the country, 61 percent of Americans

support unions, according to a recent Gallup Poll. Young workers are even more supportive, and are joining unions in record numbers, in order to fix a broken economy.

When workers join together to form unions, we all benefit.

Strong unions raise wages, improve health care, and expand retirement security for all workers, union and non-union. Unions have played important roles in the civil rights movement and women's rights movement, and continue today to fight for racial, immigrant and environmental justice.

Here in Northern Virginia, unions have helped lead fights to raise wages, increase mental health funding, create jobs, and ensure health care for up to 400,000 people through Medicaid Expansion.

So, this Labor Day, whether you're enjoying a burger with family and friends or you're hard at work at your job (or maybe your second or third job), I invite you to join us.

Let us all unite together on our jobs, in our communities, and at the polls this November, to demand a better economic future for all people!

Learn more at [AmericaNeedsUnions.org](http://AmericaNeedsUnions.org)

*David Broder of Vienna is president of SEIU Virginia 512, a union of home care providers, and county employees in Fairfax and Loudoun.*

## COMMENTARY

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Wake-up Election

To the Editor:  
(re: An Open Letter to Representative Comstock, by David Pope, Connection, Aug. 22-28, 2018)

Barbara Comstock has served all well; your lifelong Republican anxiety representative in your Open Letter appears your cup half empty; others out here in your longed-for "democratic" past, are

experiencing glass half full and increasing volume in Real Life.

Speaking of President Trump's actions, I refer you to a recent interview with 94 year old Henry Kissinger.

"Donald Trump is a phenomenon that foreign countries haven't seen before." Kissinger gives new understanding of

Trump's foreign policy and predicts its success. "He is the one true leader. After eight years of tyranny, we finally see a difference."

We the people electing past Presidents, Congress members, Social Democrats, (swamp dwellers), incumbents, both parties (the deep State) bureaucrats working to take duly elected President

Trump down, need to wakeup!

Fellow conservatives, light a fire under your outrage, preserve The Constitution with God given Rights, vote November for Barbara Comstock. Your future way of life may well depend on it!

**Mary Donaldson**  
Great Falls

### Make Gun Violence Rare Again

To the Editor:

As my daughter goes back to school on Aug. 28 as a junior at McLean High School, the Parkland School shooting is at the forefront of my mind. Fort Lauderdale, Fla. is my other hometown, and I knew friends who were impacted by this horrific event. Gun violence can happen anywhere and we shouldn't accept this as our norm.

McLean High School, as well as many other schools that reside in District 10, is represented by Barbara Comstock. Let's not forget she is ranked as one of the top ten politicians who happily accepted \$137,232 in donations from the NRA. Comstock might be quiet these days about gun policy because constituents in Northern Virginia have shifted to favor more

sensible gun control, but her record speaks loud and clear. Comstock has voted against universal background checks and limiting semi-automatic weapons and currently votes with Trump more than 97 percent of the time.

The uprising of student advocacy for adequate gun control in the aftermath of the Parkland shooting needs to continue nation-

wide. This November vote for Democrat Jennifer Wexton who doesn't take money from the NRA and supports universal background checks and closing gun show loopholes. At least with Wexton in office, we might have a fighting chance to make gun violence rare again.

**Kristin Battista-Fraze**  
McLean

### Majority Wants a Secure Border

To the Editor:

It's the cliched language which grates: "breaking up families," "shocked the conscience," "from their mothers' arms" ("Isolating the Children," Connection, Aug. 22-28). Not one to pass up an opportunity to make political capital instead of offering practical solutions, Del. Ken Plum (D-36)

ineighs against separation from their presumed parents of children entering the United States illegally. The sincerity here is a tad suspect since we recall nothing of this censure when separation was practiced, to a degree, by the previous administration. I suspect the vast majority of illegal immigrants know that their entry is illegal.

Unfortunate as they are, children who have made it here across considerable land expanse under uncomfortable conditions can probably tolerate clean beds, tasty meals, TV, and recreational facilities while their illegal parents are being detained. It is incontestable that the vast majority of Americans want a secure border. Del. Plum

offers no solutions to an insecure-border problem. Practical suggestions in place of overwrought language would be welcome.

Oft-stated administration policy is controlled legal immigration. What otherwise: open borders, abolition of ICE?

**Harry Locock**  
Reston

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# Oh, My Children!

BY MILAN LIN

I weep for you.  
My heart aches for you  
I pray for you.  
My well wishes come to you

Separated from parents  
Stuck in coal mines down  
Locked up behind bars  
Runaways and homeless

Abused by Inhumans  
Friends enemies and alike  
Even at foster homes  
Where love should sparkle

Stolen your childhood  
Changing to brutal grownups  
Hardening your tender hearts  
To survive by hook or by crook

Forced to carry arms  
Fight for dirty fanatics  
Denied of education  
Future dreams and hopes

Oh! my helpless children  
Come to my arms of cradle  
Oh! dear God of mighty  
Send them to me for rescue

Milan Lin, PhD from Cornell, and her husband Chris Rodrigo - originally from Sri Lanka - have been Reston residents for the last 10 years.



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## Bostonian Wins Reston Farmers Market Raffle

Kelly May (center), who just moved to Reston from Boston, wins Reston Farmers Market raffle, a basket of market goodies and cook book. She is pictured with Hala Elbarmil (left) and Chelsea Roseberry (right) of the Fairfax County Park Authority in the Market on Saturday, Aug.25. (Park Authority sponsors the Reston Farmers Market)



# Teen Sex Trafficking Hits Close to Home



**How vulnerable teens are targeted.**

BY WALLICIA GILL  
AND BRAD SWANSON

*This article first appeared in The Blue View  
www.blueview.org. It has been slightly edited.*

Local experts say that Northern Virginia is a teen sex trafficking hotspot, but most people know very little about this growing crime. A better understanding among the public will help to combat the problem, agree both police and victims advocates.

## MORE THAN 100 LOCAL VICTIMS A YEAR

According to law enforcement records compiled by the Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Task Force, approximately 500 sex trafficking victims were “identified” – brought to the attention of law enforcement – in northern Virginia in the 4-year period from January 2013 to February 2017.

That averages to about 125 sex trafficking victims identified in the area per year. Experts believe that only a small minority of trafficking victims are brought to light, but they don’t have good insight into what the fraction really is. The trend in identifying victims in the region is upward, and experts believe the practice is growing, but some part of the increase may also come from more awareness and better discovery.

Of the approximately 140 sex trafficking victims identified in the year from January 2016 to February 2017, the latest data available, most were female, but a significant minority were not. Experts say boys and young men, especially from the LGBTQ community, are as vulnerable to trafficker recruiting as girls and young women – and less likely to come forward.

The average age of sex trafficking victims in the USA is 12-to-15 years, but in this area the average appears to be somewhat higher, 15-18. Consequently, only about a third of the total identified last year were technically juveniles, but the average age of the “adult” victims is not available.

The ethnic backgrounds of sex trafficked women typically mirror that of the region, and this appears to be the case for this area as well. In broad socioeconomic terms, girls in poverty, dysfunctional families and neighborhoods with more crime appear more



Kay Duffield



Teresa Hartnett

susceptible to becoming trafficking victims, although high income and stable family life are no barrier.

“Any victim I have personally met from Northern Virginia is upper income demographic,” said Teresa Hartnett, coordinator of the Trafficking Task Force, which brings together law enforcement agencies, government agencies and nongovernmental organizations in the fight against trafficking.

Vulnerability is the key to understanding why girls and young women get trapped into sex trafficking, according to Kay Duffield, who serves both as co-chair of the Victims’ Services Committee of the Trafficking Task Force and executive director of the non-profit Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Initiative. Girls are not kidnapped off the street and bound in chains. The typical pattern is for a girl who is lonely, unhappy, rebellious, adventurous, or some combination, to meet a trafficker, who poses as a friend and over time gains influence through empathy, attention and acceptance. The initial meetings typically happen online or in shopping malls or other public places. The trafficker is patient, waiting for the payoff from a successful recruitment.

After winning a girl’s trust, a typical tactic is for the trafficker to break her will by raping her, or staging a gang rape, sometimes filming the episode for blackmail, according to Hartnett. Drugs are another method of control. Also common is threatening harm to family members if the victim comes forward. But some victims are ensnared by emotional dependence, or fear, without strong-arm tactics being necessary. Often the victim keeps up a show of normality — going to school, spending time with her family — while she is being subjected in her unsupervised time to involuntary sex.

The average period of being trafficked, is difficult to determine. In some cases, after a few instances, the victim is deemed unsuitable, or the trafficker is caught, or moves

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— Teresa Hartnett, coordinator,  
Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Task Force

on. But in other cases trafficking is a one-way journey and its victims are unable to return.

## FORTY PERCENT OF VICTIMS RETURN TO TRAFFICKING

Of the approximately 500 northern Virginia victims identified by police in 2013-17, only about 300 were “recovered” — removed from the trade, reunited with families, or sent to live elsewhere. In other words, this data shows that 40 percent of those identified slipped back into sex trafficking.

The reasons differ in each case, but are often tied to the same factors that led to vulnerability in the first place. Being returned to live in a dysfunctional family and neighborhood doesn’t strengthen a girl’s will to resist the false affection and security of an experienced trafficker.

The experience of being trafficked can destroy a young woman or teen’s self-esteem and dignity and skew her ability to function.

“Starting over is very hard,” said Hartnett. “It can get overwhelming, and some survivors lose hope. If they lose momentum going forward, they slip backwards into what’s familiar — and what they have come to think they deserve.”

Trafficking victims who are able to recover often take many months or years of counseling and emotional support to regain their autonomy and self-confidence.

Traffickers typically are not solo operators but rather are linked and have special-

ized functions, similar to street level drug distribution, according to Hartnett. Some are adept at recruiting, and then passing the victims to pimps who control one or two victims at a time. But not all trafficking is low-level. Networks operate across state lines moving victims both to take advantage of high demand in a different area and to isolate the victims from potential sources of help.

Gang-led trafficking varies in intensity across the country. In northern Virginia, gangs typically do not practice trafficking as an organized activity although some gang members traffick as individuals, says Duffield.

Not all trafficking is done by third parties. Family members, including drug-addicted parents, sometimes sell their own children to traffickers.

## GROWING PROBLEM IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA

From anecdotal evidence, sex trafficking appears to be growing in the region, say experts. They point to two factors. First, the typical buyer of teenaged sex is married, male, with children, and money to spend. That’s a common profile in affluent northern Virginia.

Forced sex is sold in a market, and responds to buying pressure like any other.

“We need to do something on the demand side,” said Duffield. “Traffickers are going to create that product until demand is gone.”

The second factor explains why areas like Springfield, Dumfries and Tysons are trafficking hotspots: trafficking follows the highways. Traffickers, whether local or interstate, like mobility and the anonymity of travel nodes, as do buyers. Converging highways make for easy contact, fast access to motels, and quick exits. The tangle of major roads in northern Virginia draws in sex trafficking like a neon sign.

If someone knows a victim of trafficking, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373 7888. If danger is imminent, call 911.

## New Law To Keep Traffickers in Jail

On June 25, 2018, Gov. Ralph Northam signed human trafficking legislation that adds offenses related to human trafficking to the list of crimes for which bail can be denied, keeping traffickers in jail and better protecting trafficking victims. Locally, Kathleen Murphy (D-34) and Kathy Tran (D-42) were cosponsors.

“Human trafficking is a threat to public safety here in Virginia and across the United States,” said Northam. “This legislation will help us prevent these crimes by making it more difficult for human traffickers to post bail and leave jail to intimidate witnesses or continue their criminal activity.”

“Human trafficking is a dehumanizing crime that robs its victims of their dignity, their identity, and their freedom,” said Attorney General Mark Herring.

While prosecuting traffickers, local law enforcement found that traffickers would pay their own bail and bail out their victims continuing the cycle of abuse and trafficking. This legislation will keep traffickers in jail.

This legislation adds the following offenses that are attributable to human trafficking to the list of crimes for which there is a rebuttable presumption against admission to bail: Taking or detaining a person for the purposes of prostitution or unlawful sexual intercourse; receiving money from procuring or placing a person in a house of prostitution or forced labor, receiving money from the earnings of a prostitute, and commercial sex trafficking, where the alleged victim is a family or household member.

## Recent Cases

♦ A Washington, D.C. man was sentenced on Aug. 17, 2018 to 18 years in prison for forcibly sex trafficking a minor.

According to court documents from Eastern District of Virginia, Justin Shayne Robinson, 27, lured the 16-year-old victim to a motel in northern Virginia. Once the minor victim arrived, Robinson directed sexualized photos to be taken of the her, and created and posted online advertisements for commercial sex acts with the minor. Robinson and his co-conspirator, Markus Jakeem Plummer, 27, of Woodbridge, then trafficked the minor over a period of roughly a week. Robinson and Plummer took all the proceeds of the minor’s commercial sex acts for their own benefit. Robinson and Plummer used force and surveillance to ensure that the minor continued to see clients and was unable to escape the motel. Robinson used violence to force the victim to continue working for him, including choking her and leaving medically documented bruising on her leg and neck. Co-Conspirator Markus Plummer is scheduled for sentencing on Sept. 28.

♦ On July 20, 2018, a Virginia man was sentenced to 186 months in prison and 10 years of supervised release for multiple crimes related to

the prostitution and exploitation of a 15-year-old minor. Abdul Karim Bangura Jr. aka “AJ”, 22, of Triangle, Va. pleaded guilty in August 2017 to all counts of an indictment charging him with sex trafficking of a minor, conspiracy to engage in sex trafficking of a minor, interstate transportation of a minor for the purposes of prostitution, and production of child pornography.

According to admissions made in connection with his plea in the Eastern District of Virginia, Bangura and his co-defendant Christian Hood conspired to recruit a 15-year-old girl to work as a prostitute and to advertise her prostitution services on Backpage.com. Bangura also transported the minor to hotels in Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. for prostitution dates, and he took a portion of the money she made from commercial sex customers. Bangura also used a phone to record a video of himself having sex with the minor. In August 2017, a year ago, Hood was convicted at trial of sex trafficking and conspiracy to engage in sex trafficking of this same minor.

These unrelated cases were brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse.



## NEWS

# FCEDA President/CEO Gerald Gordon to Retire



Gerald Gordon

**Gordon will take university post in South Carolina, depart at end of 2018.**

Gerald L. Gordon, Ph.D., whose work as leader of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority to build and diversify the county's business community and economy helped to lead its transformation into a top business location, announced Monday, Aug. 27 that he will retire at the end of this calendar year. Gordon lives in Burke.

Starting in January, Gordon will serve as a fellow in the College of Charleston's Joseph P. Riley Center for Livable Communities, where he will be working with faculty, staff and students to support the economic and cultural vibrancy of the City of Charleston, S.C. He also will teach in the college's Master of Public Administration program. Additionally, Gordon will be consulting with institutions in northern Virginia and will serve on a local board.

Gordon has been with the FCEDA since 1983 and has led it since 1987, during which time office space in Fairfax County grew from 32 million square feet to more than 117 million, making it the second-largest suburban office market in the nation. Fairfax County is home to 10 Fortune 500 headquarters, and also many top companies in a broad set of industry sectors, including information technology, aerospace and defense, cybersecurity, data analytics, financial services and personalized medicine.

At the same time, jobs in the county grew from 243,000 to more than 600,000. As a result, the real estate tax rate has decreased from \$1.47 to \$1.15.

The FCEDA is led by a seven-member Commission (board) appointed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Fairfax County Board Chairman Sharon Bulova and FCEDA Chairwoman Catherine Lange congratulated Gordon for his work on behalf of the county.

"Throughout the past 30 years Jerry Gordon has been on the leading edge for moving Fairfax County into the world-class business location it is today," Bulova said. "No one is a fiercer advocate for Fairfax County and I will personally miss working with him."

Gordon holds a bachelor's degree from The Citadel, a master's degree from The George Washington University, and a doctorate in international economics from The Catholic University of America. He is the author of 13 books on strategic planning and economic development. His most recent book is "Understanding Community Economic Growth and Decline: Strategies for Sustainable Development" (Routledge Press, 2018).

In the last decade Gordon has chaired the boards of the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra, the Arts Council of Fairfax County, the Board of Governors of the Tower Club, the Foundation for Fairfax County Public Schools and the George Mason University Honors College. He also has served on the board of the International Economic Development Council, of which is he is a Fellow Member and Honorary Life Member.

The FCEDA Commission will lead a search for Gordon's successor.



SCREENSHOT IMAGE REGENCY CENTERS WEBSITE

**Giant Grocery Store Coming to Herndon; takes over former Shoppers Food Warehouse location.**

## New Wave of Development In and Around the Town of Herndon

Regency Centers, owners and operators of grocery-anchored retail centers depict on their website that a Giant grocery store is moving into the former Shoppers Food Warehouse space in the Village Cen-

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## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 29

**Hunter Mill Road Historical Tour.** 8:30-11:30 a.m. bus pick up at RA Headquarters, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Join a narrated bus tour conducted by local historian/ tour guide Jim Lewis. Although focused on the Civil War era, the tour covers some 275 years. Participants will be getting off and on the bus to check out tour treasures up close. 55+. \$35/RA members, \$42/non-members. Program 307221027. Visit [www.reston.org](http://www.reston.org).

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## THURSDAY/AUG. 30

**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).

**Author Ariel Kaplan.** 7 p.m. at Scrawl Books, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. "We Regret To Inform You" is a witty, heartfelt Young Adult novel that puts the college admissions process into perspective. Visit [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com) or call 703-966-2111.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 31

**JamBrew.** 6 p.m. at Jimmy's Old Town Tavern, 697 Spring St., Herndon. Local music and local brews, featuring Sub-Radio and Crys Matthews with brews from Ono Brewing Company. Visit [jambrew.com](http://jambrew.com).

**Summerbration Concerts.** 7-9 p.m. at Reston Station, in the open-air plaza atop Wiehle-Reston East Metro. Reston Community Center's Summerbration featuring Chris Vadala with the Rick Whitehead Trio. Parking is free in the ParkX parking garage from 6:30-9:30 p.m. during the concerts. Call 703-390-6166 or visit [restoncommunitycenter.com](http://restoncommunitycenter.com).

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 1

**National Book Festival in Washington, D.C.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. bus pick up at RA Headquarters, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Charter bus trip to the Washington Convention Center for the National Book Festival. This annual event is a celebration of the joy of books and reading that is sponsored by the Library of Congress and gives attendees the opportunity to visit with more than 175 award-winning authors, illustrators and poets who will talk about and sign their books. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Program, 307011612. \$30/RA members; \$38/non-members. Visit [www.reston.org](http://www.reston.org).

**Entry Deadline: 10th Annual Expressions Portrait Competition and Exhibit.** 5 p.m. Preference will be given to works adhering to the traditional definition of portraiture: "a painting, sculpture, or other artistic representation of a person, in which the face and its expression is predominant." Up to 25 finalists will be selected to exhibit their work at ArtSpace Herndon. \$35 (non-refundable) for up to two



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Patrons swing to the sounds of King Teddy during Summerbration in 2017.

## Summerbration

Reston Community Center's Summerbration concerts features live entertainment under the stars at Reston's newest outdoor stage. Select concerts also feature professional dance instruction. Fridays through Aug. 31, 7-9 p.m. at Reston Station, in the open-air plaza atop Wiehle-Reston East Metro. Free. Parking is free in the ParkX parking garage from 6:30-9:30 p.m. during the concerts. Visit [www.restoncommunitycenter.com](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com) or call 703-390-6166.

entries. Visit [ArtSpaceHerndon.org](http://ArtSpaceHerndon.org) and select the Calls for Art page for eligibility details and registration information.

## MONDAY/SEPT. 3

**Labor Day Festival.** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Downtown Herndon and Herndon Municipal Center Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Herndon. An annual one-day outdoor street festival featuring live music all day, Virginia wineries, craft beers, a craft show, sponsorship gallery, and a variety of food vendors. Partial proceeds go to scholarship programs. Admission with wine tasting or craft brew tastings (4 craft brew tickets) - \$25; entrance only, designated drivers - \$5; children 12 and under free; no pets allowed; tastings end at 4 p.m. Call 703-787-7300 or visit [herndon-va.gov/recreation](http://herndon-va.gov/recreation).

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 5

**55+ Bike Ride to Capitol Hill.** 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at Wiehle-Reston East Metro Station. Join the 55+ bike riders for a multi-modal ride to Capitol Hill and the surrounding area. Meet at Reston's Wiehle Metro station and take the Metro into the city. Bring a bike in good repair, a Metro pass or money to buy one, some money for lunch in DC and a lock. Helmets are mandatory. The biking distance will be about 15 miles. \$8/RA members, \$10/non-members. Program 307220701. Visit [www.reston.org](http://www.reston.org).

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## THURSDAY/SEPT. 6

**Trip to Paradise Springs and The Winery at Bull Run.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Bus pick up at RA Headquarters, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston.

Paradise Springs Winery is a relaxing winery with a large tasting room with seating indoors and on the outdoor patio. The Winery at Bull Run has an authentic style 19<sup>th</sup> century setting. Wine tastings not included. Pack a picnic lunch to enjoy. 55+. \$25/RA members, \$32/non-members. Program 307221604. Visit [www.reston.org](http://www.reston.org).

**Life on the Farm.** 4-5 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Play an active role in helping care for Frying Pan Farm Park in the monthly "Junior Farmer Fun" program. Family members age 5 to adult explore topics such as caring for farm animals, tinkering with farm machinery, and learning the importance of Frying Pan's crops and gardens. There's a new topic each session as participants go behind-the-scenes to help farmers with their work. \$8 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-437-9101 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park).

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 7

**Dog Paddle.** 4-7 p.m. at Dogwood Pool, 2460 Green Range Road, Reston. Bring dogs for a final dip this season. Current Dog License required. Dogs must remain under control and sociable at all times or will be asked to leave without refund. Female dogs in heat are not permitted. Fees are per dog. Register online at [www.restonwebtrac.org](http://www.restonwebtrac.org) (\$8) or walk up (\$10) on the day.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 8

**Back-to-School Bilingual Storytime.** 11 a.m. at Scrawl Books, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. Join author and Spanish teacher Tracey Kyle for a bilingual story time featuring her books, "Gazpacho for Nacho," "Food Fight Fiesta" and "A Paintbrush for Paco" with a chance to toss "tomatoes," and hear stories. Visit [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com) or call 703-966-2111.

**Fundamentals of Drawing.** 1:30-

3:30 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Basic Fundamentals of drawing will be taught and demonstrated, to include the principal application of contour line, gesture and shade while performing exercises in drawing from live nude models. \$150 for the eight-week session. Call 703-956-6590 or visit [artspaceherndon.com](http://artspaceherndon.com).

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 12

**Hike and Lunch Outing.** 9:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. bus pick up at RA Headquarters, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Join for a guided hike in Great Falls. Travel by bus to the starting point near Colvin Mill and follow Difficult Run to Great Falls. This moderately strenuous hike will move at about 3 mph over natural trails and take between 90 and 120 minutes. Enjoy the hike and then lunch at Great Falls with others who share this interest. Lunch will be provided. 55+. \$25/RA members, \$32/non-members. Program 307220703. Visit [www.reston.org](http://www.reston.org).

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## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/SEPT. 14-15

**ChalkFest.** Friday, noon-11 p.m. (professional artists/sponsors); Saturday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (open to all) at Reston Town Center, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. ChalkFest At Reston Town Center is presented by Public Art Reston and Reston Town Center. All are invited to create chalk drawings on Market Street. The event is open to professional artists, amateur artists, businesses, families, and kids of all ages. There will be prizes for professional artists, amateur artists, families and kids, in addition to the "Audience Choice Awards." Registration fee for Saturday

participation includes supplies. Call 703-880-1177 or visit [publicartreston.org](http://publicartreston.org).

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 15

**Community Yard Sale.** 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at 1900 Campus Commons Drive, Reston. Eighty-five families will be selling a variety of items so this event is a great opportunity to find things for a new home or a college dorm. Sign-up to have a booth or stop by to browse for great bargains. Booth space is two parking spaces. Tables are not provided. Space is limited. Vendors must pre-register with payment to secure a space. All sales are final. No refunds unless canceled due to rain. \$39/RA members, booth space; \$49/Non-members, booth space. Activity #307201304. Go to [www.restonwebtrac.org](http://www.restonwebtrac.org) to register.

**Digital Photography Essentials Workshop.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. This introductory class is for people with a digital SLR (DSLR) or mirror-less camera who are interested in learning how to successfully use their camera beyond automatic/program modes. The features and concepts discussed are relevant to all digital cameras including many point-and-shoot cameras, contact the instructor to confirm camera is appropriate. \$125; \$99 before Sept. 1. Call 703-956-6590 or visit [artspaceherndon.com](http://artspaceherndon.com).

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 16

**Apple Picking at Stribling Orchard.** Noon-4:30 p.m. bus pick up at RA Headquarters, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Spend the afternoon picking apples in Markham, Va. Plan a family day: pack a picnic, pick pumpkins and shop at the Harvest House. RA members: \$10 /non-members: \$12 (adult 13+); RA members: \$8 /non-members: \$10 (child 3-12); free (ages 0-2). Program 307011617. Visit [www.reston.org](http://www.reston.org).

**Intermediate Digital Photography One-Day Workshop.** 1:30-5:30 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. This "beyond the basics" class is for alumni of the Digital Photography Essentials class or those who currently use Aperture and Shutter Priority shooting modes and want to learn how to successfully shoot in full manual shooting mode for complete control of image exposure. The features and concepts discussed are relevant to all digital SLR (DSLR) and mirror-less cameras, contact the instructor to confirm camera is appropriate. Class size limited to 8. \$125; \$99 before Sept. 1. Call 703-956-6590 or visit [artspaceherndon.com](http://artspaceherndon.com).

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 19

**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).

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 20

**Community Food Packing.** 10-11:30 a.m. at Dominion Energy, 3072 Centreville Road, Herndon. Assistance League of Northern Virginia invites community members to help pack food for its Weekend Food for Kids program which provides nonperishable food over the weekend to children who receive free or reduced-price meals during the school year. Arrive at 9:30 to help with setup. Email [LynnB517@verizon.net](mailto:LynnB517@verizon.net). Visit [northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org](http://northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org).

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## FAITH

# Wishful Thinking

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**Rabbi Leibel  
Fajnlend.**

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It's that time of the year again. The High Holy Days are upon us and we might as well face the passing of another year. This time of year you might be wondering to yourself: What do I have to show for this year? Is it a "write-off," or did I achieve my stated goals? What will I wish for in the coming year? Is it a repeat of last year's wishes?

It must be exasperating to discover that, in fact, this year's wish list is really no different to last year's, or the year before- or the year before that! Each year the various media outlets poll hopes and dreams in advance of the New Year and invariably it goes something like this: 1. World peace; 2. Security; 3. Success (both financial and with relationships - we call it "Nachas"). Every year! Shouldn't it change? Surely, if last year's wishes were fulfilled we should have new ones for the New Year, and if they weren't fulfilled, why ask again?

So I wonder if maybe we're aiming too high.

I wonder if the lesson of the past year is to get more realistic and start aiming for something more within reach, something that might actually happen in the next year. A little less idealism and a little more realism.

Literally translated, Rosh Hashanah (The Jewish "New Years Day") means "head" of the year.

In the Jewish New Year, the analogy is clear: just as the head is the origin of all vitality in the entire body — the brain instructs the movements of the body — so too

it is with Rosh Hashanah. In it, and through it, is decreed the energy, vitality and blessing of the next twelve months. These are indeed solemn days, moments in time that will affect you long after they are gone; our conduct has far reaching consequences.

And so rather than hoping for the "big" changes, whether personal or global, we should be asking ourselves, "what will I do" to see these lofty wishes realized? Rather than lowering our wishes, elevate our conduct. The meditation of the past year is phrased thus: has my life and behaviour of the last 12 months been consistent with the wishes and hopes that I express over this solemn period? Have I been in touch with my in-

ner, ideal, self and lived another day to reach those goals, or have I been disconnected from myself, living a surreal existence chasing the immediate opportunity and instant gratification?

While it may seem far fetched that our Rosh Hashanah resolutions will impact history, our Sages OBM teach us, in one of the most moving High Holiday prayers, that "Repentance, Prayer, and Charity avert the evil decree." Indeed, when considering which actions we should take on to enable us to realize our wishes, our focus should be in these three areas of life: the earnest regret of Repentance, expressing the desire to be truer to oneself; coming closer to G-d and ourselves through Prayer, and an increased awareness of one's responsibility towards others - the ideal of charity or Tzedaka.

By all means, make a wish. Then make it come true.

Shana Tova!

## High Holiday Services Schedule

In anticipation of the upcoming Jewish New Year, Chabad of Reston-Herndon has announced its High Holiday Services schedule.

For information on Chabad's open to the community services for Rosh Hashanah (Sept. 10-11) and Yom Kippur (Sept. 18-19), as well as to reserve a seat, visit [www.chabadrh.org](http://www.chabadrh.org)

Membership is not required to join. All are welcome, regardless of background or affiliation. We do ask for you to make a reservation however so that seating can be assured.

The services will be user-friendly, with a Hebrew-English Prayer Book (Machzor) making it enjoyable and meaningful for both the seasoned and the unversed. The services will be traditional, yet thoroughly contemporary, interspersed with traditional and modern Jewish tunes, English readings and a running commentary led by Rabbi Fajnlend.

In addition, a special children's program will accompany the adult services.

For more information on the above event, call Rabbi Leibel Fajnlend at 703-476-1829, visit [www.chabadrh.org](http://www.chabadrh.org), or write to Rabbi@chabadrh.org.

## Reston Multicultural Festival Returns to Lake Anne Plaza

The Reston Multicultural Festival, a celebration of the diversity and community spirit that is found in Reston, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 22, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Lake Anne Plaza. This annual event brings together the people of Reston to celebrate their rich medley of cultures. Family, friends and neighbors are treated to music, entertainment, dress, food, and cultural treasures from all over the world that are all right here. Everyone is encouraged to dress in attire from their own cultural roots and share the stories that we gather on the pathways of our lives.

The Multicultural Festival features a Naturaliza-

tion Ceremony, National Heritage Award Fellows, arts & crafts, entertainment, Art Mirrors Culture 3D exhibit, delicious food, and family activities from around the world.

Reston Community Center presents the Reston Multicultural Festival; it is hosted by Lake Anne Plaza and co-sponsored by Reston Association, with partners from a variety of Reston-based organizations and businesses.

Free, rain or shine, for all ages.

For more information, contact Kevin Danaher, RCC Community Events Director, at 703-390-6166 or [kevin.danaher@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:kevin.danaher@fairfaxcounty.gov)

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**Obituary**



**Dr. Frederick Willis Hubach, 85**, of Lititz, Pennsylvania passed away peacefully on August 21, 2018 at Landis Homes. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, son of the late Rev. Frederick George Hubach and Carolyn Gardner Hubach. Fred graduated from Western Maryland College in 1954, and from George Washington Medical School in 1958. After serving in the United States Army at Fort Bliss, Texas, Fred returned to the East Coast in 1963 settling in Herndon, Virginia. There, he and his wife, Wilma Robertson Hubach, raised their family and developed lifelong friendships while Dr. Hubach pursued his career in Family Medicine.

Fred served as a faithful member and deacon at Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Vienna, Virginia for more than forty years. He was a member of the Herndon Lions Club, team physician for McLean High School football team, and an active member of the McLean Photography Club. An early partner of Old Dominion Medical Center in McLean, Virginia, Dr. Hubach was also an original staff physician at Fairfax Hospital. Fred was a well-respected and skilled doctor, faithfully and proudly serving thousands of patients throughout his fifty-four years of practicing medicine. Dr. Hubach helped shape the current Family Medicine specialty as one of the first board certified physicians in the field. He retired from medicine in 2012 at the age of eighty.

Blessed with a quiet and gentle demeanor, Fred was always ready to serve. Possessing a wry sense of humor, he was often discovered to be kidding when his unforgettable smirk gave him away. In his free time Fred loved gardening and photography. He won several awards for his still life photographs. Fred's love for North Pond in Smithfield, Maine was evident to everyone who knew him. It was his place to relax and enjoy fishing, reading a favorite Louis L'Amour novel, picking blueberries, and eating lobster. In Maine, Fred could often be found catching an afternoon nap on the dock amid the sound of loon calls and the water lapping on the shore.

Fred is survived by his loving wife of sixty years, Wilma; three sons: Frederick (Stephanie) of Stevens, Pennsylvania; Kurt (Anne) of Bedford, Virginia; and Karl (Sharon) of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; 9 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his sister Marilyn Larson.

A brief prayer service will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday August 28, 2018 at the Landis Homes in the East Bethany Chapel in Lititz, Pennsylvania.

A Memorial Service will take place at Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 2381 Cedar Lane, Vienna, Virginia 22180 at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 25, 2018.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in memory of Dr. Fredrick Willis Hubach can be made to Pine Tree Camp, 149 Front Street, Bath, Maine 04530.

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## Alzheimer's Conference to Be Held in Fairfax

**T**he Alzheimer's Foundation of America's (AFA) national Educating America Tour will visit Fairfax on Thursday, Sept. 27, for a free Alzheimer's and caregiver educational conference. The conference is open to family and professional caregivers, individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and the general public, and will be held at the Waterford at Fair Oaks, located at 12025 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, in Fairfax, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The conference is designed to connect people with information about Alzheimer's disease, brain health, healthy aging and caregiving, as well as to give them a place to have their questions answered. Guests will hear from dementia and caregiving experts who will share their research, services and stories and teach attendees about dementia, practical steps on how to be a better caregiver, and improving quality of life for those with Alzheimer's disease.

"Knowledge is a powerful tool. We want to equip as many people as possible with important information that will help them," said Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr., AFA's president and chief executive officer. "With more than 140,000 people in Virginia living with the disease, and many more serving as caregivers, we aim to help individuals understand Alzheimer's disease and improve their quality of life through education and empowerment."

**THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER** will be Dr. Peter Davies, director of the Litwin-Zucker Center for Alzheimer's Disease & Memory Disorders at the Feinstein Institute for Medical Research. Davies is also a professor of pathology and neuroscience at the Donald and

Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Norwell. For more than 35 years, Davies' research has been focused on the biochemistry of Alzheimer's disease, with a specific interest in the development of new treatments and diagnostic tests for Alzheimer's disease. He will provide an update on Alzheimer's disease research, its symptoms, and the steps researchers are taking to find a better treatment and cure.

The next session will be a panel discussion on long-term care strategies and options. Learn the different types of care plans available, and their benefits. Find out how to ensure a better quality of life for loved ones by providing dependable and affordable care.

There will also be a discussion in the five pillars of brain health, led by Sarah Lenz Lock, senior vice president of Policy, Research and International for AARP. She is also the executive director of the Global Council on Brain Health. Lock will educate people about how to improve and maintain brain health as they get older while reducing risks.

**THE CONFERENCE** will conclude with a session on tips to improve a difficult caregiving day. Led by Lindsey Vajpeyi, BA, ADC/MC, director of education and outreach for the Insight Memory Care Center, the session will offer strategies to help caregivers reduce their stress and improve their health, while providing the best possible care for their loved ones.

Free, confidential memory screenings will be conducted throughout the day.

For more information or to register, visit: <https://alzfdn.org/event/afa-educating-america-tour-fair-oaks/>.

## Using the Libraries for Successful School Year

**F**airfax County Public Libraries provided a few suggestions for using the libraries to help students succeed this school year.

- ❖ Get support and guidance from library staff. Library staff are trained to help students find legitimate information sources online including historical newspapers, speeches, reference databases, trusted websites and more.

- ❖ Use the library branches to read and study. There are reading nooks, tables and chairs, quiet study rooms and small group study rooms.

- ❖ Take advantage of free online tutoring sessions with a Virginia certified teacher.

- ❖ Free homework help research.fairfaxcounty.gov/c.php?g=758032&p=5455538 is available 24/7 through the library. Among the online resources, there's live homework help with a teacher through Credo Reference, a service for students in grades 3-12.

Students can also [sign up for GIVE tutoring in multiple branches](#) throughout the academic year.

The library also has a variety of Online Resources separately tailored for [Grades K-8](#), and for [Grades 9-12](#).

Writing a paper? Check out "Crediting Online Resources" to find the correct way to properly cite your sources.

And then there's "Homework Related Websites" categorized by subject.

Whether you're studying classics, history or current events, the library has over 2.2 million items in its collection including digital material and print material. Use library resources to prep for fall SATS AND ACTS. Several different online sources offer test preparation for SAT, AP, ACT and SOL exams. Visit [Learning Express](#) to get started.

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## Girls on the Run Gains Two New Board Members

Girls on the Run of NOVA has two new members on its board of directors: Chris Holland and Christine Klein.

"Chris and Christine have greatly supported our organization in a number of ways prior to their appointments to our board. They bring experience, expertise and new energy to the table. We are excited to continue to work with them in this new role as we work to inspire every girl across the Northern Virginia region to be strong and confident," said Katey Comerford, GOTR NOVA's executive director.

Klein is currently senior vice president, meetings and business partnerships at the National Defense Industrial Association. She is a past coach for Girls on the Run and currently serves at the chair of Strong Girls Celebration for GOTR NOVA. "The opportunity to be involved and contribute to an organization that

promotes a healthy lifestyle and an environment for girls to be strong and confident is extremely gratifying and a pleasure," said Klein.

Holland comes to GOTR NOVA's board as a service area manager for Wegmans Food Markets at the Chantilly store. He also leads the company's community outreach in the Northern Virginia area. Holland has been an active supporter of GOTR NOVA programming in recent years as someone who believes in giving back to one's greater community. Holland said, "I personally and professionally work hard to help families live healthier, better lives. I am excited about the opportunity to further these efforts through my new role with GOTR NOVA."

For more information about the Fall 2018 registration and team sites for Girls on the Run of NOVA, visit [www.gotrnova.org](http://www.gotrnova.org).



## BULLETIN BOARD

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

### THROUGH DECEMBER

**White House Ornaments.** Assistance League of Northern Virginia has begun its annual fundraising sale of White House Ornaments. The 2018 ornament honors Harry S. Truman, highlighting changes made to the White House during his administration. One side features the Truman Balcony and the reverse features the Blue Room. Assistance League is an all volunteer, non-profit organization. Proceeds benefit our community-based programs that support local low income children. \$22 (+ shipping if mail delivery required). Email [burgessgl@verizon.net](mailto:burgessgl@verizon.net) or visit [www.alnv.org](http://www.alnv.org).

### VOTER REGISTRATION AND ID EVENTS

**The Fairfax County Office of Elections** (12000 Government Center Parkway Suite 323, Fairfax) is open daily during normal business hours to provide county residents the opportunity to register to vote or obtain a free voter photo ID if needed. Applicants will need to complete a photo voter ID application, have a photo taken and sign a digital signature pad. Call 703-222-0776.

The following special events will also provide opportunity to register to vote and/or get a photo Virginia Voter card.

❖ Wednesday/Sept. 26, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St #1, Herndon.

### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

**AARP Foundation Tax-Aide** is looking to expand its team of volunteers for the upcoming tax season. Tax-Aide, now in its 51st year, offers free in-person preparation and assistance to anyone, especially those 50 and older, who can't afford a tax preparation service. Volunteers make a difference in their communities by assisting many older, lower-income taxpayers, and their families, who might otherwise miss out on the tax credits and deductions they've earned. To learn about volunteer opportunities, visit [aarpfoundation.org/taxaide](http://aarpfoundation.org/taxaide) or call 1-888-OUR-AARP (1-888-687-2277).

### MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

**The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board's Merrifield Center** offers a new stand-up information kiosk. Part of a pilot project, the new feature aims to improve the customer service experience and decrease wait times for individuals who are seeking mental (behavioral) health services. To check in, individuals respond to five simple questions, then the CSB's Patient Track software alerts staff. Based on clinicians' schedules and availability, as well as the needs of the client, individuals are triaged and seen by the next available staff member. For more information on available services, call the CSB at 703-383-8500 (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.). In an emergency 24/7, call CSB Emergency Services at 703-573-5679 or the Fairfax Detox Center at 703-502-7000 (TTY 703-322-9080).

### WEDNESDAY/AUG. 29

**Northern Virginia Regional Elected Leaders Summit.** 8-10 a.m. at Northern Virginia Community College's Loudoun Campus in Waddell Theater, 21200 Campus Drive, Sterling. The event will feature elected officials from across the area, including Arlington County Board Chair Katie Cristol, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Chair Phyllis Randall, Prince William County At-Large Chairman Corey Stewart, and Alexandria Mayor Allison Silberberg. \$50 for members of the co-hosting chamber groups; \$70 for non-members. Register at [bit.ly/2w0Fflr](http://bit.ly/2w0Fflr).

### FRIDAY/AUG. 31

**Survey Deadline.** In an effort to better target opioid and other drug prevention efforts, the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) is seeking opinions of young adults between the ages of 18-25. The survey is anonymous and voluntary, and asks questions about use of alcohol, prescription drugs, and heroin. Learn more about CSB's Wellness & Prevention efforts in Fairfax County at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/prevention](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/prevention). Visit [www.surveymonkey.com/r/3Y37BBJ](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3Y37BBJ) to take the survey.

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## Present and Future Danger



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Having recently been infused three weeks after my last treatment, no guarantee given certain lab results, I am now on track to have one more infusion before my Sept. 26 CT scan. The plan is, per my "Progressing But So Am I" column (8/15/18), to triple the amount of medicine I will have received before my next scan. This will compare quite favorably to the one infusion I received prior to my July 25 scan.

Moreover, as I've considered the previous quarter's infusion schedule trying to understand possible reasons for the 10-percent-ish tumor growth which occurred, I've come up with a hopefully plausible explanation. Other than that's what cancer so often does, that is.

As my previous years of scans continued to show "stable," my oncologist and I kept increasing the interval between infusions trying to strike a balance between treating the cause and me living with the effect. Over these years, we've gradually extended those infusion intervals from every three weeks, to every four, to five, to six and most recently to seven-week intervals, all the while maintaining my quarterly CT schedule.

Apparently, we've now struck out, so to speak and for the moment at least, we're in sort of a limbo. (Hopefully the bar isn't set so incredibly low that we can't slide under it.)

As for minimizing the growth, could the solution be as simple as more medicine?

As to what my oncologist thinks of this assessment, I've not mentioned to him as I've only recently theorized it (maybe he knew already and that's what contributed to his suggestion that we follow this course of treatment/action).

We did discuss changing medicines, but he was afraid of the side effects it might cause. We also discussed if he'd had other patients who had experienced tumor growth after a period of stability — like me, who after increasing the frequency of the previously stabilizing drug showed stable once again. He said he had — so, rather than presume all is lost, we've agreed to go forward into the great semi unknown. An "unknown" that will likely end in late September when my next scan's results will be reported.

Now that you know the foundation for this column, let me address the substance behind it. There is a scenario which worries me. It's premature I grant you, but it's difficult to play dumb all the time, especially when it involves cancer/your life.

Still, if I've learned anything from my oncologist, it is that discussing scenarios before the evidence is confirmed is a bit of a fool's errand, so waiting until the actual results are in is better. More accurate anyway.

Despite what I've been told, this patient might not be able to be so patient. Ergo: What if my late September scan shows growth — again? What if, even after tripling the amount of medicine I infuse, the tumors grow, maybe even grow more significantly than ever before?

I'd have to say that development would be a problem and a bit more disappointing than July's scan results. If that result in fact occurs, would that square me at a crossroads? I would think. Would that result obliterate the false sense of security I may have had? Hardly. Cancer patients don't have a sense of security, false or otherwise. We have a sense of inevitability.

Somehow, over the next month, I must find a path forward through this cycle of potentially impending gloom. Right now, nothing has happened. Right now, nothing has been determined. I don't feel any different than before and I don't believe I have any of the symptoms my oncologist has advised me about. I still have an appetite and I'm certainly not losing any weight.

I expect to have one more infusion before this next scan, and to feel the usual post-chemotherapy side effects that I do and then recover and feel as I do today: pretty well. One month, exactly, from the date I'm writing this column, to the date of my next scan and hopefully just a few days later for the results.

What worries me most is, sometimes the human body has a mind of its own, and despite the best of intentions and treatment, it is, to quote my late mother, "Enough already."

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



# Schools Provide Ombudsman for Parents, Students

FCPS Office of the Family and Student Ombudsman up and running.

BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Family and Student Ombudsman is a new position in the Fairfax County Public School (FCPS) system. Last May, announcing the establishment of the office and the selection of then-principal of Pine Spring Elementary School Armando Peri Jr. as the first ombudsman, FCPS Superintendent Scott Brabrand said, "We are committed to providing an unbiased point of contact for all student issues. We believe the creation of this new position will provide families another resource to assist in positive outcomes and resolutions of concerns."

"Armando will bring a wealth of invaluable experience as both principal and counselor to this role," Brabrand said.

In addition to a bachelor of arts from Saint Charles Seminary, a Psy.S. in school psychology, and a master of arts in developmental psychology, Peri also brings more than 23 years of experience as an FCPS employee.

Peri has worked as a school psychologist at all levels with the FCPS, and as an educational specialist in the former Office of Minority Student Achievement before his appointment as assistant principal at Parklawn Elementary School, then Irving Middle School, and most recently as principal at Pine Spring before accepting the ombudsman position.

"Actually, I applied for the role," Peri said. "I truly see how valuable this office can be. As an FCPS parent for 16 years, if I am still learning and have to do some research for resources on occasion, I'm sure there are parents out there who could use our help in navigating the system from time to time."

So what will the ombudsman bring to FCPS parents, students, teachers and faculty and staff?

"It's important that people understand just what an ombudsman is, and what an ombudsman can and cannot do. In our first encounter with anyone who contacts us, we will first listen carefully and respectfully to their issues, and then make clear what the strengths and the limitations of our office are. In any case, we will always seek to provide information, resources and options," he said.

The International Ombudsman Association lists four key elements in its Standards of Practice: independence, neutrality and impartiality, confidentiality, and informality.

As applied to the new FCPS office, Peri says those four principles mean that his office is a safe place to bring concerns, complaints or issues that will remain as confidential as the parent or student wish them to be.

Unless failure to disclose information could pose an imminent risk or danger to students or others, "we will only share information with the permission of those who ask for our assistance," Peri said. "And no topic is off the table."

The ombudsman does want to make clear that his office does not have the power to make appeal decisions, change policies or take specific actions on behalf of families or students. "We can't do those things



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**"We're open for business," said Armando Peri, ombudsman for the newly created Fairfax County Public Schools' Office of the Family and Student. School opens this week, but Peri and Carla Dallas, the department's administrative assistant, have already been handling calls.**

**"Our number one priority is really to give parents the knowledge to be confidently active in their kids' education."**

**— Armando Peri, FCPS Ombudsman**

or directly advise, but we can help both navigate the system and connect them with the right people. Our goal is to educate and help people find options and make decisions being well-informed."

The office will analyse trends to assist the FCPS in developing future strategies and improve systems and communications, But Peri is adamant that nothing about the Ombudsman's Office is to be a "blame game," but to work in tandem with all involved to secure the best, most positive outcomes.

Of course, Peri added, "If we recognize problems through our work, we will help address them, but our number one priority is really to give parents the knowledge to be confidently active in their kids' education."

**PERI'S OFFICE** is prepared to help with whatever parents or students need. "It doesn't have to be a major issue. Sometimes parents just need help with a form, or information about resources for their children. We are here to help with things like that, as well."

Peri will be assisted by administrative assistant Carla Dallas, who also brings years of FCPS experience to the new venture, including a tenure in the Superintendent's Office.

To get better acquainted with the ombudsman and learn more about the Office of the Family and Student, check out Peri's "Meet the Ombudsman" YouTube video and visit the website at [www.fcps.edu/ombudsman](http://www.fcps.edu/ombudsman). Recah Peri Dallas at 571-423-4014.



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**Latoya Wilson of Herndon, her husband Michael and their dog, Milo return to Dog Days of Summer at the Reston Town Center Pavilion for another late afternoon and early evening of socialization and exercise for both them and Milo.**

## Pavilion Transforms into an Urban Off-Leash Dog Park

**Dog Days of Summer provides exercise and socialization for Fidos and their owners.**

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

**A**s school starts this week in the local area, summertime exercise and socialization may be done for children and their parents, but it continues for dogs of all sizes and breeds and their owners every Wednesday now through Sept. 26, 4 - 7 p.m. at Reston Town Center. Healthy Hound Playground transforms the RTC open-air Pavilion into a safe fenced-in dog park.

Latoya Wilson of Herndon, her husband Michael and their dog, Milo visited Dog Days of Summer on Wednesday, Aug. 15. "My friend saw a picture about the event, we came last week and had a good time so I figured we'd come back."

The temporary dog park not

only provides a large place for Fidos to burn off a little extra energy and have some dog companionship and stimulation but there are toys, an artificial grass play area, icy-filled wading pools, pet-friendly treats and tables offering information to dog owners by local businesses.

Owners are encouraged to throw the Frisbees and tennis balls, run and play with their dogs, as well as meet and greet other dog owners.

Dog Days of Summer is a free event, open to canines of all ages and their owners or handlers. The event is held at the Reston Town Center Pavilion, 11900 Market Street, Reston and continues every Wednesday now through Sept. 26, 4 - 7 p.m. For more information, visit [restoncenter.com](http://restoncenter.com).



**Dogs of all sizes and breeds and their owners can continue to enjoy Dog Days of Summer every Wednesday now through Sept. 26, 4 - 7 p.m. at**

**Reston Town Center when the Pavilion located at 11900 Market Street becomes a free fenced-in outdoor dog park for the community to enjoy.**