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# Climate Forum Highlights Sharp Differences

Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions hosts public forum featuring Kaine and Stewart.

BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE CONNECTION

Billed as a public forum to focus on the effects of climate change on Virginia and what actions Virginians can take to combat the situation, the Virginia Climate Crisis Forum played out more like a debate between the two candidates seeking to represent the Commonwealth in the United States Senate in the Nov. 6 elections. The contrast was clear, even though Democratic incumbent Tim Kaine and his Republican challenger, Corey Stewart, the chairman of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors, were never on stage at the same time.

The packed house in the auditorium on Sept. 18 at James Madison High School in Vienna, didn't seem to mind. Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions organized the event.

"We need to know where these two stand and what they plan to do about climate and environmental issues," was the opinion of two retirees who braved the traffic from Springfield to attend the event.

There was a three-person panel of experts bringing the perspectives of health, national security and local government to the discussion.

Samantha Ahdoot, MD, is a pediatrician and co-founder of Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action. Ahdoot shared statistics and personal experience about the effects of pollution, hotter summers, and worsening allergy seasons on her young patients, and on the elderly and more vulnerable.

"A bold vision for de-carbonization will ensure a healthy future for Virginia's children with clean air and a stable climate," said Ahdoot.

Major General Rick Devereaux, USAF (Ret.) opened a few eyes on how climate change effects national security and the preparedness of the American military to cope with those threats.

"Climate change threatens our national security in a number of ways," said Devereaux, noting that extreme changes in climate lead to economic and cultural instabilities. "More risk of conflict, more refugees fleeing environments growing more and more inhospitable." Devereaux sees that one effect as rocking an already shaky world stage, and "placing humanitarian demands on our overtaxed military forces."

Devereaux applauded the military's move toward biofuels and away from gasoline, saying that one of the most dangerous missions for military personnel is the movement of highly flammable fuels in combat zones.

Rising sea levels are direct, physical threats to military installations, Devereaux said. "There's some 1,700 [military installations] on coast lines, and many have already been subject to flooding" even without the influence of major storms like Hurricane Florence.



The Virginia Climate Crisis Forum drew a packed house in the auditorium of James Madison High School in Vienna.

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After finishing his section of the event, U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine stepped backstage and took a few questions, including one from Oakton High School Junior Wendy Gao, who attended the forum as a reporter for her school newspaper.

The third panel member, Fairfax County Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon) addressed the issues from a local government level. The area that Storck represents "contains many waterways and various industrial sites that combine to create unique risks and challenges," and has also been subject to flooding and other environmental damage.

Storck emphasized the need to "take immediate action" to protect "People, Places, and Property."

**THE PANELISTS** posed questions to the two senatorial candidates from their individual perspectives and areas of knowledge and concern, led by moderator Rev. Dr. Jean Wright, a co-founder of Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions.

Kaine wasted no time differentiating himself from his opponent and from the Trump Administration.

"Before we talk about solutions," said Kaine, "we have to all accept that man-made climate change is real," not the "hoax" that Kaine reminded the audience was the President's often-stated opinion on the issue. "Both [Trump and Stewart] have used that word."

Kaine supports the science of climate change and says that overall, so does Congress. He relates that he sees the effects of climate change every day.

"This is not a tomorrow issue in Virginia. It's an issue for today."

Stewart began his remarks by saying to the climate-conscious audience that "perhaps we won't agree on much, but all I am

asking for is an open mind, and I will have an open mind, as well."

Stewart readily admits that the climate has changed significantly in recent years, but he does not see that as being primarily "caused by man," and that he does not believe "man can change that." His assertion brought shouts and boos from the crowd, and had moderator Wright calling for civility and respect.

The contrasts between the two men continued as they answered the questions of the moderator and the panelists.

On the subject of constructing additional pipelines in Virginia, Kaine thought that the process to permit such construction was flawed and needed to be addressed at the Federal level.

"I'm not saying I would never be in favor of a new pipeline," Kaine said, but that the question first needed to be asked if a pipeline was truly needed, and then to proceed with an investigatory process to assess impact and to allow for "real citizen input," rather than token outreach.

Reliance on green energy solutions would "increase the costs of power, cost jobs" and make the country less secure, while having little impact on the negatives associated with climate change, Stewart said.

Stewart's answers throughout the forum strongly defended the coal industry. Expressing his agreement with the President's decision to pull out of the Paris Climate Accord, Stewart said that shutting down the coal industry or imposing "burdensome" environmental regulations on businesses would just move the problem to countries like China and India where there would be less-regulation and more harmful effects.

"Again," he said, "losing jobs at home and not solving anything."

Major General Devereaux responded that by leaving the Paris Accord "what we ceded is moral leadership. It diminishes our moral authority and national security." If there are problems with the pact – which Devereaux acknowledged there are several – then it was the role of leaders to stay at the table and work the problem, rather than be "absent."

**KAINE** said that he supports eliminating tax credits and subsidies for carbon energy producers and other industries.

"It's time for us to stop picking the winners and losers," he said, and invest that money more wisely. Kaine disagrees with Stewart that "green solutions" would cause devastating job losses, citing studies and examples where more, better-paying and more sustainable employment is associated with green energy industries, technology and research.

The Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions was founded in 2013 and has grown to represent more than 70 congregations in Northern Virginia. Visit [www.faithforclimate.org](http://www.faithforclimate.org) for more information.





Candidates for citizenship of the United States read the Oath of Allegiance with Kimberly Zanotti, Washington Field Office Director, USCIS at the Naturalization Ceremony held during the Reston Multicultural Festival on Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018.



The pastel, crayon and colored pencil artwork of Neev Naguboyina, 9, of Reston, named "Holiday in India" is inspired, he tells in the art card beside his work, by his life and cultural experiences of where he grew up, India.

# Reston Celebrates 18th Multicultural Festival

The Naturalization Ceremony makes the Multicultural Festival especially meaningful.

By MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

While the 2018 Reston Multicultural Festival of fered arts, crafts, exhibitions, games, food, and live entertainment from around the world, perhaps one of the most critical and life-changing events unfolded on the World Stage at Lake Anne.

Terri Booth, Supervisor Immigration Services, USCIS presented candidates for United States Citizenship and Kimberly Zanotti, Washington Field Office Director, USCIS administered the Oath of Allegiance.

The Naturalization Ceremony was an honor and privilege to attend, said Caren Anton, Hunters Woods/Dogwood District Director on the Reston Association Board, during remarks at the ceremony. "[It is] an event that makes our own celebration of diversity especially meaningful."

Anton explained that more people immigrate to the United States than any other place in the world and for many individuals, if given the opportunity, there is nothing more special than becoming a citizen of the United States of America. "Today we have the honor of witnessing the culmination of that process," said Anton.

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Ino Ho Hernandez is one of the newest United States citizens after taking part in the Naturalization Ceremony.



Third-generation Restonian Eden Zelman, 2, and Owen Ottmann enjoy a mask art project at the 2018 Reston Multicultural Festival.





During her remarks to the crowd, emcee of the 2018 Walk to End Alzheimer's Disease, Northern Virginia Erin Hawksworth, Morning Anchor/Reporter and Sports Anchor/Reporter WJLA-TV (ABC7), says, "This cause is personal for me."



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As the route opened, families and friends take the first steps to a world without Alzheimer's.

# Walk to End Alzheimer's Returns to Reston

Families and friends take the first step to a world without Alzheimer's.

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

"Let's get this energy going," called Emcee Erin Hawksworth of WJLA-TV (ABC7) to the crowd before the ceremonial start of the Alzheimer's Association National Capital Area Chapter Walk to End Alzheimer's - Northern Virginia.

On Sunday, Sept. 23, a reported 843 participants and 184 teams assembled under the Reston Town Center Pavilion for a walk like no other. They were there to help raise funds to further the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. Hawksworth told how in Virginia, 140,000 people are living with Alzheimer's. In the United States, more than 5 million people are living with the disease, and 16

million individuals serve as their unpaid caregivers. Hawksworth spoke from her heart as she told that everyone there under the Reston Town Center Pavilion had a reason for coming. "This cause is personal for me," Hawksworth said. She recalled how her grandmother had Alzheimer's and told her uncle is currently battling the disease. "I truly believe that together we can end Alzheimer's. And I can tell by looking out into this sea of purple that I'm not in this alone," said Hawksworth.

Ilissa Belanger, the 2018 Northern Virginia Event Chair came to microphone. "I have been touched by Alzheimer's. I am very passionate about this cause. Both my mother and mother-in-law had Alzheimer's," said Belanger. She thanked and congratulated top fundraisers. Meredith Hannan raised \$5,400. Sharing

the honors as the top fundraiser this year: Sherry Gryder and Anita Irvin who each raised \$26,781. Belanger pointed out the pair was the number 18 and 19 top fundraising individuals in the nation.

The top three fundraising teams as Friday morning were in Number 3, Sunrise at Reston with \$7,010; Tall Oaks Number 2 at \$7,219; and Arden Courts, Fair Oaks Number 1 at \$62,294. Belanger said Arden Court was the Number 12 team in the nation.

"Alzheimer's is not going to back down, neither should we," said Hawksworth as purple, yellow, and blue flowers waved in the hands of the participants. Hawksworth explained to the crowd that the orange flowers represented people those who support the cause and the Association's vision of a world without Alzheimer's disease. The purple flower represented people who have

lost someone to Alzheimer's. The yellow flower represented people who support or care for someone with Alzheimer's.

"The blue flower, Hawksworth said, "represents people like Tim Frank. Tim is here today with the Sterling Area Alzheimer's Support Group and represents individuals living with Alzheimer's."

Hawksworth paused. "I am confident," she said, "that one day we will add a flower to this garden. A white flower that represents the first survivor of Alzheimer's. ... Until that beautiful day happens, we must not back down. We must continue to lead the way. Because together we can end Alzheimer's." In a Monday afternoon phone interview, Irvin reported both she and Gryder had increased their combined donations to \$63,000, now number 11 in the nation. For more, see [www.alz.org/nca](http://www.alz.org/nca)



When Ilissa Belanger, the 2018 Northern Virginia Event Chair, thanked all the walkers and teams and applauded them for their hard work, Diann Bullock of Falls Church waved her yellow flowers. "My mom died this May. I've been doing this for five years," said Bullock.



Cindy Maguire, on-air staff WINC FM 92.5 born and raised in Northern Virginia tearfully raises the white flower which will, hopefully one day soon, represent the first survivor of Alzheimer's.



"Who's ready to lead the way to the end of Alzheimer's? 10...9...8...7...6...5...4...3...2...1... The route is now open. Let's Walk to End Alzheimer's," beckoned Emcee Erin Hawksworth at the 2018 Walk to End Alzheimer's Disease-Northern Virginia in Reston Town Center, Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018.



## OBITUARY

# Frank A. de la Fe Dies

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

Reston resident Frank A. de la Fe died Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018. His daughters, Catherine and Mary, son-in-law Dionicio and grandchildren Megan, Caitlin and Juan, survive him.



Frank A.  
de la Fe

FAMILY PHOTO

De la Fe, a native of Havana, Cuba, retired in late 2017 from the Fairfax County Planning Commission where he served as Vice Chairman since 2013. The Board of Supervisors first appointed him as the representative for the Hunter Mill District in 2001. One of the highlights of de la Fe's achievements was his work with the Commission on the approvals to bring rail to the Dulles Corridor.

According to the Fairfax County Planning Commission: "de la Fe worked for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in the 1960s. From 1969 to 1971, he helped create the Illinois State Bureau of the Budget. He then returned to Federal service to establish the Special Action Office for Drug Abuse Prevention. In 1974, he moved to the Justice Department's Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. He completed his federal career in 1994 when he retired from the Office of Personnel Management." In 2001, the Fairfax Federation named de la Fe its "Citizen of the Year" because of his commitment to Fairfax County through participation in a broad range of volunteer activities since 1972. de la Fe served on various committees and boards in

Reston among them The Reston Association, then RHOA, Interfaith, now Cornerstones, the Regency Square Cluster board and Reston Soccer.

De la Fe was a long-time community activist. He served as the first Environmental Committee chair of one of Reston's elementary schools, as a director of the Reston Environmental Education Foundation, Reston Interfaith, and Reston Association and co-chaired the Herndon-Reston Recreational Facilities Task Force. He volunteered as a soccer coach and was involved with Reston swim teams.

De la Fe also served as Chairman of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board during which time the Park Authority acquired more than 4,000 acres of open space used for both active and passive recreation for County residents. Paul Baldino posted on the Adams-Green Funeral Home website that he had the good fortune to be appointed Director of the Fairfax County Park Authority and serve under Chairman Frank de la Fe. "His leadership, wisdom, skill in working with staff, no-nonsense attitude, and wry humor changed the strategic direction of the organization and racked up a series of accomplishments that continue to benefit the outstanding park system enjoyed by Fairfax County residents," wrote Baldino.

Hunter Mill Supervisor Catherine Hudgins said at a Fairfax County Board of Supervisors meeting last fall that de la Fe's strength had been his ability to hear all sides of an issue and come to a decision that best served the community and Fairfax County.

Funeral service for Frank A. de la Fe was held Monday, Sept. 24, 2018, at St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church in Reston.

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# OPINION

## How We Can Bring Criminal Fine Reform to Fairfax County

BY SUPERVISOR JOHN C. COOK  
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**C**riminal justice reform is about making sure that the criminal justice system achieves its goals and works equally for everyone. One issue being examined is whether assessing traffic and court fines and costs, regardless of ability to pay, and then punishing those who do not pay, is achieving any desired goal. Court fines and fees can be assessed for criminal or traffic offenses, such as speeding or parking violations. When someone receives a ticket or is ordered to pay a fine for an infraction, they also have to pay court and processing fees. This system is in place to deter people from committing these crimes, and also as a way to reimburse the cost of expenses associated with processing the cases and pay back to society for the cost of any damage caused by their actions.

For some, paying fines is not a problem. For others who are struggling to get by, it may be difficult or impossible to pay. The penalties for failing to pay fines and fees end up having a much greater impact on those in poverty than the rest of the population. If someone cannot pay their fine or traffic ticket, penalties for non-payment increase the amounts they could not pay in the first place. Overdue fines often go to collection agencies and the mountain of debt grows even higher, since a 17 percent collection fee can be added on to

the existing balance.

Compounding the issue is that if someone fails to pay their fines, the state can take their driver's license away. The Legal Aid Justice Center found in January that almost one million (974,349) Virginians had their licenses suspended due to unpaid fines and other charges. Two-thirds of that group (638,003) had their licenses suspended solely because of unpaid fines. When the courts suspend driver's licenses for unpaid fines, those individuals are not able to legally drive to work. Many people choose to drive illegally on their suspended licenses so they do not lose their income. If they are caught, then even more legal fees are added to their debt and some have to serve jail time. This vicious cycle makes it impossible for the courts to ever collect their fines and for those who owe to meet their obligations. It also means that people are pushed out of jobs and potentially into applying for government benefits.

Fortunately, in Fairfax County there are several programs to help individuals avoid these escalating penalties. Defendants can enter into a monthly payment plan with a down payment due at the time of their conviction. If a monthly payment is missed, then the defendant will go into default, which could result in additional fines and/or jail time. Another option is to

defer the entire payment until a later date. Defendants may also be eligible for the Fines Option Program, which allows defendants to perform community service in lieu of paying fines and fees. Those who sign up for this option go to the Magistrate's office on a Saturday morning, sign in, and take a bus to the George Mason University campus to perform tasks such as picking up litter, landscaping, or painting. Work hours are credited at the rate of \$15 an hour toward payment of fines.

While we have some remarkable programs to assist those who cannot afford to pay off their fines, many people still fall through the cracks. We need to implement a new system to help determine a person's ability to pay before they go to trial. The judge and clerk's office need the ability to set fines that can actually be paid. We need further opportunities for the alternative of assigning community service with more flexible schedules for those who cannot make the Saturday morning sessions.

Fine reform cannot truly take place without significant changes by the General Assembly. However, the County can help in the process by assisting the courts in bolstering their programs and making them more effective. We defeat the purpose of fines if we cause people to lose their jobs and the ability to support their families. Alternatives are important to a more just system.

**Almost one million Virginians have had their licenses suspended due to unpaid court fines and other charges.**

## Celebrating with Understanding

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



**N**ext year will be the quadricentennial — four hundred years — of important events happening in Virginia in 1619. Those events are not the rah-rah kind of happenings that are too often recognized with simple merriment. They are not examined for what we can learn from whence we came to understand how we got to where we are. The English established their first permanent colony in what became America in 1607; they did not "discover" America. There were an estimated 50,000 residents on the North American continent when the English bumped into the continent on their way to the riches of the Far East. The Spanish had visited the mid-Atlantic region decades before the English arrived but did not stick around for they found no gold or fountain of youth.

The indigenous people living in what the English named Virginia had a form of government in a confederation under the Great Chief Powhatan, an agricultural system, environmental protection, and a religion based on the natu-

ral spirits. They resented the people showing up in great ships and booming guns and taking land on which their forbearers had lived for as many as 15,000 years. There should be no surprise that the indigenous people begrudged these illegal immigrants coming and taking their land and responded with what some people called savagery.

Joining the new settlers at the community they called Jamestowne in 1619 were an essential component of keeping a community thriving into the future — women.

Just in time for the 2019 celebration, the Women's Commission has construction underway for a monument celebrating the contributions of women in making Virginia thrive. Not a bit too soon!

Women were invited to join the men at Jamestowne to help start a new life in a new world.

Not invited to join the white men and women were the enslaved Africans who were dropped off at Jamestowne without their consent and with an indentured servant agreement that could never be paid off. The enslaved Africans

in 1619 were the first that would be brought to the colony to work in the tobacco fields and to do the hard labors without any of the benefits a new start in life was supposed to bring.

The relationship between the white and black populations in Virginia were to dominate so much of the history of the state to the senseless killings of the Civil War and the complexities of race relations today.

In 1619 representatives of the plantations in the colony of Virginia met together in the mud-dab constructed church in Jamestowne to form a local government, much like a homeowner's association, because the real power of governance continued to reside in London. That meeting is celebrated as the first meeting of representative government tracing its beginning in 1619 through the Revolutionary War, with a slight deviation of the Civil War, to today.

Please keep up with the celebrations for next year by visiting the website of <https://www.americanrevolution2019.com/> or watch for announcements of events in my electronic newsletter, *Virginia E-News*, available by free subscription (sign up at [kenplum.com](http://kenplum.com)). In our celebrations, let's continue to critically examine where we are in light of where we have been.

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# Pro & Con of Amazon HQ2 Coming to Reston

Dear Editor,  
Within the next few weeks, Amazon is likely to announce the location of its second corporate headquarters—"HQ2." Various reporting on possible locations indicates it is likely to be located near Dulles airport in the bulls-eye of the US internet.

Regrettably, Fairfax County leaders are not planning realistically or inclusively to provide the infrastructure needed to support the promise of 50,000 new jobs dangled by Jeff Bezos resulting in an estimated 130,000 person population gain, according to the Washington Council of Governments (COG). Moreover, COG expects Amazon's arrival to generate an additional population growth of 260,000 people region-wide of households with employees directly supporting Amazon.

Reston is at the epicenter of Fairfax's development planning to support Bezos' expected move. It is along Metro's Silver Line and bordered by generally low-intensity commercial development that is already being profitably redeveloped into a high-density residential-centric mixed-use urban environment.

The county's comprehensive plan for this masterpiece Bob Simon "planned" community—modified without meaningful resident knowledge, much less input, in recent years—is to triple Reston's roughly 60,000 population and add about 40,000 jobs over four decades. This includes well over 100,000 new residents and the new jobs in its three Silver Line Metro stations and adding 20,000 residents to its redeveloped suburban village centers, changing them from neighborhood shopping sites into high-density mixed-use mini-urban centers. Reston's residents are fighting hard through their HOA and the Coalition for a Planned Reston (CPR) to prevent the increased zoning density that would allow this to happen, but the outlook is not good.

That 180,000 or so population means more than 5,000 new students added to the 20,000 kids already in Reston's overcrowded schools according to Fairfax schools. More broadly, COG estimates total added students from all Amazon-related employment at 87,000. The county's plan: Add one elementary school and shift some boundaries. Using the county's forecasting methods, Reston's citizen groups calculate that three new elementary schools and one each middle and high school would be required.

Open spaces — parks, athletic fields, woods, and lakes — are a cornerstone of Reston's history and its planning principles. More than 1,350 of its total 10,000 acres is HOA open space while the county provides only about 110 acres of parkland in Reston. Yet the county's Reston plan calls for only about 12 new ballfields requiring less than 50 acres, about one-quarter the acreage mandated by its own urban parkland acreage standards.

There would be virtually no other public open spaces of consequence, maybe some small linear and pocket parks, playgrounds, and — yes — sidewalks.

The county's transportation plan for Reston is equally ludicrous. In general, it hypothesizes without meaningful evidence, using a flawed methodology, and relying on unreliable self-monitoring that traffic will magically diminish as new bicycle and pedestrian facilities and high-density housing are added.

Its few substantial road improvement proposals, critically needed crossovers of the Dulles Corridor, are literally decades away and unfunded, and moving farther into the future despite a special added tax on Reston station area properties. Finally, the Reston plan explicitly proposes no additions to public transit — none!

Nonetheless, the County is in no financial position to carry out even these insufficient plans as the delays and omissions in its transportation planning highlight. It has insufficient reserves to buy land for schools, parks, or any other public facility, much less build them. Moreover, it almost certainly has made generous secret tax concessions to Amazon to attract it

here.

It could use its "AAA" bonding power, but the investment would be in the billions of dollars over time, put its bond rating at risk, and require substantial additional property taxes on all county residents while limiting the availability of bonds for other county needs. And there is little land available in Reston for almost any of the needed infrastructure investments at any price.

Moreover, as analysis of numerous research studies has pointed out, the cost of adding infrastructure to support residential development consistently exceeds the new tax revenue generated. The result, of course, will be a sharp diminution in Restonians' quality of life with similar, but lesser, lifestyle erosion county-wide. And, when it suits Jeff Bezos, Amazon will move on to "HQ3" — just as Exxon returned to Texas a four years ago — leaving behind the wreckage of the once-uplifting planned community of Reston.

**Terry Maynard**  
Reston

## Amazon's HQ2- Facts or Opinions

To the Editor:  
Philosopher and novelist Aldous Huxley wrote that "facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored." Terry Maynard's recent article titled "Amazon HQ2 in Reston? Not Good..." represents his opinion but also ignores some very important facts and misstates other particulars.

First and foremost, Amazon has not yet said anything about its final decision and, until they do so, no one really knows whether they will locate in northern Virginia or elsewhere. If you looked at twenty articles on the subject, you will find at least ten different conclusions, all of which are speculation on the part of the authors.

Mr. Maynard's piece misleads the reader by not acknowledging that the location and growth of HQ2 will likely take place over about a twenty-year time frame. This will give all of the areas involved time to prepare the infrastructure, build schools, and provide the other public services that the existing and new residents will expect. Moreover, should northern Virginia be fortunate enough to win HQ2, the new residents of the region would be spread throughout the area. True, some will look at Reston while others may elect to live elsewhere and take Metro to work. Many would live in other

nearby areas such as Centreville or Herndon or others. And Mr. Maynard neglected to note that, if the site in question is selected, many of the new residents will, of course, live in the partner jurisdiction in this proposal, Loudoun County.

What we have learned over the years is that businesses contribute a great deal to the real estate tax base, which helps to offset the costs of public services for residents.

Amazon's HQ2 campus will be significant in its size and will certainly contribute substantial real estate taxes to both counties, taxes that will support local education systems, recreational opportunities and other important public services.

To cite another oft-used quote, former United States Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan once said that "everyone is entitled to their own opinion but not their own facts." One of Mr. Maynard's non-facts is that the counties have made "generous secret tax concessions." In fact, the two counties are relying on the company's overall tax contributions to their tax bases.

Another of Mr. Maynard's misstatements is that ExxonMobil left "wreckage" behind in Reston when they moved their Downstream

Marketing Division from Merrifield to Houston. Not a fact! There was no impact on the Reston market because the jobs had been located in Merrifield.

The corporation was very careful to work closely with the community when it made its decision and set sail for Texas. And, the Inova campus that is now in its place will generate high-paying important jobs for decades to come. These are some of the benefits of having good corporate citizens in our community.

If Amazon does elect to bring its second headquarters to the Fairfax/Loudoun site, the benefits of having such a great corporate citizen join our community will be incredible.

Now that's a fact!

**Gerald L. Gordon, Ph.D.**  
President and CEO,  
Fairfax County Economic  
Development Authority

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**THROUGH DECEMBER**  
**White House Ornaments.** Assistance League of Northern Virginia has begun its annual fundraising sale of

## Picking Winners

To the Editor:  
Everyone in a civilized society should have a roof over his head. This is incontestable, but we have seen recently the sorry results of government-mandated "help" in the form of giveaway subprime mortgages and the like. We should be careful, maybe more public debate is needed. "The road to hell..." and all that.

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (Hunter Mill) wants more "affordable" housing (September Newsletter Highlights), preferably located close to some gem of urban planning like a bike rack, hitchin' post, or whatever else our local legislators have devised for us.

"Affordable" (subsidized) housing, however and by whomever defined, is an "ethical" construct, Supervisor Hudgins believes. Well, maybe. While laudable-sounding, it is

effectually a matter of determining some folks to be more deserving than others.

Who decides who merits this supervisor-bestowed boon and on what basis? Below an arbitrarily set income level, you qualify, one dollar above this level, you do not. Will not envy and resentment result?

Picking winners and losers, why is the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in the landlord business?

Employing phrases such as "price-appropriate housing," Supervisor Hudgins was "thrilled" to vote for the affordable-housing vision, but for how many?

The Soviet Union is the outstanding example of virtually universal "affordable" housing. Anyone remember the Soviet Union?

**Harry Locock**  
Reston

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.

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# FALL FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

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## ONGOING

**Art Exhibit: “Peace and Identity.”** Through Oct. 23, gallery hours at the Waddell Gallery, Northern Virginia Community College Loudoun Campus, 21200 Campus Drive, Sterling. This League of Reston Artists exhibit of two-dimensional art and photography runs Sept. 23-Oct. 23 with an opening reception Wednesday, Sept. 26, 6 p.m. This is Phase II of a two-part project that began in the spring of 2018. Free admission. Visit [www.leagueofrestonartists.org](http://www.leagueofrestonartists.org).

**Muscle Up Mondays.** 6:30 p.m. Meets Mondays, May through October, at Pavilion at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Free fitness classes presented by CRUNCH Fitness-Reston group instructors. Call 571-267-5000 or visit [crunchreston.com](http://crunchreston.com) Facebook.com/CrunchReston.

**Mr. Knick Knack!** 10:30-11:15 a.m. May through October. At Reston Town Square Park. Free performances of heart-centered music for children. No performance on Columbus Day. Visit [www.restontowncenter.com/events](http://www.restontowncenter.com/events).

**Art Exhibit.** Through Nov. 24, gallery hours at Greater Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market St., Suite #103, Reston. The Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) presents Green is the Secret Color to Make Gold, a solo exhibition exploring themes of daily routine and ritual featuring new work by DC-based artist Caitlin Teal Price. Visit [restonarts.org](http://restonarts.org).

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

**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).

**Small Business Support Sundays.** Visit independent stores and restaurants, and those that support small businesses at Reston Town Center, offering specials, discounts, tastings, and localized treats every Sunday. Visit [SmallBusinessSupportSundays.com](http://SmallBusinessSupportSundays.com).

**All-comers’ Group Fun Run.** Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Potomac River Running, Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. For beginners or competitive runners, come out for a fun, low-key run that is safe and social. Call 703-689-0999 or visit [www.potomacriverrunning.com/reston/](http://www.potomacriverrunning.com/reston/).

**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



**The Bad Plus performing at CenterStage, Reston Community Center.**

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## New Season at CenterStage Distinctive jazz stylizations of The Bad Plus.

BY DAVID SIEGEL  
THE CONNECTION

With announcement of its upcoming 2018-19 CenterStage professional touring artist season, the Reston Community Center continues to enrich lives and build community as a core mission. The forthcoming professional touring artist series has a diverse mix of performances to whet appetites for the exceptional and diverse in live entertainment.

“The Professional Touring Artist Series at Reston Community Center (RCC) kicks off with an exciting and eclectic trio of events.” The Bad Plus brings you searing jazz with a Rock and Roll sensibility, LGBTQ activist Armistead Maupin will delight you with hysterical reflections on his game-changing book and film “Tales From The City” and Robert Sapolsky will discuss his illuminating research on the neurobiology of behavior,” said Paul Michnewicz, RCC arts and entertainment director.

“I don’t think you will find artists as diverse and as timely anywhere else.” added Michnewicz. “Don’t miss these season openers or any of the sensational performances throughout the year at the CenterStage.”

“I am so happy to bring The Bad Plus to debut the Professional Touring Artist Series. Their music is fascinating; their personalities are extraordinary. I know you will love them,” noted Michnewicz.

The Bad Plus performance is titled “Never Stop II;” the name of the trio’s just released album. The

group is a piano-bass-drums trio, noted for being passionate collaborators. The trio is pianist Orrin Evans, bassist Reid Anderson and drummer Dave King.

For those less familiar with The Bad Plus, they are an influential group noted for a fresh, jazz-funk infused style of music. The group is also noted for cross musical genre boundaries to explore all the infinite possibilities of musical notes. The trio has a legion of fans worldwide. Not long after the Reston CenterStage performance, The Bad Plus heads off to Europe for several weeks. Than returns to perform at The Village Vanguard in New York City.

The trio’s recent album, “Never Stop II” is all original music with each member contributing new compositions. The album’s titles range from “Hurricane Birds,” “Safe Passage,” “Lean in the Archway,” and “Kerosene II,” to name a few of the nine numbers. They are songs without words in which each member of the trio takes a lead role.

One last tidbit about The Bad Plus. Known for a diverse music style, the trio had a breakout triumph with a high-spirited cover of Nirvana’s mega-hit “Smells Like Teen Spirit.”

Reston Community Center presents The Bad Plus at Reston CenterStage, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Hunters Woods Village Center, Reston, VA 20191 on Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20; non-Reston Ticket Price: \$30. Call 703-476-4500 or visit [www.restoncommunitycenter.com](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com).

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[skeduman@aol.com](mailto:skeduman@aol.com).

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 26

**Dog Days of Summer.** 4-7 p.m. in the Pavilion 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).

**Reception: “Peace and Identity.”** 6 p.m. at the Waddell Gallery, Northern Virginia Community College Loudoun Campus, 21200 Campus Drive, Sterling. This League of Reston Artists exhibit of two-dimensional art and photography runs Sept. 23-Oct. 23. This is Phase II of a two-part project that began in the spring of 2018. Free admission. Visit [www.leagueofrestonartists.org](http://www.leagueofrestonartists.org).  
**An Evening with Monica Hesse.** 6

p.m. at Scrawl Books, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. National bestselling author of the true crime love story, “American Fire” and the Edgar Award-winning young adult historical mystery novel, “Girl in the Blue Coat,” Monica Hesse comes to Scrawl Books to discuss her new novel, “The War Outside.” All students interested in meeting the author are welcome and encouraged to join the conversation. Light

refreshments will be served, and an autographed copy of the book will be raffled off during the event. Visit [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com) or call 703-966-2111.

## THURSDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 27-30

**Library Book Sale.** Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, noon-3:30 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. More than 800 boxes of gently used books are just waiting to go home with some lucky new owners. No children’s books at this sale. Members’ night Wednesday, 5-8 p.m. Join, verify, or renew membership at the door. \$15 per household; \$5 for 65-and-over. Email [RestonFriendsPR@gmail.com](mailto:RestonFriendsPR@gmail.com).

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 29

**Pumpkin Decorating Open House.** 10 a.m.-noon at The Goddard School, 2400 Dulles Town Blvd., Herndon. Enjoy a fun filled open house on with pumpkin decorating and other fun fall activities for children up to age 10 years old. Parents may tour The Goddard School and learn about their full- and part-time programs. Call 703-653-0337.

**Runway to the Cure Fashion Show.** 6 p.m. at the Pavilion at Reston Town Center. The show, which will highlight designer fashions from sponsors, will also feature breast cancer survivors from the region who will serve as models and share their stories from illness to triumph. All proceeds will benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Visit [www.komen.org/runway](http://www.komen.org/runway).

**A Journey to Latin America.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. at United Christian Parish of Reston, 11508 N. Shore Drive, Reston. A Journey to Latin America with The Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra of Greater Washington. \$5-\$30. Call 571-483-8444 or visit [www.pacodec.org](http://www.pacodec.org).

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 30

**Tri for Love Triathlon.** 5:45 a.m. Join two time cancer survivor Taylor Love and friends and participate in the 12th Annual Tri for Love Triathlon. Tri for Love is an event for both rookie and veteran athletes; individual and team participation is welcome. Tri for Love begins at The Herndon Community Center with a 400 yard indoor swim, transitioning to a 15.4 mile W&OD Trail bike ride from Ferndale Drive to Ashburn Road and back. The event finishes with a 5k run in and around the W&OD bike and horse trail. Tri for Love Triathlon is USAT sanctioned. To register for Tri for Love Triathlon go to [www.tri4love.shutterfly.com](http://www.tri4love.shutterfly.com) or email [tri4love@hotmail.com](mailto:tri4love@hotmail.com).

## THURSDAY/OCT. 4

**Meet the Artists.** 2:15-3:40 p.m. at Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Enjoy a free concert with Beverly Cosham, perennial favorite cabaret singer and entertainer, along with pianist and collaborator Howard Breitbart. Free. Call 703-503-3384 or visit [olli.gmu.edu](http://olli.gmu.edu).

## SATURDAY/OCT. 6

**Dog Paddle.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Ridge Heights Pool, 11400 Ridge Heights 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)



# FALL FUN & ENTERTAINMENT



## Yoga @ ArtSpace

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

**Alison Adams of Homegrown Yoga.**

## CALENDAR

(\$8) or walk up (\$10) on the day.

**YMCA Community Celebration.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at YMCA Fairfax County Reston, 12196 Sunset Hills Road, Reston. Free community grand re-opening. Everyone welcome. The celebration includes an open house and activities for children and adults of all ages. Tours, demonstrations, activities, giveaways, refreshments, and a new member special offer are scheduled. Call 703-742-8800 or visit [www.ymcadc.org/locations/ymca-fairfax-county-reston/](http://www.ymcadc.org/locations/ymca-fairfax-county-reston/).

**Flavors of Fall.** Noon-11 p.m. at Reston Town Center. Savor the flavor of autumn brews and delicious fare from area restaurants. Enjoy food, wine, German and craft beers on tap, and live entertainment. Free admission; purchase tickets for food and beverages. Visit [restonflavors.com](http://restonflavors.com).

**Flavors of Fall Cornhole Experience.** 1-5 p.m. on Library Street at Reston Town Center. The four-hour tournament features prize packages including travel, weekend get-aways, adventure, restaurants, and more. Register as an individual or a team. Sign up today as slots are limited using this special promo code: FlavorsCHTM for \$10 off team registrations. Call 703-707-9045 or visit [RestonChamber.org](http://RestonChamber.org).

**Dance: "The Story of Our Lives."** 7:30 p.m. at The CenterStage at Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Gin Dance Company, a performing arts modern dance company, presents 'The Story of Our Lives.' The audience will see the premiere of GDC Artistic Director Shu-Chen Cuff's newest work, 'We, The Moon, The Sun' – an Asian culturally influenced work blending Chinese Opera movements and modern dance. Also debuting is Shu-Chen's '200 Feet' inspired by author Jack Canfield's teachings. Visit [gindance.org](http://gindance.org).

### SUNDAY/OCT. 7

**Pumpkin 5K, & Kids' Pumpkin Dash.** 8:15 a.m. at Reston Town Center. Get off the couch and get ready for the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce's Pumpkin 5K, & Kids' Pumpkin Dash. Participants are encouraged to debut their Halloween costumes and join in the fun with family, friends and corporate teams. Use promo code HealthyWorkPlace18 to save \$3 off adult registration. Visit [restonflavors.com/reston-pumpkin-5k/](http://restonflavors.com/reston-pumpkin-5k/).

### 2018 Arts Herndon Children's Literary Festival.

11 a.m.-4 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. In collaboration with local author, Kwame Alexander, The National Endowment for the Arts and Arts Herndon presents the first Arts Herndon Children's Literary Festival. A Newbery Medalist, Alexander founded the Capital BookFest in 2005, and has brought thousands of people year after year to various literary events. Panels and author conversations, featuring adult and teen authors; featuring food, live entertainment, authors and artisans; purchase books, illustrations, specialty artwork, and gifts; strolling entertainment and more. Free and open to the public. Visit [www.artspaceherndon.org/arts-herndon-childrens-literary-festival](http://www.artspaceherndon.org/arts-herndon-childrens-literary-festival).

### SUNDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 7-13

**2018 Herndon's Arts Week** – celebrating the arts in Herndon. With an event every day of the week and something for everyone it promises to be special. Bring the family out for the Children's Literary Festival or Kids Day at Frying Pan Farm Park. Have a night out with friends at a Jazz Concert, take a Swirladelic Design & Wine class or find out the winners of the 10th Annual Expressions Portrait Competition. Visit [www.artspaceherndon.org](http://www.artspaceherndon.org).

### THURSDAY/OCT. 11

**Meet the Artists.** 2:15-3:40 p.m. at Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Enjoy a free concert with Peter Fraize, celebrated saxophonist, and The New Peter Fraize Quintet perform. Includes DC luminaries Paul Pieper (guitar), Jon Ozment (piano), Nathan Kawaller (bass), and Leland Nakamura (drums). Free. Call 703-503-3384 or visit [olli.gmu.edu](http://olli.gmu.edu).

### SATURDAY/OCT. 27

**UCP Craft Fair.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at United Christian Parish, 11508 North Shore Drive, Reston. This juried fair showcases handcrafted products from area artists and crafters just in time for the holiday season. A bake sale and lunch will be available for purchase. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Herndon-Reston FISH, a local non-profit. Ample parking. Free. Email [suemayn@msn.com](mailto:suemayn@msn.com).

## IMPROVING ENGLISH

### One-To-One English Conversation.

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**Pre-Beginners.** Wednesdays 10-11 a.m. at Reston Library, Reston Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Free. Call 703-689-2700 to reserve a spot.

**Beginners.** Tuesdays 10-11 a.m. with Beth; Thursdays 10-11 a.m. with Genie; Fridays 10-11 a.m. with Ivan. At Reston Library, Reston Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Free. Call 703-689-2700 to reserve a spot.

**Intermediate.** Mondays 10-11 a.m. with Rick; Wednesdays, 1-2 p.m. with Susan; Wednesdays 2-3 p.m. with Sharoni. At Reston Library, Reston Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Free. Call 703-689-2700 to reserve a spot.

**Advanced.** Thursdays 10-11:30 a.m. with Richard; Fridays, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with Mary. At Reston Library, Reston Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Free. Call 703-689-2700 to reserve a spot.

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An expert is someone who knows some of the worst mistakes that can be made in his subject and how to avoid them.  
-Werner Heisenberg

#### Obituary



**Karen Louise Kenneally, 63**, of Reston, VA, passed away peacefully on September 19 surrounded by her loving family. She is survived by her husband, Peter D. Raymond, and their three beautiful children—Aislynn K. Raymond, Thomas W. Raymond, and Benjamin D. Raymond.

Karen lived a beautiful, loving, and adventurous life. Those who knew her, even in brief passing, recognized in her a light that gave their lives significance and inspiration. She had a way of engaging with others that recognized and valued them and brought peace, comfort, and joy. Born in Tonawanda, NY on March 11, 1955 to Edmund Kenneally (an engineer) and Claire Kaiser Kenneally (an artist), Karen grew up combining the best of her parents' attributes. She was passionate for the adventure of new places, joyous in learning, and in awe of the wilds of nature even at an early age. She loved school for the insights, new vistas, and close friendships it brought. So it was not surprising that she became a cheerleader in high school and college (fostering an energy and enthusiasm she would use to support family and friends throughout her life) and that she majored in outdoor education at SUNY Cortland and later earned a Masters in Education at Russell Sage College in Albany, NY. Karen met her future husband, Peter Raymond, in 1980 when they were both living in Schenectady, NY. Together they would embark on a lifetime devoted to contributing to the world. The adventure began in the early 1980s when they traveled the world for nearly three years on a shoe-string budget, and later lived and worked in Poland, Hungary, Thailand, and China—in addition to the US. One of Karen's favorite places was Nepal, which she visited multiple times. Karen loved traveling close to the people, staying in simple accommodations, integrating with the community, learning local languages, cultures and religions. She developed a deep appreciation of the different peoples of the world, how landscape and history shape culture, and of the commonality at the heart of all religious traditions.

Karen and Peter were married on September 22, 1985, and her greatest joy was her family. She was a devoted wife to Peter, packing up family and home to move to far flung parts of the world and to create a happy, nurturing, and adventurous environment for all. She also had a profound effect on Peter's colleagues with her warm heart, quick wit, and worldly insight. Karen was a loving mother, encouraging and empowering her children to become their own individuals and to develop their own unique talents and gifts to the world. When Aislynn chose medicine as her career path, Karen plunged in to learn and discuss with her whatever Aislynn was studying or later practicing. When Tom chose higher education consulting, she made sure to follow the trends and critical issues in the field, all the while encouraging Tom's love of creative writing, being his most enthusiastic (and sometimes, critical) reviewer. Ben's love of sports was close to Karen's cheer-leading heart, and the two of them exchanged frequent insights and opinions from football to lacrosse. She was especially proud of Ben's business sense and self-reliance as he landed a job in the insurance industry.

Karen was also a dedicated teacher, first at Murch Elementary School in Washington, DC and later at Hunter Woods Preschool in Reston, VA. She enjoyed bringing her creativity and artistry to lessons. While living overseas, much of Karen's life revolved around her children's schools. Karen served as president of the swim team for the International School in Bangkok, was an active PTA member and mentored many students and parents in the international community.

Karen believed that how we live and who we are is our impact on the world. She cared deeply about others, maintaining strong friendships over decades and continents. She will be remembered as a soulmate, mother, friend, inspiration; as someone with boundless empathy, a love of learning, and a sense of adventure in life. And that is how she lived. True to form, she passed from this life with grace, dignity and joy; surrounded by people whom she loved deeply and who loved her equally. A Celebration of Karen's Life will be held Saturday, October 13, at 2 p.m. at United Christian Parish in Reston.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Karen's honor to Earth Sangha (<http://www.earthsangha.org/>) or the Breast Cancer Research Foundation (<https://www.bcrf.org/>).

#### Yard Sale

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#### Obituary

## WEEK IN RESTON

### Huge Semi-Annual Book Sale at Reston Regional Library

Love books by the fireside? Winter's coming, and the Friends of Reston Library have the community covered as they host their "Fall Semi-Annual Sale" at the Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston, Sept. 27-30. The sale is indoors with onsite parking for library patrons.

Want a sneak preview and an early bird purchase option? Wednesday, Sept. 26, from 5 to 8 p.m., is the Friends Night Huge Fall Sale. According to the Friends: "Members get first crack at this sale with our Friends' Night opening. Join or renew your membership in advance, ... or get a new membership or renew your old one at the door (\$5 for Seniors, \$15

per household)."

Doors open to the general public on Thursday, Sept. 27 at 10 a.m. The public is invited to browse more than 50,000 books in excellent used condition and find the latest popular titles, classics, fiction, non-fiction and even rare books. Prices start at fifty cents. Charly's Corner features hand-picked selections from all categories.

There are no children's books at this sale.

Cash, check, and credit cards will be accepted. All materials at the sales are donated with proceeds going to fund library materials and programs in the community. The library is accessible by multiple Fairfax Connector and RIBS bus routes, and also has a Capital Bikeshare station. Contact the Friends in advance regarding any special access needs. For more information, email at [RestonFriendsPR@gmail.com](mailto:RestonFriendsPR@gmail.com).

— MERCIA HOBSON

### United Christian Parish Installs Co-Pastor

Reston's United Christian Parish, a four-denomination church, installed Rev. Dr. Marcus Leathers as co-pastor during worship Sept. 16.

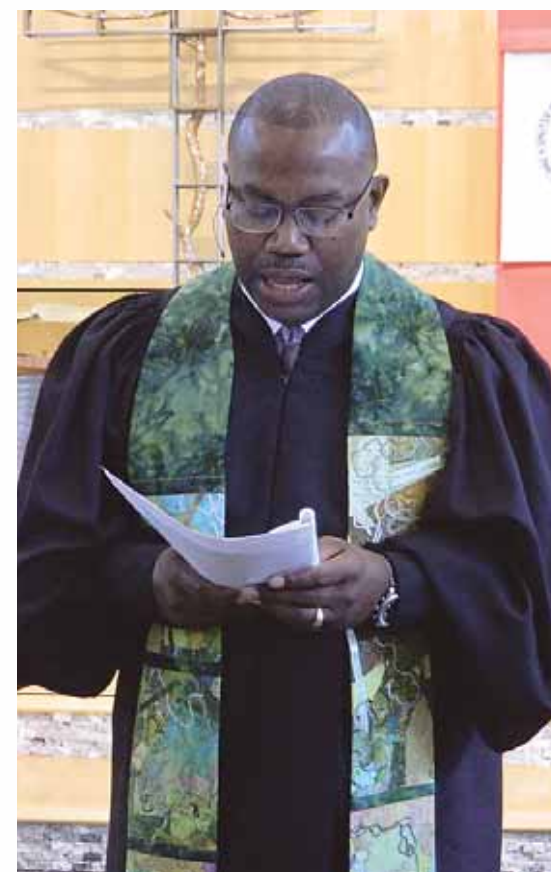
Rev. Leathers, called by the congregation to join Rev. Elisabeth Williams on the ministerial team, has served nearly 20 years as a core organizer/trainer within the Reconciliation Initiative of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a UCP partner denomination. He completed his Doctor of Ministry studies at Wesley Theological Seminary and has served churches in

Lexington, Ky., Tazewell, Va., and Washington, D.C.

The Presbyterian Church (USA), United Church of Christ and The United Methodist Church also partner in this lay-led ecumenical church on North Shore Dr. offering worship services, Bible Study and community events. Visit [www.ucpreston.org](http://www.ucpreston.org), with Facebook, Instagram and Vimeo links, for information. The UCP is an open and affirming, more light, reconciling congregation committed to compassionate service, spiritual development, inclusiveness and love.

Preaching on The Elusive "Unity" of Community at the installation service, Rev. Allen V. Harris described the UCP as "a church that stands in contrast to so much of what's going on in the world. Uniting and maintaining unity is really hard work, agreement and compromise hard to attain in one of the most divisive and contentious eras in human history. Marcus, what has God

gotten you into here! Ministry in an ecumenical parish will be most especially challenging." Rev. Har-



**Rev. Dr. Marcus Leathers.**

ris serves as regional minister for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) capital area region.

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# BULLETIN

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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).

## THROUGH SEPT. 28

**Preference Poll.** The Reston Community Center (RCC) Board of Governors announces five candidates for its 2018 Preference Poll. This year's candidates are incumbents William G. Bouie, Gerald Zavala and Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt, as well as new candidates Richard Stillson and April Tan. The poll seeks community guidance to fill three 3-year positions. Each property in Small District 5 (SD5) will receive a ballot in the mail. Mail-in ballots must be received by the counting agent (a pre-addressed envelope is provided with the ballot; postage is required) no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27. Walk-in and online ballots must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 28. Visit [www.restoncommunitycenter.com](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com) or call 703-476-4500.

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 26

**How to Attract Employees.** 8:30-10 a.m. at Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, 886 Metro Center Drive, Suite 230, Reston. Diana Waller of Chasing Dragons will present on ways small to medium size companies can differentiate themselves in this job market thru compelling pre-decision engagement and onboarding processes. Call 703-707-9045 or visit [www.restonchamber.org](http://www.restonchamber.org) for more.

**2018 Virginia Senatorial Debate.** 5-8 p.m. at Capital One Bank. Sen. Tim Kaine (D) and Chairman Corey Stewart (R), Chuck Todd of NBC's Meet The Press, will moderate, televised live on NBC4.

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 27

**Hurricane Relief Drive.** Donation items due by Thursday, Sept. 27 to National Realty, 11890 Sunrise Valley Drive. Open 9-5. My Guys Moving and National Realty have teamed up for a "Fill the Truck" Hurricane Florence Relief Drive to help the victims of Hurricane Florence. Consider donating toiletries, baby formula, water, cleaning supplies, diapers, non-perishable foods, baby wipes, pet food and supplies, blankets, socks, batteries, and clothes. Email [keithhartke@gmail.com](mailto:keithhartke@gmail.com) or [paulhartke22@gmail.com](mailto:paulhartke22@gmail.com) for more.

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## Woe I'll Never Be



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not on hold with the Oncology department today. Not elbowing Twinkle or Biscuit off my writing tablet as I sit and write this week's column. And not going hungry from the previous Friday's infusion (a week plus has passed so the worst side effect of the treatment has passed).

In general, aside from waiting for my upcoming CT scan on Sept. 26, I am glad that soon I can get on with my life.

You'll note I didn't say fate. That word has too negative a connotation. And my nature, as you regular readers know, is as a positive/glass half full kind of person. So, as I approach this next milestone, I view it not so much as a millstone but more so as just another rock that hopefully leaves me not in a very hard place.

The pre-existing cancer diagnosis is already hard enough. But after living with it for so long and enduring as many rounds of chemotherapy, side effects, lab work, diagnostic scans, 24-hour urine collection and all the associated anxiety surrounding a "terminal" diagnosis as I have, one, at least this one, has learned to live with the miscellaneous demands.

It's not to imply that doing so is easy, but not doing so is so much more difficult. To that end, which ultimately won't be my end, assimilating the good, bad and the incredibly worrisome into some sort of mental spreadsheet seems the only logical pursuit.

Either you learn to take it in stride or you'll die not trying.

And since dying, so far as we know anyhow, is so much less appealing than living, I'm striving to balance my equilibrium and never get too high or too low no matter the news. (Yes. I'm a Libra so balance is very much a part of my process.)

That's not to say that there aren't incredible pressures and challenges that us cancer patients have to manage, it's more that to say that laughing in the face of death is not a sign of weakness but more so a sign of enlightened strength.

Part of that strength is respecting the process with which cancer patients are all too familiar and moreover, and most importantly, understanding and respecting what we don't have control over. There's an element of letting go which enhances one's quality of life and minimizes obstacles as well.

Doing what you can and not fretting about what you can't, in addition to keeping an open mind, combines to smooth out the rough edges and to focus on the path ahead. The 'path ahead' being the goal.

I remember that exact philosophy being expressed by my oncologist at the original Team Lourie meeting back in late February 2009. When it was suggested that my mother's smoking of Chesterfield King cigarettes in my youth or my dalliances in college in the '70s might be relevant/have had an impact on my lung cancer diagnosis, my oncologist would have none of it.

Retrieving fragments of history and/or assigning blame for less-than-ideal behavior was irrelevant to him. His concern was not the past, it was the present/future. We were to be looking/planning ahead and treating forward.

And so here I sit, very much having been treated forward.

At present, I am my oncologist's prize cow, a stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer survivor, alive and reasonably well nine years and nearly seven months into an initial "13 month to two year" prognosis. After hearing that grim prognosis, I never would have imagined that in August 2018, I'd still be alive.

But here I am. Not a victim of my own circumstances.

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# SPORTS

## South Lakes Volleyball Looking for Strong Second Half

Seahawks hang tough against defending state champ.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he South Lakes volleyball team had just dropped a four-set match to defending state champion Langley on Thursday, but that didn't stop head coach Mike Ware from sharing his positive outlook for the remainder of the season.

South Lakes' setter is learning the position after converting from libero. The team's top middle is a 14-year-old sophomore playing in just her second season of organized volleyball. And on Thursday, several of the Seahawks were battling illness.

Regardless, South Lakes played tough against Langley, eventually falling to its Liberty District foe, 3-1 (26-24, 18-25, 25-18, 25-21), on Sept. 20 in Reston.

The Seahawks were within striking distance near the end of each set and figure to improve as the season progresses.

"I really think that the girls played well," Ware said. "I'm really proud of them, to tell you the truth. I told them that. We just couldn't string it together. It was all about making really, really positive plays, but then a couple of mental errors. When we start to

**South Lakes sophomore Brianna Scott had eight kills and two blocks against Langley on Sept. 20.**



**"I just want us to get better. By the second half of the season, when we play all the teams the second go-round, we're looking to sweep those."**

**—South Lakes head coach Mike Ware**

"We would have been dead without that girl," Ware said. "She's still learning."

The loss dropped South Lakes to 5-4 overall and 1-1 in the district. The Seahawks faced rival Herndon on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline.

Next up for South Lakes is a road match against Washington-Lee at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27.

The Seahawks will begin the second half of their district schedule on Oct. 4 against McLean. "After the game (against Langley), their confidence level is high," Ware said. "Even in the matches that we've come up short in, they've been in every single one. They feel really confident. They know it's just a matter of time before we make that next step."

"I just want us to get better. By the second half of the season, when we play all the teams the second go-round, we're looking to sweep those."

string it together, we're going to be fine."

Junior Rose Giusti led the Seahawks with 14 kills. Senior Nikki Corey finished with eight kills and senior Kellie McCrea had seven.

Sophomore Brianna Scott held her own in the middle, totaling eight kills and two blocks.

"That girl," Ware said, "gets me out of my seat."

Scott is a 14-year-old basketball player in her second season of playing organized volleyball. She has no club experience, but

her talent was evident against Langley, when she blocked 6-foot-4 Saxon junior Olivia Franke, a 2017 VHSL first-team all-state selection who is committed to Wake Forest.

"It gave me inspiration because if I can block her, then I can probably block anybody," Scott said. "She's a really good hitter. It felt really nice to block her."

Helping set up her South Lakes teammates was junior Zena Suzuki, a former libero who moved into the setter role this season.



**Marcus Miles #7 carries the ball for South Lakes.**



**Jaquan Price #31 carries the ball for Centreville and prepares to take a hit from Mubarak Ali, #1 from South Lakes.**

PHOTOS BY WILL PALENSCAR

## Seahawks Fall to Wildcats

**T**he Centreville Wildcats defeated the South Lakes Seahawks on Friday, Sept. 21 in Clifton.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Jordan Wright would score from 5 yards out with 2:24 to play, giving Centreville a 7-0 lead.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Griffin Greer would kick a 30-yard field goal to give Centreville a 10-0 advantage. With :54 remaining in the quarter, Centreville would once again get

in the endzone on a 79-yard punt return. 27 seconds later after a South Lakes turnover, Centreville added 7 more points when Jordan Wright scored from 23 yards out.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter trailing 24-0, South Lakes was able to get on the board with 5:43 to play in the quarter. Following the TD, South Lakes Wilson Seneca was able to convert a 2-point conversion pulling the Seahawks to within 16, 24-8.

However, South Lakes would be unable to put any more points on the board while Centreville would add 21 more before games end.

Jordan Wright would score 6 of those on a 61-yard TD reception with 4:49 to play in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

Centreville would add two more scores in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. First with 9:56 and then an interception for 53 yards with 8:16 to

play by Lamar Horner would conclude scoring and move Centreville to (5-0) and drop South Lakes to (3-1). South Lakes will play at Langley (1-4) on Friday while Centreville will play at West Potomac (2-2). With the 45-8 victory this is the third time this year that Centreville has scored more than 40 points.

— WILL PALENSCAR

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