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Paige Weiss Pollard of Commonwealth Preservation Group writes comments on a flip chart during the meeting with district business owners in Herndon's Heritage Preservation District on Friday, Oct. 19, 2018. Together they begin to draft the town's new design guidelines.

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## OBITUARY

### Monte Emanuel Frohm

Monte Emanuel Frohm, born: March 19, 1942; died in Christ: Oct. 11, 2018.

A native of Cheyenne, Wyo., Monte was baptized into Christ on Easter Sunday, 1942. He was nurtured by a Christian family and the parochial school system of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod:

Trinity Lutheran School, Cheyenne, Wyo., where he was profoundly impressed by the manner in which his teachers, Linton and Dorothy Ellwein, embodied Christian servanthood.

Concordia High School, Seward, Neb., class of 1960, where he was a three-sport athlete, playing on three state champion teams, and was recognized as one of Nebraska's outstanding pitchers. Under his photo in the school yearbook are the words: "Underclassman's Idol."

Concordia Junior College, Austin, Texas, class of 1962, where he stepped out of his comfort zone and played a leading role in a number of dramas.

Concordia Senior College, Ft. Wayne, Ind., class of 1964, where he was chosen as a dormitory proctor, and selected as an all-conference pitcher, playing on two conference baseball championship teams.

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., class of 1968, where he was his class representative on the seminary's Committee on Academic Affairs.

A constant in each of these Concordia schools was that he sang in the *a capella* choir, played baseball and wrote for or edited the student newspaper.

As part of his seminary education he was assigned to a year of vicarage/internship at Ascension Lutheran Church, Charlotte, N.C., under the supervision of the Rev. Dr. Leslie Frerking. It was customary that the vicar dined at the Frerking table on Friday evenings and that is where he met Susan. In the course of the dinner, Susan looked at him and said, "I'll tell you one thing. I'll never marry a minister."

Although Monte was stunned he had the presence of mind to reply, "So, who's asking?" The rest of the story is that they were, indeed, married on June 25, 10 months into his vicarage.

He and Susan returned to the seminary for Monte's fourth year, after which he received the call to a new mission, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Mobile, Ala., where he served for two years, 1968-1970.

In 1970, he accepted the call to All Saints Lutheran Church, Charlotte, N.C., where he and Susan spent seven happy years during which they were nurtured by a loving congregation and, in turn, led congrega-

tional growth that enabled the church to move from receiving subsidy from the Southeastern District to self-support.

In 1977, he accepted the call to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Reston, where they served for thirty years, until his retirement in 2007.

It was his great joy to have a hand in the relocation of the church from Moorings Drive to Old Reston Avenue. The current building expresses his belief that Church architecture ought to present the glorious biblical story with such clarity that even a young child might grasp the reality of what God is up to in this world, and that God has revealed himself most profoundly in the cross of Christ.

As a Lutheran, Monte understood the power of the spoken word, and his sermons were not the reading of a document, but an event.

Monte influenced hundreds of people. It is not without significance that twelve men who were in some way connected with the congregations he served have entered into the pastoral ministry or are currently in the seminary.

He played a small but important role (parish pastor) in a small scene (The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod) of the grand drama of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. And the glory of his life is that he was, and remains, one with God, through Jesus Christ.

He is survived by: Susan, his wife of fifty-one years; three children: David (and Megan) of Purcellville, Va.; Jonathan (and Shannon) of South Riding, Va.; and Jessica (and Les) Cullen of Cumming, Ga.; eight grandchildren: Zacary Edward, Luke Emanuel and Madeline Elizabeth Frohm; Katherine Marie and Mark Emanuel Frohm; Hannah Susan, James Leslie and Mary Margaret Cullen; sisters Rosalyn Wintermeyer (Georgetown, Texas) and Bonnie Wartman (Emigrant, Mont.).

Monte's Confirmation Verse: "Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown" Revelation 3:11b

In lieu of flowers, gifts can be made to the following:

Concordia Seminary, 801 Seminary Place, Saint Louis, MO 63105

Lutheran Hospice, Upstate Office, 429 North Main Street, Ste. 3, Greenville, SC 29601

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3, at 11 a.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1133 Reston Avenue, Herndon.

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### All Things Pumpkin Rule at the Reston Farm Market

The legendary Reston Farm Market brings the magic of celebrating time-honored fall fun to families. With an eye toward community focus, owner Bonita Weinstein strives every day, but especially when all things pumpkins rule Reston, to offer opportunities for everyone.

"On the weekends there's balloon artists, face painting, and magic shows. The Reston Farm Market Express runs every day," said Weinstein.

On Monday, Oct. 22, Sarah and Mike Dunfee brought their daughter Savannah, 10 months, to the market. They wandered the aisles of pumpkins taking

photos of Savannah as she held and licked the pumpkins. "It's Savannah's first Halloween," explained Sarah.

Not only is the Reston Farm Market a welcoming environment for families but also for schools and camp groups. Winter Hartman, owner of Loudoun County Gymnastic Club was there with Emmie Bigden, 6, of Reston and her teammates. "We have a camp today... I wanted them to see the animals and fall festivities, enjoy the free apple cider and take a train ride," said Hartman.

Not to be confused with the Reston Farmers Market at Lake Anne operated by Fairfax County



**Sarah and Mike Dunfee with their baby, Savannah, 10 months.**

Park Authority, the Reston Farm Market is located at 10800 Baron Cameron Avenue, Reston, and one block from Rt. 7 Call 703-759-0000.

— MERCIA HOBSON

## Twitter, Guns, Best Friends and #MeToo

**Comstock, Wexton answer voters most-asked questions in The Connection's Congressional Midterm Q&A.**

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**T**his fall, voters wield all the power.

On Nov. 6, they will decide who controls Congress for the next two years of Donald Trump's presidency, a decision that could significantly reshape the current political landscape, impacting both Republican and Democratic agendas for years to come.

In Virginia, the 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District race between Republican Barbara Comstock, the incumbent, and her Democratic challenger, state senator Jennifer Wexton, is one of the most closely-watched, competitive races in the nation. Democrats are eyeing the 10<sup>th</sup> as a strong pick-up opportunity, trying to flip a seat that Republicans have held for more than half a century.

The Connection reviewed dozens of "frequently-asked" questions culled from various national, state and local forums, focus groups and surveys. Out of nearly 100 questions, we narrowed it down to the top 12. Both candidates agreed to answer our questions in writing. Our only request to the candidates: keep answers to a 750-word total. Here are their complete answers, unedited.

*Q: Do you think the Second Amendment should be repealed?*

**Comstock:** No.

**Wexton:** No. But we do need to pass common sense gun violence prevention measures.

*Q: If not, do you think there should be any new gun restrictions to deal with what feels like an epidemic of mass shootings?*

**Comstock:** We passed three important pieces of legislation for prevention of gun violence in the past year: 1) The Stop School Violence Act, which was the number one priority of school violence prevention advocates. It provides billions in increased funds for school resource officers, school safety programs, mental health treatment, crisis intervention and hardening of school security. 2) We passed bipartisan legislation to improve and provide more funding for the national background check system – the most significant improvement in the system in a decade. 3) I passed my "Project Safe Neighborhoods" legislation which provides funding for tackling gun crime, as well as gang crime and drugs. In addition, I support banning bumpstock and I am pleased that process is going forward at the Justice Department. Finally, I support "red flag laws" that allow law enforcement and fam-



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION  
**Democrat Jennifer Wexton takes voters questions at Virginia International University's Candidate Forum, held in Fairfax last month.**

ily members to petition a court for an Extreme Risk Protection Order to get weapons out of the hands of those who are a danger to themselves or others.

**Wexton:** Meaningful gun reforms like expanded background checks and legislation to keep weapons of war out of the hands of dangerous people enjoy wide popular support and we should pass them.

*Q: What would you do if Trump fired special counsel Robert Mueller?*

**Comstock:** I am confident that the President will not fire Bob Mueller. I support the Russia investigation being completed quickly and having as much information as possible disclosed to the public.

**Wexton:** What is most important right now is that the Special Counsel be protected from outside influence and insulated from attacks by Donald Trump. We need a Congress that is willing to stand up to Trump and be a check on the Administration, not just a rubber stamp.

*Q: What's the best indication of economic health – the stock market, unemployment rate, income?*

**Comstock:** We are experiencing an incredibly healthy economy as a result of lowering our taxes and cutting regulations – and the indicators are things such as a 4.2 percent growth rate, the highest family income ever, high consumer confidence, high small business and manufacturing optimism, growing wages, a strong job market, and low unemployment rates for men and women in all demographic groups. I am the only candidate in this race to have authored



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**Republican Rep. Barbara Comstock at the kickoff of her annual Young Women Leadership Program this summer.**

and passed tax cuts, and to have been endorsed by business groups such as the U.S. Chamber, the National Federation of Independent Businesses, the National Association of Women Business Owners and other industries because jobs and the economy have always been a top priority for me. A healthy economy should lead the world in innovation, research and development and provide expanded opportunities for men and women from all walks of life. Economic health also would be enhanced by having more women in senior roles because studies have found that businesses and companies with more senior women actually are more financially strong and sound.

**Wexton:** Labor participation, wage growth, and unemployment are all key indicators because they show whether the middle class is experiencing the kind of growth already enjoyed by the wealthy.

*Q: Should there be a citizenship question on the census?*

**Comstock:** I am fine with or without a question, but what is disappointing with the questions on this survey is that there are no questions on the importance of our national security or homeland security and the importance of stopping defense sequestration (which we did); and not a single question about our veterans who deserve the added services and support we have provided over the past 2 years.

**Wexton:** No. The Constitution says to count all people, and this measure is designed to prevent that from taking place.

*Q: Is it fair to trade a border wall with Mexico for protected status for DACA recipients?*

**Comstock:** Legislation that includes

both border security and a solution for DACA recipients has been supported at various times by Democrats, Republicans and the President, so this provides the outlines for a compromise. I have voted for such a compromise so that we can have a solution instead of a stalemate and have a system that is fairer and simpler and rewards those who play by the rules. I also support expanding H1B Visas and agriculture visas and other reforms that support growing our economy.

**Wexton:** We should not have to trade anything to get protections for Dreamers. It's the right thing to do, it's overwhelmingly popular with the American people, and it should not be subject to a ransom.

*Q: Should felons who served their sentence be able to vote?*

**Comstock:** This should be handled on a case by case basis. I don't support violent felons automatically having their rights restored. I have supported criminal justice reform that addresses racial disparities in the system. This Congress I authored and passed my "Project Safe Neighborhoods" legislation which supports community policing and assistance to address gun crime, gang crime, and drug crime. I have been endorsed by the Police Benevolent Association because I am committed to public safety and I have worked extensively with the law enforcement community since my time as a senior Justice Department official.

**Wexton:** I support restoration of voting rights for felons who have completed the terms of their sentences.

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## Responding to Climate Change Warnings

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



### COMMENTARY

Last week I wrote about the dire warning of the latest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change about the more immediate consequences of climate change than had originally been predicted. Avoiding the damages to our planet and to our way of life would require "transforming the world economy at a speed and scale that has no documented precedent," according to the report.

The greatest economies in the world must lead the changes necessary to preserve our planet and the quality of life for our families rather than dismissing or debating its findings. The time for action is now with the report describing a world of worsening food shortages and wildfires and a mass die-off of coral reefs as soon as 2040, a little more than two decades away.

What we have instead are politicians at the highest level of the federal government making promises at political rallies in West Virginia

to bring back coal, the greatest offender of climate change, and in Iowa to increase corn production for ethanol that when added to gasoline may release more carbon from the lands than it saves. Scores of regulations intended to reduce climate change have been rescinded to gain favor of those who see them as interference in their quest to make more bucks or to gain more votes from a political constituency.

Absent little or no help on this concern at the federal level for the next couple of years, what can be done in the meantime? At the state level I will be pushing for a strengthening of a commitment by state government to increase its efforts at energy conservation, eliminating any subsidies for coal production, intensive economic development in green jobs for areas previously dependent on coal, a tax on carbon, accelerating the use of renewable energy, and establishing Virginia as a green state in its policies as well as reforestation. There are

many reasons to take this immediate action in Virginia if for no other motive than that we stand to be among the first states to lose a significant chunk of our land mass with climate change and sea level rise.

I am pleased that Fairfax County has made a nod in the direction of concern about sea level rise, but there is reason to believe that one of the wealthiest counties in the country can find the will and the resources to do even more. We have been planting trees, but we need to plant many more. We have been working to get people out of their individual cars, and we must incentivize more people to use cleaner transit. Thanks to School Board Member Pat Hynes for her resolution calling for state and federal action on climate change. It is a beginning, but the locality must budget as a social cost for the county and not for the school district the addition of solar panels on the millions of square feet of roof space on our schools. Also, our school lots should be forested and not lawns.

Small actions taken by many can produce significant results. We have our warning. No time for hand wringing. We need to get to work.

### Warner, Wolf and Davis Endorse Comstock

Dear Friends,

We are writing to you today to endorse our friend and fighter for Virginia's 10th Congressional District ... Barbara Comstock. In our extensive careers serving Virginia, we have worked with Barbara. We know she is a uniquely effective legislator with deep relationships throughout the 10th District and in Congress that enables her to deliver bipartisan results that are improving the lives of her constituents as well as our community.

As the Congresswoman for the 10th District, Barbara Comstock has demonstrated that she is a strong fighter for the people and diverse interests of the district — our military, our veterans, our federal employees, our farmers, our technology community, our hospitals and medical and research community, our schools and universities, our historical and heritage communities, our charities, and more. Barbara is immersed in the issues vital to the 10th District, her constituent service continues to be strong, and we strongly endorse her re-election.

As the only female member of the Virginia congressional delegation, Barbara has taken on an important leadership role

for women: Barbara led the charge on cracking down on sexual harassment in Congress and the workplace, passing major reform legislation to require mandatory training for all staff and Members of Congress to prevent harassment, as well as legislation to reform the process by providing a victims advocate office and demanding more accountability and transparency.

Barbara has also been a leader promoting women in the STEM fields with the passage of her "INSPIRE" Act and other STEM education efforts, and she established the 10th District Young Women's Leadership Program that has mentored over 1,500 young women in high school and junior high school.

Barbara has fought for and delivered results for the 10th District on key issues vital to our community:

❖ **Rebuilding our Military:** Barbara championed rebuilding our military and ending the national defense sequestration budget cuts that were hollowing out our military and threatening readiness and hurting Virginia's economy

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### Comstock Fails SNAP Test

To the Editor:

Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) has taken a hard core right wing stance in supporting President Trump and the House's Farm Bill version that would gut the vital SNAP nutrition program.

In contrast, state Sen. Jennifer Wexton (D-33), the Democratic nominee in the 10th Congressional District, has endorsed the moderate, bipartisan Senate version that preserves the SNAP program and passed with overwhelming support by most US senators of both parties, 86-11. The House version barely passed by 2 votes, 213-211.

We have asked several times if Rep. Comstock would move to the Senate version to avoid the House bill that would cut benefits and inevitably result in kicking deserving Virginians off of this key nutrition program. All we have received is a generalized comment that she supports a compromise that ends the impasse, and this does nothing to answer the question about SNAP.

The SNAP nutrition program is vital for all demographic groups, including the large Latino community which makes up approximately 13 percent of the population in the 10th District.

We received feedback on key safety net issues like SNAP at our nonpartisan forum for 10th District candidates in McLean in late May, and the Comstock campaign was the only one of the then eight campaigns from both parties that was not represented by either the

candidate or a senior surrogate.

As many nonprofits and anti-hunger and poverty advocates in northern Virginia know, even in our relatively prosperous area there are substantial numbers of people who are immigrants, economically under stress, homeless, or otherwise in need of nutrition assistance.

The Farm Bill is essential for the SNAP nutrition program that is the key bulwark against hunger and malnutrition, as well as agriculture provisions that are important for farmers in the western part of the 10th District. SNAP promotes food security, enhances health, improves child development and learning, lifts households above the poverty line, helps people facing temporary setbacks, and stimulates local economic activity.

We have not gotten any meaningful feedback from either the Comstock Congressional or campaign offices despite repeated efforts, and Virginians need to know that Comstock not only voted for the House version earlier in the year that would harm SNAP, but published a statement praising the House's reactionary bill.

Comstock and Congress as a whole can't evade responsibility for taking a stand on this crucial issue by kicking the can down the road and saying, "Trust us, we'll come up with a resolution after the election." The SNAP vote reportedly will now take place some time

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## LETTERS

### One-sided Story

To the Editor,

I am disappointed to read the one-sided story that was reported in your newspaper about the group of Herndon Town Council Candidates who are suing another Town Council member for claims that are not supported and possibly misleading (“Herndon Town Councilmember Faces Civil Suit,” Oak Hill/Herndon Connection, October 3-9). Anyone can sue someone else for anything they want but that does not make the assertions of that lawsuit true, accurate or legitimate.

The defendant and others who have been subpoenaed by the plaintiffs in this case have rightly opted to not comment on the pending litigation.

And yet the three plaintiffs and their lawyer have made disparaging and self-serving public statements to your newspaper, which you have printed, against the person they are suing. Reporting that the defendant and other parties “did not respond to a request for comment” does not get your news-

paper off the hook from doing its due diligence in an effort to publish a balanced story. It would have taken less than 5 minutes of effort to independently invalidate those assertions.

Instead, knowingly or not, your newspaper is acting as a mouthpiece for the plaintiffs.

The lawsuit will likely be dismissed. But any competent judge would choose not to issue a ruling right before an election in order to prevent his/her decision from having impact on an election. Elections should only be decided on the real issues that face Herndon and its residents.

Despite the responsible silence of the judge and the defendant, you have published a one-sided story, and the damage has already been done. Or maybe the plaintiffs already knew that.

A more interesting “story” would be why a Town Council that has worked together for the benefit of the Town for so long is suddenly divided to the point of suing each other.

**Louis Horvath**  
Herndon

### Correction

In our Q&A article (“Meet the Candidates for Herndon Mayor, Town Council Members,” Oak Hill/Herndon Connection, September 26-October 2, 2018) there was one incomplete sentence in Mayor Lisa Merkel’s response which should read: “I’ve heard from many residents - both Republicans and Democrats — that want parties to stay out of our local election. So I listened.”

### St. Timothy’s Celebrates 150 Years in the Herndon Community

On Nov. 1, 1868, Episcopalians from a small dairy-farm community in Herndon met to worship and give thanks on All Saints’ Sunday. That service was led by a school teacher and licensed Episcopal lay reader and was the first recorded liturgy of Herndon’s St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church. Members eventually erected their first church edifice in Herndon, now the Masonic Lodge at the corner of Elden and Grace Streets, and consecrated it in June 1881.

On Nov. 4, 2018, at 4 p.m. St. Timothy’s will kick off its 150th year celebration with the rededication of their refurbished 150 year old Tracker pipe organ with a special concert by the renowned organist, Dr. Wayne L. Wold. The evening continues with All Saints’ Day Evensong with a reception to follow. A traditional service in the Episcopal Church, Evensong is a contemplative service sung at the close of the day. The service will be sung in its entirety by the choir of St. Timothy’s.

The community is warmly invited to participate in this service as St. Timothy’s gives thanks on this very special anniversary. For 150 years, St. Timothy’s has been an active participant in, and a pillar of, the Herndon community, providing a strong tradition of area involvement and outreach. For more information, call St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., at 703-437-3790, or visit [www.saint-timothys.org](http://www.saint-timothys.org) for details about all



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**The refurbished 150 year old John D. Moore pipe organ will be rededicated.**

the services. Additional information about the church and pipe organ histories is also available on the website.

## Chamber Hosts ‘Meet & Greet the Herndon Candidates’

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce held the Herndon Town Council Candidate Meet & Greet on Monday, Oct. 22, 2018, from 6- 8 p.m. Organizer John Boylan, President and CEO of the Dulles Chamber of Commerce said, “The Herndon Chamber of Commerce under the Dulles Chamber sponsored the event. The purpose ...is to meet and greet the Herndon candidates and ask pertinent questions of their interests.”

All candidates attended or sent someone to represent them. Questions ranged across the board, but many appeared to ask questions similar to those by Paul Richards of Herndon who inquired, “How are you going to spend my money? My concern is budget, that taxes are kept low and traffic reasonable.”

As for the style of the forum, Joyce Loganson said, “I would rather be sitting down and listening to questions and answers.”

Voting will take place for the upcoming elections on Nov. 6, 2018. On Election Day polls are open from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m.

The ballot for Town of Herndon residents to choose Mayor and Town Council reads:



**Candidate Sean Kenis greets Paul Richards of Herndon during the Herndon Town Council Candidate Meet & Greet hosted by the Dulles Chamber of Commerce on Monday, Oct. 22, 2018.**

Town of Herndon (Town of Herndon ONLY)

Mayor is Lisa C. Merkel, she is unopposed;

Voters will choose six for Town Council from: Joseph T. “Joe” Plummer, Jennifer K. Baker, William “Bill” J. McKenna, Sheila



PHOTOS BY MERCIA HOBSON/THE CONNECTION

**Pradip Dhakal answers a question by Donielle Scherff during the Herndon Town Council Candidate Meet & Greet hosted by the Dulles Chamber of Commerce on Monday, Oct. 22, 2018.**

A. Olem, Cesar A. Del Aguila, Signe V. Friedrichs, Grace Wolf Cunningham, Pradip Dhakal, W. J. “Sean” Kenis, Jr., and Roland Taylor.

# The Arts are ON in Herndon

Arts district, venues and events offer boundless opportunities.

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

As Arts Herndon celebrated another successful Arts Week in the Town of Herndon, beginning with their record-breaking attendance at the “Herndon Children’s Literary Festival” on Sunday, Oct. 7 and ending with the acclaimed “Portrait Competition,” Saturday, Oct. 13, The Connection invited former member of the Virginia Commission for the Arts, Ann Rust of Herndon, to share her thoughts about arts offerings in the town.

Rust provided the following noting not only arts activities and venues in the Town’s designated Arts District but throughout the Town’s 4.2 square miles:

“The Arts speak a universal language to us all. They allow an emotional connection and a sharing of ideas without regard to age, cultural heritage, or economic background. The Arts build a sense of community.”

BY ANN RUST

## One of the First

The Town of Herndon established one of the first Arts Districts in Virginia to encourage the Arts in its downtown. According to the town website, the Town provides incentives for qualifying arts businesses to remain, expand and locate in the district. Qualifying businesses include arts instruction, arts office, media arts, museum, performing arts, performing arts venue, visual arts creation and visual arts ... (they) may receive 100 percent reduction of planning, zoning and building permit application fees up to \$2,000. Qualifying businesses must submit an application to the Town’s Community Development Department for review and approval.



SCREENSHOT OF TOWN OF HERNDON WEBSITE

**In 2017, the Town Council of the Town of Herndon amended the Town Code. It established and delineated the boundaries for an arts district. Its purpose was to increase awareness and support for the arts and provide incentives for the support and creation of arts in the district.**

## Venues

The vibrant arts community in Herndon is both within the designated charter boundaries and outside of it. Highlighting a few of the sites is the nonprofit art gallery and performance space, ArtSpace Herndon located at 750 Center Street. It provides art education classes to the young and old. A gallery with rotating art exhibits features regional to international artists of acclaim and an artisan shop. Both offer original fine art and artisan items for sale to the public and businesses, such as Amazon Web Services.

Among its many programs, Arts Herndon produces the Third Thursday Arts Crawl Series May through September and offers by application arts scholarships and grants to small arts organizations and artists. Arts Herndon has provided a reported more than \$100,000 in arts scholarships to local students. Arts Herndon also provides works of public art to the community such as the five original murals located in the downtown.

The Town is also home to the award-winning non-profit live professional theater company, NextStop Theatre located at 269 Sunset Park, Herndon. The venue as it is described on the organization’s website is

“A cleverly designed black-box theatre less than 1 mile from Reston Town Center (featuring) theatrical plays, music/opera performances, dinner packages and educational programs.”

Herndon is also home to Classical Ballet Theatre, located at 320 Victory Drive known by CBS D.C. as, “Best Places to See Ballet in the D.C. Area.”

Herndon boasts the award-winning Herndon Festival with three stages with nearly non-stop entertainment and the annual Labor Day Festival, also alive with music. Friday Night Live and JamBrew provide free outdoor concerts in the heart of downtown Herndon on a weekly basis for five months each year. Concerts and music are common on weekend nights at local restaurants such as Ice House Cafe and Oyster Bar, Jimmy’s Old Town Tavern and others.

## In the Schools

Fairfax County Public schools in Herndon build a sense of community through the Arts at a young age, both in the performing and visual fields. Herndon Middle School boasts the Spirit of Herndon Band. The Herndon High School Marching Band, The Pride of

Herndon, is nationally recognized and will represent the United States at the 75th anniversary of D-Day in Normandy, France in June 2019. Arts programming in Herndon schools include visual and performing arts with dedicated and talented teachers.

The Herndon Fortnightly Library located in the heart of the Town offers excellent programming in the literary arts for all ages. The Herndon Community Center also provides arts programming, from classes in painting to guitar lessons. Moreover, Herndon celebrates the richness of its architecture, design, and style through the Herndon Homes Tour and the Herndon Garden Tour; both made possible through the efforts of countless community volunteers.

## Funding

The Town of Herndon is committed to the Arts and actively seeks and receives funding from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), The Virginia Commission for the Arts, and ARTSFairfax. Funding from these sources and others help to support the Herndon Towne Square Singers, Arts Herndon, and NextStop Theatre.

## Private Businesses

Private arts businesses flourish in Herndon. Monroe Street Studios offers classes for children and adults. Fred Astaire Dance Studio Reston in Herndon is as they report, “Synonymous with the highest quality of dance instruction available.” The Music Loft and Bach to Rock Music School offer music instruction for students of all ages and abilities. The Ice House Cafe has first-rate jazz performers on Saturday nights, and Right On Records has a fantastic collection of tunes.

Simply put, the Arts are On in Herndon.

## Q&A with 10th District Candidates

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**Q:** Name three Democrats/Republicans (people in the opposing party) with whom you are friendly – or actual friends.

**Comstock:** Rep. Debbie Dingell, Rep. Lois Frankel, and Donna Brazile.

**Wexton:** Emmett Hanger, Jill Vogel, Randy Minchew.

**Q:** How would you address the #MeToo movement as a member of Congress?

**Comstock:** I have been a leader battling sexual harassment in Congress passing bipartisan landmark reform legislation to provide victims support and more funding to the EEOC office that handles complaints. I also passed legislation requiring anti-harassment education and training for all Members of Congress and

their staff. The legislation also provides due process for both the victim and the accused. The hearings we have held have also highlighted how sexual harassment can impact the pay gap by driving women out of their chosen professions and we will aggressively address this problem to keep women in their chosen professions.

**Wexton:** Electing more women is an important start. We need our leaders to send a clear message that those who commit sexual offenses will be held accountable, no matter who they are. It has taken far too long for Congress to pass even basic measures to reform its own processes in this area.

**Q:** Do you believe climate change is real and man-made? If yes, how should Congress address it?

**Comstock:** Yes, and I am a member of the Climate Change Caucus but my focus is

not on increasing regulations or adding taxes, but instead using innovation and technology to provide solutions for cleaner, more efficient, and more affordable energy.

**Wexton:** Yes. Congress should renew America’s commitment to the Paris Accords, and take steps that address climate change while helping the economy convert to cleaner energy sources with minimal disruption.

**Q:** Would you vote to overturn a presidential veto to keep the government running?

**Comstock:** I am the only Member of Congress in the Washington Metropolitan region – Democrat or Republican - who has NEVER voted to shut down the government. I have worked to keep the government open and functioning and fought to get the federal pay raise restored. I have worked closely with NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees) and have earned the support of their PAC because of my

strong support for our federal employees.

**Wexton:** Yes.

**Q:** Should President Trump tweet more/less/same?

**Comstock:** My apologies, but I think this is a ridiculous question when there hasn’t been a single question about the importance of getting better cures and treatments for chronic diseases such as Alzheimer’s, cancer, and diabetes – something I am passionate about and have worked to provide record funding for at this critical time when we have the opportunity for breakthroughs in medical research. We have also provided a record \$4 billion in funding and support for prevention and treatment of addiction to opioids and heroin – something the President has declared a national health emergency – something that he may have tweeted about too.

**Wexton:** Less

# CALENDAR

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

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 24

**Hunter's Moon Night Gathering.** 6:30-8 p.m. At Frying Pan Park, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. View the moon through telescopes and take a short nature walk as you "hunt" the sounds of the night. Costs \$8 per person and is designed for participants age 7 to adult. Call 703-437-9101 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/park-events-calendar](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/park-events-calendar).

## THURSDAY/OCT. 25

**Meet the Artists.** 2:15-3:40 at Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Enjoy a free concert with Dr. Anna Balakerskaia and students from George Mason University perform pieces from the classical piano repertoire. Free. Call 703-503-3384 or visit [olli.gmu.edu](http://olli.gmu.edu) for more.

**Distinguished Speaker Series.** 7:30 p.m. at Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, 1441 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Amir Tibon's talk will be: "An Israeli Reporter in Trump's Washington." Tibon is the Washington correspondent for Haaretz newspaper. His writing on Israel and the Middle East has been published in The Atlantic, Foreign Affairs, The New Yorker, Politico Magazine, Tablet Magazine and other leading U.S. publications. The NVHC Speaker Series is free and open to the public. Call 703-437-7733 or email [RabbiWainer@nvhcreston.org](mailto:RabbiWainer@nvhcreston.org) for more.



**A temporary exhibit at Reston Historic Trust & Museum will run through the end of October.**

## NOW THRU OCT. 31

**A Modern Design: Reston Homes Exhibit.** At Reston Historic Trust & Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza, Reston. The Reston Historic Trust & Museum has installed a new temporary exhibit in the gift shop "A Modern Design." The exhibit explores how values of Restonians in the 1960s shaped how the interiors of their homes look. How do 1960s Reston home interiors compare to today's homes?

## THURSDAY-MONDAY/OCT. 25-29

**Washington West Film Festival.** At Bow Tie Cinemas, 11940 Market St., Reston. Independent films presented at Bow Tie Cinemas over five days. Visit [wwfilmfest.com](http://wwfilmfest.com) for more.

## THURSDAY/OCT. 25

**Opening Reception.** 6-8 p.m. At The

Signature at Reston Town Center, 11850 Freedom Drive, Reston. "Invisible Listeners" Photography Exhibition by Rahshia Sawyer will run through Jan. 8, 2019 and features a new body of work, What I Haven't Told You, which illustrates the tension between emotions expressed and emotions repressed. Images depict figures floating in water draped in gossamer silks to represent weightlessness bound.

Food and wine provided by Balducci's Food Lover's Market. Visit [restonarts.org/exhibition/rahshia-sawyer/](http://restonarts.org/exhibition/rahshia-sawyer/).

## FRIDAY, OCT. 26

**Halloween Stem Storytime.** 10:30 a.m. At Reston Regional Library 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Learn about spider webs and

build one, too. Age 3-5. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/) or call 703-689-2700.  
**South Lakes Homecoming.** 5-6 p.m. parade from Hunters Woods Shopping Center, proceed North on Colts Neck Drive, turn East onto South Lakes Drive, and finish at South Lakes High School. It features student organizations, class councils, school clubs, sports teams, administrators, community groups, elementary schools, and the SLHS Marching Band, The Spirit of Reston. The grand marshal is SLHS teacher Chris Moorhead. A mini food court will be set up in the stadium-side parking lot featuring a variety of food trucks beginning at 4:30-6:30 p.m. The football game against Yorktown High School will begin at 7 p.m. Admission to the game is \$5. The Homecoming Spirit Court, featuring two students from each grade selected for their outstanding participation in spirit week activities, will be presented during the halftime show and the Spirit Ruler will be announced.

**Spooktacular.** 6:30-8 p.m. At Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. For children 3-8, the event features Halloween games, crafts, a puppet show highlighting life-sized puppets, and more. Children are invited to wear a costume. Each participant will receive a bag full of treats. Parents must accompany children at the event. Cost \$10/advance; \$15/day of event. Sign up at the Herndon Community Center or visit <https://herndonwebtrac.com>. Call 703-787-7300 or visit [herndon-va.gov](http://herndon-va.gov).

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# Herring Calls for Criminal Justice Reform at Summit

## Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement gather.

ANDREA WORKER  
THE CONNECTION

Attorney General Mark Herring announced his support and latest efforts to secure reforms to the Commonwealth's cash bail system before 1,400 people gathered at Fairfax High School on Sunday, Oct. 21, for the annual summit of VOICE – Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement.

At the event, Herring gave the attendees a preview of a statement released on Monday, Oct. 22, announcing the letter and legal memo he had submitted to the Virginia State Crime Commission outlining potential policy and constitutional concerns with the state's current system, and providing principles for consideration toward reform that would "ensure public safety without unnecessarily jailing low-income Virginians."

The commission is currently studying Virginia's pre-trial process, including the cash bail system, and is scheduled to make their presentation to lawmakers on Nov. 18.

While Herring cannot set bail policy in Virginia, as attorney general he wields influence on all criminal justice issues. In his letter, addressed to Commission Chair state Sen. Mark Obenshain, Herring points out several concerns, asking that they be given full attention by the commission and offering to assist the commission and the legislature in their efforts.

In reviewing the current cash bail system, referring to numerous studies, and comparing the state of the system in Virginia to other jurisdictions and to federal law, Herring sees potential violations of the Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article 1 of the Virginia Constitution that both prohibit "excessive bail."

In his statement, Herring writes that Virginia's current system "too often determines who has money, not who is dangerous, and we can't have a justice system that determines fairness and freedom based on wealth and means ... I want to keep dangerous people in jail, I want people to show up for court ... it doesn't make sense, nor does it make our communities safer, to make a low-risk, non-violent person sit in jail, while more violent or dangerous people can go free because of their wealth."

In 2005, Virginia took the nation-wide lead by instituting the Virginia Pretrial Assessment Instrument (VPRAI) to help calculate a defendant's likelihood of failure to appear and level of danger to the society, but ultimately pretrial release is set by a judicial officer, usually a magistrate, and according to a 2017 study the magistrates typically do not receive any information from pretrial service agencies that could better inform their decision.

Herring expressed concern that under Virginia law judicial officers are granted broad discretion to set the term under which



Expecting about 1,200 to attend, about 1,400 area citizens turned up for the 2018 VOICE summit.



VOICE members take to the stage at the 2018 summit with pledge posters, showing how many of their group had signed up to help Get Out the Vote and to attend the next Legislative session in Richmond. "We will have at least 10 people per day calling for action in Richmond," said VOICE leadership, who also noted that the the GOTV goal of 450 volunteers had already been exceeded by 150 persons.

**"It's one more step in the right direction."**

— Marjorie Green, a lay leader at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Arlington and a spokesperson for VOICE

defendants can obtain pretrial release.

"Alternatives to cash bail bonds are rarely used. Therefore, many people who are eligible for [pretrial release] face incarceration while awaiting trial merely because they cannot afford to pay the bond."

The negative impacts of unnecessary incarceration are widespread. Low-risk, non-violent defendants who must remain in jail pending trial often lose their jobs, their homes, their cars, and even their families, as a result. "This is not the answer," said Herring. "Continuing on this path only increases the problems we face."

Studies support his assertions. A 2016 report by the Prison Policy Initiative found that Virginia's pretrial detainees increased from less than 3,000 in 1978, to almost 9,000 in 2013. By 2015, Virginia's incarceration rate was approximately 150 per-

cent of the national average.

In his arguments for reform, Herring noted that last year about 28,000 Virginians were released under pretrial supervision – and 94 percent of them showed up for their court appearance and stayed out of trouble.

Holding the non-violent, low-risk accused because they cannot pay bail also has a negative effect on the state's economy.

Herring reports that it costs about \$3 a day to maintain someone on pretrial services versus about \$85 per day if they remain in jail. "So if we make smart reforms we could be talking about millions in savings while still meeting our public safety goals."

Treating defendants differently depending on their ability to afford bail may also raise equal protection concerns in violation of several federal and state laws and statutes. Herring also questions the frequent absence of counsel or representation from the prosecution at many bail hearings, a situation that may violate the Sixth Amendment, upheld in a case before the United States Supreme Court in 2008, that makes it a right to counsel when a person has been placed under arrest and makes an initial appearance before a magistrate for the determination on probable cause and the setting of bail. It is not clear under Virginia law whether a bail hearing alone constitutes a "critical stage," requiring the presence of counsel for the defendant.

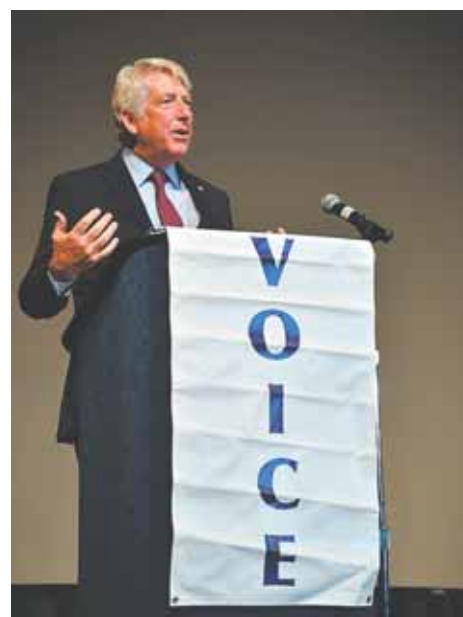
VOICE is a non-partisan coalition of some 55 faith communities and civic organizations from Fairfax County and surrounding areas, Alexandria City, Arlington County and Prince Williams County and neighboring areas. While involved in a variety of community improvement actions, "Restorative Criminal Justice," sits high on the group's target list of initiatives that its membership works to see enacted.

Marjorie Green, a lay leader at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Arlington and a spokesperson for VOICE, praised the announcement of Herring's initiative as a testament to the impact that citizens united can achieve. Green noted in a statement that "this newest effort grew out of conversations between VOICE and the attorney general in recent months." VOICE reported the results of listening sessions held with more than 7,000 residents of Northern Virginia about their chief concerns. "It's one more step in the right direction."

Rev. Keith Savage, pastor at First Baptist Church in Manassas and a member of VOICE's key leadership team, added "Pure and simple, cash bail is a tax on being poor ... we spend millions warehousing people in jail for the sole reason that they cannot afford bail ... yet our community was not made any safer."

VOICE membership committed to actions to "hold our lawmakers to account" on this and other civic issues.

The full contents of Herring's letter and the media release providing additional background information is available on the Attorney General's website [www.oag.state.va.us](http://www.oag.state.va.us).



Attorney General Mark Herring announces his support and latest efforts to reform the cash bail system in Virginia before the attendees to the 2018 VOICE – Virginians for Organized Interfaith Community Engagement – summit.



# NEWS

## Herndon Heritage Preservation Revisited

New district guidelines are long-awaited and much in need.

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

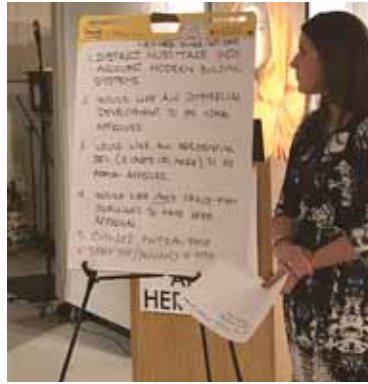
With the recent Herndon Town Council approval to award a contract to Work Program Architects/Commonwealth Preservation Group of \$146,419 to pursue an update to the town's Historic Preservation Guidelines, Sign Standards & Program Update, the town hosted its kick-off meetings Friday, Oct. 19 and Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018.

A handful of business owners attended the noon Friday meeting while a reported 40 residents attended the Saturday morning session.

Business owners in the Herndon Heritage Preservation District met Friday for one hour however consultant open hours continued until 5 p.m. On Saturday, Oct. 20, residents attended the Public Outreach Meeting.

Each group learned about the project and became active participants in helping to shape the new handbook. The consultants listened and listed attendee comments on large flip charts.

Consultants from Work Program Architects are Mel Price, AIA, LEED AP, Principal, and Peter



MERCIA HOBSON/THE CONNECTION

**Paige Weiss Pollard, Principal Commonwealth Preservation Group, writes comments on a flip chart during the meeting with district business owners in Herndon's Heritage Preservation District on Friday, Oct. 19, 2018. Together they begin to draft the town's new Heritage Preservation District Design Guidelines.**

Johnston, Associate. Consultants from Commonwealth Preservation Group are Paige Weiss Pollard, Principal, and Katie Paulson, Architectural Historian.

Search Preservation Program Update, Town of Herndon, VA for more information and to provide feedback.



The Saturday Public Outreach Meeting for the kickoff of the new Heritage Preservation Program attracted a reported 40 attendees. They worked with the staff and consultants from Work Program Architects/Commonwealth Preservation Group.

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## Public Meetings Fall Transportation Meeting

You are invited to participate in public meetings held by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. The meetings will begin with an open house followed by a public comment period. At the open house you can learn about various transportation initiatives, as well as Virginia's project prioritization process (SMART SCALE), Virginia's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, and the VTrans Multimodal Transportation Plan. Representatives from the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment and Departments of Transportation and Rail and Public Transportation will be in attendance to highlight their transportation programs and discuss your ideas and concerns about Virginia's transportation network. The open house will be followed by a public comment period, where you can provide comments about the various initiatives. Comments will be accepted at the meeting and may also be submitted via email or online at [www.CTB.Virginia.gov](http://www.CTB.Virginia.gov).

Public Meetings\* to be held at the dates, locations and times listed below:

<b>Monday, October 15, 2018</b> <b>at 4 p.m.</b> Culpeper District Office 1601 Orange Road Culpeper, VA 22701	<b>Wednesday, October 17, 2018*</b> <b>at 4 p.m.</b> Blue Ridge Community College Plecker Center for Continuing Education One College Lane Weyers Cave, VA 24486	<b>Monday, October 22, 2018*</b> <b>at 4 p.m.</b> Southwest Higher Education Center One Partnership Circle Abingdon, VA 24210
<b>Thursday, October 25, 2018*</b> <b>at 2 p.m.</b> (Note: Start time has changed) Holiday Inn - Valley View 3315 Ordway Drive NW Roanoke, VA 24017	<b>Tuesday, November 13, 2018</b> <b>at 4 p.m.</b> Hampton Roads District Office 7511 Burbage Drive Suffolk, VA 23435	<b>Thursday, November 15, 2018</b> <b>at 4 p.m.</b> Homewood Suites-Chester 12810 Old Stage Road Chester, VA 23836
<b>Monday, November 19, 2018</b> <b>at 4 p.m.</b> Lynchburg District Complex Ramey Memorial Auditorium 4303 Campbell Avenue Lynchburg, VA 24501	<b>Wednesday, November 28, 2018</b> <b>at 4 p.m.</b> Fredericksburg District Office Auditorium 86 Deacon Road Fredericksburg, VA 22405	<b>Thursday, November 29, 2018</b> <b>at 5:30 p.m.</b> NOVA District Office Potomac Conference Room 4975 Alliance Drive Fairfax, VA 22030

\*These meetings will be held in conjunction with planned I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan meetings. Fall meeting materials will be available at <http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/planning/fallmeetings/> beginning October 15, 2018.

If you cannot attend a meeting, you may send your comments on highway projects to Infrastructure Investment Director, VDOT, 1401 E. Broad St., Richmond, Virginia 23219, or [Six-YearProgram@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:Six-YearProgram@VDOT.Virginia.gov).

You may send comments on rail, public transportation, and transportation demand management to Public Information Officer, DRPT, 600 E. Main St., Suite 2102, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or [DRPTPR@drpt.Virginia.gov](mailto:DRPTPR@drpt.Virginia.gov).

Comments will be accepted until December 13, 2018.

The Commonwealth is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, its services on the basis of race, color, or national origin, as protected by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need further information on these policies or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, please contact the Virginia Department of Transportation's Title VI Compliance Officer at 804-786-2730 or the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation's Title VI Compliance Officer at 804-786-4440 (TTY users call 711).



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The Town of Herndon announced the kickoff events for the Development of its New Heritage Preservation District Design Guidelines via online media, road signs, postcards, posters, and newsletters.

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## OPINION

### Comstock

FROM PAGE 4

❖ **Fighting for our Veterans:** Barbara has fought for better health care and choice for our veterans and she worked with local and federal officials to bring a Veterans Community Access Center to Leesburg – in just 8 months — which now provides a wide range of services for Veterans as well as active duty military personnel and their families.

❖ **Battling the Opioid Crisis:** Barbara has fought the opioid crisis, working with local sheriffs, schools, hospitals, churches, faith-based groups to address the addiction crisis. She fought for \$4 billion in new resources for coordinated responses and treatment as well as law enforcement help. She obtained HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Assistance) for the western part of the district and has led efforts to increase this funding.

❖ **Fighting for Metro Funding:** Barbara has secured \$150 million in funding for Metro every year she has been in Congress – sometimes having to fight attempted cuts by her own Republican colleagues. Barbara also introduced much needed Metro reform legislation that was endorsed by the Loudoun Chamber of Commerce, former D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams and bipartisan leaders and business groups.

❖ **Protecting Dulles Airport:** Barbara has had to fight the extremely powerful Texas Con-

gressional Delegation to protect Dulles Airport when her Texas colleagues tried to change the flights in our region at Reagan and Dulles Airports. With this victory, Dulles Airport will remain a thriving economic engine for our entire region.

❖ **A Stalwart for Federal Employees:** Barbara is the only member of the National Capital Region to never vote for a government shutdown and she firmly believes that we cannot balance the federal budget on the backs of our hardworking federal employees. That is why she worked to broker a bipartisan agreement with her colleagues to include scheduled pay increases for federal employees. The political action committee for the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) supports Barbara.

❖ **Preserving our History:** Barbara works with the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation and The Journey Through Hallowed Ground and its partners to preserve the hallowed ground of the Valley's Civil War battlefields, to share its Civil War story with the nation, and to encourage tourism and travel to the Valley's Civil War sites and increase economic growth tied to our historic sites, parks, restaurants, and hotels. She has continued to support grants for preserving our historical areas and that is why she has strong support from our heritage community as well as our tourism and hospitality community.

❖ **Tax Cuts for Families and Businesses:** Barbara delivered on tax relief for our families and

businesses; lowering personal tax rates; doubling the child tax credit to \$2k and giving 90 percent of Americans increased take home pay; providing new tax incentives for family leave; lowering utility costs; cutting business taxes by 40 percent and tax cuts for small businesses all helping bring back jobs to the U.S. and grow our economy by over 4 percent. That is why Barbara has the endorsement of the U.S. Chamber, NFIB and all the major business groups – she works with and understands our diverse business community.

❖ **Claude Moore Colonial Farm:** Barbara is fighting to preserve this historical landmark in our community that we supported decades ago and she has introduced legislation to keep the farm open and broker a continued public-private partnership solution so that families can enjoy it for years to come.

For these reasons and more, Barbara Comstock is a leader in every sense of the Virginia way and is always fighting for her constituents and the District. It is important that the region continue to have bipartisan leadership in Congress because one-party domination in our region would ill serve many of our constituencies that need both parties fighting for their interests.

We strongly support her in her re-election to Congress this year, and ask 10th Congressional District residents to vote for her on Nov. 6.

**Senator John Warner**  
**Congressman Frank Wolf**  
**Congressman Tom Davis**

### SNAP

FROM PAGE 4

after mid-November or later.

We have commended many thoughtful Republicans in the US Senate who voted for the constructive Senate version.

Billing the House version as pushing allegedly “lazy” people to find work is demagoguery, because the great majority of SNAP recipients are either people who already have low-wage jobs, seniors,

people with disabilities, or unemployed people who are doing their best to find work, and SNAP already has programs to help people to find work.

SNAP benefits are very small at approximately \$1.43 per person per meal, so there is no incentive for people to avoid work and try to “live off” SNAP, formerly known as food stamps.

This program has a waste and abuse level of a little over 1 percent, which is very good for such

a huge program. There are always a few bad actors in any program involving about 39 million recipients and about 766,000 people in Virginia, and government officials are doing their best to eliminate waste and abuse. The program is sound.

**Lee Powell**, Economic  
Equality Caucus Virginia Com-  
mittee  
**J. Walter Tejada**, Virginia  
Latino Leaders Council

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#### SOBER-RIDE FOR HALLOWEEN

**Free Sober Rides.** Saturday, Oct. 27, 10 p.m. through Sunday, Oct. 28, 4 a.m. Area residents, 21 and older, may download Lyft to their phones, then enter a code in the app's “Promo” section to receive a no cost (up to \$15) safe ride home. WRAP's Halloween SoberRide promo code will be posted at 5 p.m. on Oct. 27 on [www.SoberRide.com](http://www.SoberRide.com). The SoberRide code is valid for the first 1,500 Lyft users who enter the code.

#### 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).

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# BULLETIN

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## THURSDAY/OCT. 25

**Distinguished Speaker Series.** 7:30 p.m. at Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, 1441 Wiehle Ave., Reston. The next Distinguished Speaker Series program will feature Mr. Amir Tibon on "An Israeli Reporter in Trump's Washington." The NVHC Speaker Series is free and open to the public. Call 703-437-7733 or email RabbiWainer@nvhcreston.org for more.

**Public Comment Deadline.** The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) announces a 45-day public comment period for its proposed policy and guidelines for transit capital prioritization and urban transit agency strategic plans. The proposed plans are available online at [drpt.virginia.gov/transit/tsdac/public-comment](http://drpt.virginia.gov/transit/tsdac/public-comment). Comments on the plans can be sent to Jen DeBruhl at [DRPTPR@drpt.virginia.gov](mailto:DRPTPR@drpt.virginia.gov) or DRPT, 600 East Main St., Suite 2012, Richmond, VA 23219.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 26

**Mind Matters.** 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Hyatt Regency Dulles, 2300 Dulles Corner Blvd., Herndon. Kathleen Howland, Ph.D. will teach participants how to unlock the beauty and power of music and apply these tools to their everyday lives. Event includes a seated luncheon, presentation and performance by local stroke choir, Different Strokes for Different Folks. Proceeds benefit Stroke Comeback Center and their work with survivors of stroke and brain trauma and their families. Tickets are \$48 online at [strokecomebackcenter.org](http://strokecomebackcenter.org). Call 703-255-5221 or email [info@strokecomebackcenter.org](mailto:info@strokecomebackcenter.org) for more.

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 26-27

**Volunteers Needed.** 5-9:30 p.m. at Walker Nature Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. The Walker Nature Center is looking for volunteers to bring this year's Halloween event to life (adults, teens, civic organizations and college groups welcome). Register by completing a one-time volunteer application on [Volgistics.com](http://Volgistics.com) and confirm a shift on VicNet. Instructions can be found at [www.reston.org](http://www.reston.org). Email [habrock@reston.org](mailto:habrock@reston.org) or call 703-435-7986 for more.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 27

**Habitat Heroes (Call for Volunteers).** 10 a.m.-noon 11951 Heathcote Court, Reston, between Sanibel Drive and Dogwood Elementary School. Look for the RA truck. Help remove the English ivy vines and give the native wildflowers a chance to thrive. Register by completing a one-time volunteer application on [Volgistics.com](http://Volgistics.com) and confirm a shift on VicNet. Instructions can be found at [www.reston.org](http://www.reston.org). Email [habrock@reston.org](mailto:habrock@reston.org) or call 703-435-7986 for more.

**VolunteerFest.** A region-wide day of community service helps nonprofits accomplish tasks they would not have time or resources to do on their own. Visit [www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php) for more.

## SUNDAY/NOV. 4

**Rally for Mission.** Noon-1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Trinity Presbyterian Church, 651 Dranesville Road, Herndon. During this family-friendly fair, guests may peruse table displays and handouts, enjoy refreshments, and discover ways they may serve at local, national, and international levels. Free. Visit [www.trinityherndon.org](http://www.trinityherndon.org) or call 703-437-5500 for more.

## TUESDAY/NOV. 6

**Joy Of Living for Seniors.** 11 a.m.-noon at St Timothy's Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon. As part of an ongoing series, St Timothy's Episcopal Church in Herndon, will hold a presentation followed by a light lunch. Donation offerings for lunch accepted. RSVP to [jgdops@gmail.com](mailto:jgdops@gmail.com). Donation offerings for lunch accepted.

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## Resorting to Radio



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

There I was, Wednesday evening, Oct. 17, around 6:30, sitting on my living room couch, club sandwich in hand, preparing for the League Championship Series game 5 between my Boston Red Sox and the Houston Astros when as I've done a thousand times before, grabbed the remote to turn on the television. Pressing the usual button, I was distressed to see no picture and hear no sound. Having experienced this kind of disappointment numerous times before, I didn't panic yet. I went about the diagnostic process first.

I checked my remote to see if the batteries were firmly connected, which they were. I then pointed the remote back at the television, but still no response. Next, as I have been prompted previously under similar circumstances ("Your X-1 platform ..."), I pulled the plug and waited 30-plus seconds before reconnecting. Thirty seconds later, I re-plugged and still my television sat idle. Next I went into my home office to check the status of my computer since they're "cableized" together. The lights on my modem were flashing (a hopeful sign) so I clicked on one of my desk top icons and was met with the dreaded "No internet connection," confirming my worst suspicion. For the moment, 90 minutes before game time, I was out of service (heck, I was out of luck). Finally, I called my cable provider for clarification/further confirmation when I was met with the equally dreaded pre-recorded message: "There has been a service interruption in your area. Service is expected to be restored tomorrow afternoon." "TOMORROW AFTERNOON? THE GAME IS TONIGHT!" That was the exclamation I can print. What came next was not particularly complimentary.

For the next hour or so I pattered and muttered and did nothing to improve my circumstances. At 9:30 pm I called my brother to get a score. (He lives in Washington, DC and has a smart phone. I live in Maryland and have a flip phone, a k a "stupid phone"). Unfortunately, he had left his cell phone in another room and didn't hear my call. Frustrated, I swore yet again and trudged upstairs to go to bed. After getting into my "jammies," I laid down in bed and rolled onto my left side to set the alarm on my clock radio when it hit me (not the clock radio); the baseball game is being broadcast on the radio! And so I scrolled the dial on the clock radio until I heard ESPN radio broadcasters John Shambee and Jessica Mendoza calling the game. If I can't watch the game, I can certainly listen to it. And so I did, just like I did as a "little-leaguer" all those many years ago listening to Ken Coleman and Ned Martin of the "Boston Red Sox radio network" while living on Athelstane Road in Newton Centre, Ma. Except this time, I wasn't clutching a transistor radio. I was hands free, listening.

For the next nearly three hours, I laid in bed and listened. Most of the broadcast I heard and some of it I missed as occasionally I fell asleep. But for a time I was transported back in time sort of, before cable television proliferated when the games were broadcast almost exclusively on radio and baseball was seen through the eyes of those sitting in the "Catbird seat," to quote the legendary Red Barber. Listening to how they described what they saw during the game was how many of my generation - and the preceding generation, fell in love with baseball: "How about that!" to quote the late, great, Mel Allen.

It was a late night, but happily, for me and Red Sox Nation, the Sox won and will now be returning to the World Series for the first time since 2013. Game one will be Tuesday night, Oct. 23. I can't imagine that there will be a repeat non-performance from my cable provider, but if there is, and I am forced to go to plan "B", radio, I will do so. The circumstances got us a win in game five, so there's no reason to think it wouldn't get us a win in game one, too. After all, it's not only the ballplayers that are superstitious.

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# CALENDAR

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## SATURDAY, OCT. 27

**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).

**UCP Craft Fair.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. At United Christian Parish, 11508 North Shore Drive, Reston. Free. This juried fair will showcase a wide variety of quality and

interesting hand crafted items from area artists and craftspeople. Lunch and a bake sale will be available. Ample parking. Email Susan Maynard at [suemayn@msn.com](mailto:suemayn@msn.com). Visit the website: [unitedchristianparishartandcraftfair.com](http://unitedchristianparishartandcraftfair.com).

### Busia Bear's Halloween Extravaganza.

11 a.m. At Reston Regional Library 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join Mrs. Wines as she delightfully spins her "spooky" tales and Busia as he leads the costume parade, trick or treating around the library. Age 3-8. However all are welcome. No registration required. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/) or call 703-689-2700.

**Halloween Party for Kids.** 12:30-3 p.m. At Jimmy's Old Town Tavern, 697 Spring Street, Herndon. Price of admission includes choice of Kid's Meal, crafts, TeGee's Monster Mashing, party favors, an indoor costume parade and a performance by Bingo the Clown. Cost is \$13.95 per child. Call 703-435-JIM. RSVP at [www.facebook.com/jimmystavern/](http://www.facebook.com/jimmystavern/).

**Halloween Green Screen Photo Booth.** 2 p.m. At Reston Regional Library 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Ever imagined yourself in a scene while reading. Visit the Green Screen Photo Booth and place yourself in the story. This is part of the Great American Read. All Ages. No registration required. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/) or

call 703-689-2700.

**Chinese Dance Workshop.** 2 p.m. At Reston Regional Library 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Come learn about China's different ethnic groups

through its folk dances. Age 5-12. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/) or call 703-689-2700.

**Trick or Treat Open House.** At the Goddard School, 2400 Dulles Town Blvd., Herndon. Bring your child in their costume and enjoy a fun-filled Open House Trick-or-Treating throughout The Goddard School in Herndon. A great way to tour and learn about F.LEX (Fun. Learning. EXperience). All enrichment programs are included at no additional fee. Call 703-653-0337. Part-time and full-time programs.

**Halloween Party for Adults.** 8 p.m.-2 a.m. At Jimmy's Old Town Tavern, 697 Spring Street, Herndon. Contests and prizes. \$150 Cash Prize for "Best Costume!" DJ and dancing! No cover. RSVP at [www.facebook.com/jimmystavern/](http://www.facebook.com/jimmystavern/).

11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. An early literacy program with stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. No registration required. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/) or call 703-689-2700.

## THURSDAY/NOV. 1

**Meet the Artists.** 2:15-3:40 p.m. At Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Enjoy a free concert - You Say Either, I Say Either: The Greatest Couples of the Great American Songbook. Luke

Frazier presents music performed by some of the most famous couples in American musical history. Artists like Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong, Louis Prima and Keely Smith, and many more will be featured in this musical tour. Visit the website [www.olli.gmu.edu](http://www.olli.gmu.edu).

## SATURDAY/NOV. 3

### Buckley and Scott Fricker Memorial Walk.

10 a.m.-noon. At the Medical Team Parking Lot, 1902 Campus Commons Dr, Reston. Free. Help remember Buckley and Scott Fricker with a beautiful walk (2.5 mile loop) on paved walking paths around Lake Thoreau in Reston. They will gather halfway at a tree planted in their memory in their neighborhood. Shorter, alternate routes are available, please indicate in the comments box below if you would like details on these options. Visit [www.retirementlivingsourcebook.com/events/buckley-scott-fricker-memorial-walk-2315](http://www.retirementlivingsourcebook.com/events/buckley-scott-fricker-memorial-walk-2315).

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 27-28

**Boo at the Zoo.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Roer's Zoofari, 1228 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna. Roer's Zoofari is hosting its annual Boo at the Zoo Halloween event. Local businesses will be sponsoring trick-or-treat booths. \$20 (first come first served) and must be purchased online at [www.roerszoofari.com/boo-at-the-zoo/](http://www.roerszoofari.com/boo-at-the-zoo/).

## TUESDAY, OCT. 30

**Storytime for Three to Fives** 10:30 a.m. At Reston Regional Library

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## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 9-10

**Everything Christmas Sale.** 3-7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9 and 8:30 a.m. - noon on Saturday, Nov. 10. At First Baptist Church of Herndon, 681 Elden Street, Herndon. Free admission. Get a head start on decorating and choosing gifts and help your community. Everything from artificial trees to cookie cutters and food tins. Many are one-of-a-kind items. The event is sponsored by The Closet, a faith-based nonprofit thrift shop that annually gives away nearly \$50,000 in clothing and necessities to social service agency-referred clients. Visit the website: [www.theclosetofgreaterherndon.org](http://www.theclosetofgreaterherndon.org).