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## Five Dems Vie for Hunter Mill Supervisor Seat

Candidates in their own words: Why they are running, what differs them from others in race?

BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE CONNECTION

**F**irst elected in 1999 as the Hunter Mill District representative on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Cathy Hudgins announced at the Jan. 22 Board Meeting that she would not seek reelection this year.

After 20 years in the position, Hudgins has decided to retire when her fifth term concludes at year end.

A champion of many social issues and of the Metro and other transportation improvements in the district, Hudgins has faced some of her loudest and largest critics in the last few years – particularly among Reston residents. Vehement opposition arose to her support of allowing higher density development in Reston.

Five Democratic candidates are looking to occupy Hudgins' seat when the new Board convenes. For the first time in recent memory, the race will include a Democratic Primary to be held on June 11. On the ballot will be:

❖ Walter Alcorn, serving 16 years on

the county's Planning Commission and two on the Park Authority carries the endorsements of current Board Chair Sharon Bulova and U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11).

❖ Laurie Dodd – a child advocate attorney and former an environmental lawyer, long-time Reston resident Dodd has worked for progressive candidates and improvements for the community.

❖ Shyamali Hauth – an Air Force veteran with 10 years of active duty, Hauth is a local small business owner and the Chair of the Outreach Committee for the Hunter Mill District Democratic Committee.

❖ Maggie Parker – executive with Reston-based Comstock Developers, the force behind much of Reston's recent major development projects. Parker sees her employment and experience as an asset to her candidacy, stating that with her background she can work most effectively with that sector to produce the best results for all.

❖ Parker Messick – the youngest of the candidates, having just graduated from Roanoke College in June 2018. His youth and inexperience relative to his opponents

don't seem to faze or deter him as he campaigns on a platform to stop big development, particularly in Reston and Vienna, to end the Reston Town Center parking scheme, to support schools, transportation improvement and to expand affordable housing in the region.

So far, their meetings at local debates and forums have been admirably civil. At a North County Supervisor Candidate Forum on the Environment hosted by nonprofit 350Fairfax on May 6, there was unanimous agreement on the threat of climate change and the need to pick up the pace of local government's response to what most of the attending Hunter Mill and Providence Districts candidates named as a crisis, even as they offered variations on solutions, ranging from the "one small change can make a big difference" to the "fight the issue on a regional/state/federal level" approaches.

Despite the relative cordiality during the public events, things have turned a bit more heated of late with Dodd "disappointment to learn that [opponent] Walter Alcorn received contributions from the American

Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), an organization funded by the Koch Brothers ... ALEC has pushed ... state laws to bolster gun rights, allow environmental degradation, restrict voting rights, ... cripple collective bargaining ... privatize essential public functions, along with many other extreme laws ..."

Alcorn responded swiftly, returning the two individual contributions of \$250 to the donors working for ALEC which his campaign apparently accepted without prior knowledge of the ALEC association. He also categorically denied breaking a campaign promise to not accept contributions from developers, stating that his pledge was not to accept campaign funds from developers with land use cases in the Hunter Mill District, and he maintains that he has been true to that pledge.

Reston-based nonprofit Cornerstones hosted the quintet of candidates on May 13, this time focused on affordable housing – or the lack, thereof – in the community.

The Connection offered all five candidates the opportunity to submit their response to identical questionnaires.



**Walter Alcorn**

Age: 52  
Education: University of Virginia, 1988  
Family: Wife, Kristina, 2 children  
Native of: Virginia  
Moved to District: 1995

Why are you running?

Walter Alcorn has lived in Vienna and Reston since 1995. He was awarded the 2011 Fairfax County Citizen of the Year by the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations for his work on the Planning Commission where he served from 1997 - 2012. On the Planning Commission he established the first requirement that all new residential development offset its impact on public facilities, created the first requirement that new high-rise development include affordable housing, developed the first County policy to maximize pervious surfaces, and



**Laurie Dodd**

Age: 58  
Education: Duke University, BS in Zoology, 1982  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, JD, 1987  
Family: Husband, Steve Dodd, Children: Kevin (25) and Emma (23)  
Native of: Cleveland, Ohio. Grew up in Atlanta, Ga.  
Moved to your district: 1996

Prior and current professional, political and civic experiences, community/involvement etc.

❖ Current Child Advocate Attorney for neglected and abused children, advocating for their educational and mental health needs, and in court hearings.

❖ Former Legal Services lawyer representing low income tenants and homeless people



**Shyamali Hauth**

Age: 53  
Education: B.A. in Psychology and Management from Saint Leo University '90; M.S. in Human Resource Management from Troy State University '92  
Family: Husband, Chris Hauth, Four Children - Nyx, Christian, Justin, and Brandon  
Native of: I was born in Rachni, India and grew up in Seattle, Wash.  
Moved to your district: 2015

Experience:-

❖ Air Force Veteran, 10 Years Active Duty

❖ Human Resource Manager  
❖ Speech, Communication, & Leadership Professor at Spokane Community Colleges

❖ Small Business Owner – Mahari Yoga

❖ Founder of Hear our Voice- Reston (HOV-R)



**Parker Messick**

Age: 24  
Education: Roanoke College, BA with a major in political science  
Family: Engaged to my Fiancée Jennifer, we are getting married next year  
Native of: Virginia. Born in Richmond lived in Fairfax County almost entire life  
Move to District: 2000

Prior professional experience?

"I have worked in polling and campaigning prior to my run. Most recently I worked on Carter Turner's/special election race to try and flip the House of Delegates.

Why are you running?

"I am running because I feel the voices of the/average citizen in the Hunter Mill District are not being reflected in/our county government. Particularly on the issue of development where/we have seen large amounts of development



**Maggie Parker**

Age: 59  
Education: College of the Holy Cross, BA History 1981  
Family: Divorced, son RJ, 29  
Native of: Connecticut  
Moved to your District: Moved to Fairfax County in 1986, Reston in 2012

Prior current and current professional and political experience, community involvement, etc.:

"Public relations executive with Comstock, an asset management and development company headquartered in Reston, guiding Comstock's Affordable Housing Policy, significantly exceeding Fairfax County's policy and already producing 88 units at Reston Station – many more to come

Board memberships:

❖ Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce

❖ Reston Hospital Center

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## Vote June 11, It's Fairfax County's Election Day

Most local races in Fairfax County are likely to be decided in June, don't wait for November.

**M**ake a plan to vote in the Fairfax County Democratic primary by June 11. Otherwise count yourself out. Most of the path for the future of governance in Fairfax County will be decided when the votes are counted that day.

All polling places will be open on June 11, polls are open from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m.

At least four members of the 10-member Board of Supervisors will be new. The chairman will be new, although possibly a former district member.

The two at-large vacancies in the county have the power to change the political and social climate of the county, and to set priorities for reform. Every ballot in Fairfax County will have at least these two races for the Democratic primary, and it is so important to turn out and vote for them:

❖ Commonwealth's Attorney

❖ Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Races that will be on the ballot depending on location:

❖ Member Virginia Senate, 31st, 33rd or 35th Districts

❖ Member House of Delegates, 38th or 49th Districts

❖ Member Board of Supervisors, Braddock District

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❖ Member Board of Supervisors, Hunter Mill District

❖ Member Board of Supervisors, Lee District

❖ Member Board of Supervisors, Providence District

Sample ballots can be seen at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming).

You can vote absentee in person at the Fairfax County Government Center until June 8.

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❖ Herndon Fortnightly Library

❖ Lorton Library

❖ Mason Governmental Center

❖ McLean Governmental Center

❖ Mount Vernon Governmental Center

❖ North County Governmental Center

❖ Providence Community Center

❖ Sully Governmental Center

❖ West Springfield Governmental Center

See [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee).

## Looking on the Sunny Side

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

**F**ollowing the daily news coming out of our Nation's Capital is enough to leave anyone despondent. The backing away from long-sought freedoms against discrimination and oppression to a seeming lack of concern about the health of our planet and its people to a rise in hateful speech and behavior punctuated by the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few at the expense of the many contribute to the feeling of desperation on the part of many who share values very different than those holding positions of power today. Add to the very real concerns about the direction of our country the plight of millions around the world and one can become very depressed.

I remind myself regularly that it is important to remember that behind all the dark clouds there is a sunny side. While my examples of the sunny side will be from our community over the last couple of days, the sunshine of care and compassion shines in differ-



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ent ways and intensities throughout the world every day. We sometimes have to clean the lenses through which we view our community and the world to gain a clearer perspective of where we are and where we are headed.

Just last weekend Jane and I spent an evening with the caring and compassionate people in our community who raise money and work through FISH (Friendly, Immediate, Sympathetic Help) to help those who are down on their luck pay their utility bills and rent, fill prescriptions, and learn to manage their finances. A golf tournament today with Kids R First along with the volunteer help of many will provide funding to ensure that thousands of children in our region start school with book bags filled with needed school supplies. Students in South Lakes High School (SLHS) who do not have enough to eat at their homes can get food through the SLHS Food Pantry on school days and for the weekends.

Days in a homeless shelter can no doubt seem bleak despite the best efforts of volunteers to make them seem otherwise, but nothing can replace the burst of sunshine that comes from Cornerstones and all its supporters who work mightily to end homelessness in our community. I spent an evening recently with the volunteers of Britepaths who are doing the same kind of work in other areas of our region bringing hope to many.

I spend time monthly with volunteers from Moms Demand Action, Brady Campaign, and other groups working to end gun violence. Their commonsense approach to the public health crisis of gun violence will pay off. I continue to be impressed with the determination and hard work of the Herndon-Reston Indivisibles who are devoted to the election of caring candidates to office and to bring focus on bad public policies.

I am honored to be in public office to observe and participate in the hard work of citizens who bring sunshine where it is needed. I have listed just a few examples. Join with us and pull back the shades to let the sunshine in. Let me know at [kenplum@aol.com](mailto:kenplum@aol.com) if you are looking for ways to become involved.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Protecting Minors from Political Groups

To the Editor:

It is undeniable that a conservative resurgence is currently active in America and concentrating efforts on a women's right to privacy and abortion. Although media focus is on Georgia and Alabama, the recent protest activity by D.C. Area Anti-Abortion Advocacy (a.k.a. DC4A) occurring out-

side of D.C. area middle and high schools, including James Madison High School, is a prime example of how quasi-political interest groups are affecting our community. Pro-Life activism is protected through civil rights and liberties within the United States and public high schools; students can organize clubs, write academic and

newspaper arguments, invite speakers, and hold discussions to convey their beliefs on abortion. But, the protestors from DC4A are different; the adult volunteers shout through bull-horns at students exiting school, hold up photos of severed fetuses, and approach students to video their responses on why they want to "kill

babies." Then DC4A posts these videos onto their Facebook and Youtube to rile members by saying that the students "insult the murdered babies." I call upon the Virginia General Assembly to make it illegal for non-school entities to share identity even if the video camera itself is not on campus grounds.

Grace Kugler  
Vienna

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# Skincare after 55

Adjusting the regimen for senior skin as one ages.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

From fine lines to age spots, normal changes in the skin are inevitable as it matures. Skincare after 50 doesn't need to involve plastic surgery or products with a high price tag. There are simple options for treating the conditions that appear as one ages.

"Everyone ages differently, but you may notice your skin is drier and thinner and starting to look like paper," said dermatologist Shelly Hall, M.D. "You may notice that you're developing more age spots wrinkles and creases. Your skin might be blotchier and irritated easily. You also might notice that your skins heals more slowly."

One of the top recommendations for aging skincare is sunscreen. "For most of us, skin gets more fragile as we age. That's why it's essential for seniors to take extra care and protect themselves from the sun," said Susan Yohe, gerontology nurse for the Fairfax County Health Department. "In addition to using a high-SPF sunscreen, we also recommend long, loose fitting clothing that covers the skin, and a wide-brimmed hat when outside. This will help keep you safe and preserve your skin."

"Wear sunglasses to reduce lines around eyes," added Hall. "Slather on sunscreen that offers broad-spectrum protection and stay out of the sun between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. It's so important because the sun can age your skin prematurely. Indoor tanning and sun lamps expose your skins to UV rays which can also make your skin age faster."

Watch for skin cancer that can occur because of too much exposure to the sun, warns Hall. "Everyone should see a dermatologist for a skin care exam at some point."

Wash your face twice a day, but avoid using soap, suggest Hall. "Use warm water and a mild cleaner, but don't scrub."

"Vitamin A cream can reduce fine wrinkles," said Hall. "It also helps with rough skin and hyper-pigmentation or discoloration that comes with aging and overexposure to the sun. Products that contain Vitamin C can lead to healthy skin and may reverse the negative effects of aging."

Getting adequate sleep promotes healthy skin, says Hall. "It gives our body and skin time to refresh and renew."

Diet and lifestyle also play a role in the way one's



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

**Berries of all types are rich in antioxidants.**

**"Berries are great for the skin because they help keep inflammation down. Green, leafy vegetables especially parsley and lettuces offer tremendous nutrition."**

**— Sara Ducey, Professor of Nutrition, Montgomery College**

skin ages. Eliminating smoking, decreasing alcohol consumption and eating fresh fruits and vegetables and foods rich in Omega-3 offer the nutrients necessary for healthy, glowing skin, says Sara Ducey, professor of Nutrition at Montgomery College.

"Water is especially important for keeping skin hydrated," she said. "Fish is particularly important, especially fatty fish that are rich in Omega-3 fatty acids like salmon and tuna. Berries are great for the skin because they help keep inflammation down."

Green, leafy vegetables especially parsley and lettuces offer tremendous nutrition."

A simple and holistic approach is the foundation of skincare, advises Hall.

"The bottom line is maintaining a healthy lifestyle, eating a healthy diet and practicing sun protection," she said.



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# Meet the Candidates for Hunter Mill District Supervisor

## Alcorn

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brought citizens into the re-planning of Tysons Corner from which emerged a consensus plan that received the 2012 Burnham Award from the American Planning Association. More recently he led a volunteer effort with citizens, developers and housing advocates to create a blueprint for re-forming Fairfax County's land use policies to get more affordable housing.

In addition to County volunteer activities Walter has an environmental career that spans the public and private sectors, and now serves as VP of Environmental Affairs and Industry Sustainability for the Consumer Technology Association.

Walter is running to manage growth while providing more affordable housing, fully fund our schools, and protect and expand our green spaces. As County Supervisor Walter will initiate key fixes to Reston's comprehensive plan (e.g., remove village center density, incorporate population projections and conditions), initiate policies to get more affordable housing from underutilized office parks and commercial centers, explore long-term local financing options for maintaining our schools and county services, and empower citizens to engage constructively in the land use decision processes.

## Dodd

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❖ Former Environmental attorney representing Friends of the Earth in Clean Water Act cases

❖ Involved with PTA at several Fairfax County Public Schools, swim team, scouting, 4-H, etc.

❖ Long-time Democrat, elected to serve as a delegate at 2016 Democratic National Convention

Why are you running?

"I want to protect the district from uncontrolled development. As a parent and child advocate, I will ensure that our school system and mental health systems are top notch. I want to increase affordable housing in all parts of the county. And I will take action to reduce our carbon footprint and fight climate change."

What do you see as the top issues in your district and what solutions do you propose?

❖ The top issue in our district is uncontrolled development. As supervisor, I would not approve any more residential development without asking whether we have the schools, roads, parks, and public safety to serve them. We need transit-oriented development and expansion of affordable housing opportunities. I will not give up one more inch of the district to unplanned growth.

Environmental issues - Fairfax County should take the lead in addressing environmental issues through a public private partnership, engaging our wealth of technology companies and others - Google, Amazon,

INOVA Hospital, Mars, Hilton, WMATA - to find innovative solutions. We must move forward with a community-wide energy and climate action plan. Replacing our streetlights with efficient LED lighting is a good start that must be followed by bold action, including a focus on our transportation system.

Education. Fund universal pre-K. Pay raises for teachers and staff, while class sizes are reduced. When we have more than 800 trailer classrooms in Fairfax County, saying that our school system is "fully funded" rings hollow. I will work with the school board to ensure that we provide a world-class education to our children and future leaders."

Key ways you differ from your opponents?

"I am the only candidate in this race who has the breadth of experience in our district, who does not take a dime from corporations or developers - no matter where they have projects, who has advocacy skills to speak up for our residents, and who is beholden to no one but the citizens of Hunter Mill District. This is the leadership we need, now and for the future of Hunter Mill."

## Hauth

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❖ Chair, Veterans & Military Families Committee for the Fairfax County Democratic Committee

❖ Chair, Outreach Committee for the Hunter Mill District Democratic Committee

Why are you running?

"Hunter Mill deserves a leader who will guide us into 2020 with the vision, integrity, and compassion to bring innovation to our community - a leader that reflects the great diversity of thought and culture across our region. That leader is me.

I have led a life of service around the world, across this great nation, and right here in Fairfax County. I want Fairfax County, and specifically the Hunter Mill District, to be the leader of a progressive vision of community ... We need new leadership that reflects the desires and diversity of the community. As a grassroots community organizer, I understand the benefit of building a community from the ground up. I understand the importance of engaging voters in decisions that will affect their lives."

Top 3 issues in your district and what solutions your propose?

"Climate Change - We need a multi-faceted and bold approach to addressing climate change in Fairfax County. Increase minimum LEED standard to Gold for any new construction and renovation - with an incentive for Platinum. Solar panels on schools and government buildings is a start, but we also need to encourage our businesses to do the same and reduce our overall energy use. We must also reduce traffic congestion by lowering the cost of and increasing the use of public transportation systems. Making walking and biking safer

through appropriate lighting and the development of bike friendly transit zones will also reduce our energy consumption and improve the quality of life. Additionally, we can initiate several consumer-oriented changes like a single use plastics ban, an increased emphasis on waste reduction, and the introduction of front yard gardens and zero-scapes.

❖ Affordable Housing - a S.M.A.R.T.E. (Safe, Mixed Income, Accessible, Reasonably Priced, Transit-oriented, and Environmentally Sustainable) housing plan. This plan is comprehensive and would incentivize new construction and renovations to include percentages of housing accessible to various income levels. We need to be creative and use the concepts of tiny or small houses, add-on mother-in-law style apartments, utilizing existing offices and other buildings for new housing and community space, and creating community based housing to ensure we draw from as many sources as possible to address the needs of the county.

❖ Education - Teacher and staff pay needs to improve and we need to bring equity across the school system. For both safety and to improve the learning environment we need to address the overcrowding and excessive use of trailers. Offering apprenticeships for those not choosing to attend college, or skills-based learning for students of differing abilities. We also need to ensure our curriculum is inclusive and welcoming.

Key ways you differ from your opponents?

"I am the only veteran running for this seat. I fully understand the sacrifices that must be made in order to serve the people and I am willing to make these sacrifices.

I have a unique life experience that allows me to fully grasp the diversity of our district and advocate for our constituents' needs.

I'm an Indian immigrant. I was born in Ranchi, India, and became a naturalized citizen in 1983. I am part of the 30.8 percent of Fairfax County that is foreign-born.

I'm the mother of a transgender non-binary child and a grandmother of a child with autism.

As an Air Force Veteran and military spouse, I have lived all over the United States and the world, giving me a diversity of experiences which I can bring to the Board of Supervisors. I have seen how local governments operate elsewhere, as well as creative ways problems were resolved, and will bring these ideas to the table."

## Messick

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occur that have been/unwanted and deeply opposed by much of the community. This development/has been pushed through despite intense opposition."

Top 3 issues in your district?

"Excessive unwanted development, the

paid parking at/Reston Town Center, and education.

On the key issue of development I/will use the county's zoning power to block new developments in Reston/that the people do not want. In Vienna I will work with the town/council to see that the people of Vienna's wishes are successfully/implemented as well.

The Reston Town Center was able to implement paid/parking because a single developer, Boston Properties, was able to/ acquire all the land. I plan to negotiate a deal between them and the/county to see that the paid parking program permanently end.

When it/comes to education I want to see that our schools' are fully funded/ and our teachers are paid better. In addition, I want to be advocate/for special needs students. As someone who is autistic myself, (Asperger's Syndrome) I know first-hand the need to promote neurodiversity and make our schools a place where all students can/succeed."

Key ways you differ from your opponents?

"I am the only candidate to/make firm campaign promises about ending the paid parking at the/Reston Town Center and I have kept it as one of my main two issues my/entire campaign. Additionally, I have taken the strongest stance when/it comes to pushing back against large scale development in the Hunter/Mill District. I also support allowing neighborhoods that consist of/single family homes to remain as is, instead of rezoning them for/other purposes such a duplexes or multiple houses per lot."

## Parker

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❖ Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance

❖ Greater Reston Arts Center

❖ Wolf Trap Foundation Associates

❖ Chair, Public Art Reston

❖ Chair, Reston Transportation Service District Advisory Board

❖ Loudoun Transportation Advisory Board

❖ Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce

Why are you running?

"I believe that for our government to work, each individual should take responsibility; my life's opportunities of professional work, community service, and motherhood have provided a rich palette of experiences to bring to the job of governing as Supervisor; my experiences of working with the region's governing organizations, stakeholders and staff have well prepared me to affect positive change."

Top three issues?

"Affordable Housing:/Increase contribution to Affordable Housing Fund from one-half cent to 1.5 cents; Additional tax on

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# Art Collecting and Fun

**GRACE welcomes 30,000 patrons to its 28th annual NOVA Fine Arts Festival.**

By MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

**G**reater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) held its acclaimed free-to-the-public, 28th annual Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival last weekend. The event featured more than 200-juried artists and offered “high-quality hand-crafted, one-of-a-kind artwork in the dynamic outdoor setting” at Reston Town Center according to GRACE. The Festival once again attracted an estimated crowd of 30,000.

Organizers expanded this year’s Festival experience. “Festival Friday” returned for its second season. Executive Director and Curator Lily Siegel explained the Friday event focused on the Reston workforce and offered exclusive retailer deals, games and activities. The Festival Party on Saturday night shined a light on artists with the announcement of the 2019 Awards of Excellence as selected by jurors and presented by The M Group Architects of Reston. The Family Art Park featured hands-on art activities and storytelling.

Heidi Latsky Dance from New York presented three performances of ON DISPLAY/RESTON, one Friday evening during the Festival Party and two on Sunday at Reston Town Square. Partner Reston Community Center supported the movement installation



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**Meg Hill of Reston admires the impressionist oil paintings by award-winning local artist Jill Banks of Fairfax during the 2019 Greater Reston Arts Center Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival.**

described as “a deconstructed art exhibit/fashion show — a commentary on the body as a spectacle and society’s obsession with body image.” The show was presented in partnership with Shu Chen Cuff of the Gin Dance Company and Suzanne Richard of Open Circle Theatre.

Funds raised from the Festival will help support GRACE, a nonprofit organization, in providing Virginia, Maryland and District of Columbia’s diverse communities with opportunities to experience and explore contemporary art. To learn more about GRACE, its exhibitions, educational programs, donation opportunities and plans for next year’s Festival, visit [restonarts.org](http://restonarts.org).

## GRACE Fine Arts Festival Party

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**“W**e are here to celebrate the Arts and Artists,” said Executive Director and Curator Greater Reston Arts Center Lily Siegel during the organization’s Saturday Night Fine Arts Festival Party held May 19, 7-9 p.m. During the event, 10 awardees each received a \$500 cash prize sponsored by The M Group Architects of Reston and presented by Mike Timcheck, Principal. Awardees also received a blue ribbon to display at their booth and were juried into the 2020 Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival. Jurors Nehemiah Dixon III, Lauren Hilyard and Laura Roulet selected the winners based on a cumulative score between jurors.

In her remarks, Siegel thanked party and awards sponsor The M Group Architects; catering sponsor Not Your Average Joes; beverage sponsor Balducci’s Food Lovers Market, and additional party sponsors, On Tap, Get Snap’d, The Avant and Signature. The event treated VIPs and artists with a performance by Heidi Latsky Dance from New York titled ON DISPLAY/RESTON, sponsored by Reston Community Center and Fairfax County.



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**GRACE’s Saturday night Festival Party attracts artists and supporters for the announcement of the 2019 M Group Artist Awards of Excellence and performance by Heidi Latsky Dance.**

### AWARD RECIPIENTS

Recipients of the 2019 M Group Awards of Excellence for the GRACE Fine Arts Festival:  
Ceramics-Thomas Clarkson  
Drawing and Printmaking-Brianna Martray  
Glass-Chris McCarthy  
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**Arrive at 6:15 p.m. for a pre-show conversation with Robert Mirabal.**

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## ONGOING

**Mr. Knick Knack!** Mondays through September, 10:30-11:15 a.m. at Reston Town Square Park. Free performances of heart-centered music for children. No performances on Memorial Day or Labor Day. Visit [restontowncenter.com/events](http://restontowncenter.com/events) for more.

**Herndon Farmers Market.** Thursdays, through mid-November, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Historic Downtown Herndon, Lynn Street. Vendors will offer seasonal plants, produce, baked goods, meats and more; all sold by local growers and producers. Additional enhancements to the market include seasonal events and entertainment, including “Farmers’ Market Fun Days,” free performances for the whole family. Visit [www.herndon-va.gov/FarmersMarket](http://www.herndon-va.gov/FarmersMarket) for more.

## THURSDAY/MAY 23

**Yoga with Rupa.** 7 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. A relaxing hour of yoga led by Rupa Shah. Adults, teens. Call 703-689-2700 or visit [librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov).

## MAY 23-JUNE 23

**Golden Age Musical.** At NextStop Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. From Artistic Director Evan Hoffmann comes a wildly inventive re-imagining of an American megamusical as no one has seen it before. Singin’ in the Rain has all the magic and glamour of the greatest movie musical ever made. So, when the projector at a super-fan screening of the film goes up in smoke, the hosts save the day... after all, in theatre, the show must always go on. \$40-55. Visit [www.nextstoptheatre.org/shows/singin-in-the-rain](http://www.nextstoptheatre.org/shows/singin-in-the-rain).

## FRIDAY/MAY 24

**Family Yoga.** 10:30 a.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Enjoy playful yoga, stories and songs along with your actively walking child. No experience needed. 2-4 years old with an adult. Call 703-689-2700 or visit [librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov).

**Live Music: Full Plate.** 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. at Kalypso’s Sports Tavern on historic Lake Anne in Reston. Bands play inside the sports bar on a dedicated stage. No cover. Visit [www.kalypsosportstavern.com](http://www.kalypsosportstavern.com).

## SATURDAY/MAY 25

**Top to Bottom Look at Colvin Run Mill.** 10:30 a.m. at Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Rd, Great Falls. Climb to new heights and explore the second and third floors at Colvin Run Mill on Saturdays in May. Register for the “Four Floor Tour Class” to get an insider’s look at this 200-year-old working mill. The exploration may last up to two hours. \$10 per person, and the tours are designed for visitors age 10 to adult. NOTE: Participants will be climbing steep stairs to reach the added tour areas in this historic building. The areas are not ADA accessible, but alternative arrangements will be made for those who cannot climb the stairs but wish to participate. Call 703-759-2771 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvin-run-mill](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvin-run-mill).

**Star-Spangled Salute with The Reston Chorale.** 7 p.m. at the Pavilion at Reston Town Center. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy The Reston Chorale’s patriotic music in honor of Memorial Day. Free. Donations of items for troop care packages are welcomed. Visit [restonchorale.org](http://restonchorale.org).

## SUNDAY/MAY 26

**Reston Live.** 3-8 p.m. at Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza W., Reston. Reston Live features live bands, rising star talent competition, local market and food vendors, and more. This family friendly event will include a magic show and face painting. Bring a lawn or tailgate chair and enjoy the festival at the Plaza. Free. Call 703-282-8825 or visit [www.corefoundation.org](http://www.corefoundation.org) for more.

**Live Music: Ethel.** 7 p.m. at CenterStage at Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. String quartet ETHEL and Grammy Award-winning instrumentalist Robert Mirabal collaborate in this cross-cultural concert experience of instrumental virtuosity, song, and



Celebrating community: Herndon Festival 2018.

## Herndon Festival Set for May 30-June 2

The 39th Annual Herndon Festival, will be held May 30 - June 2 in a new location, at the Northwest Federal Credit Union, 200 Spring Street. The Herndon Festival features local and nationally known entertainment on two stages, a carnival, children’s hands-on art area, arts & crafts show, business expo, 10K/5K races and fitness expo on Sunday at the Herndon Community Center, complimentary shuttle

bus service, and an assortment of food vendors. The festival is produced by the Town of Herndon Parks and Recreation Department with assistance from local civic organizations and businesses. Northwest Federal Credit Union is serving as the title sponsor for the 2019 Herndon Festival. Festival goers can learn about all the Festival highlights and insider tips to having a great time at [herndonfestival.net](http://herndonfestival.net).



The first Reston Pride Festival was held in 2018.

## Reston Pride Festival to Be Held June 1

The Second Annual Reston Pride Festival will be held on Saturday, June 1 from 2. to 7 p.m. at Lake Anne Plaza to celebrate and support Greater Reston’s LGBTQ+ community. The festival will feature choral groups, dancers, performers, and speakers. The event will be co-emceed by Delta B. Knyght, a Washington, D.C.-based Drag Entertainer, and Ken Williamson, music director for Washington Plaza Baptist Church and a former Las Vegas entertainer. In addition, the festival will have more than 40 LGBTQ+ friendly exhibitors. This child-friendly event is free and open to the public.

The Second Reston Pride Festival is co-sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Church in Reston, St. Anne’s Episcopal Church, and United Christian Parish, with key support from Lake Anne Plaza, Reston Community Center, Cornerstones, Reston faith communities, nonprofits, and other local organizations. The Reston Pride Festival, begun in 2018, was created and hosted by the Unitarian Universalist Church in Reston “to break the silence in the greater Reston/Herndon area about LGBTQ+ people and issues,” said the Rev. Dr. Debra Haffner, minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Reston and co-chair of Reston Pride.

storytelling. Tickets are \$20 at [RestonCommunityCenter.com](http://RestonCommunityCenter.com) or 703-476-4500.

## MONDAY/MAY 27

**Park Authority Salutes Military with Free Admission Day.** The Fairfax County Park Authority will honor those who serve and have served in the U.S.

Armed Forces with a free day for military families at RECenters and lakefront parks on Memorial Day. Families can enjoy such amenities as pools, fitness rooms, drop-in fitness classes, gyms and mini-golf. The lakefront parks offer amusements such as carousel rides, boat rides, train rides, mini-golf and camping. Amenities vary by location. Excludes the Water Mine, regulation golf and food vendors. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/honoring-america-veterans-memorial-day](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/honoring-america-veterans-memorial-day) for details.

## TUESDAY/MAY 28

**Baby Play And Explore.** 11 a.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join for an hour of unstructured play and social time for babies. Cosponsored by the FRRL. Age birth-18 months with adult. No registration required. Call 703-689-2700 or visit [librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov).

**Spanchats.** 7 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join an ongoing Spanish conversation group. All levels from beginner to fluent are welcome. Adults. Call 703-689-2700 or visit [librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov).

**INOVA Blood Drive.** 1-6 p.m., beside the Pavilion at Reston Town Center. Schedule Bloodmobile appointments at 1-866-256-6372 or [inova.org/donateblood](http://inova.org/donateblood). On-site registration available.

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 29

**Create a Home Inventory.** 7 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Certified Professional Organizer Susan Kousek will share three ways to create a home inventory at low or no cost. She’ll demonstrate each of the three ways, discuss the pros and cons of each, and tell participants how step-by-step. Adults. Call 703-689-2700 or visit [librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov).

## THURSDAY/MAY 30

**Dollars and Sense.** 7 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Monthly group discussion focuses on business leaders and markets. Discussing “Freakonomics” by Steven Levitt.

The event is free and open to the public. Call 703-689-2700 or visit [librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov).

## THURSDAY/MAY 30-SUNDAY/JUNE 2

**Herndon Festival 2019.** At Northwest Federal Credit Union, 200 Spring St, Herndon. The four-day festival, which is produced by the Town of Herndon’s Parks and Recreation Department with assistance from area civic organizations and businesses, will feature entertainment on two stages, a carnival, a children’s hands-on art area, arts & crafts show, business expo, 10K/5K races and fitness expo, and an eclectic variety of top-quality food vendors. Visit [www.herndonfestival.net](http://www.herndonfestival.net).

## FRIDAY/MAY 31

**Live Music: Something’s Brewing.** 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. at Kalypso’s Sports Tavern on historic Lake Anne in Reston. Bands play inside the sports bar on a dedicated stage. No cover. Visit [www.kalypsosportstavern.com](http://www.kalypsosportstavern.com).

## SATURDAY/JUNE 1

**Gardens of Note.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. around Reston. Enjoy the sights and sounds of notable gardens on The Reston Chorale’s exclusive tour with pop-up performances, beekeeping talks, and the Hidden Lane garden party. \$22/advance; \$25/tour day. Email [restongardensofnote@gmail.com](mailto:restongardensofnote@gmail.com) or visit [www.restonchorale.org](http://www.restonchorale.org) for more.

**Reston Pride Festival.** 2-7 p.m. at Lake Anne Plaza. The Second Annual Reston Pride Festival will celebrate and support Greater Reston’s LGBTQ+ community. The festival will feature choral groups, dancers, performers, speakers – both political leaders and faith leaders – all coming together to support the LGBTQ+ community. In addition, more than 40 LGBTQ+ friendly exhibitors. This child-friendly event is free and open to the public. Visit [www.facebook.com/RestonPride/](http://www.facebook.com/RestonPride/) for more.

## FRIDAY/JUNE 7

**Live Music: The Jones.** 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. at Kalypso’s Sports Tavern on historic Lake Anne in Reston. Bands play inside the sports bar on a dedicated stage. No cover. Visit [www.kalypsosportstavern.com](http://www.kalypsosportstavern.com).





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**Reston National Golf Course is now owned by two Baltimore developers, Weller Development Co. and War Horse Cities.**

# Reston National Golf Course Sold to Developers

**'Here we go again,' posted to Rescue Reston Facebook page.**

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

**B**altimore developer Weller Development Co. announced it and War Horse Cities recently closed on the purchase of Reston National Golf Course from property owners Billy Casper Golf and Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance.

Marc Weller, founding partner of Weller Development Company, stated, "Weller Development Company, in partnership with War Horse Cities, has closed on the purchase of Reston National Golf Course from the property's owners, Billy Casper Golf and Northwestern Mutual. Billy Casper Golf has been retained to continue managing the golf course with no set plans for the property beyond that at this time. Both Weller Development and War Horse are focused on building relationships and working with the communities we serve, and we look forward to being part of the Reston community for years to come."

According to Lynn Mulston of Rescue Reston, a grassroots organization that works to defend Reston's recreational green space at Reston's two golf courses, the 164-acre North Course, Hidden Creek Country Club, and at the South Course, Reston National Golf Course, a 166-acre certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary program golf course in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, "the land use designation of both properties is private recreation use, more specifically to remain as golf courses."

**THE PURCHASED GOLF COURSE** is located at 11875 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, a short distance to the Wiehle-Reston East Station on the Silver Line ex-

tension and the nearly complete Reston Town Center Station located west of Reston Parkway.

The property has been the subject of controversial debate for seven years. In 2012, RN Golf Management, LLC (RN Golf), a subsidiary of Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance, asked Fairfax County whether the land could be considered residential. Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning Staff said no; it would require rezoning. Resulting actions and appeals by the owners and advocacy groups against redevelopment caused years of contention.

RN Golf appealed decisions to Fairfax County Board of Planning and Zoning, Circuit Court of Fairfax County and ultimately the Supreme Court of Virginia. In 2016, Scott D. Helsel who represented RN Golf, LLC, stated in a letter to Patricia Harrington, Clerk of Supreme Court of Virginia: "RN Golf has decided not to continue with its appeals in these cases."

The golf course went on the market in 2017 by the McLean-based office of ARA. According to a statement in VirginiaBusiness.com by executive managing director land services for ARA, Mark Anstine, the Reston National Golf Course would be sold "as is, or for future development by the purchaser."

**CURRENTLY**, the new owners must seek a zoning amendment to redevelop the golf course. The sales price of the recently acquired property is not reflected in Fairfax County online property records yet.

Spokesperson Danielle Bennings, Director, Strategic Communications Weller Development, stated that the company would apprise of any updates in the future. She added: "I have no further details to share at this time."

Reston Association stated it had no comment at the time to the news of the Reston National Golf Course sale.

Rescue Reston replied with a press release, part of it addressed to the new owners, "You bought a golf course, and you own a golf course. Period."

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#### SATURDAY/JUNE 1

**Dementia Care Support.** 10-11 a.m. at Hunters Woods at Trails Edge Showroom, 2254B Nunters Woods Plaza, Reston. Dementia Care Support Group - 1st Saturday of the month. Distinguish between normal aging and dementia, understand different types of dementia, the impact of changes to the brain and how family caregivers can best cope with these changes. Free. Call 703-708-4047 or visit [www.integracare.com](http://www.integracare.com).  
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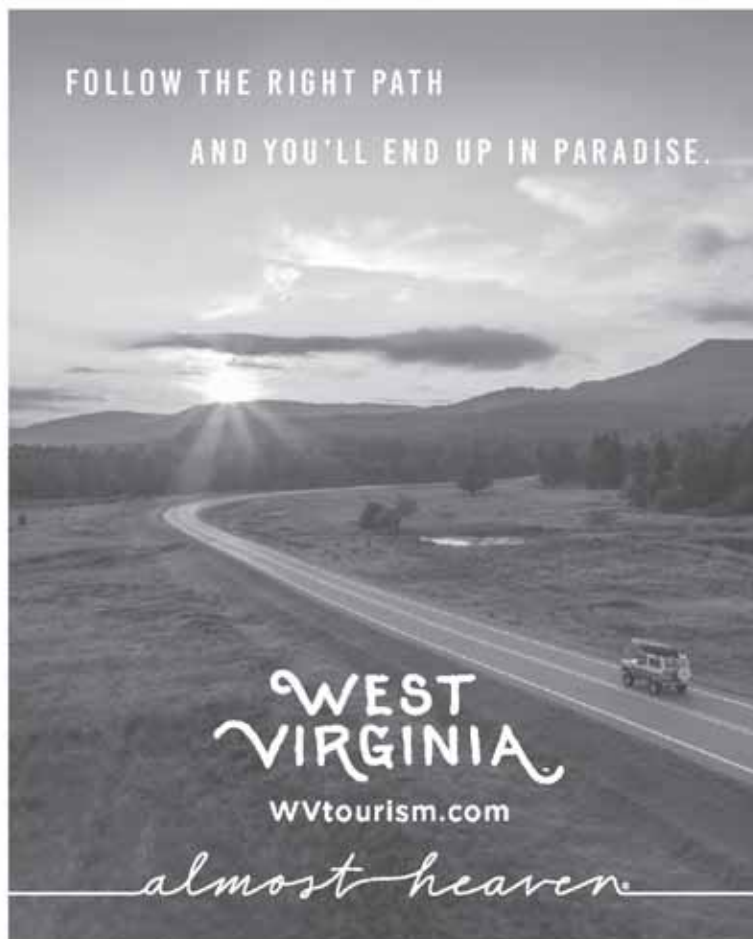
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Thursdays • May 30 – August 29 • 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. • Lake Anne Plaza  
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## Summerbration

Fridays • May 31 – August 23 • 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. • Reston Station  
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## Family Fun Entertainment

Saturdays • June 15 – August 3 • 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. • Reston Town Square Park  
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