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NEWS

Sprouts Farmers Market Arrives to Herndon

Customers swarm the store, the first in Virginia.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

Sprouts Farmers Market, Inc. a healthy- and organic-centric grocery chain out of Phoenix opened its doors at 7 a.m. on Oct. 2 for the grand opening celebration of its first store in Virginia located in the Town of Herndon at 494 Elden Street.

Kalia Pang, senior public relations specialist at Sprouts Farmers Market was on hand to assist with the official ribbon cutting and grand opening events.

Before welcoming patrons into the store, Pang provided a private tour of the nearly 31,000 square foot store and explained what made Sprouts different, what it



PHOTO BY MERCIA HOBSON/THE CONNECTION

Sprouts' first customers line up in Herndon ready to experience 20,000 products, 2,400 of which are private label or Sprouts brand.

offered, and the impact on the community.

"The big difference is seen as soon as you walk in. The floor plan is really wide-open. People enjoy shopping here. It's a happy experience. Fresh produce is at the center of the store. People gravitate

towards us for any produce need, but we're also full-service."

Pang said that from Sprouts' seafood to its service deli with made-to-order sandwiches, to the freshly squeezed juice and sushi made in-store, as well as the butcher shop

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NatureFest 2019: Interactive and Immersive

Nature surprises in an oasis of wilderness.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

Environmental education begins with understanding through experience, and at NatureFest 2019, bees, butterflies, reptiles, arts and crafts, and more greeted visitors in an interactive and immersive event held Sunday, Sept. 29 at Runnymede Park, 195 Herndon Parkway in the Town of Herndon.

"A couple of surprises I anticipate at this year's event are that visitors will learn that the park is large and home to lots of wildlife and native vegetation," said Town of Herndon Forester John Dudzinsky as he helped set up for the annual event now in its 21st year. As visitors hiked paths to the 25 learning stations spread throughout the wooded floodplain along Sugarland Run, they quickly discovered how large Runnymede Park really is, 58 acres. Children and parents walked through forests and beside marshes with more than 450 native plant species. If they looked carefully, they could spy an array of insects such as dragonflies and damselflies, reptiles like turtles and snakes, and possibly a blue heron, raccoon or deer.

The Friends of Runnymede Park co-sponsored NatureFest with Herndon Parks and Recreation Department in support of its mission to engage citizens in environmental stewardship. Volunteers and others showcased the assets of the park and combined learning with fun activities. At Station 6, Olivia Hampton, 3, of Herndon, learned about monarchs and moths.

Danny Kenny brought his daughter Layla, 2, to the beehive station. "We think we live in the city, but nature is all around us," he said as his daughter got a closer look at the hive protected by a Plexiglas barrier. Anant Bellapu, 7, of Herndon and the Ivanov sisters of Reston, Emma, 3 1/2, and Nora, 6, played Bird Bingo learning to identify birds common to the area.

A copy of the Park Dedication in 2007, delivered by David Swan, member of Friends of Runnymede Park, as viewed on the organization's Park History page, summed up why the organization committed and remained committed in 2019 to the vision of fulfilling the promise of an interpretive park, one that would generate

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Lois Auer of Blue Ridge Wildlife Center presents the program, "Animals That Live in our Park," featuring turtles to raptors during NatureFest 2019.



Anant Bellapu, 7, of Herndon, Emma Ivanov, 3 1/2 of Reston, and her sister Nora, 6, play Bird Bingo, at one of the 25 stations exhibited at NatureFest 2019.

understanding, appreciation and protection of the park. According to a frweb.org, Swan said, "I believe that an environmentalist from Madagascar, Baba Dioum, best described why it is important

for us to promote environmental education: 'For, in the end, we will conserve only what we love. We will love only what we understand. We will understand only what we are taught.'"



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On behalf of the Herndon Historic Society, Todd Parker hands the organization's official award plaque to owners of 1017 Tyler Street, Spencer Ong and Caitlin Brown, denoting their home entered in the register maintained by the Society as "Town of Herndon Historic Structure No. 26 1898".

Recognition for Herndon Residence

Society approves structure for its Historic Homes Registry Program.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

Herndon Historical Society sponsors a registry program for buildings at least 50 years old within the Town whose present exteriors retain the "spirit" of their original design and satisfy the Society's criteria of being compatible with the character of Herndon. Recently, the Society's committee reviewed and approved an application for a structure located at 1017 Tyler Street. The residence, privately owned by homeowners Spencer Ong and Caitlin Brown, will be included in the Society's Historic Homes Registry Program/Historic Homes List as well as a site in the yet to be released updated, self-guided Walking Tour according to Richard Downer, a Society member. The residence enters

as Site No. 26.

On Oct. 3, the Society's president, Nancy Saunders, awarded Ong and Brown an official bronze plaque to be displayed on their home. According to the Society's online information page, the Registry Program is "intended to increase public awareness of Herndon's older homes and buildings and their contribution to the Town's distinctive character and spirit." Society member Richard Downer later explained the organization is updating information on its Walking Tour for structures listed in the Registry. Historic Structure #26 will be added.

THE PLAQUE is an honorific recognition; it notes that the original section of the residence is a 'historic structure' built in 1898, and as Society historian, Barbara Glakas stated, "Well worthy of a plaque." During the presentation ceremony held Thursday, Oct. 3, Glakas confirmed the building met the criteria for the committee to approve the application. She described the original section of the residence as a modest, rectangular two-story frame structure typical of that period located in one of the earliest subdivisions

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OPINION

Capstone to Four-Years of Police Reform

BY PHIL NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER AND
ADRIAN L. STEEL JR.

Just in time for the Oct. 8 fourth anniversary of the 2015 release of the Fairfax County Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission Final Report, the Board of Supervisors approved full implementation of body worn cameras (BWC) by the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD). This is one of the Commission's most significant and consequential recommendations. While a potential aid to criminal prosecution, the body worn camera's equally important contribution is to foster greater transparency and accountability of all parties during the interactions of the police with the public. Full implementation will begin in May 2020 and take three years to phase in countywide.

The Board's decision followed the completion of a 2018 pilot study chartered by Police Chief Edwin C. Roessler Jr. and conducted by the American University, which found that there was "... overwhelming support among community members for the widespread adoption of body worn cameras..." and "... consensus among the officers involved in the pilot that body worn cameras will increase the gathering of evidence and help settle complaints against officers."

The Board's decision is a fitting capstone to a four-year successful effort by the Board to oversee the transformation of the Police Department from one that was excellent to now being on a clear path to becoming "best in class."

The Commission's formation by the Board of Supervisors followed a few high-profile po-

lice use of force incidents, with the ultimate catalyst being the August 2013 shooting death of unarmed Springfield resident John Geer in his doorway.

Board Chair Bulova formed the Ad Hoc Commission and her office closely oversaw the Commission's work over an intensive five-month period in 2015. Charged with "... assessing the (Fairfax County) Police Department's performance against national best practices," the Commission made more than 200 recommendations for strengthening the public's trust and confidence in the Department.

Public Safety Committee Chair Supervisor John Cook combined forces with Board Chair Bulova and Chief Roessler to drive the Board and Police Department to embrace the Ad Hoc Commission's recommendations. As they complete their many years of service to our community, Bulova's and Cook's police-reform efforts will certainly be a key legacy.

The significant reforms for which all can be proud will increase police accountability, divert those who suffer from mental illness into treatment rather than incarceration, reduce use-of-force injuries and deaths, open public access to incident information, and engender public confidence.

Body worn cameras will now complement the dashboard cameras mounted in each FCPD patrol vehicle. The Department's policy enshrines sanctity of human life as an organizing principle, with de-escalation as the strategy of first resort when confronted with a threat rather than the use of force. Constraints and strengthened supervisory oversight are now in place on police use of vehicle pursuit.

"Diversion First" offers alternatives to incarceration for people with mental illness or developmental disabilities.

An Independent Police Auditor (IPA) automatically reviews investigations of death or serious injury cases as well as uses of force when a citizen complaint is filed. A Civilian Review Panel reviews investigations of civilian complaints regarding "abuse of authority" or "serious misconduct" by an FCPD officer and holds public forums to hear from the community. Policies regarding release of information provide for increased public visibility into the Department's daily activities and performance, with a predisposition to disclose information, regardless of incident controversy. Intense efforts are underway to recruit talented personnel that better reflect Fairfax County's population diversity.

Sustained effort and energy are still required to move decades-old engrained practices into a "new normal." Further, those who are "best-in-class" constantly seek to improve.

Tough questions still need to be asked as the County implements body worn cameras. Should an agency other than the Department, for example, control access to the massive amount of data to be collected? Should the IPA or an independent third party audit the program? Heightened expectations alone should give our policymakers pause, particularly when we know that no technology deployment is mistake and error free. Not collecting video data during a controversial use of force incident is bad, missing video data under the Department's control is worse.

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Evolution of American Democracy

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

Four hundred years ago is a long time, but what happened four centuries ago has implications for us today. Virginia is in the midst of a year-long series of programs and experiences based on events that happened a dozen years after the first permanent English colony was settled at Jamestown in 1607. All the activities taken together are referred to as American Evolution 1619-2019. There are many events scheduled for the remainder of this year. (americanevolution2019.com).

The planners of the commemoration are to be commended for recognizing that while the historic events that occurred are noteworthy and interesting, the real lessons to be learned come after the actual dates of historic events as we discuss and consider their resulting impact. Many references are made to America's beginning as being 1776, but it can be argued that the beginning of America as a representative democracy began in the Virginia colony with the meeting



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of the first representative body meeting in Jamestown in 1619. Remembering that date in 1619 should cause us to reflect all that has happened after that date that led us to the society and government we have evolved into today.

Similarly, the arrival of 20 or so Africans at Old Point Comfort just down the James River from Jamestown Island four hundred years ago in August of 1619 must be noted. They came not with steamer trunks of fancy dress; they came in shackles having been captured in Africa and brought here at the beginning of a slave trade that would fuel the economy of the colony and then the Commonwealth of Virginia for the next 250 years. To look at African Americans then and now without an examination of what happened in between is to miss a tragic part of our evolving history—the racism that gripped our country for its entire history and is still with us today.

Those Africans who arrived in 1619 were slaves. Soon after their arrival that first legis-

lative body passed laws that defined their enslavement and the limitations on their very existence. The few efforts like Nat Turner's rebellion that attempted to gain freedom for slaves were put down harshly with further slave codes being passed to limit them from being taught how to read and write and allow for more cruel punishments to keep them in line. When the constitution was written for the new country after the Revolution, slaves were to be counted as three-fifths of a person, despite Jefferson's words in the Declaration of Independence proclaiming that "all men are created equal." It was not until the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s that the descendants of the slaves of 1619 could claim anything close to equality.

We did not start with a perfect union; we have not achieved one today. We have been on an arc of history that in another context suggests that it is bent towards justice. The American Evolution 1619-2019 program is providing an important context for understanding the stream of history that is our past and upon which we must strive to build a more perfect union.

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Herndon residents, George and Miranda Lewis along with pups Reesy (left) and Teddy (right) take first place in the Hendon Bark Bash costume contest as characters from 'Toy Story'."

Winners of Hendon Bark Bash Costume Contest

Young Mariposa (Dorothy), enjoys the pooch parade with Pup Snowy Winds (Cowardly Lion), the pair taking home third in the costume contest.



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Construction Career Fair. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. At Dulles Expo Center, North Hall, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Interested in a career in building America's infrastructure? Employers will be collecting resumes, discussing current openings, and interview applicants on site. Industry employers are seeking new employees at all levels, from

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Historic Home

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in the Town of Herndon, the Van Vlecks dating back to the 1890s. Spencer Ong affirmed Glakas' account. "We were told the original structure of our home was built in 1925, but upon researching the house in pursuit of a plaque, we discovered it was more likely built around 1898," he said.

For Ong's wife, Caitlin Brown, living in the Herndon Heritage Preservation District and surrounded by other charming homes, was "a blessing."

"It is, however, truly unique to be able to own and live in a piece of our town's history. ... The original structure of our home was once, over a century ago, cherished by a very large family. Today, both our historic home and the Town of Herndon provide the idealistic place for our family to live and grow," she said.

While Ong concurred with his wife, he elaborated on the town's character and unrecognized potential in Northern Virginia. "The Town of Herndon has a very unique, small-town feel, which my wife and I truly love. ... There's a noticeable character within the Herndon Heritage Preservation District, and we are excited to be able to contribute to it. Having grown up in McLean, and having recently moved from Reston, I believe that Herndon is one of the most underrated Washington D.C. suburbs and has the greatest potential to thrive. From its community events, such as Friday Night Live and the Herndon Festival, to its plan for future development, such as the Silver-Line Metro in

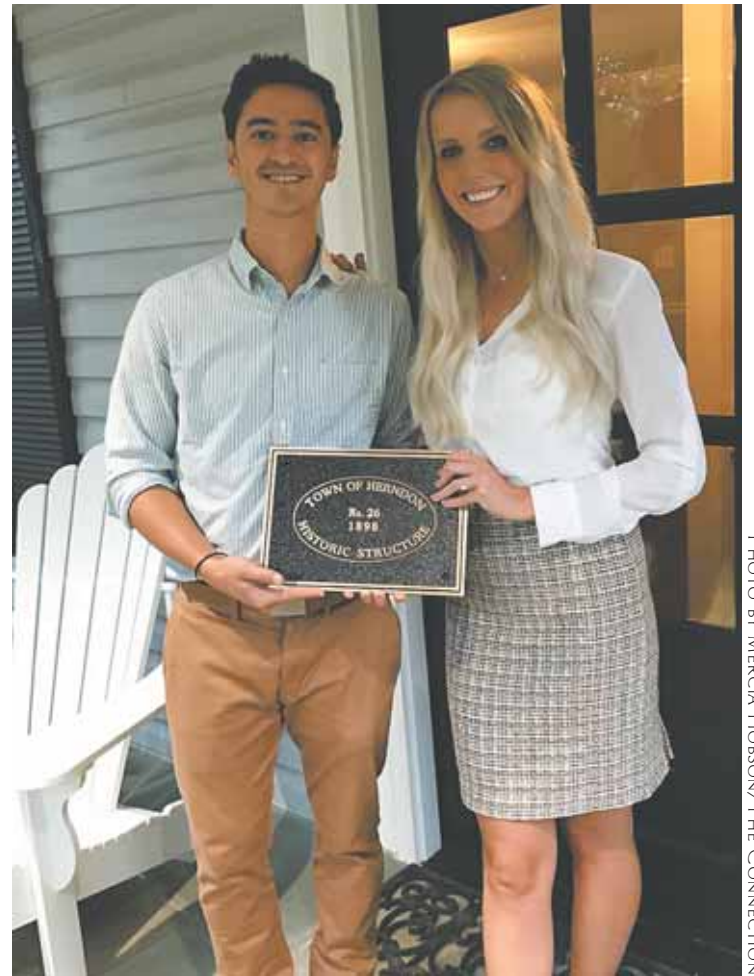


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Spencer Ong and Caitlin Brown, owners of a residence deemed worthy by the Herndon Historic Society for inclusion in its Historic Homes Registry and Walking Tour Sites, hold the honorary plaque they will display beside the front door of their home located at 1017 Tyler Street.

2020, we are so proud to ground ourselves here and call Herndon, and this historic home therein, our home."

Downer closed the presentation as he shared with the couple his gratitude and admiration for undertaking the preservation of an old home. "I really appreciate you are taking the time to own an old home, and that is not an easy thing. There's always something to

do in an old home," he said.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, visit the Society's website at herndonhistoricalsociety.org. According to Saunders, if a structure meets the Criteria for Consideration, owners should contact the Society, and the board will make sure they have the resources available to start the application process.

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Grand Opening

FROM PAGE 2
with custom cuts, everything Sprouts provided reflected approachable access to healthy food. "It's really the whole nine yards, and prices are excellent. ... We believe that you don't need to be wealthy to eat healthy." With more than 300 bins and barrels of scoopable bulk items, grains, nuts, seeds and treats, customers concerned about the environment could bring their containers to fill up, Pang said. Staff would pre-weigh each container, called tare, and write the weight on the jar.

Pang said with Sprouts fresh produce, a large number of bulk



By Mercia Hobson/The Connection

The big difference between Sprouts and other grocery stores: the floor plan is wide-open with fresh produce at the center of the store.

items and low prices, customers will come to them. Jared Hornyak, store manager, added: "Spouts is about bringing healthy living to all communities." Christina James of

Reston was one of the first people through the door at 7 a.m. She brought her son Elliot, 4 1/2. "We thought it'd be fun to check it out. Produce I was told is really good."

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Assistance League of Northern Virginia, a volunteer nonprofit, invites community members to join the organization to participate in its Reading Express program. Volunteers provide one-on-one tutoring to first grade students during the school year. To learn more contact VP Membership Mary Gronlund at gronbiz@aol.com or Program Coordinator Lynn Barron at lynnneb517@verizon.net.

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Police Reform

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As to the revised vehicular pursuit and stopping policies, it will be important for the FCPD to provide a detailed report to the Board and the public in early 2020 as to the effects of the revised policies, details of 2019 pursuits and vehicle stops, and whether any further changes are needed. It will also be important for the Board to monitor and take any appropriate action with respect to the racial disparity study underway by the Independent Police Auditor.

On this fourth anniversary of the Ad Hoc Commission Report, Fairfax County and its Police Department have achieved many reforms of which to be proud. The temptation will be to declare the mission accomplished. This would be a mistake. The new Board of Supervisors come January must provide vigilant monitoring through performance expectations and progress reports. Not because enough has not been accomplished, though more improvements are needed, but because that's the norm for best-in-class police departments.

Niedzielski-Eichner and Steel were chair and vice-chair of the Ad Hoc Commission's Use of Force Subcommittee and spent many hours with a small, loosely configured group of former Commission members dedicated to implementing Commission recommendations, working with FCPD leadership. Steel oversaw as chair the formation of the Civilian Review Panel.

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Apparently, Not a Stable Genius



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Let me get this out of my system because until I do, I won't be able to write about anything else. Not to worry. This is not a cancer column. I am fine until they tell me otherwise which occurs every eight weeks after my bi-monthly CT scan tells the tale of the tape.

No, this column is about my lack of understanding and business acumen which twice has led me down the garden path only to be asked to leave before I got to smell any of the pretty flowers. Once (twice, actually) had to do with attempts at refinancing this old house (carbon dated to approximately 1750, according to a plaque the previous owner hung to the right of the front door), and most recently (also twice) to do with reverse-mortgage financing this same now older house.

With respect to the attempts at refinancing, I will make this short and not particularly sweet. Without getting into the lead paint, bathrooms, roof, door and window issues, it always perplexed me that if I could afford to pay \$1800 per month at 6.75% interest, I could probably afford to pay \$1400 per month at 3.75% interest. However, and this is where my lack of common banking sense manifests itself; my presumptive inability to pay \$400 less per month was problematic for the lenders to be. And an over 800 credit rating did nothing to dissuade the lender's notion that whatever financial wherewithal I had exhibited over the previous 30-plus years was irrelevant borrowing forward.

As concerns the current issue: the reverse mortgage. To say my financial life depends on its approval might be a bit of an exaggeration, but not if you're in my shoes, even occasionally. I can understand the need for the installation of safety rails on the left and right side of the staircase going down to the basement. And grudgingly, I can understand the need for the structural integrity fix relating to the five wooden pillars sitting atop the cracked concrete slab which floors our front porch and apparently prevents the house from falling forward. But I can't understand why the old stable matters so much to the appraiser/underwriter.

It is not used or functional in any way other than as a repository for junk and as a landing spot/vantage point for the Turkey Vultures who nest there. This building is approximately 50 yards from our house and 10 to 15 yards from our neighbor's house. If it fell, like our barn did years ago, it would land on part of our two acres. Given its age, likely over 100 years, it was not, nor has it ever been covered by our home owner's insurance. "Too old," they said. The structural engineer who submitted the report about our house did a walk-around the stable with me and made note of its peculiar structural fixes which included cinder blocks and some rocks. However, in response to my "What do I do?" question; his answer: "We don't certify the structural integrity of 100 year-old buildings." Now I'm being told by my reverse-mortgage banker that I have to fix/secure the foundation of the stable or else the deal is likely dead. Dead over an out-building that nobody uses and was likely built before two century's turned?

The whole point of this application was to spend nothing and get something. It was not to spend something and get nothing. This stable, either structurally sound or not provides me nothing as a living benefit. We're not moving into it. Nor are we selling the property. We're here for the duration. The stable, if it matters at all, will matter to whomever sifts through our financial remains, and since we have no children, those 'remains' are not really our concern. Yet according to the most recent email I received, either I make it my concern or stew in my own juices and slowly wither away.

When I began this process, I had hoped there would be an end in sight. I didn't realize it would be my own.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

Jack's Pumpkin Glow. Through Oct. 27, at Lake Fairfax Park, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Enjoy an immersive Halloween stroll along a trail illuminated by thousands of intricately carved pumpkins, many highlighting the Capital City's most famous including pumpkin look-alikes of iconic landmarks, musicians, movie stars, superheroes and princesses. In addition, master carvers provide tips on how to create your own masterpiece during live pumpkin carving demos. Enjoy delicious fall food and beverages at a newly expanded concessions area. Tickets start at just \$16.99 for children and \$22.99 for adults, and will be available at <http://www.glowpumpkin.com/washington-dc>.

Fiber Artist Anne Smyers. Through Oct. 30, at Reston Community Center, Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Smyers exhibits art quilts reflecting her love of flowers and botanicals, which she uses to create gardens, mandalas, and cultural commentary. Visit www.annesmyers.com.

Giant Food Community Bag Fundraiser. Through Oct. 31, 5 p.m.-12 p.m. at Giant Food Store, 1450 North Point Village Center, Reston. Cindy's Legacy, Reston-based charity that provides financial aid to cancer patients, has been selected the beneficiary of Giant Food's October Community Bag Program at the Reston location. Cindy's Legacy will receive a \$1 donation every time the \$2.50 reusable Community Bag is purchased. Visit www.cindyslegacy.org.

Fall Pumpkin Festival. Through Nov. 3, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Ticonderoga Farms, 26469 Ticonderoga Road, Chantilly. Enjoy the changing of the leaves and the cool crisp air in the great outdoors at our Fall Pumpkin Festival. \$11-\$18. Visit www.ticonderoga.com.

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 for more.

Reston Farmers Market. Saturdays, through Dec. 7, 8 a.m.-noon at Lake Anne Village Center, 1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston. The largest of the Fairfax County Farmers Markets. SNAP accepted, bonus dollar program. For list of vendors and more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/reston.

Centroid Towns: Like a Passing Shadow. Through Jan. 4, at GRACE, 12001 Market St., Suite 103, Reston. GRACE presents the next chapter of Baltimore-based artist Nate Larson's Centroid Towns project. Since the first US census in 1790, the United States Census Bureau has been recording the mean center of population as it moves steadily west and south. The first Centroid Town recorded was Chestertown, Maryland, and the projected Centroid of the 2020 census is Hartville, Missouri. Larson will dive deeper into the community of Waterford, Virginia, Centroid Town of 1810.

'Pride and Prejudice' at NextStop Theatre

NextStop Theatre presents "Pride and Prejudice" at 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. Performances: through Oct. 27, 2019. Thursday Oct. 17 & 24 at 8 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 19 at 8 p.m. and Saturday Oct 12 & 26 at 2 p.m. & 8 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 13 & 27 at 2 p.m. with Sunday performance Oct. 20 at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. Tickets: General Admission: \$35-50* (NextStop strongly encourages booking in advance. Ticket prices increase as performances get nearer and fill up). For tickets call: 866-811-4111, or visit www.NextstopTheatre.org

Katelyn Manfre and Jacob Yeh in the NextStop Theatre's 'Pride and Prejudice.'



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Visit restonarts.org/exhibition/nate-larson/ for more.

FRIDAYS THRU NOV. 1

Acrylics and the Four Seasons

Class. 7-10 p.m. At RCC Lake Anne, 1609-A Washington Plaza N, Reston. Cost: \$90 Reston/\$72 Reston 55+/\$155 Non-Reston. Capture the changing seasons in acrylic painting. This class is geared toward beginner but all skill levels are welcome. A supply list will be provided. Contact Cheri Danaher, Arts Education Director, at 703-390-6175 or Cheri.Danaher@fairfaxcounty.gov

THURSDAY/OCT. 10

Bernstein Does Broadway. 12:30-1:30 p.m. At Reston Town Square Park, Reston. Part of Lunchtime with the Arts at Mason. Mason's School of Theater presents highlights from the groundbreaking Broadway compositions of Leonard Bernstein, composer of such hits as Candide, West Side Story, and On the Town. Free. Call 703-476-4500. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 12

Gretchen Scott Trunk Show. At Scout & Molly's Reston, 11944 Market Street, Reston. Be first to see Gretchen Scott's fall designs and receive 10% off. Call 571-526-4185. Visit www.scoutandmollys.com/reston.

Walk Like MADD 5K Dash/ Bark Like MADD.

9 a.m.-noon at Herndon Police Department, 397 Herndon Parkway, #300, Herndon. Walk Like MADD is MADD's signature fundraising event to help us raise both awareness and funds to eliminate drunk and drugged driving. \$25. Email Jennifer.Hamilton@madd.org or visit www.walklikemadd.org.

Miles for Migraine. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. At Lake Fairfax Park, Canopy G, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Miles for Migraine will host its third annual 2-mile Walk and 5K Run in Reston. This fundraiser for Migraine and Headache Awareness, Treatment & Research will benefit the MedStar Georgetown Headache Center to support the headache fellowship program and research. Visit the website: www.milesformigraine.org/

SUNDAY/OCT. 13

Reston Pumpkin 5K & Kids' Dash.

8:15 a.m. At Reston Town Center. Get off the couch and get ready for the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce's annual run! Participants are encouraged to debut their Halloween costumes and join in the fun with the whole family! Details and registration: www.restonpumpkin5k.com. Call 703-707-9045 or visit www.restonchamber.org

Birdie Breakfast. 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Lake Fairfax Park, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Start your day with a "Birdie Breakfast" at Lake Fairfax Park for participants age 3 to adult. Discover how you can make a bird feeder from natural materials while learning about the birds that will visit your buffet. Take the feeder home to hang in your yard. Cost is \$7 per person. Call 703-471-5414 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-fairfax.

"Creepy Critters" Reception. 2-4 p.m. At JoAnne Rose Gallery, 1609 Washington Plaza, Lake Anne, Reston. In time for Halloween, the League of Reston Artists is exhibiting artwork on the theme "Creepy Critters" at the JoAnne Rose Gallery in Lake Anne from now through Nov. 4. The exhibit includes painted and mixed media and is free and open to the public 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Visit the LRA website at www.leagueofrestonartists.org.

Book Launch Party - Leading the Way: Women in Power. 2 p.m. At Scrawl Books, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. In Reston. Virginia State Sen. Janet Howell of Reston and her daughter-in-law Theresa Howell introduce their new book, an engaging and highly accessible compendium for young readers and aspiring power brokers. Leading the Way: Women in Power spotlights the careers of 50 American women in politics from both sides of the aisle. Call 703-966-2111 or visit www.scrawlbooks.com

West Coast Swing Lesson plus Social Dance. 5-8 p.m. at Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St. #1, Herndon. Instructor Tim Bowker and partner Laura Martin will teach West

Coast Swing, 5-6 p.m. Classes videotaped for individual review. Basic skills recommended. Social dancing, 6-8 p.m. WCS crossovers and ballroom, Latin, Hustle contemporary mix. \$10; \$8, USA Dance members. Email herndonsocialdancers@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/herndonsocialdancers.

THURSDAY/OCT. 17

Weekend Food for Kids. 10 a.m. At Dominion Energy, 3072 Centreville Road, Herndon. Free. Assistance League of Northern Virginia, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, invites community members to help pack food for its Weekend Food for Kids program. This critical program provides nonperishable food over the weekend to children who receive free or reduced-price meals during the school year at Title I schools in Fairfax and Prince William Counties and the City of Alexandria. Arrive at 9:30 a.m. if you would like to help with setup. No RSVP necessary. Visit the website www.alnv.org.

Together We Give. 6:30-9 p.m. At Leidos Conference Center, 11951 Freedom Drive, Reston. Three small nonprofits serving children in need in the community will pitch their projects and guests vote to award small grants from the proceeds of the evening. Cost is \$25. Visit the website: givingcircleofhope.org

Meditation Workshop: Contemplating Creativity. 7-8:30 p.m. At Greater Reston Arts Center, Reston. Join Greater Reston Arts Center and Jean McTigue from Beloved Yoga for a meditation workshop contemplating the Nate Larson exhibition, currently on view at the gallery. \$5 for non-members. To register, email info@restonarts.org.

OCT. 18-20

Farm Harvest Days. At Frying Pan Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Play games, enjoy rides, and munch on tasty foods as "Fall Carnival Fun" returns to the park for three days. Carnival hours are Friday 5 to 9 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission and parking are free. Ride tickets are

\$1 each or 24 for \$20. Parking and admission is free. Call 703-437-9101 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park.

FRIDAY, OCT. 18

Light the Night. 5 - 9 p.m. At Reston Town Center. Walk to honor and remember those touched by cancer, and celebrate the fundraising in support of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's mission of saving lives. Registered participants will receive an illuminated lantern. Call 703-399-2941. Visit www.lightthenight.org/nca.

SATURDAY/OCT. 19

Herndon Homecoming Parade.

9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Grab a lawn chair and find your favorite spot along Elden Street to cheer on the parade participants. The parade route extends along Elden Street from Locust Street/Sterling Road to Lynn Street. This year's theme is Into the Future, so expect to see some fascinating interpretations of what lies ahead. Street closings and detours will occur approximately between 6:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Call Herndon Parks and Recreation Department, 703-787-7300 or visit herndon-va.gov/recreation.

Reston Homes Tour. The 18th Annual Reston Homes Tour will offer a chance to view five private residences, all with varying architecture style and flair. In addition, the tour will include Reston's newest luxury apartments — The VY/Reston Heights — where they will offer a "Taste of Autumn" and Hunters Woods at Trails Edge, Reston's retirement community where you can purchase a \$12 box lunch (all proceeds will benefit the Reston Historic Trust and Museum). Tickets on sale online at <https://www.restonmuseum.org/event-details/reston-home-tour-2> and in-store at the Reston Museum, The Wine Cabinet, Chesapeake Chocolates, and GRACE. Early bird rate available in-store are \$25, early bird pricing ends Oct. 11. Sponsored by The Reston Historic Trust & Museum.

Runway to the Cure Fashion Show.

6-9 p.m. At Reston Town Center Pavilion, Reston. Enjoy a fashion show of clothing and accessories from local retailers and help raise funds for breast cancer research and local patient assistance, benefitting the Susan G. Komen Foundation and Step Sisters. Donation requested. [Facebook.com/runwaytothecure](https://www.facebook.com/runwaytothecure) runwaytothecure.org.

MONDAY/OCT. 21

Reston Photographic Society Meeting.

7:30-9:30 p.m. At Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Jeff Mauritzen gives a presentation on travel photography. The Reston Photographic Society invites photography enthusiasts to attend the new season of presentations. RPS is a special interest group of the League of Reston Artists and holds meetings on the third Monday of the month. Visit the LRA website at www.leagueofrestonartists.org.

TUESDAY/OCT. 22

Documentary Screening. 7-9 p.m. At Reston Regional Library, Rooms 1 and 2, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Free showing of the documentary "An Endless War? — Getting Out of Afghanistan", a documentary film directed by Bob Coen. The one hour documentary will be followed by a discussion session

INOVA Blood Drive. 1-6 p.m. At Reston Town Center, beside the Pavilion. Schedule Bloodmobile appointments at 1-866-256-6372 or inova.org/donateblood. On-site registration.