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Even though Lucy Moss, 1 1/2, is with her parents, she is not too sure about the goings-on at the Reston Halloween House and Trick-or-Treat event held at Walker Nature Center.

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Landon Moore-Brewer, 5, of Centreville paints his rainbow pumpkin while sister, Jamie, 12, keeps the paint from flying at Pumpkin Palooza on the Herndon Town Hall Square; the children's mother Stephanie works at Herndon Parks and Recreation.

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Generation Gap Millennials and Gen X now outnumber older voters, but Baby Boomers continue to dominate.

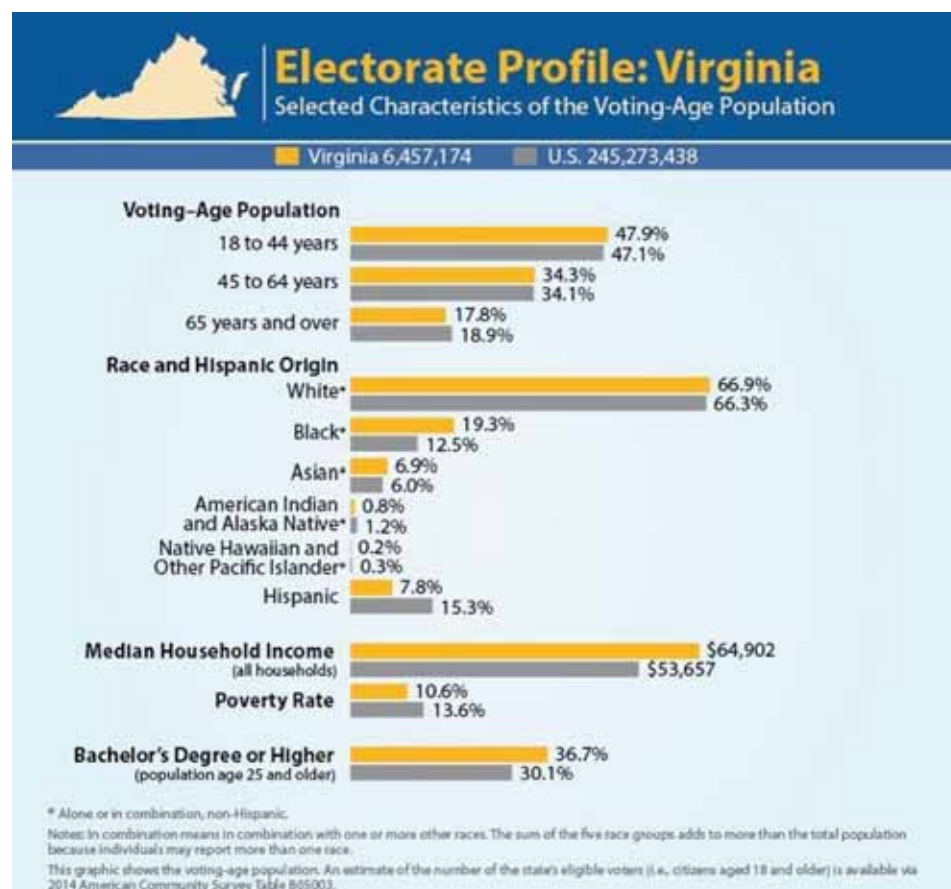
BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Millennials and Gen Xers now outnumber Baby Boomers and older voters in Virginia, according to data from the Census Bureau. But that doesn't mean they have as much influence. Census numbers also show another trend: People over the age of 45 vote at much higher rates. That means Baby Boomers are expected to once again exert outsized influence in next week's election despite the fact that they are now outnumbered by ranks of younger voters.

"We talk about the Baby Boomers so much because they were a phenomenon unto themselves in some ways," says Quentin Kidd, director of the Wason Center for Public Policy at Christopher Newport University. "As they aged, they participated at high levels, and those participation levels stayed pretty high."

Voters across Virginia will be heading to the polls next week in a high-stakes election that will determine which party controls the House of Delegates and state Senate. All 140 seats in the House and Senate will be on the ballot this year. Election officials expect turnout to be about 30 percent, much lower than the 60 percent of registered voters that show up to presidential elections. That means voters who show up to the polls will be older, whiter and much more likely to be Republican.

"Virginia has a lot of immigrants. Immigrants tend to be younger and tend to have more kids, and those voters with that profile tend to lean Democratic," says Jeremy Mayer, associate professor in the Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University. "So why are the Baby Boomers still dominating? Because that demographic votes, and tends to vote with ex-



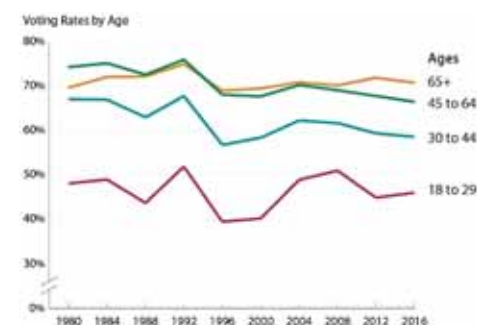
traordinary reliability."

Mayer says he sees a similarity between the victory of Donald Trump in 2016 with a victory of Brexit that same year, two elections where the interest of older voters overwhelmed the interest of younger voters, a phenomenon he calls a "revolution of the elderly." This election is also expected to be dominated by Baby Boom voters, although eventually millennials and Gen X voters will catch up and become the dominant force in Virginia politics.

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SOURCE: UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU

ment are indeed the 18 to 29 year olds," says Bob Denton, chairman of the Department of Communications at Virginia Tech. "There is going to be a political sea change, not so much on demographics per se but on political beliefs, attitudes and values of the Millennials and Generation Z."

Four years ago, when Virginia had no statewide races and every member of the General Assembly was up for election, about 30 percent of registered voters showed up to the polls and cast a ballot. Turnout statistics were pretty much the same for the election four years before that as well as the election four years before that. Democrats are expected to do well if they can push the turnout numbers above 30 percent, even if it's only a little bit.

"The early voting numbers suggest a significantly higher trajectory," says Stephen Farnsworth, director of the Center for Leadership and Media Studies at the University of Mary Washington. "Based on the number of candidates running in the Virginia mid-term this year as well as polls, including the Mary Washington statewide survey that shows a high level of voter interest in 2019, all indications are that this Virginia midterm will have much higher turnout than four years ago."

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The training prepares residents to help themselves, their families, and their neighbors in the event of a disaster.

OPINION

Go Vote! Election Day Is Nov. 5.

It matters more than ever; do your part, don't miss this chance.

- ❖ Nov. 2 Final day to vote absentee in-person, 5 p.m.
- ❖ Nov. 5: Deadline for your absentee ballot to ARRIVE at the Office of Elections, 7 p.m.
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- ❖ Member Virginia Senate, vote for one in your district
- ❖ Member House of Delegates, vote for one in your district
- ❖ Commonwealth's Attorney, vote for one
- ❖ Sheriff, vote for one
- ❖ Chairman Board of Supervisors, vote for one
- ❖ Member School Board at Large, vote for three
- ❖ Member Board of Supervisors. vote for one in your district
- ❖ Member School Board. vote for one in your district
- ❖ Soil and Water Conservation Director Northern Virginia District
- ❖ School Bonds Referendum

- ❖ Vote both sides of your ballot. Bring notes on your preferred candidates. It's not simple. We have included party designations and, with reservations, the party endorsements for school board. Most candidates do not have party affiliation listed on the ballot.

VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTER PHOTO ID OPPORTUNITIES

The Office of Elections is open during normal business hours to provide residents the opportunity to register to vote or obtain a free voter photo ID if needed.

SCHOOL BOND BALLOT QUESTION

This is the text of the public school bond question that will be on the Nov. 5, 2019, general election ballot:
Shall Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money, and issue capital improvement bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$360,000,000 for the purposes of providing funds, in addition to funds from school bonds previously authorized, to finance, including reimbursement to the County for temporary financing for, the costs of school improvements, including acquiring, building, expanding and renovating properties, including new sites, new buildings or additions, renovations and improvements to existing buildings, and furnishing and equipment, for the Fairfax County public school system?

CANDIDATES, FAIRFAX COUNTY

Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Jeffrey C. McKay (D)
Joseph F. Galdo (R)

Commonwealth's Attorney
Steve T. Descano (D)
Jonathan L. Fahey (I)

Sheriff
Stacey Ann Kincaid (D) incumbent
Christopher F. De Carlo (I)

Board of Supervisors, District
Representatives
Braddock District
James R. Walkinshaw (D)
S. Jason Remer (R)
Carey Chet Campbell (I)

Dranesville District
John W. Foust (D) incumbent
Ed. R. Martin (R)

Hunter Mill District
Walter L. Acorn (D) unopposed

Lee District
Rodney L. Lusk (D) unopposed

Mason District
Penelope A. "Penny" Gross (D) incumbent
Gary N. Aiken (R)

Mount Vernon District
Daniel G. "Dan" Storck (D) incumbent, unopposed

Providence District
Dalia A. Palchik (D), unopposed

Springfield District
Linda D. Sperling (D)
Patrick S. "Pat" Herrity (R) incumbent

Sully District
Kathy L. Smith (D) incumbent
Srilekha R. Palle (R)

SCHOOL BOARD

School Board At-Large (vote for three)
Abrar E. Omeish (endorsed by Democrats)
Cheryl A. Buford (endorsed by Republicans)
Priscilla M. DeStefano (endorsed by Republicans)
Rachna Sizemore Heizer (endorsed by Democrats)
Vinson Palathingal (endorsed by Republicans)
Ilryong Moon, incumbent (withdrawn)
Karen A. Keys-Gamarra, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats)

Braddock District, School Board
Zia Tompkins (endorsed by Republicans)

Megan O. McLaughlin, incumbent
(endorsed by Democrats)

Dranesville District, School Board
Anastasia S. Karloutsos (endorsed by Republicans)
Ardavan Mobasheri
Elaine V. Tholen (endorsed by Democrats)

Hunter Mill District, School Board
Laura Ramirez Drain (endorsed by Republicans)
Melanie K. Meren (endorsed by Democrats)

Lee District, School Board
Tamara J. Derenak Kaufax, incumbent, (endorsed by Democrats)

Mason District, School Board
Ricardy J. Anderson (endorsed by Democrats)
Tom L. Pafford

Mount Vernon District, School Board
Pamela C. Ononiwu
Steven D. Mosley (endorsed by Republicans)
Karen L. Corbett Sanders, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats)

Providence District, School Board
Andrea L. "Andi" Bayer (endorsed by Republicans)
Jung Byun
Karl V. Frisch (endorsed by Democrats)

Springfield District, School Board
Laura Jane H. Cohen (endorsed by Democrats)
R. Kyle McDaniel
Elizabeth L. Schultz, incumbent (endorsed by Republicans)

Sully District, School Board
Stella G. Pekarsky (endorsed by Democrats)
Tom A. Wilson, incumbent (endorsed by Republicans)

Soil and Water Conservation Director
Northern Virginia District
Vote for Three
C. Jane Dudik (endorsed by Republicans)

Chris E. Koerner (endorsed by Democrats)
Christopher A. Bowen (endorsed by Republicans)
Edward F. McGovern (endorsed by Republicans)
Jonah E. "Jet" Thomas
Monica A. Billger (endorsed by Democrats)
Gerald Owen "Jerry" Peters Jr., incumbent, (endorsed by Democrats)

CANDIDATES, GENERAL ASSEMBLY

House of Delegates
District 34
Kathleen J. Murphy (D), incumbent
Gary G. Pan (R)

District 35
Mark L. Keam (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 36
Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum, incumbent, unopposed

District 37
David L. Bulova (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 38
L. Kaye Kory (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 39
Nick O. Bell (R)

Vivian E. Watts (D), incumbent

District 40
Dan I. Helmer (D)
Timothy D. "Tim" Hugo (R), incumbent

District 41
Eileen Filler-Corn (D), incumbent
John M. Wolfe (I)
Rachel D. Mace (L)

District 42
Kathy K. L. Tran (D), incumbent
Steve P. Adragna (R)

District 43
Mark D. Sickles (D), incumbent

District 44
Paul E. Krizek (D), incumbent
Richard T. Hayden (R)

District 45
Mark H. Levine (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 46
Charniele L. Herring (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 47
Patrick A. Hope (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 48
Richard C. "Rip" Sullivan (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 49
Alfonso H. Lopez (D), incumbent
Terry W. Modglin (I)

District 53
Marcus B. Simon (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 67
Karrie K. Delaney (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 86
Ibraheem S. Samirah (D), incumbent, unopposed

VIRGINIA STATE SENATE

District 30
Adam P. Ebbin (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 31
Barbara A. Favola (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 32
Janet D. Howell (D), incumbent
Arthur G. Purves (R)

District 33
Jennifer B. Boysko (D), incumbent
Suzanne D. Fox (R)

District 34
J. C. "Chap" Petersen (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 35
Richard L. "Dick" Saslaw (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 36
Scott A. Surovell (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 37
Dave W. Marsden (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 39
George L. Barker (D), incumbent
S. W. "Dutch" Hillenburg (R)

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COMMENTARY

More Than Just Voting

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

Readers of this column no doubt have next Tuesday, Nov. 5, marked as Election Day on their calendars. You are exceptional. If history holds true, fewer than half of registered voters will vote. Getting people to register is a year-round activity but getting registered voters to actually cast a vote is a crunch-time activity for the last couple of weeks before the election.

Tired of all the robo-calls? Slick postcards in the mailbox? Contentious debate on the news media? Endless social media posts? Much of that activity is directed to reminding people to vote and to gain a competitive advantage, but it oftentimes turns off folks who are cynical about the electoral process or who are confused by it all.

Historically there have been many efforts to suppress the vote by passing laws that prevent various classes of people from qualifying to register or that add to the complexities of voting that discourage people from going to the polls.

Virginia's history is filled with numerous examples of laws that reduced the franchise. Literacy tests that were unreasonable or unfairly administered, poll taxes that not only charged for voting but included a time schedule for collection that only insiders could meet, and unusually long residency requirements are but a few examples.

For much of our history in Virginia, the majority party in control of state politics worked to keep people from voting!

Against that backdrop of individual cynicism and confusing election laws, what are we who understand the importance of elections to do to increase participation in voting? I believe we need to get past the old adage that it is not polite to talk about politics and religion.

Leaving religion for another discussion, I believe more than ever that we need to have a more inclusive discussion that might inevitably lead to a debate about politics and government in our state and in our nation. Keep it civil is the first rule but be sure to end the discussion with a reminder to friends, family and neighbors to vote. Our government is no better than voters decide.

Between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, polls will be open for voting in Virginia. If you are not sure where to vote, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections. You can find where your polling place is



but also what is on the ballot. All seats in the House of Delegates and the State Senate are up for election as are Constitution officers (for Fairfax that is the Sheriff and the Commonwealth's Attorney).

At the Fairfax County level, voters elect the chairman of the Board of Supervisors, the supervisor to represent their magisterial district, three at-large School Board members and a School Board member for their magisterial district, three members of the Soil and Water

Conservation District board, and a question on issuing school bonds.

There are few surprises in how I intend to vote. School children often ask me if I vote for myself, and I can assure you that I do.

I WILL BE VOTING FOR Senator Janet Howell; for Sheriff Stacey Kincaid; for Commonwealth's Attorney Steve Descano; for Board of Supervisor chairman Jeff McKay; Walter Alcorn for Hunter Mill supervisor; Melanie Meren for Hunter Mill School Board representative; for School Board at-large Karen Keys-Gamarra, Abrar Omeish, Rachna Sizemore Heizer; and for Soil and Water Conservation Board Gerald Peters, Chris Koerner, and Monica Billger; and voting 'Yes' on the school bond issue.

If you need to vote early, get absentee voting information at <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/index.html>.

See you at the polls with your friends and neighbors on Tuesday. Now more than ever, it is important to vote and to take someone to the polls with you!

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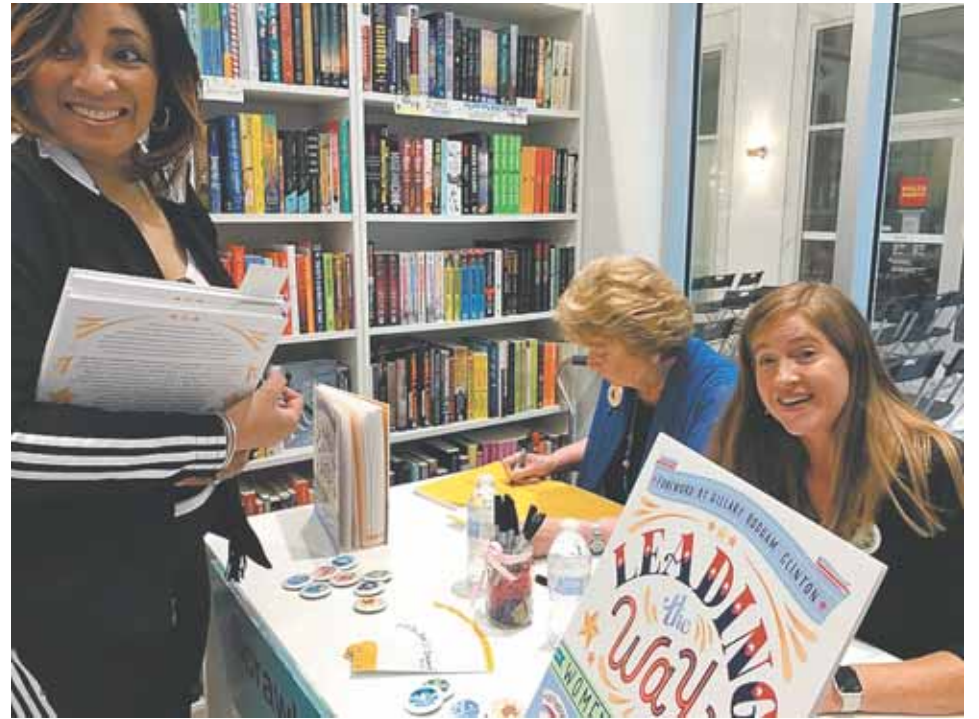


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Janet and Theresa Howell listen to comments from the audience.

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Janet and Theresa Howell sign copies of their new book with forward by Hillary Rodham Clinton.

‘Leading the Way: Women In Power’ Launches Locally

Written by Janet Howell and Theresa Howell; Foreword by Hillary Rodham Clinton.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

Authors Janet Howell of Reston, State Senator for District 32, and Theresa Howell, Janet’s daughter-in-law, launched their newly released compendium, ‘Leading the Way: Women in Power’ on Oct. 13 at Scrawl Books in Reston. Due to the number of attendees, staff set up chairs in the hallway lobby of the building, which housed Scrawl Books, located at 11911 Freedom Drive. One of Janet Howell’s first sentences caught the audience’s attention. Howell recalled three years ago while she and Theresa sat at the family kitchen table, chatting, Theresa lamented while she would like her daughters to get into politics, they didn’t know how nor did they have many examples of women who had done anything. In that moment, the Howells’ came up with the idea of writing a book for young readers. It would highlight fifty American women who blazed trails and changed the country through politics.

In an interview, the senator and Theresa clarified why they wrote the book, target audience and feedback. “I wanted the book to inspire kids nine and over to become involved in politics and learn how to be effective... (And) I wanted any child who opened the book, to see someone who looked like them - women representing economic, cultural and racial differences and different political perspectives,” said the senator.

Theresa added, “We wanted it to appeal on many different levels. One reader could flip through and enjoy the pictures and stories; another could have it read to them. The stories are of women who built America and overcame obstacles. The book was tested for cultural sensitivities, and my two children, 11 and 14, read it...and had little or no criticism.”



Janet Howell of Reston (State Senator for District 32) and her daughter-in-law, Theresa Howell at Scrawl Books in Reston for the launch of their book, ‘Leading the Way: Women in Power.’

While speaking to the audience, Theresa shared one of her favorite women featured in the book. “I honestly, thought everybody



Debra Steppel of Reston requests a sequel.

else in the world knew about her, but I did not ... Victoria Woodhull. She was the first woman in the United States to ever run for President, and it was in 1872. ... She was a suffragist; she was writing newspaper articles about women’s rights; she tried to vote

and got arrested.”

The Howells wanted the book to be more than just stories about women with the desire to make a difference and improve life for fellow citizens. So they included a special section in their book titled: ‘How to Stand Up, Speak Out, and Make a Difference: A Take-Action Guide.’ Theresa explained that next to each biography in the book, readers could find tactics women used to make changes.

“Eight qualities women in the book have... courage, empathy, communication, persistence, resourcefulness, diligence, community, integrity. ... Then next to each woman on her page, we highlighted the three to four things that she identified best in her career.”

The Howells also printed the attributes on buttons for readers to take with them, one that best represented current qualities or ones they sought to develop further.

“Count me in with people who want you to write a sequel, ‘Leading the Way: Part Two’ aimed at the teenage audience,” said Debra Steppel of Reston.

‘Leading the Way: Women In Power,’ (Hardcover) written by Janet Howell and Theresa Howell with forward by Hillary Rodham Clinton is available through Amazon and locally at Scrawl Books 11911 Freedom Drive.

Book Reviews & Author Biographies

Former Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano:

“The women profiled here were once girls who not only dreamed big but went big. These women from different backgrounds, in different circumstances, chose to lead, and I hope the young readers of this book do the same!”

U.S. Congresswoman Jennifer Wexton: “It is so important that we inspire young people to become active in politics. The fifty women in this book are groundbreaking role models for our kids.”

U.S. Senator Tim Kaine: “Inspiring more young women to be politically active makes this book important to our future!”

Janet Howell has been a Virginia state senator since 1992. She is second in seniority in the state senate and the longest-serving female Virginia legislator. Credited with major legal reforms, she was also the first woman to serve on the powerful Senate Finance Committee and the first and only woman so far to be appointed as a senate budget conferee. A civil rights

worker in college and a longtime community leader, she has been honored with many awards, including a Child Health Advocate Award from the American Academy of Pediatrics. She lives in northern Virginia with her husband, Hunt.

Theresa Howell is the co-author of the award-winning “Maybe Something Beautiful” with F. Isabel Campoy, illustrated by Rafael López. She is also the author of the picture book series “Scout Moore, Junior Ranger.” She lives in Colorado with her two daughters and husband, Brian.

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NEWS

Board of Governors Members Appointed

Paul Thomas, Laurie Dodd and Beverly Cosham to serve on Reston Community Center board.



Paul Thomas



Laurie Dodd



Beverly A. Cosham

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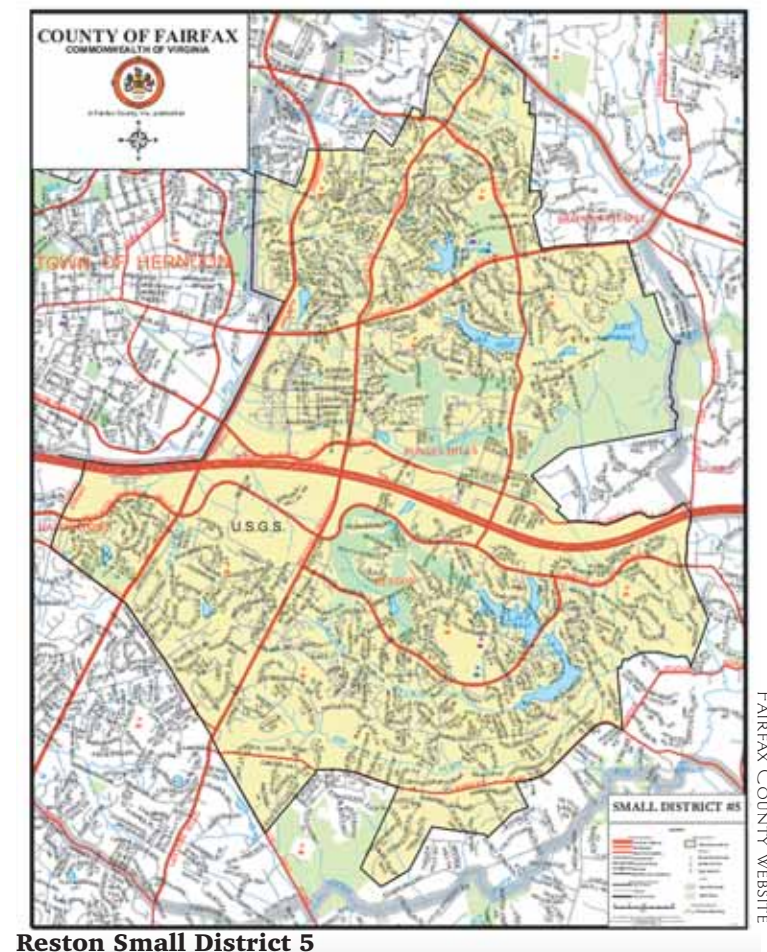
Reston Community Center (RCC) completed its 2019 Preference Poll for its Board of Governors after it sought community guidance to fill three 3-year positions. After poll participants made their preferences known, on Oct. 15, at the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Meeting and at the request of Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins, (D- Hunter Mill District), the board approved the appointments of Paul Thomas, Laurie Dodd and Beverly Cosham “in time to be seated at the next Board of Governors meeting on Nov. 16.” According to RCC, the Fairfax County Board of Supervi-

sors established the RCC Board of Governors in 1975 to represent the interests of Reston Small District 5 (SD5) residents and businesses in developing policy and providing financial oversight for RCC. Voting began on Sept. 6, 2019, when residential and commercial addresses in SD5 received a ballot and instructions. Final preference poll results showed incumbent Thomas led with 1,637 votes; first-time candidate Dodd came in second with 1,384 votes and incumbent Cosham held her seat coming in third with 1,337. They beat out two-term incumbent Michelle Moyer, who received 1,219 votes and challenger Robert Petrine with 1,143 votes.

Statements by the Candidates before the poll:

Paul Thomas: “... As the demographics and geography of Reston evolve, we need to continue to create spaces, events and programs that are essential elements of Reston’s unique sense of place. ... To me, RCC is more than a sum of its parts; the Reston Community Center is an organization that helps define, serve and unify our community.”

Laurie Dodd: “... I know that RCC has truly been a center of our community, providing cultural, educational and recreational experiences for many families. ... I will work to ensure that RCC meets the needs of this community ... (and) provides opportunities for people from different social, economic, ethnic, and racial backgrounds to come together. Reaching out to get



Reston Small District 5

input from all is essential.”

Beverly A. Cosham: “As an incumbent, I have experience creating and realizing Strategic Plans by working with the board and staff to create programs and part-

nerships to better serve the growing and diverse community. RCC... strives to keep Bob Simon’s Principles to ensure that Reston remains a welcoming place to live, work and play for all.”

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ONGOING

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.

A Gentlemen's Guide to Love & Murder. Through Nov. 9 at Reston Community Center's CenterStage, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Reston Community Players presents the D.C. Metro Premiere of "A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder," the 2014 Tony winner for Best Musical. Performances dates: November 1, 2, 3*, 8, 9. Starts 8 p.m. (*2 p.m. matinee). Tickets: are \$28/adult; \$24/seniors and students. Visit www.restonplayers.org or 703-476-4500 x3.

Murder Mystery Theatre. 6:30-9:30 p.m., through Nov. 9 at StageCoach Theatre, 20937 Ashburn Road, Suites 115 & 120, Ashburn. "Murder on the British Express" — The British Express, the most elegant train of the 1950s, is bound from Northern England to London when the train comes to a sudden halt. On board are passengers, a mummy and the renowned detective, Hemlock Holmes. As passengers begin to mysteriously die, the famed detective must walk in the steps of the pharaoh to find a murderer most foul! Cost: \$60-65 with dinner, \$25 without dinner, varies by date. Email: info@stagecoachtc.com. Visit stagecoachtc.com/murder-on-the-british-express/.

50th Anniversary of Apollo 11 Mission. Through Nov. 16, at Reston Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza, Reston. The Reston Historic Trust & Museum invites you to a special exhibition celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Mission — the first-time humans stepped onto the surface of the moon. The poster exhibition is courtesy of the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service: Destination Moon. Visit www.restonmuseum.org.

Quilt Exhibit. Through Nov. 16, Tuesdays thru Saturdays 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sundays 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. At Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum at Route 28 and Route 7 in Claude Moore Park, Sterling. This exhibit showcases a selection of quilts on loan from the Waterford Quilter's Guild, Countryside Quilters, the Reston Chapter of Quilters Unlimited, and a vintage quilt from the Loudoun Museum. Free craft and scavenger hunt for children on weekends. Visit www.heritagefarmmuseum.org.

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

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 30

Off the Shelf Trivia. 6:30-8:30 p.m. At Scrawl Books, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. The Trivia Master adds a little scare to the competition. Test your knowledge of books, literary characters, authors and all things book related.

Tony-winning Musical at Reston's CenterStage

Reston Community Players present "A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder" at Reston Community Center's CenterStage, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Performances: Nov. 1-3, and Nov. 8-9, 2019 at 8 p.m. With 2 p.m. matinee on Nov. 3, 2019. For tickets, call 703-476-4500 or online at www.restonplayers.org. Note: CenterStage is accessible and offers listening devices for the hearing impaired.

Rehearsal picture for Reston Community Players 'A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder:' Aaron Paige as Monty Navarro in a love triangle between the Sibella (AnnaBelle Lowe at left) and Phoebe (Holly Kelly at right).

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Win great prizes (books, gift cards, etc). Form a team, bring a friend or go it alone. Visit the website: <https://www.scrawlbooks.com/event/spooky-edition-shelf-trivia>

Creative Response. 7 p.m. At GRACE in Reston. Join the Greater Reston Arts Center to hear Vanessa Meikle Schulman, an expert in her field respond to the work on view in the gallery. The short presentation will be followed by open conversation. Presenters may include poets, dancers, writers, musicians, visual artists, and more. All ages. Sponsored by Reston Community Center. Free and open to the public. Vanessa Schulman is Assistant Professor of Art History at George Mason University.

The Sarajevo Haggada. 8 p.m. At Reston Community Center, RCC Hunters Woods Reston. The Sarajevo Haggadah: Music of the Book creatively interprets this miraculous age-old Jewish text as a universal symbol of exile, return and co-existence. Composer-performer Merima Kljuc's multimedia work for accordion, piano and video traces its harrowing journey. Author Geraldine Brooks will lead a discussion afterward. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com or call 703-476-4500. Cost is \$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston

SATURDAY/NOV. 2

Artist-Led Workshop. 1-3 p.m. At GRACE, 12001 Market Street, #3, Reston. Join photographer Nate Larson who will lead participants through the process of turning simple smartphone snapshots into cyanotype photographs using the power of the sun. All materials included. Ages 6 and up. Residents \$10; non-residents \$20. Sponsored by Reston Community Center. Visit www.restonarts.org.

Bike Race. At the Bike Lane, 11150 Sunset Hills Road, #110, Reston. 10-Mile - 30-Mile - Metric Century - Century Kickoff and Post-Ride Celebration. Join Lime Connect and hundreds of riders and supporters for a scenic ride across Northern Virginia for a great cause: forging a pathway to success in the corporate workplace for students and professionals - including veterans - with disabilities. Proceeds raised will support Lime Connect's mission to rebrand disability through achievement. Call 703-689-2671.

SUNDAY/NOV. 3

Gyotaku. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. At Lake Fairfax Park, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Learn about the fish living in Lake Fairfax and learn about gyotaku, the ancient Japanese custom of fish printing. Practice the technique on a T-shirt or a fabric bag to keep and take home. This program is designed for participants age 5 to adult. Cost is \$9 per person. Call 703-471-5414 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-fairfax.

History of World War II. 2 p.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Dr. Harry Butowsky of George Mason University presents part 5 of his 6-part lecture series on World War II: Genocide 1941-1945. Adults, Teens. Call 703-689-2700.

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.

MONDAY/NOV. 4

Halloween Candy Buy-Back. 12-4 p.m. At Tisseront Orthodontics, 11720 Plaza America Drive, Reston. Dr. Tisseront's 14th Annual Halloween Candy Buy-Back benefiting Children's National in Washington, D.C., and our troops overseas. They want to buy your left over candy. \$1 per pound for you and \$1 will be donated for Children's National for every pound as well. All of the donated candy is packaged up with letter of support written by the community and shipped to our troops overseas.

Anti-Inflammatory Foods. 6:30-7:30 p.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Min Krishnamurthy, In-Store Nutritionist with Giant Foods, presents a fun, informative workshop on foods that are healthy and delicious and that naturally reduce inflammation in the body. For adults and teens. Free. Visit the website: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events>

Facebook Live Storytime. 7 p.m. At Scrawl Books at Reston Town Center. Master story time reader Laura Donnell from Common Ground Childcare shares her talents, impressions and voices during a special bedtime broadcast live on Facebook and archived on Youtube. Join in to hear the stories in the store or tune in online. Call 703-966-2111 or visit www.scrawlbooks.com.

TUESDAY/NOV. 5

Needle Felting Workshop. 1-3 p.m. At Frying Pan Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Needle felting is a way of shaping wool into three-dimensional art. Learn needle felting basics and make a project to take home. Cost is \$12 per person. This workshop is designed for participants age 12 to adult, and one registered adult must accompany each registered child in the program. Call 703-437-9101 or visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park>.

Bollywood Dance Fitness. 6:30 p.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join us for a fun Bollywood dance fitness class led by local instructor Aparna Rao. No experience necessary. Adults. Call 703-689-2700.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 6

Author Dr. Azar Nafisi. 8 p.m. At Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. The Iranian-American best-selling author of Reading Lolita in Tehran, Azar Nafisi

has electrified readers with a compassionate and often harrowing portrait of the Islamic revolution in Iran and how it affected one university professor and her students. Cost is \$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com or call 703-476-4500.

THURSDAY/NOV. 7

Author Dr. Charles Thomas Jr. 6 p.m. At Scrawl Books, Reston Town Center, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. Featuring Best Kept Secrets: From Invisible Walk-Ons to Life Champions. The book was written by an athlete for athletes and those with an athletic or personal development mindset. It's a book by a walk-on, for walk-ons, about walk-ons, and the power that we possess to move from feelings of invisibility to life champions. Meet the man who went from a walk-on at Notre Dame to CEO, to best-selling author and radio host.

Alzheimer's Early Detection. 7-8 p.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. At this interactive workshop presented by the Alzheimer's Association, National Area Chapter, you will learn the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's disease and why early detection is crucial. Free. Visit the website: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events>

FRIDAY/NOV. 8

Ice Skating Season Begins. At Reston Town Center, Ice Skating Pavilion, Reston. Rock the Rink on Fridays, 8-10 p.m. Includes DJ music, games and prizes until 10 p.m.; skating continues until 11 p.m. Cartoon Skate is Saturdays, Nov. 9 until March 7, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Share the ice with cartoon characters. College Night is Thursdays, Nov. 14 until March 5, from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. Receive \$2 off admission with valid college ID. Call 703-709-6300 or visit www.restontowncenter.com/skating.

NOV. 8-9

Everything Christmas Sale. Friday 3-7 p.m.; Saturday 8:30 a.m. to noon At First Baptist Church of Herndon, 681 Elden Street, Herndon. The Closet's annual Everything Christmas Sale. Get a head start on decorating and choosing unique gifts and help your community. All proceeds are returned to the community in grants to local nonprofits and scholarships. You'll find everything from artificial trees to cookie cutters and food tins. Many are one-of-a-kind items. The Closet is a faith-based, volunteer driven nonprofit organization impacting the community through its thrift shop. In 2018, The Closet gave away more than \$94,000 worth of clothing and necessities to needy persons referred by an authorized social service agency or one of our member congregations, as well as donating more than \$125,000 in profits to local organizations and providing scholarships to local students. Visit the website: www.theclosetofgreaterherndon.org

SATURDAY/NOV. 9

Sesame Street Birthday Celebration. 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Come celebrate Sesame Street's 50th birthday! We'll have games, activities, stories, songs and more! All Ages. Call 703-689-2700.

My Sky Tonight Campfire. 7-8 p.m. At Lake Fairfax Park, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Learn about the constellations and other night sky features while you enjoy a campfire and toast s'mores. Each family will receive a guide to the season's night sky. Cost is \$7 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. This event is not appropriate for children younger than age 4. Call 703-471-5414 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-fairfax.

SUNDAY/NOV. 10

Biographer Andrew Marble. 2-3:30 p.m. At Scrawl Books, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. Meet Andrew Marble, author of Boy on the Bridge, the first-ever biography of John Shalikashvili, one of the United States's greatest military leaders and the first immigrant, draftee, and Officer Candidate School graduate to hold the position of chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Free. Visit the website: <https://www.scrawlbooks.com/>

Sideline Band Performs. 7 p.m. At Bluegrass Barn at Frying Pan Park, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Tickets are \$18/advance; \$20/door. IBMA Award-winners, Sideline, will perform in Herndon. Visit www.sidelinebg.com or call 703-437-9101

NEWS

Azar Nafisi, author of 'Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books' and 'The Republic of Imagination: America in Three Books,' will be speaking at Reston CenterStage.

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Exploring Great Literature in Oppressive Times

Best-selling author Azar Nafisi at Reston CenterStage.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

An extraordinary evening awaits as Azar Nafisi, the Iranian American bestselling author of "Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books," shares her clear and distinct observations with CenterStage guests.

Nafisi will have a conversation about her life during and after the Islamic revolution in Iran. Her presentation will be about the formidable work she took on guiding young women into the power of great literature.

Beyond "Reading Lolita in Tehran" Nafisi will have a conversation about her newer works including "The Republic of Imagination: America in Three Books." It is a memoir about the importance of three key American works of fiction and imagination.

"In literature there is amazing hope even in frightening darkness," said Nafisi. Reading literature can be "an exercise in freedom and self-realization."

In "Reading Lolita in Tehran," Nafisi wrote that during her years in Iran, literature was "a critical way of appraising and grasping the world — not just our world but that other world that had become the object of our desires."

At CenterStage Nafisi will not just speak from her books, but will provide her personal experiences with the "free market of ideas; the need to have exchanges and be curious...to explore what we don't know. For we need to know our friends and enemies."

For those less familiar with "Reading Lolita in

Where and When

Reston Community Center presents Azar Nafisi, author of the best seller "Reading Lolita in Tehran," at Reston CenterStage, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Event on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2019 at 8 p.m. Ticket Price: \$15, Non-Reston Ticket Price: \$20. Call: 703.476.4500 or visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com. Note: Copies of Azar Nafisi's books will be on sale prior to and after her presentation; and she will sign them.

Tehran," published in 2003, it is an account of Nafisi while living in Iran as the Islamic Revolution had taken hold. More so, it is about Nafisi bringing together seven female university students to read certain works of fiction with great personal risk.

Nafisi and her students studied Nabokov's "Lolita," F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby," as well as Henry James and Jane Austin. The books studied and discussed were about love and loss, freedom and curiosity, beauty and harmony, as well as the intersections between the personal and the political.

What relevance did such literature have in Nafisi's risk-taking gamble? It was worth the risk for her seven students "to

experience the freedom and value of the imagination. For despite all the limitations they connected through works of the imagination."

Nafisi left Iran in June 1997. She now lives in the United States. In her 2014 "The Republic of Imagination" Nafisi further keyed on how great literature helps to shape one's identity. For Azar Nafisi, literature has "transformative powers." She will share that at CenterStage.

"In literature there is amazing hope even in frightening darkness."

**— Azar Nafisi,
Author, "Reading Lolita in Tehran"**

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FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS IN 2019

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Nov. 19, 2019 9:30 a.m. - Full
Board of Supervisors Meeting

Nov. 26 Committee Meetings

❖ 9:30 a.m. - Economic Advisory
Commission

❖ 11 a.m. - Personnel Committee

❖ 1:30 p.m. - Legislative Committee

❖ 3 p.m. - Budget Committee

❖ 5 p.m. - Audit Committee

Dec. 3, 2019 9:30 a.m. - Full Board

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of Supervisors Meeting

Dec. 10 Committee Meetings

❖ 9:30 a.m. - Health, Housing and
Human Services Committee

❖ 11 a.m. - Development Process
Committee

❖ 1:30 p.m. - Transportation Committee

❖ 3 p.m. - General Assembly Annual
Reception and Work Session

SATURDAY/NOV. 2

Bus Service Meeting. 10 a.m. to
noon. At Reston Community Center

at Lake Anne, 1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston. Fairfax County Department of Transportation will hold a round of community input meetings to encourage public input on alternatives developed to provide enhanced Fairfax Connector bus service in the Reston and Herndon areas, including connections to the future Metrorail Silver Line Phase 2 stations in Herndon and Reston.

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Friends of the Lundegards and Colvin Run Mill file into the barn for the renaming ceremony.



Unveiling the new plaque for the Marjorie and Bob Lundegard Education Center, from left: Cindy Walsh, Paul Lundegard, Marjorie Lundegard, John Foust, Mike Henry, Tim Hackman, Barbara Favola, and Gene Bacher.

Lundegards Honored at Colvin Run Mill

Historic site barn renamed after Bob and Marjorie Lundegard.

BY OLIVIA ANELLO
THE CONNECTION

Friends and staff of the Colvin Run Mill gathered at the historic site in Great Falls on Saturday morning to honor Bob and Marjorie Lundegard with the renaming of a barn on the property. Bob Lundegard died in May of this year and many of the speakers reflected on what an impressive man he was, and the unstoppable team he and Marge made with many of those around them.

Many remarked on how fitting it was to dedicate the Marjorie and Bob Lundegard Education Center to the couple, because the

Lundegards dedicated much of their lives to preserving, restoring, and advocating for the mill and cultural preservation. It all began in 1989, when Marjorie, a former teacher, started volunteering at the Colvin Run Mill and taught visiting school-children about mills and simple machines. Bob followed shortly after and began volunteering for the mill in his retirement in 1993.

The two became invested in the mill and ended up being some of the first members of the Friends of Colvin Run Mill organization. According to Mike Henry, Manager of the Colvin Run Mill Historic Site, Marjorie “racked up over 25,000 hours of volunteering at the mill,” and she and Bob worked to “raise and donate \$50,000 to put toward projects to better the mill.”

The Lundegards’ commitment to historical preservation went beyond Colvin Run Mill. Their son, Paul Lundegard, shared that his parents’ love and passion for preserving mills “brought them all over the country to other historic mill sites and into the arms of genuine friends, some of whom are even here with us [at the ceremony].” Paul commended his father for looking toward the future and always creating strategies to achieve his goals. He joked that if his father were here, he would say the renaming of the barn “is a lovely thing ... But what can we do next? We’re not done yet.”

Cindy Walsh, the Director of Park Services for the Fairfax County Park Authority, helped conclude the ceremony.



A scaled version of the Colvin Run Mill, with many floors and moving parts.



Tim Hackman, Dranesville Representative to the Fairfax Park Authority Board, shares the many contributions of Marjorie and Bob Lundegard to Colvin Run Mill.



Son of the late Bob Lundegard, Paul Lundegard delivers a tribute to his father.



The historic Colvin Run miller’s house: Inside, moments are frozen in time from the Federal and Victorian periods of Fairfax County during the 1800s.

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The service alternatives were developed based on public input received through community engagement earlier this year, stakeholder engagement and technical analysis. After this round of public engagement, FCDOT staff will develop a preferred service plan to provide better access to destinations, improved travel times, increased schedule reliability and more dependable service. Residents may provide input on the service alternatives by completing the survey at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/herndon-reston-service-review. Comments can also be mailed to Fairfax County Department of Transportation, 4050 Legato Road, Suite 400, Fairfax, VA 22033.

Watershed Clean-Up Days. 9 a.m. to noon. At South Lakes Drive Park, Reston. Grab a bag and go on a trash scavenger hunt as the Park Authority hosts "Watershed Clean-Up Days" again this fall. Lend a hand by helping to remove tires, bottles, cans and other debris from local waterways. Helping to clear the earth's vital arteries is a great community volunteer project for service groups and students. All ages are welcome. For a complete listing and to sign up as an individual volunteer, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/volunteer.

MONDAY/NOV. 11

Veteran's Day Ceremony. 11 a.m. At Town Herndon Green, 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. The Wayne M Kidwell American Legion Post 184 will sponsor the Veterans Day Ceremony. The guest speaker will be Christopher Baity, President of Semper K9 Assistance Dogs. Baity is an OEF/OIF veteran Marine Corps dog trainer and kennel master with three combat deployments, one civilian deployment and two additional overseas deployments with working dogs. He has over 18 years of dog training and handling experience. Currently a Certified Dog Trainer (CDT), evaluator and service dog instructor, Baity is proficient in animal behavior, obedience training, and kennel management.

THURSDAY/NOV. 14

Car Seat Safety Check. 5-8 p.m. at the Reston district police station, 1801 Cameron Glen Drive. Fairfax County Police Department offers free safety check and install events throughout the year to ensure children travel safely. By appointment only; call 703-478-0904 to schedule. In preparation for your appointment, you should install the seat in your vehicle using the instructions that came with the car seat. Trained officers will review the car seat instructions and car owner's manual to be certain that they are being followed as they should.

FRIDAY/NOV. 15

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 laborers to engineers. This event is free to all job seekers. Visit the website <http://www.nuca.com/careerfair>.

TUESDAY/NOV. 19

DMV2GO at the Library. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. The wireless office on wheels offers all DMV services: driver's license and ID card applications and renewals, driving records, vehicle titles, license plates, decals, order disabled plates, and more. Information on all services available at dmv.virginia.gov/general/#dmv_2go.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Parent Support Partners, a service of the Healthy Minds Fairfax initiative, are all parents who have received training and are qualified to offer education, support and assistance at no cost to families or caregivers. They provide reliable information that families can use in decision-making and are familiar with services and resources that can help families in distress. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/healthymindsfairfax or www.nami-northernvirginia.org/parent-peer-support.html.

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"Underwhere" and What



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Though I don't think I've broken any laws, other than the laws of consumerism, I may have gone over to the dark side. And by 'dark side,' I refer to two elements, one way more significant than the other, both of which I will get to in short order. In the interim, I refer to that most private of previously public purchases: underwear.

The last two times I bought underwear, I did not, as my father before me did so regularly for his two sons: buy from a local distributor. No. I didn't brick and mortar, I did not drive to and from. And neither did I engage with a living being (so far as I know, anyhow). Rather, I simply typed, mouse-clicked and purchased online from a national distributor. And since I wasn't able to touch and feel, my selection was a bit of a leap of faith. Would the fit, style and look satisfy in person much as it had done so online? So far, after having introduced a dozen pairs to their new homes, their owner and his neighbors seem okay with the interlopers. I expect that with the passage of time, the familiarity of it all will wear down any anticipated objections. Still, I imagine there will be an adjustment period.

Those purchases being made, I do feel as if I've crossed a line of sorts. [And the editor is likely to agree and assert selective deletion.] At the very least, consumers and their underwear purchases - and processes, seemed sacrosanct and immune to the lure of the internet. Granted, its presumptive privacy and seemingly endless choices/supply would presumably appeal to one's sense of curiosity. But not having the opportunity to physically pick and choose, and then grab and go to the cashier while glancing at the assorted inventory while you saunter through the department now seems like a lost art. An art that will never again be bid on, certainly not at Christie's anyway. I don't feel guilty exactly, about what I've done, but I do feel as if struck at the very foundation of the consumer's code of decency.

I mean, if one is going to buy underwear online then there really is no stopping the internet's intrusion into our daily lives. And if the artificial intelligence running the sites knows about our most personal preferences, then what's preventing a mass outing of mankind and womankind? To that possible end, I am now going to mention the second element of my recent purchase for which you likewise might have an opinion. This time I have literally gone over the dark side: colors; blue, black, green and gray. The tidy whites of my youth and nearly entire adulthood have had to give way to color. Another break with my underwear past which also seems unforgivable. My father always wore white underwear. How could I, as his son, break with such familial tradition? This is the weight I am now carrying. I'm not exactly leaving the faith but I do feel that I'm definitely disconnecting.

And since these online purchases of non-white underwear are not that recent (six months or so), recently, as in the last month, I have given consideration to yet another total break to how/where I've purchase these non-white "underweares," brand. I have heard multiple radio advertisements on my satellite radio concerning an upscale brand of underwear which has given me pause to rethink how I might further upgrade the neighborhood where my underwear has been residing.

It's been difficult enough changing how I buy my underwear, and then transitioning from whites to colors, but now possibly changing brands just for the sake of some creature comforts? I haven't heard any complaints from the neighbors so why bother? To be cool and comfortable? I thought I was. Apparently not. Dare I break yet another decades-old tradition? It may be too much.

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Having Fun at Reston Halloween House

Characters delight the younger tykes.

By Mercia Hobson
The Connection

Children three through ten years of age delighted in Reston Association's non-ghoulish Halloween House and Trick-or-Treat Trail at Walker Nature Center held Oct. 25-26. Even though the association added more tickets for this year's event, according to Katie Shaw, Nature Center Manager, advance times sold out once again before the weekend.

Now in its 22nd year, the first of three activity areas, the free carnival with face painting, crafts, games and refreshments greeted lucky ticket holders. Witch Rose Moss, 5, fancied her face painted green but sister, Lucy, 1 1/2, clung close to mom and dad, unsure of the larger than life-size costumed characters.

At the second activity site, families

"We have teen and young adult volunteers who remember coming as children."

**—Katie Shaw,
Nature Center Manager**

roamed the LED candlelit forest trail, met more friendly costumed characters, and collected candy and prizes. Jocelyn Wood, 6, of Great Falls, took a liking to her borrowed flashlight. She and others, such as Emma Hamilton, 2, of Reston, made their way with family members to the pavilion turned big dance party with sound and light effects where Star Wars Galactic Heroes invited the children to dance. Before heading into the third activity site, Walker Nature Center, live owls greeted the trick-or-treaters. The transformed Nature House proved to be one of the "coolest parts" of the event, according to Shaw. Volunteers and staff depicted each room with a different scene. Highlights included the educational not-so-mad science experiments and photo opportunities with the cast of Harry Potter.

"When I see people out in the community, they often tell me how much they loved the Nature Center's Halloween event, and how creative it is — sometimes years later ... We have teen and young adult volunteers who remember coming as children ... This year, we are thankful for George Mason University for providing a volunteer force of 40 students in their Social Action and Integrative Learning Program," said Shaw.



Dressed as Dorothy from the 'Wizard Oz,' Avery Komaily, 5, of Fairfax takes advantage of a photo op with a little help from a couple of friendly fictional characters from the Harry Potter series, the half-giant and half-human, Rubeus Hagrid portrayed by Paul Priestly and Harry Potter portrayed by Susan Sims of Reston.



Dressed in their costumes, the Moss children of Fairfax, Rose, 5, and Lucy, 1 1/2, finish the carnival activities at the Reston Halloween House and Trick-or-Treat Trail at Walker Nature Center before heading over to the side porch for popcorn, apple cider and Bare Snacks.



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At the part-fun, part-educational Reston Halloween House and Trick-or-Treat Trail event, a not-so-mad scientist demonstrates how to make dry ice bubbles full of carbon dioxide gas with water vapor go, poof, when touched.



Star Wars characters gear up to greet children on the Trick-or-Treat Trail.