

Oak Hill Herndon CONNECTION

Supervisor Walter Alcorn (D-Hunter Mill) speaks at his first Town Hall meeting held Monday evening, Feb. 3.



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The deadline is noon on Friday.
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ONGOING

AARP Tax-Aide Program. Feb. 1 to April 14. At RCC Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Tuesdays: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.; Thursdays: 4:30 p.m./– 8:30 p.m.; and Saturdays: 9 a.m./– 3 p.m. Free. For taxpayers with low and moderate incomes with special attention to those 60 and older. AARP's Tax-Aide program was created nearly 40 years ago to assist older adults as well as persons with low and middle incomes in successfully navigating the tax code. All tax preparation is free and confidential. For more information, contact the Lifelong Learning Program Director, Casmera Lebron at 703-390-6157.

RCC Collecting Dresses and Accessories. Feb. 1-29. Reston Community Center is accepting donations of gently used dresses and accessories for its 18th annual Diva Central Dress Drive. From Feb. 1 – 29, RCC will be collecting the items at its Hunters Woods and Lake Anne locations. In addition to dresses, RCC needs donations of shoes, jewelry, handbags and shawls. Donations are tax-deductible and may be dropped off Monday – Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sundays. Donations will benefit middle and high school students in Reston and surrounding areas, who can outfit themselves for prom and spring dances for free. This year's dress and accessories giveaway event is planned for Saturday, March 28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at RCC Lake Anne, 1609-A Washington Plaza in Reston. All local middle and high school students are invited to attend and "shop" for dresses, shoes and other accessories for free. There will also be door prizes and refreshments. Registration is not required.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 5

DIY Club — Jewelry Making. 6:30 p.m. At Reston Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Learn the basics of jewelry making and create an original piece in this hands-on workshop. Adults, Teens.

THURSDAY/FEB. 6

Millennials Book Club. 7 p.m. At Reston Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Title is "The Satanic Verses", by Salman Rushdie. Check out a library copy or pick up a copy of your own. Adults from early 20s to early 30s.

FRIDAY/FEB. 7

Baby & Me Yoga. 10:30 a.m. At Reston Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Bring your baby for a nurturing yoga workshop designed for the two of you. No experience needed. Bring a mat or blanket. Co-sponsored FRRL. Age 6 weeks—16 months with adult.

SATURDAY/FEB. 8

Sing! Books with Miss Emily. 10:30 a.m. At Reston Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Join Miss Emily for singing storytime with illustrated songs. Co-sponsored by the FRRL. Age 2-5 with adult.

Handmade Valentine Workshop. 1-2:30 p.m. At GRACE, 12001 Market Street, #103, Reston. Create one-of-a-kind Valentines in a workshop led by GRACE staff. All ages. Registration at event sponsor's website, restoncommunitycenter.com. Call 703-471-9242 or visit www.restonarts.org.

Aesop's Fables. 2 p.m. At Reston Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Aesop was an African storyteller whose famous fables are still celebrated today. Join us for a selection of fables performed by Bright Star Children's Theatre. Cosponsored by the FRRL. All Ages.

Old Fashioned Taffy Pull. 3-4:15 p.m. At Frying Pan Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Make candy and sample refreshments from the olden days. Historic farm interpreters will lead a program that includes exhibits of an early 20th-century farmhouse, a brief history of candy-making, and an outdoor, wood-burning stove demonstration, weather permitting. This event is designed for participants ages 10 to adult. The cost is \$10 per person. The program is not recommended for those with allergies to nuts or dairy. Call 703-437-9101 or visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park>.

Geocaching Workshop. 3-5 p.m. At Lake Fairfax Park, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Set off on a search for hidden treasure at Lake Fairfax Park after learning how to put your Global Positioning System (GPS) unit to work. Students ages 8 to adult will learn how to enter latitude and longitude coordinates into a GPS. Treasure hunters will then follow the coordinates to find a hidden object, container or unique geological feature in the park. Cost is \$22 per person. Please bring your own GPS; a limited number will be available to borrow from the instructor at class. Call 703-471-5414 or visit

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-fairfax.
Casino Night. At Herndon High School, 700 Bennett Street, Herndon. A fundraiser for the 2020 All-Night Grad Party. Buy your \$72 tickets today! You can also purchase your casino night/silent auction ticket directly at: www.herndonang.org

SUNDAY/FEB. 9

Gustafer Yellowgold. 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. At Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Cost is \$10 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston

With pancake lunch. Since his creation by Morgan Taylor, Gustafer Yellowgold has become an international phenomenon. Take a ride with Yellowgold, who is living an explorer's life in a slightly psychedelic version of the Minnesota woods. Tickets include a "build your own" pancake lunch from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Carolina Blue. 7 p.m. At Bluegrass Barn at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Cost is \$18/advance; \$20/door. New this season is the Half Season Pass — four shows and reserved seats for \$68. Food and drinks, including beer and wine, are available for purchase at the performances. Tickets can be purchased online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/ or by phone at 703-222-4664 or 703-437-9101.

MONDAY/FEB. 10

Baby Lapsit. 10:30 a.m. At Reston Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. A cozy time to enjoy nursery rhymes and songs while building early literacy skills for your child. For age birth to 11 months with adult.

RCC's 40th Anniversary. 6:30 p.m. At RCC Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Restonians are invited to mark Reston Community Center's 40th anniversary and plan for its future. The agenda of this special annual joint Community Relations and Program/Policy Committees meeting includes a screening of a