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Area Residents Seek Protection for a Sanctuary

Proximity of Reston's only wetlands to future Metro stop raises concerns about marsh's fate.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Carol Hadlock spent 4 1/2 years monitoring wildlife at Sunrise Valley Nature Park, during which she documented 122 species of birds, 33 of which nested there. "Right there, that says to me this is a very special place," she told the group of about two-dozen Reston leaders and nature enthusiasts who took a tour of the park on Wednesday, March 31. As more of the surrounding area has been developed, some of the larger species have moved on, but about 22 species still nest there, which is remarkable for such a small property, she said.

The park comprises naturally occurring wetlands, manmade wetlands, a restored farm pond and uplands buffers. The manmade portion of the marsh, which was created under a mandate from the Army Corps of Engineers to offset damage to wetlands elsewhere in Reston, makes up about 3.3 of the park's nearly 16 acres.

A CONSERVATION COVENANT with the Corps of Engineers protects the property, but the site is only a few hundred yards from the location of the future Herndon-Monroe Metro Station, and the county encourages high-density development in the vicinity of Metro stops. The county has said the park won't be considered for development during the current master plan special study that is laying plans for Reston's portion of the coming Metro corridor, but many residents remain skeptical.

Having read over the conservation covenant, Reston Association environmental resource manager Claudia Thompson-Deahl said, "It sounds like, from reading it, it



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Reston Association environmental resource manager Claudia Thompson-Deahl, right, and former Reston Association environmental specialist Kevin Munroe, second from right, give Reston leaders and nature enthusiasts a tour of Sunrise Valley Nature Park.

would be protected forever, but the problem is, nothing is protected forever."

As the group prepared to embark on its trip through the park last week, Thompson-Deahl talked about the beavers that had recently moved into the wetlands, saying they would help with maintenance by eating the tubers of the water lilies.

Former Reston Association environmental specialist and current

live on the county-owned property adjacent to the park. That parcel is to become the site of Metro facilities in the future.

Munroe said he had helped to select the park for an Audubon at Home project that included native plantings and an educational program, based on its environmental value and its location. "You had this wildlife sanctuary in the middle of a developed urban area," he said. "This keeps nature right in the middle of the neighborhoods where we know it and we love it."

Thompson-Deahl said the Reston Association had also used Sunrise Valley Park for summer and science camp programs, the Huga-Tree program, and family and adult activities like Marsh Madness and twilight walks.

"There's nothing else like this in the whole Reston-Herndon area."

— Kevin Munroe, Fairfax County Park Authority

manager of Huntley Meadows Park Kevin Munroe said not all of the park's trees were threatened by beavers, because the creatures would only take down trees within about 100 feet of the water.

As they stood on the boardwalk over the lily-filled water, Munroe said, "One of the things that makes this so special is how shallow the water is," noting that the depth made the wetlands a marsh and not a pond or lake. Certain plants and animals, he said, only live in very shallow water, and the marshes that support them are rare in Northern Virginia. "There's nothing else like this in the whole Reston-Herndon area," he said.

In addition to the wildlife, Thompson-Deahl said a number of homeless people were known to



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Abby Potoker, 7, left, and her sister Jenna, 5, examine bowls as they try to choose their favorites.

Handmade Bowls To Be Filled, Emptied

Friday's Empty Bowls event raises money for Food for Others.

Reston-area residents will have the chance to sate their hunger and others' this Friday evening at the Giving Circle of Hope's third annual Empty Bowls fund raiser for Food for Others.

Linda Strup, one of the Giving Circle's founders and the event's chairwoman for the last two years, said the fund raiser to benefit Northern Virginia's largest distributor of free food appeared to be continuing to grow. "Given the recession, we've actually had an increase in the number of restaurants who are willing to donate," she said. In its first year, Strup said, the Giving Circle raised \$17,000 through Empty Bowls. Last year, it raised \$20,000. "So we're hoping to meet that or exceed it this year." The event has sold out every year at 500 guests.

ON FRIDAY, April 9, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Reston, guests will again get the chance to pick out bowls handmade by local artists and enjoy a meal of soup, bread, a beverage and dessert. After guests have filled and emptied their bowls, they will get to keep them, as reminders of the bowls that go unfilled in the community.

The cost is a minimum donation of \$20.

The bread is being donated by Great Harvest Breads and desserts are courtesy of Chantel's Cakes and Pastries of

Sterling. The owners of both those businesses will be helping to serve the meals, as will local Girl Scout troops. At least a dozen local businesses are donating soups, and scores of artists from Reston, Herndon and Chantilly have created bowls for the event. "So it's a real community event," Strup said.

Ten cash sponsors have also donated to the fund raiser. "Whatever they donate goes to Food for Others, since our expenses are minimal," Strup said. "All the food is donated. The space is donated." The Giving Circle didn't even have to pay for the paper goods, and the event is entirely volunteer-run.

GIVING CIRCLE OF HOPE is a group of more than 100 Reston-area women that calls itself a "social investment club." Its primary mission is to award monetary grants to local non-profit organizations, but the group also runs several other charitable efforts. Empty Bowls is its largest fund raiser for an outside organization.

This year, Cathy Waters is one of two women in charge of the event. She said the group began planning the fund raiser almost as soon as last year's event was over but began working in earnest, lining up sponsors and artists, after the holiday season ended. "It takes a whole team of people to make this happen, and everybody just throws themselves into it and does a tremendous job," Waters said.

"People, I think, really look forward to this. They like to see their neighbors and they like to help their neighbors," said Strup. "It's definitely something that goes with our motto of having fun with a purpose."

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Walk MS presented by Booz Allen Hamilton to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, National Capital Chapter, takes place on Saturday and Sunday, April 10-11. This pledge event, held at six different locations throughout the Washington, D.C. area, is a chance for individuals, families, and teams of friends and co-workers to unite for a common cause.

More than 7,000 walkers and volunteers are expected to participate.

In Reston, 3.5-mile route starts and ends at Reston Town Center Pavilion, 11921 Freedom Drive in Reston. Registration is open 8:30-10 a.m.

Walkers and volunteers may participate individually or as members of a team. All registrants are provided with a variety of fundraising tools. Walkers who raise at least \$125 receive a commemorative T-shirt, and those who raise more may be eligible to earn other prizes. To walk, volunteer, or learn more call 202-296-5363, option 2, or visit www.MSandYOU.org. Participants can also register at the event.

Running Program Kicks Off New Season

Reston Runners kicks off its 12th year of Women's Training Program this spring. Coached by women for women, this series of eight sessions is an opportunity for women walkers and runners to begin or get back into an exercise routine. Training takes place on Monday evenings, May 3 through June 21, from 6:30-8 p.m. at South Lakes High School (meetings begin in the cafeteria). The \$30 fee includes a program technical shirt plus speakers on topics such as running form, gear, common injuries, and nutrition. Registration will be limited. Sign up at www.restonrunners.org.

Senior Senior Prom Returns May 1

The Rotary clubs of Herndon and Reston will once again present the Senior Senior Prom. The event will take place on Saturday, May 1, from 2-4:30 p.m., at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 750 Peachtree St., Herndon, located near the Herndon Community Center. Dance music and entertainment will be provided by the Loudoun Jazz Ensemble and The 8-Week Wonders Swing Dancers.

All residents of the Dulles area — Herndon, Reston and adjacent communities — age 50 or older are invited to attend, free of charge. Prom/formal attire or beach/Hawaiian attire, as an alternative is requested. All ladies and gentlemen who attend the event receive a corsage or a boutonniere, as well as a souvenir card with their prom picture.

At the close of the event, awards and crowns are given for Prom King and Queen, Best Dressed, Best Dancer, and the winners of other distinctive honors. Many familiar with the event will remember that several years ago the Prom King honor was conferred upon a 101-year-old gentleman who distinguished himself by dancing to every number the band played.

To reserve seats and a spot on the dance floor, call Chris Moore at 703-437-5886.

Reston Association Covenants Committee Vacancy

One member from the Hunters Woods/Dogwood District is needed to serve a three-year term on the Reston Association's Covenants Committee. The committee is responsible for administering the Use and Maintenance of Property Covenants and considers/determines cases concerning these areas.

Those interested in applying to be a member of the Design Review Board or the Covenants Committee, need to forward a brief statement of interest and any pertinent qualifications by April 26, by fax 703-435-9481, e-mail cate@reston.org or mail to Reston Association, 1930 Isaac Newton Square, Reston VA 20190/ ATTN: Cate Fulkerson.

COMMENTARY

Right Over the Cliff

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

Few incidents have resulted in as many comments and communications of concern to me as has Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli's (R) lawsuit against President Barack Obama's (D) health care reform legislation. Coming on the heels of Attorney General Cuccinelli's lawsuit against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's climate change regulations and his letter to Virginia's colleges and universities saying that the institutions did not have the power to adopt policies prohibiting discrimination against gays and lesbians, the latest lawsuit makes citizens wonder what is going on in the attorney general's office. Few would profess knowing for certain what the Commonwealth's attorney general does in his official duties, nor would they express with confidence who the state senator, now Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli is, having been elected in a statewide election that always gets overshadowed by the governor's race. To answer the most frequently asked question: No, Virginia does not have a provision for recalling

elected officials.

Those who know Mr. Cuccinelli are not surprised by his actions. He is an unabashed and unapologetic ultraconservative who has become a favorite of Fox News. And he has a following that supports and applauds what he is doing. He fits perfectly into the Tea Party "don't tread on me" mold. He has caught a popular wave of anti-government sentiment and is going to continue to ride it.

The person who might be most adversely affected by the Attorney General's actions is Gov. Robert McDonnell (R) who is just as conservative as Cuccinelli but who has worked hard during his campaign and in the opening months of his administration to appear more moderate and more accommodating. With each of the attorney general's actions, the press has turned to the governor and asked him what he thinks about what the A.G. is doing. To oppose the attorney general would be to alienate the conservative base upon which



both rely for support. To support him too enthusiastically would be to tarnish the image of moderation that the governor is trying to maintain. The governor has supported the attorney general in each instance but without much fanfare.

National columnists are suggesting that the right wing of the Republican Party is going too far in its opposition to anything Obama-related and in its shrill reaction to passage of the health care reform bill. Over the next several years, Republicans will need to determine the image with which they want to be identified. Some speculated that the moderate speaking Gov. McDonnell might fit that bill when he delivered the Republican response to the State of the Union. Now Gov. McDonnell runs the risk of being eclipsed in his own state by the attorney general. The sharp turn to the right of the Republican leadership in Virginia might just run the governor's future plans over the cliff.

Diva Central Comes Back

Last year event provided 1,200 prom dresses.

Reston Community Center (RCC) is hosting its 10th Annual Diva Central Prom Dress Give-A-Way Event on Saturday, April 24 and Sunday, April 25, from 12-6 p.m. at the Reston Community Center Lake Anne, 1609-A Washington Plaza. Participants must be actively enrolled in a high school and eligible to attend their prom. There is a limit of one dress per person. Admission to this event is free.

"Especially during these tough times, we are touched by the extraordinary generosity of the Reston community. Last year's Diva Central Prom Dress Drive was our biggest ever with over 1,200 dresses donated," said Nakish Jordan, RCC Teen Program director. "This year, we hope to give away as many dresses as possible to help local young women attend this



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This year's Diva Central Prom Dress Give-A-Way event is Saturday and Sunday, April 24-25.

special event feeling confident and poised."

For two days, the Reston Community Center's Jo Ann Rose Gallery (in the Lake Anne building) will transform into a "boutique" showcasing more than 1,000 designer dresses in all different colors, sizes and styles. Local high

school teenagers will have the opportunity to "shop" for their prom dresses, shoes, jewelry, handbags, wraps, makeup and accessories and create their own prom look. To make prom night even more special, Diva Central will conduct raffle drawings for prizes donated by local business sponsors. Last year's prizes included a chauffeured luxury town car to the prom, corsage and boutonniere for the winner and her date, spa services at local Reston salons, and gift certificates to popular Reston restaurants.

Since 2001, Diva Central's mission has been to promote confidence and self-esteem by providing free prom dresses to any area high school girl who might not otherwise be able to afford one. Each year, RCC collects donated gently-used and dry-cleaned prom dresses and gives them to area high school girls in need.

For further information or to volunteer for the event, contact Nakish Jordan, RCC Teen Program Director, at nakish.jordan@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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OPINION

Cuccinelli Misleads on Costs

Perhaps we need a referendum to decide if and when Virginia will spend time, resources and image on challenging federal actions?

Some of us are probably prepared to admit that we are embarrassed, as two of Virginia's major newspapers warned we might be. But no one predicted that there would be so much to blush about so soon.

Suddenly, Virginia is in the national spotlight, not for being home of the Internet along the Dulles corridor, not for being the place for lovers (too many exceptions apply), not for being the mother of many presidents, not for its history, not for its wine.

No, Virginia is in the national spotlight because our newly elected Attorney General, Ken Cuccinelli of Clifton, Fairfax County, has taken to court declaring recently passed landmark health care legislation as unconstitutional. He also sued to stop the regulation of greenhouse gasses and now will challenge new federal standards for auto emissions (even though even the auto industry would rather have federal controls that a patchwork of state regulations).

He opened his administration telling Virginia's dramatically underfunded colleges and universities that they could not include sexual orientation in their anti-discrimination policies.

Last October, before the election, the Virginian Pilot warned: "Cuccinelli's election would bring embarrassment to Virginia." The Washington Post, a few days later: "Cuccinelli would drive away qualified lawyers from an office that

functions as the state government's law firm, and, given his bizarre ideas, he would very likely become an embarrassment for the commonwealth."

ADDING INJURY TO INSULT, Cuccinelli denies that these escapades are costing the Commonwealth anything, releasing a statement claiming, for example, that the only costs involved are the filing fees, \$350 in the case of the constitutional challenge to the health care.

That's like saying it didn't cost anything to close the Federal Government in the snow emergency in February. The actual cost was about \$70 million a day.

Cuccinelli owes his constituents a real accounting of the costs, the amount staff time devoted to the efforts. The Office of the Attorney General is Virginia's law firm, and there are established methods for billing and assessing costs.

Most important is admitting the opportunity costs. What is it that his office is not doing because of the time and focus playing national politics?

His two immediate predecessors, Gov. Bob McDonnell and Virginia Supreme Court Justice Bill Mims, both focused on consumer protection. McDonnell launched the "consumer alert of the month," a column which addressed real problems faced by ordinary Virginians in terms of financial fraud, identity theft and

other critical issues. Mims maintained the monthly effort. The columns appeared in media around the state, and served both as a warning and as a means of reaching out to people who had been victims.

The last such "alert" was filed the month before Cuccinelli took office, after monthly entries for four years through 2009. (www.oag.state.va.us/CONSUMER/Consumer_Alert_Archive.html)

Taking care of Virginian's interests is not at the top of the priorities of the current attorney general.

The 14 duties and powers of the Office of the Attorney General (see www.oag.state.va.us/OUR_OFFICE/Role.html) include providing information on identity theft and remediation, help Social Services collect child support, prosecute certain environmental and computer crimes, enforce laws that protect businesses and consumers, represent consumers in utility matters before the State Corporation Commission, in addition to providing legal advice and opinions to the Governor, General Assembly and other state agencies.

Ken Cuccinelli was elected state senator representing the 37th District, part Prince William and Fairfax counties, in a special election in 2002. The election drew 16.6 percent of registered voters after state Sen. Warren Barry (R) resigned to take a job with the Warner Administration. Cuccinelli was reelected in 2003 and then in 2007 held onto his seat by less than 100 votes.

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EDITORIAL

Balancing the Books

BY JACK KENNY

The recent achievement by the 2010 General Assembly of erasing the \$4B Virginia budget deficit left over from the previous governor should be a celebration for a job well done. Sure, there was some pain, but we all have our household to manage and for the most part have learned to live within our means. Do we make do without when we do not have the money to spend on a necessity? Yep! Perhaps one of our children has to wait a year to go to the tender mercies of an orthodontist.

Our local delegate spreads the guilt to all of us that we are not sufficiently supportive of a safety net for the most vulnerable of us. Let us take a hard look at the safety net.

Starting with Social Security, we have steadily expanded the entitlement so that this year, Social Security will take in less money than

it will pay out at our expense. It is broke and yet the entitlement population still grows.

Medicare, started in 1963, has yet to become a self-sustaining in spite of several reductions in payments to healthcare providers. We now face a growing number of physicians who refuse to take Medicare patients. The system is broke.

The vaunted War on Poverty is one of the more recent wars we have lost. The poverty rolls are larger than ever. U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) has stated in a recent House speech that we are close to bankruptcy — our national security is threatened. Just look at your 8-year-old child or grandchild and know that she or he now owes the U.S. Government \$184,000. By the time that child achieves majority, the U.S. will only be able to pay for Social Security, Medicare, Healthcare and service on our national debt. There will be no money for defense, energy, or transportation. What a legacy to leave!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wiehle Plaza Needs Citizens Input

To the Editor:

These comments are in follow-up to the March 25 Planning Commission hearing regarding Comstock Wiehle development proposal. In spite of analyses and recommendations made by P&Z, RCA Reston 2020 Committee, Citizens Advisory Work Group #1, the Committee for Dulles, Reston Association, the RA Transportation Advisory Committee, negative comments by Richard Newlon of the DRB, flat denial twice by the Fairfax County DPZ, there has been no appreciable change to the Comstock Wiehle plan since September 2009.

The plaza at the station as proposed will be about the same size as Lake Anne plaza. It will be surrounded by 17-story towers and five- to six-story parking garages between the towers. The buildings will completely block out the sunlight and leave the plaza in deep

shadow most of the year. The buildings will trap exhaust fumes from vehicles using the plaza to drop off passengers.

At the March 25 Planning Commission hearing, the architect for Comstock Wiehle stated that their plaza was like Rockefeller Plaza in New York City. The Rockefeller Plaza, however, is huge and gets sunlight during the day. There is no traffic in the Rockefeller Plaza and it is also graced by very large trees. Trees in the Comstock Wiehle Plaza will have difficulty growing without direct sun.

Comstock is seriously proposing artificial light as a substitute for natural sunlight. That should raise a thousand red flags immediately. It suggests that the plaza will be designed to grow mushrooms and rats. It will rival 18th century Parisian tenements in the inhuman conditions it will create.

We are not quibbling about density. We are concerned about the quality of life in the plaza and the Reston quality of open space.

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LETTERS

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The citizens at the Planning Commission hearing recommended increasing the area of the site by using air rights over Wiehle, over the Dulles Toll Road on-ramp, and over Reston Station Boulevard. That would increase the size of the parcel about which Comstock has said, "It's a tight site." This should not be used as an excuse. There is no requirement that they build six buildings on the parcel.

Recommendations:

1. Increase the size of the site using air rights.

2. Remove Building 6 from the plan. Use the area as a green park and open space that adjacent landowners can relate to in terms of connectivity as a pedestrian system.

3. Buildings that connect over air rights can have pedestrian overpasses built in to achieve complete separation of pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Please see the Citizens Advisory Work Group #1 alternate plan.

4. Comstock insists on the plaza road for drop-off and for visibility for retail in the plaza. Our suggestion is to build another plaza above ground level which would strictly be pedestrian with more sunlight. Lowering the building heights on the south of the parcel would allow direct sunlight. The upper level pedestrian plaza would contain a sculpture garden, fountains, trees, and be surrounded by restaurants and cultural facilities as recommended by RCA

2020 Committee Residential, Urban Design and Livability Work Group and by those community groups who participated in the March 20 Community Meeting of the Task Force. The lower level plaza would be sheltered, well-lit and well-decorated with art in an ever-changing gallery.

5. A block model or 3D model of the site plan was requested by us and by Task Force member Fred Costello and has not been provided by the architect.

6. There is an imbalance of residential and commercial space. Thirty-seven point five percent is inadequate for Transit Oriented Development. There needs to be more residential and less commercial.

7. The Planning Commission needs to hold approval of the plan until the VDOT Chapter 527 traffic impact analysis report is complete in June 2010.

This design has reached this point in time without any quality control. The citizens demand that the DRB be involved with quality control. Indeed, one P&Z member stated if built, Comstock Wiehle Station would become the "armpit of Reston."

We are all looking for world-class architecture in Reston. There is nothing in the Planning Principles revised by the Task Force that would prevent additional world-class trash such as Comstock Wiehle being built along the entire length of the Dulles Corridor.

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Community Raises Wetlands Concerns

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Deahl said Massachusetts Life owned the property and developer Trammel Crow managed it. The county tax map, though, lists the owner as Reston Arboretum, which owns and has a building on an adjacent parcel.

Ron Stoffer, an environmental scientist with the Army Corps of Engineers, said the conservation

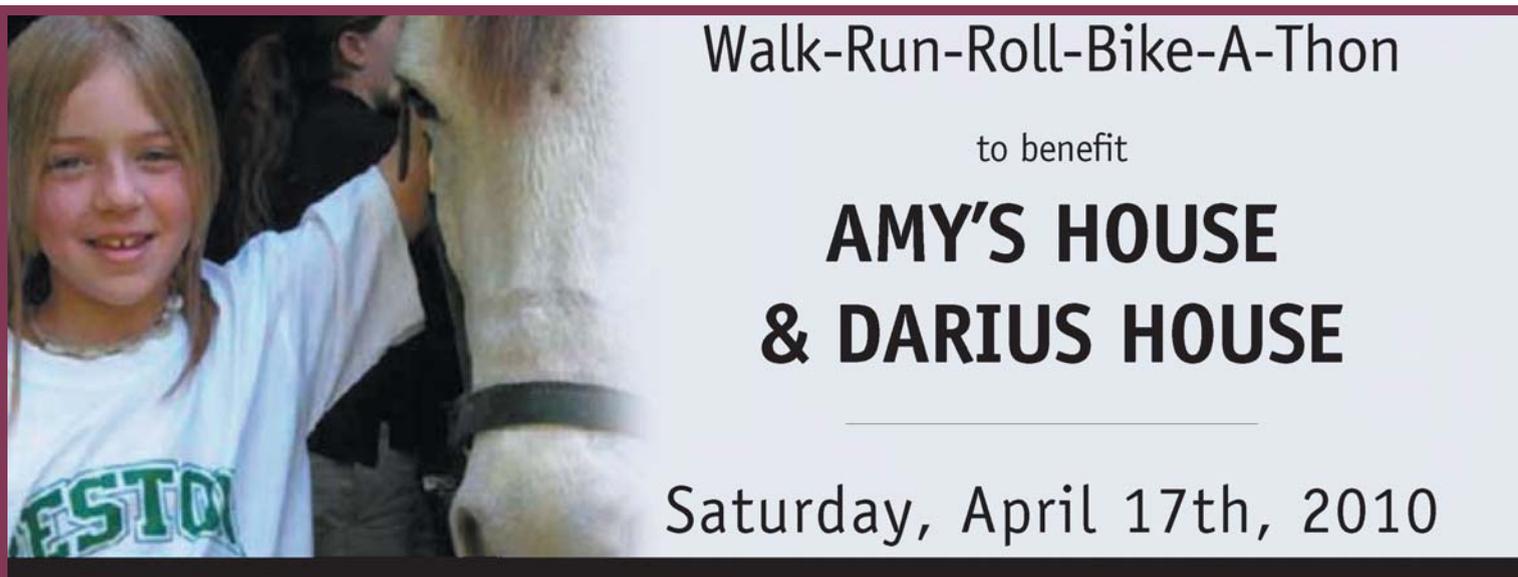
covenant contained a provision that would allow it to be modified, and it could be vacated if the owner went through a permitting process and authorities deemed it appropriate. Altering the covenant would require public hearings and federal and state permits, Stoffer said. "They would need to justify why they need to do work in this area," he said. "There's nothing

that precludes them from asking for a permit to modify this area."

Noel Kaplan, senior environmental planner for the county, said the area did not have a protective designation under the county plan, although residents had asked whether it could be made an environmental quality corridor (EQC). Since environmental quality corridors are to provide networks of open

space, they normally are applied to stream valleys, trails and sewer lines, Kaplan said, although he added, "There's certainly a lot of environmental quality out there."

"There are all these questions that keep coming up and we just want to make sure it's protected as a wetland," said Thompson-Deahl. "This is what Reston is all about — nature and people together."



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Event Details

When: Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Registration Begins at 8:45)

Where: Temporary Road Pavilion
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Directions: I-495 to Rt. 267 West (Dulles Toll Road), take Exit 12 (Reston Parkway) turn right toward Reston Town Center, at 3rd light go right onto Temporary Road, at North Shore Drive go right & the Temporary Road Pavilion is immediately on your right.

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THURSDAY/APRIL 8

Opening Reception for a New Exhibit: "Reston: The Road and the Rail" on display through May 30, at the Reston Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza, Reston. 6-8 p.m. The first of a new series of revolving exhibits at Reston Museum, featuring transportation of the past, present and future in Reston, on display through May 30. 703-709-7700 or www.restonmuseum.org.

Lupus Support Group. 12 p.m. at Reston Hospital Center, The West Wing, 1850 Town Center Parkway, Reston. lh@ascendcomm.com or www.lupusgw.org.

SATURDAY/APRIL 10

Founder's Day, with an illustrated talk by Alex Garvin, urban planner, educator, and author, 12 noon. Reston Historic Trust will acknowledge the contributions of James Rossant, of the firm Conklin and Rossant, designers of Lake Anne Village Center. Location: Jo Ann Rose Gallery at Reston Community Center, Lake Anne. Afterward, everyone is invited to Reston Museum for cake, provided by MallowDrama, to celebrate the 96th birthday of Reston founder, Robert E. Simon Jr.

The Reston Accessibility

Committee (RAC) meets are at 10 a.m. on the second Saturday of every other month, at United Bank, 1801 Reston Parkway, Reston. The RAC works improve accessibility for mobility-impaired persons in Reston. Contact Ken Fredgren, 703-391-9019 or fredgren.k@gmail.com.

Hunter Mill Democratic

Committee Lasagna Dinner. 5 p.m. at the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. \$40 advance ticket, \$20 students, \$50 at the door. Music, live and silent auctions. 703-716-2339 or 703-242-1652.

TUESDAY/APRIL 13

Reston Association 2010 Annual Members' Meeting. 9 p.m. at the Sheraton Reston Hotel, 11810 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Learn who won the election for three seats on the Reston Association Board of Directors and hear the State of the Association address. Refreshments served. Luciano Mijares, 703-435-2035 or Luciano@reston.org.

Overview of Reston Parkway

Area. 7 p.m. at the Reston Community Center at Lake Anne.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 14

2010 North Vienna Snow Summit. 7:30 p.m. at The Barns of Wolftap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Supervisor Cathy Hudgins invites residents to come and share experiences and ideas on how to better handle the road and storm related issues. Also present will be Virginia Del. Mark Keam (D), State Sen. Chap Peterson, Mayor Jane Seeman of Vienna, and representatives from Fairfax County Public Schools, Dominion Power and VDOT. 703-478-0283 or hntmill@fairfaxcounty.gov.



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Accompanied by FISH President Marcia Di Trapani, Herndon Mayor Steve DeBenedittis presents a resolution from the Herndon Town Council recognizing 40 years of community service by Herndon-Reston FISH at last year's FISH Fling.

FISH Fling Returns

Residents invited to Herndon-Reston charity's largest fund raiser this Saturday.

Herndon-Reston FISH will conduct its fifth annual FISH Fling Saturday, April 10 at the Crowne Plaza Dulles Airport Hotel. The event includes a sit-down dinner with wine, silent and live auctions, dancing, and games. It is the charity's largest fund raiser.

"It's one of the major sources for fund raising for us, so we look forward to doing it every year," said FISH President Marcia DiTrapani.

FISH (Friendly, Instant, Sympathetic Help) serves the needy in the Reston and Herndon areas, providing emergency assistance with rent, utility bills and medication. The organization also runs a holiday basket program and a financial workshop, operates the Bargain Loft in Herndon and transports senior citizens and others in need to medical appointments.

Last year, as the organization celebrated its 40th anniversary, the

Join the Fling

The FISH Fling takes place Saturday, April 10, from 6-11 p.m., at the Crowne Plaza Dulles Airport Hotel, 2200 Centreville Road, Herndon. Tickets cost \$75. For ticket availability, call 703-437-0600.

event sold out at more than 200 guests and netted about \$43,000. DiTrapani said she hoped to match that amount on Saturday. "The community has been really supportive of the event," she said, adding that attendance and participation in the auctions had been consistently heavy.

The biggest sponsor for this year's fling is Volkswagen Group of America, which moved its headquarters to Herndon in 2008. Other major donors are Dominion Power and Patricia and Allen Lenz, and more than three-dozen other local sponsors are supporting the event.

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THURSDAY/APRIL 8

Swing Dance with Natty Beaux. 7:30 at The Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-424-1745 or www.headoverheelsdance.com.

Lupus Support Group. 12 p.m. at Reston Hospital Center, The West Wing, 1850 Town Center Parkway, Reston. tinyurl.com/lupusgrps or 1-888-349-1167.

Baby Steps Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Interactive storytime for parent and child. Age 13-23 months with adult. 703-689-2700.

Friends' Book Discussion. 7:30 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. "The Bridge of San Luis Rey" by Thornton Wilder. Adults. 703-689-2700.

Opening Reception for Reston: The Road and the Rail. 6 p.m. Reston Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza, Reston. How transportation affected Reston's development. Through May 30. 703-709-7700 or www.restonmuseum.org.

Irish folksinger, songwriter and harpist Moya Brennan. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$25. www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/APRIL 9

Empty Bowls Benefit Supper for Hunger Relief. 5:30 p.m. at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 11900 Lawyers Road, Reston. Guests choose a handmade pottery bowl and receive a simple supper of soup, bread, beverage and dessert. The bowl is theirs to keep as a reminder that there are "empty bowls" in the community. \$20. All proceeds go to Food for Others. givingcircle@hotmail.com or 703-648-0222.

The Discovery Series: the Los Angeles Guitar Quartet. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$35. www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/APRIL 10

Founder's Day. 12 noon at the Reston Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza, Reston. In honor of the 96th birthday of Reston founder, Robert E. Simon, Jr., a celebration and commemorative brick dedication on Lake Anne plaza presented by Reston Historic Trust, followed by a reception at Reston Museum. Alex Garvin, urban planner, will speak about Lake Anne and revitalization. 703-709-7700 or www.restonmuseum.org.

Reston Little League Opening Day Parade. 9:30 a.m. A sea of colorful shirts and team hats will parade down Market Street from Mercury Fountain to Reston Town Square Park to hear inspirational talks. restonlittleleague.com

22nd Annual Potomac Watershed Cleanup. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. Join volunteers in a multi-state effort to clean the Potomac Watershed. Free pizza lunch. 703-435-79867 or habrock@reston.org.

Garth Fagan Dance. 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A blend of ballet, contemporary dance and Afro-Caribbean movement by the Tony Award-winning choreographer of "The Lion King." Pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders,



Tom Mindte and the Patuxent Partners (pictured) perform on Saturday, April 10, 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon.

begins at 7:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets are \$22-\$44, available at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

The Elden Street Players in 'Metamorphoses.' 8 p.m. at the Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. A modern adaptation of Ovid's Roman mythological stories. Mature themes and brief male nudity. Patrons in the front row may be splashed with water during the show; towels provided. \$19, \$16 seniors and students. Reserve at 703-481-5930. www.eldenstreetplayers.org.

Tom Mindte and the Patuxent Partners. 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. Bluegrass. \$12. 703-435-8377.

Animals Underground. 11 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Investigate who lives in the dark, damp world under the forest floor and learn about moles, earthworms, termites and more. Ages 4 & up. 703-689-2700.

Julie Murphy Wells: Sophisticated Lady. 7:30 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$25. www.wolftrap.org.

SUNDAY/APRIL 11

African Children's Concert: Journey of Hope. 4 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Music and dance from across the African continent. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 3:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. \$21-\$42, available at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu. Youth through grade 12 half price.

CAL1MONDAY/APRIL 12

ESL Beginners. 11 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. ESL conversation group. Adults. 703-689-2700.

Easy Reader Book Discussion, Level 2. 3 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Read aloud and enjoy a related craft. Call for title. Age 6-7. 703-689-2700.

CAL1TUESDAY/APRIL 13

Baby Steps Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Interactive storytime for you and your child. Age 13-23 months with adult. 703-689-2700.

ESL Advanced. 11 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Practice English in a group with a volunteer facilitator. Adults. 703-689-2700.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 14

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group. 7 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. A group for anyone with multiple sclerosis and/or their family and friends. Sponsored by the National Capital Chapter of the MS Society. Free. 703-768-4841.

Book Discussion. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. The Street of a Thousand Blossoms by Gail Tsukiyama. Adults. 703-689-2700.

THURSDAY/APRIL 15

Musical Memories: Spring Community Concert and Open House. 12:45 p.m. at The Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St., Herndon. Door prizes will be awarded prior to the free concert. "Just Friends", a Great Falls-based five piece combo, performs at 1 p.m. with American popular music from the 1920's-1960's. Free. 703-464-6200.

Great Falls Optimist Club Oratorical Contest. 7 p.m. at the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. This year's topic is Cyber Communication: Progress or Problem? Students from Great Falls, Reston and McLean, under age16 compete to win scholarships. sandjcoolidge@verizon.net or www.greatfallsoptimist.org.

Lupus Support Group. 12 p.m. at Reston Hospital Center, The West Wing, 1850 Town Center Parkway, Reston. tinyurl.com/lupusgrps or 1-888-349-1167.

Special Twos. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Stories and activities. Age 2 with adult. 703-689-2700.

Fairfax Antique Arts Association: Herend China. 10:15 a.m. at the City of Fairfax Senior Center, Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Room 111, Fairfax. Seymour Lazerowitz will display and speak about pieces from his collection. Free; annual membership fee required to attend subsequent meetings. 703-359-2487.

FRIDAY/APRIL 16

The NOVA-Annandale Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Christopher Johnston. 8 p.m. at the Richard J. Ernst Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. The Mendelssohn Violin Concerto with Marlisa del Cid Woods of the U.S. Army Orchestra and works by Beethoven and Glazunov. Adults \$15, seniors and teens \$10, age 12 and under free. 703-569-0973.

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OBITUARIES

Harry F. Young, 84, of Reston, Dies

Harry F. Young, 84, of Reston died on March 30. Born in Toledo, Ohio, Young graduated summa cum laude from the University of Toledo, and as John Martin Vincent Fellow in History received a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University. He also attended Middlebury College foreign language schools for French and Russian.

Young's career included 30 years of federal service with the USAAF, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Department of State, where he received the Superior Honor Award "for a brilliant, original ... atlas of U.S. foreign relations." He also taught modern Eu-

ropean history at Indiana University and historiography at Ohio University, where he was nominated for the Outstanding Graduate Faculty Award. He taught German history in German at Stanford University's 1966 institute for U.S. German teachers and wrote the 1972 guide on German culture for the Northeast Conference in the Teaching of Foreign Languages. Young gave guest lectures at the University of Hamburg and took part in a discussion of nationalism on Austrian TV's Nachstudio. For several years, he was guest lecturer in history at the Ezra Pound Center for Literature at Castle Brunnenburg in the Italian Tyrol.

Among other titles, he was the

author of "Maximilian Harden: Censor Germaniae," "Prince Lichnowsky and the Great War," "Atlas of U.S. Foreign Relations," "Atlas of the Soviet Union," "The Misunderstanding of August 1, 1914," and "South Tyrol: New Approaches to an Old Problem."

Young was married for 38 years to Jane Cecelia White and remained close to her after their divorce. Mrs. Young died in 2006, and their son Alexander died in 2002. Young is survived by his sisters Carolyn Massoni of Boise, Idaho, and Jean Martin of Bloomfield Hills, Miss., as well as their children and grandchildren.

A memorial service is being planned for a later date.

Ray Hine, 78, of Reston, Dies

Capt. Ray Hine, USN (Ret.) of Reston, retired businessman, father, grandfather and distinguished naval officer died after a long battle with cancer on March 17. He was 78. Hine was preceded in death by his mother Anna Christine Westman Hine, father Raymond Burton Hine and brother Harold Hine. He

is survived by his four sons; Gregg and his wife Erin of Dunkirk, Md.; Scott and his wife Helen of Fairfax; Wayne of Pontiac, Ill.; Keith of Geneva, Ill.;



Ray Hine

daughter Leigh Lipp and her husband Bob of Boynton Beach, Fla.; along with grandchildren Kayla, Audrey, Taylor, Derek, Ryan, Kevin and Patrick. Hine was married to Judith Frey of Fairfield, Conn. from 1957-1990. They continued to be friends until his death.

Hine was born in Bridgeport, SEE RAY HINE, PAGE 14

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Ray Hine

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A memorial service will take place on Thursday, April 15, at 10:30 a.m., at U.S. Naval Academy Chapel in Annapolis, Md. Internment will be at the Naval Academy Columbarium. Those desiring may make memorial donations in the name of Raymond Hine to Evercare Hospice, 12018 Sunrise Valley Drive, Suite 400, Reston, VA 20191.

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Jessica Luehrs of Reston, a senior majoring in psychology in the College of Science was chosen to be the Honor Court Chairman in the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets for the spring semester 2010.

Herndon High Class of 1975 Reunion will be held Oct. 22 and 23, 2010. Contact Lisa Arbelaez at 410-730-5648. There will be a happy hour on the Oct. 22, and the HHS Homecoming Game, dinner and dancing at the Crowne Plaza on Oct. 23.

FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community, including special holiday services. Send to reston@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday.

The Guyasamaja Buddhist Center will host Glenn Mullin, an author, poet, translator, and teacher of Tibetan Buddhism.

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By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

...in Howard County." For some of you readers who may not make forays north into Howard County (think Columbia, Md.), perhaps you're unfamiliar as well with the ever-present, apparently popular and prideful green bumper sticker with the white printing adorned on many of its resident's automobiles promoting/advertising the civilized quality of life in this Maryland county: "Choose Civility in Howard County." As a resident in an adjacent county, I certainly am. And not because of any outreach to Montgomery County residents via radio, television or print (with which I'm familiar, anyway). No, the campaign, to the degree the production and dissemination/availability of these bumper stickers is concerted at all, seems to be a kind of passive-aggressive approach. Not exactly in your face, but likely within your sight, if you're driving behind a Howard County resident and paying attention, which I usually am. But the attention to which I'm now going to pay is somewhat unflattering. Isolated I'm sure, but certainly ironic given the image/brand-building going on through the appearance and presumptive token of their collective self-esteem.

However inadvertent it may have been, and however brief it was, I was nonetheless abruptly reminded, loudly and aggressively, that my driving delay in departing from a stop-light-having-just-turned-green was unacceptable. The driver behind me didn't just "lean" on his horn, if you know what I mean; he rested on it! Sorry, I thought, somewhat aggravated and nonplussed at the same time, as I pressed on the gas pedal and proceeded through the intersection. "Give me a break," (or something to that effect) as I reacted verbally to the tone and frequency of this horn o' plenty blaring directly behind me. "Cool it! Give me a second. Jeez." (I don't believe I swore, to tell you the truth.) And a few seconds later, this driver accelerated and passed me, but not before I noticed the familiar green bumper sticker on his car's rear bumper: "Choose Civility in Howard County." I didn't see whether the driver was a man or a woman, or whether the driver was in uniform or not (although the vehicle was not marked in any way); it simply appeared to be a regular passenger vehicle, not one on any kind of duty/in a hurry, but one proudly promoting the existence of civility in Howard County.

How ironic I thought. How rude I accused. How characteristic – or not, I wondered. I only wish I could have caught the whole episode on tape somehow; then found the Howard County employee/department responsible for this civility campaign; then found the actual driver whose behavior precipitated this pursuit and then presented it all to the County Executive for his/her approval/consideration. (Oh. I forgot to mention, this exchange occurred during the Blizzard of 2010, just to give the circumstances a little context.)

As an advertising consultant for 13 years with Connection Newspapers, I'm somewhat familiar with advertising campaigns. One of the old adages is, frequency matters; continuing exposure to the same message/promotion eventually wins the day (and the night, too). If consumers see/hear/read something enough times, they start to believe it. Previous to this incident, I had seen the Howard County bumper sticker many times, and had begun to wonder if in fact there was any truth/validity to its claim. Now I know better. This driver proved it.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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HINE, RAYMOND WILLIAM

Captain Ray Hine, USN (Ret.) of Reston, Virginia, retired businessman, father, grandfather and distinguished naval officer succumbed to his long battle with cancer on March 17, 2010. He was 78 years old. Ray was preceded in death by his mother Anna Christine Westman Hine, father Raymond Burton Hine and brother Harold Hine. Ray is survived by his four sons; Gregg and his wife Erin of Dunkirk, Maryland; Scott and his wife Helen of Fairfax, Virginia; Wayne of Pontiac, Illinois; Keith of Geneva, Illinois; daughter Leigh Lipp and her husband Bob of Boynton Beach, Florida; along with grandchildren Kayla, Audrey, Taylor, Derek, Ryan, Kevin and Patrick. Ray was married to Judith Frey of Fairfield, Connecticut from 1957-1990; they continued to be friends until his death.

Ray was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut on November 11, 1931 and grew up there. At age 17, he entered the Navy through the Recruit Training Program at Great Lakes, Illinois and attended electronics school in Memphis. He was selected to attend the Naval Academy Prep School and entered the Naval Academy in 1951 on a Secretary of the Navy appointment. He graduated in 1955 and was commissioned an Ensign. After graduation, he spent 23 years in the Navy, serving on two cruisers and five destroyers either in weapons related or command billets and served as the commanding officer of the USS Orleck (DD-866) from 1971-1973. He subsequently advanced to the rank of Captain in 1976. Ray also graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California and returned there in 1973 as a Curricular Officer. Shore tours included the Naval Academy, Ordnance Engineering Command and the Pentagon from where he retired in 1978. Ray remained in Northern Virginia after retirement and joined a small company named Advanced Technology, Inc. Through several acquisitions of this company, over a 20 year period, Ray continued his employment and retired as the Litton/PRC Director of Navy Programs. Other business ventures included home remodeling, car rental, restaurant, advertising and venture investments. Ray's long-time companion was Virginia Wyman. In 2002, he returned to academia and continued to travel extensively. Ray enjoyed playing golf and was an active member of the Hidden Creek Country Club in Reston, Virginia. He also was very involved in Naval Academy alumni activities and had served as the class vice-president. Ray loved life and his family. He always had a smile and never met a stranger. Ray will be deeply missed by so many.

A memorial service will be held at the U.S. Naval Academy Chapel in Annapolis, Maryland on April 15, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. Inurnment will be at the Naval Academy Columbarium. Those desiring may make memorial donations in the name of Raymond Hine to Evercare Hospice, 12018 Sunrise Valley Drive, Suite 400, Reston, Virginia 20191.

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REAL ESTATE

Housing Market Looking Up

Older homes and new townhouses selling well in Northern Virginia.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

This is the third article in a series of three pieces about the local census data. To read more, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com.

Home values in Northern Virginia, like most other places in the country, have declined, sometimes dramatically, since 2007. But, overall, the last decade was a time of unprecedented growth in local residential real estate, particularly in the very high-end house market.

Even accounting for the recent downturn, the median price of a home in Fairfax and Arlington counties still more than doubled over the last 10 years.

According to U.S. Census data, the median price of a single-family detached dwelling in Fairfax was \$233,300. Last January, Fairfax officials said previously-owned single-family homes in 2009 were selling for an average of \$521,050.

The market peaked in Fairfax from 2005 to 2007, when previously-owned, single-family homes had a median price of over \$600,000.

In Arlington, the price of a single-family detached home went from a median price of \$262,400 in 2000 to \$586,200 in 2008, according to census data.

"I don't think in the year 2000, anyone would have predicted their homes would be worth what they are today, particularly if they were living in that home at the time," said Fairfax County Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville).

Foust's district, which includes Great Falls and McLean, has one of the concentrations of high-end housing in Northern Virginia. During the real estate boom from 2005 to 2007, several parts of the Dranesville District saw the value of their homes increase by 20 percent or more in one year, said Foust.

IN PARTICULAR, Fairfax and Arlington saw an explosion in the number of very expensive homes that came onto the market.

Fairfax was home to 1,896 single-family detached houses worth \$1 million or more in 2000. By 2008, that number had skyrocketed to 21,424 and the million-dollar-plus homes share of the Fairfax's housing stock

had gone from just 1 percent to nearly 8 percent, according to data provided by the U.S. Census.

Arlington County had an even greater increase. In 2000, the locality had about 123 single-family homes worth \$1 million or more. By 2008, that number had increased to 4,721 homes, or about 10 percent of overall stand-alone homes in the jurisdiction overall.

Much of the growth in \$1 million homes, particularly in Fairfax, can be attributed to new construction, said Stephen Fuller, chair of the Center for Regional Analysis at George Mason University.

"It wasn't the old housing. The brand new housing was the much more expensive housing. There were a lot of \$2 million and \$3 million houses being built during that period," said Fuller.

According to Fairfax County's "Economic Indicators" report, the average newly constructed home in the county sold for more than \$1 million in 2007, compared to just over \$600,000 for a "pre-existing" Fairfax home at the same time.

"Land has gotten so expensive to buy that is hard to build a new home for less than \$600,000 or \$700,000," said Fuller.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA'S real estate market has started to rebound over the last few months, according to Fuller, who has been studying housing market trends in the region for years.

Historically, Northern Virginia home values have appreciated at a rate of 7 percent per year. During 2008 and the first half of 2009, however, the average sales price for a home in Virginia plummeted, sometimes by as much as 30 percent from one month to the next.

Yet, in the last four months of 2009, the growth in home values had turned a corner and returned to an average appreciation rate of seven percent annually, Fuller said. In the first few months of 2010, Fairfax homes were appreciating at a rate even faster than seven percent, said Fuller.

"The market has come back much faster than I expected," he said.

Northern Virginia is poised to recover more quickly from the housing downturn than other parts of the country, in part because of its unusually strong economy, said Fuller.

At 6.9 percent, the Washington region has the lowest unemployment rate of the 15 largest job markets in the United States. Fairfax and Arlington, which have unemployment rates of 4.6 percent and 4 per

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South Lakes was slated for a busy schedule this week with games against George Mason, Washington-Lee and Stone Bridge.

Seahawk Boys Not Fazed By Slow Soccer Season Start

South Lakes hopes to get on a mid-season roll like they did a year ago.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Last year, the South Lakes High boys' soccer team struggled early in the season before ultimately turning things around and experiencing its first winning record in nearly a decade.

This spring, the Seahawks, under second year head coach Marty Pfister, have once again struggled out of the gate. A young but talented squad, South Lakes was 0-3 heading into this week's action. But coach Pfister, who saw last year's Seahawks start off 0-3 before rounding into form and finishing the season over .500, is optimistic that the wins will start to come.

"We're playing well, we're a little young," said Pfister. "We have a really talented freshmen and sophomore class, real good travel players who have come in. They're contributing [at the varsity level] right now."

"We're coming around," said the coach. "I'm hoping the boys will stick together and get through these [early season] losses and be better by playoff time."

South Lakes' losses have come to Robinson, 2-0, Langley, 3-1, and

Westfield, 1-0, some of the better teams in the Northern Region. The close scores indicate that the Seahawks have not, for the most part, been dominated. The team was scheduled to play three games this week — at home against George Mason on Monday, April 5, at Washington-Lee on Tuesday, April 6 and home on Thursday, April 8 against Liberty District opponent Stone Bridge.

In the most recent loss to Westfield, the home team Bulldogs scored a first half goal off of a long throw-in pass. South Lakes had scoring chances throughout the game but could never get the equalizer.

"It was a game where we got the better of the play," said Pfister.

Through three games, South Lakes had allowed seven goals — five off of corners and two more off of throw-in sets.

Pfister said his defense, for the most part, is shutting down opponent rushes down the field. But the Seahawks have had a difficult time defending set pieces, such as corners and throw-in plays.

South Lakes has also lacked scoring punch through the first three games, having scored just one time. That is quite a contrast from last year's team which had a potent offensive attack.

"Last year, we didn't have problems scoring whatsoever," said Pfister. "We're trying to figure out who will put the ball in the net."

KEY PLAYERS on this year's squad include senior goal keeper Mo Hassan, a second year starter in the net; senior center midfielder

Kofi Lewis; and key underclassmen players Suli Danikeh, a freshman forward/midfielder, and Zach Decker, who plays defense. Both ninth graders are travel players on the successful Reston Knights' squad that recently captured the Virginia State Cup.

Danikeh has made a smooth transition into the high school varsity game. Pfister has utilized the talented player up front at a forward position. Ultimately this spring, Danikeh could be moved back to center midfield.

"He's a playmaker," said Pfister. "I've kind of put him up front [early on in the season] where he won't get knocked around as much."

Pfister, the head girls' varsity coach at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, Md. during the fall season, brought new life to the South Lakes program a year ago in his first season at the helm. While the Seahawks did not qualify for the Northern Region playoffs, they did win more games than they lost. That alone made 2009 a good season.

"I came in with the attitude that we were going to be successful here," said Pfister.

The coach said his team has kept working hard and remaining confident despite this season's slow start.

"The boys aren't getting down," said Pfister, who is also head coach of the Reston United 93 boys' travel team. "They are coming out and playing hard. The boys have a lot of heart. The losses to Robinson, Langley and Westfield were to three ranked teams."



PHOTO COURTESY OF SOUTH LAKES BASEBALL

South Lakes Baseball Team 2-3 in Spring Break Tournament

The South Lakes High baseball team, competing at the eight-team spring break tournament in Bluffton, S.C. last week, went 2-3 overall. The Seahawks' wins came over Hardeeville (S.C.), 20-1, on March 29, and host Bluffton, 5-4, on April 1. Two of the losses came to Northern Virginia opponent Annandale, 15-10, on March 30, and Olmstead Falls (Ohio), 8-3, on March 31. South Lakes was one of three Northern Region teams competing at the BATRUP Tournament. The other two were Annandale and Langley high schools. South Lakes players Wilfredo Corps-Ortiz, a junior center fielder, and John Beck, a junior pitcher, were both named to the BATRUP All-Tournament team.



Spurs Win Herndon Optimist Championship Game

The Spurs won the Herndon Optimist third-fourth grade boys championship game against the Bullets, 22 to 17. That completes their very good season, including a five overtime win in the semifinals 26 to 22. The Spurs finished the season with a record of 6 and 2. Pictured from left are Chris Logan, Julian Bryant, William Zhang, Aidan Robinson, Justin Blevins, Steve Schoenefeldt, Ian Guevara and Coach Richard Burger.

Marshall Girls' Lacrosse To Host Chili Cook Off

The George Marshall High girls' lacrosse program will be hosting its first Chili Cook off on Friday, April 16, from 6-9 p.m. Go to www.seen.itgo.com for more details and an entry form. Tasters tickets are \$7 and include unlimited chili samples and sides (cookies, cakes, pasta salad, etc). Cooks only pay \$5 with their four quart chili entry and also get unlimited chili and sides to sample. Best Chili (meat and veggie category) winners will receive a certificate and VISA gift card. Winner of Best Chili Name will receive a gift basket. Cook entry forms are due Tuesday, April 13.

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cent respectively, have even stronger economies.

IN SPITE OF the rebound, homebuyers are not necessarily behaving the way that they had in 2006 and 2007. Even as the market picks up, sales data shows that prospective buyers appear far more interested in buying a modest house than they were before.

In Fairfax, the number of sales of pre-owned single-family homes and condominiums has increased significantly since 2008, almost reaching 2007 levels. Sales of brand new townhouses are also up, though not nearly as high as in 2007.

The sales of brand new single-family homes, which cost an average of \$270,000 more than a previously-owned house in 2009 and tend to be much larger, still lag behind.

Fuller said that more first-time home buyers, people who don't own property already, are in the marketplace than there have been in recent years. These buyers tend to be younger and either can't afford or don't have a need for larger

houses with big yards and more than three bedrooms.

Younger people are also more interested in being closer to work and in pedestrian-friendly communities near transit, said Fuller. Newly constructed housing tends to be where land is cheap, farther from job centers and urban areas, and therefore less appealing to some young people.

"New homes tend to be farther out and younger people are looking at used housing that's closer in," he said.

The habits of these new buyers may offer one reason why Arlington and the City of Alexandria have fared better in current housing downturn than their suburban neighbors.

Aside from being transit friendly, Arlington and Alexandria have more condominiums and other more modestly priced housing. The localities also have fewer of the large, newly constructed homes that would act as a drag on other markets, said Fuller.

BUT FAIRFAX residents who may have bought property — even a

large, newly constructed house — at the height of the real estate boom should rest easy, according to Fuller.

Fuller said he expects a Fairfax house that has lost approximately 20 percent of its value to regain its worth in approximately three years.

"Fairfax houses will gain more value. Even retirees should not sell for a few years so they can get their money back," said Fuller.

Fairfax is more suburban and may not fit the traditional model of an urban community like Arlington or Alexandria but it is also the largest job center in the Washington, D.C. region. Local residents, including younger people, will continue to want to live in Fairfax, not only for the excellent public schools and amenities, but also to be close to work, said Fuller.

Fairfax is also the only regional locality with two major transportation projects under construction, the "high occupancy toll" [HOT] lanes on the Capital Beltway and a new Metro line, which will continue to make it attractive, he added.

Fairfax Real Estate: Then and Now

The year 2000 was the last time the U.S. Census did a precise survey of Fairfax County residents but the federal government also collected information through an American Community Survey from January 2006 to December 2008 in order to determine how the county has changed.

Many of the trends found when comparing the 2000 Census data to the 2008 survey estimates are likely to also show up when the 2010 Census is completed.

	FAIRFAX COUNTY		VIRGINIA		USA	
	2000	2008	2000	2008	2000	2008
Median Household Income	\$81,050	\$106,470	\$54,169	\$61,044	\$41,994	\$52,175
\$50,000 to \$74,999	20%	14.1%	22.6%	19.3%	19.5%	18.8%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	16.9%	13%	13.4%	13.3%	10.2%	12.5%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	21%	27.4%	4.1%	14.7%	7.7%	12.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	9%	13.8%	3.7%	6.2%	2.2%	4.3%
\$200,000 and up	7.5%	17.7%	3.3%	6.1%	2.4%	4.2%
Families Living In Poverty	3%	3.3%	7%	7%	9.2%	9.6%
Individuals Living In Poverty	4.5%	5%	9.6%	9.9%	12.4%	13.2%
Median Single-Family Home Price	\$233,300	\$566,100	\$125,400	\$259,200	\$119,600	\$192,400
Median Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$1,669	\$2,551	\$1,140	\$1,690	\$1,088	\$1,508
Home Values						
\$100,000 to \$150,000	25,911 11.8%	1,700 0.6%	373,288 24.7%	218,153 10.8%	23.7%	15.4%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	49,959 22.8%	2,596 1%	233,999 15.5%	247,106 12.2%	14.6%	13.7%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	73,026 33.4%	16,830 6.2%	209,613 12.9%	383,416 18.9%	11.9%	17.1%
\$300,000 to \$500,000	48,157 22%	88,069 32.5%	107,093 7.1%	478,734 23.6%	6.5%	17.4%
\$500,000 to \$1 million	14,153 6.5%	136,449 50.3%	28,041 1.9%	353,049 17.4%	2.4%	11.4%
\$1 million and over	1,896 0.9%	21,424 7.9%	4,013 0.3%	55,808 2.7%	0.6%	2.6%
Households With A Child Under 18 Years Old	29.7%	33%	32.7%	30.9%	32.8%	31%
Households With A Married Couple	59.4%	56.3%	52.8%	50.7%	51.7%	49.6%
One-person Households	21.4%	25.8%	25.1%	27.4%	25.8%	27.5%
Average Household Size	2.74 people	2.72 people	2.54 people	2.54 people	2.59 people	2.61 people
Average Family Size	3.2 people	3.29 people	3.04 people	3.1 people	3.14 people	3.2 people
Vacant Housing Units	2.6%	6.5%	7.1%	10.3%	9%	12%
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