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**Lead Actress in a Musical, Mary Davis, South Lakes High School. School's production of 'Les Miserables: School Edition' wins five Cappies Awards.**



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In addition to the restaurant samplings, the "Guns n' Hoses Chili Cook-off" will pit area cops against firemen – the ultimate battle of the heroes – this time in aprons in front of chili pots. Attendees can vote for the "People's Choice" chili. A panel of food writers and critics will determine the "overall best chili". The event's masters of ceremonies will be MIX107.3's Tommy McFly and NewsChannel8's Katherine Amenta.

On Friday from 5:30 until 10:30 p.m. The Fabulous Dialtones will entertain from the Town Center Pavilion. On Saturday, June 19, from 7:30 – 10:30 p.m. C.J. Chenier & the Redhot Louisiana Band will perform.

Admission: Free, food tickets \$1 each. Friday, June 18 – 3-11 p.m.; Saturday, June 19 – noon-11 p.m. Guns n' Hoses Chili Cook-off, Saturday June 19, noon- 4:30 p.m. [www.RestonTaste.com](http://www.RestonTaste.com)

**Sign Up Open for  
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When the 2010 National Capital Tour de Cure sets off from Reston Town Center on Father's Day, many of the cyclists will pedal a new route across the woody trails of the Reston Association.

"We are excited to have the Tour de Cure take to trails of Reston. The route will not only be challenging, but also scenic as many of the Reston Association's amenities will be seen along the route," said Larry Butler, Reston Association's Director of Parks and Recreation.

The American Diabetes Tour de Cure raises money for diabetes research and education. The Reston Tour de Cure is the fifth largest in the country, according to Brendan Foley, manager of the Tour de Cure for the National Capital Chapter of the American Diabetes Association. It attracts about 1,400 cyclists and 300 volunteers.

You can sign up for the Tour de

Cure on the day of the event at the pavilion at Reston Town Center.

There are six races, beginning with the 100 mile century ride at 6:30 a.m. the 63 mile at 7:30, the 32 mile at 8:30; the 20 mile at 9:30, the 17 mile at 10:30, which heads through RA trails, and the family fun ride at 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Brendan Foley, manager, Tour de Cure at [bfoley@diabetes.org](mailto:bfoley@diabetes.org). Register online at [www.diabetes.org/nationalcapitaltourdecure](http://www.diabetes.org/nationalcapitaltourdecure) <<http://www.diabetes.org/nationalcapitaltourdecure>>

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**RA to Hold a  
Special Board  
Meeting**

The Reston Association Board of Directors will be holding a Special Meeting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 19, at the Main Office, 1930 Isaac Newton Square in Reston.

The purposes of the special meeting are to begin the process of outlining the Association's position relative to the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force and to establish a subcommittee to be tasked with refining/finalizing the Association's position.

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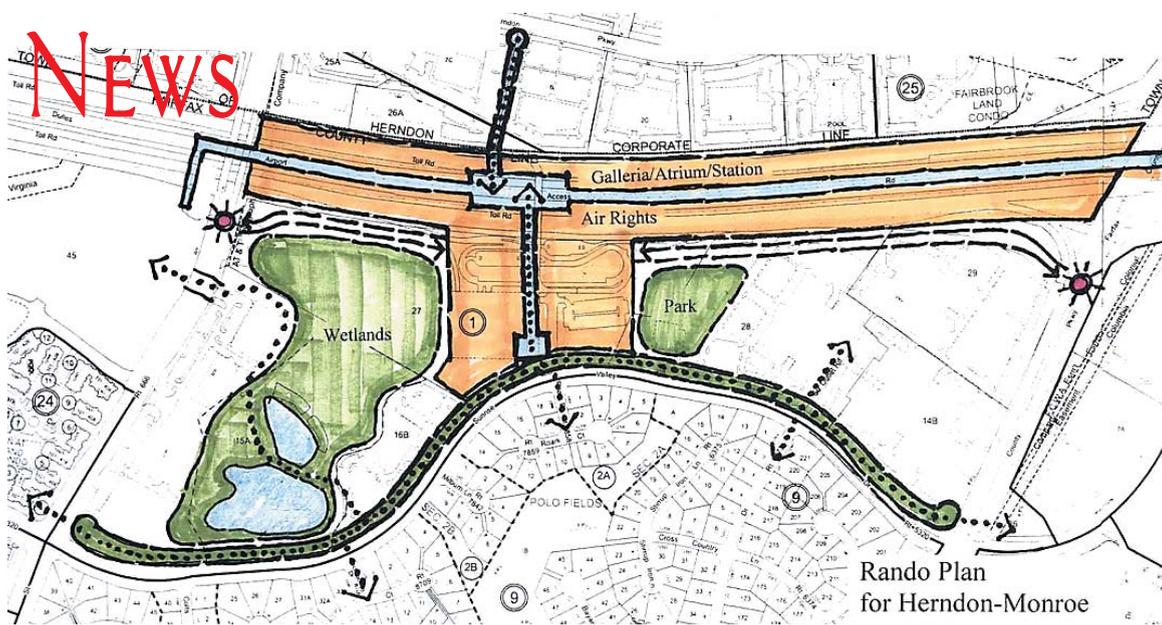


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This plan for the Herndon-Monroe Metro station includes extending the Sunrise Valley Wetlands to include the Woodland to the north, as well as new access roads.

# Re-imagining Reston's Future

## Committee presents ideas for future of Reston

BY ALEX MCVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

Reston 2020, a committee of the Reston Citizens Association, presented their vision for the next decade of development in Reston June 8. They presented their findings to community members and members of the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force.

Reston 2020 has been working on a series of papers for the last six months about the future of everything from parks and recreation to residential and urban design.

Their main goal is to make sure future growth and development in Reston is well-planned to benefit current and future residents, as well as developers and businesses.

"We've been working these past six months with the idea of assisting the [Master Plan Special Study] Task Force, with working groups preparing their papers," said Richard Stillson, the co-chair of Reston 2020. "We've tried to be completely open to input, and we encouraged as many people as possible to participate."

**A KEY POINT** in the presentation was the future of parks and recreation in Reston. The issue of trails,

new parks, new athletic fields and indoor recreation facilities was a big part of the Parks and Recreation presentation.

"We think that new trails should connect to our existing ones, to create a network of foot or bike options that cover the entire community for getting around and getting exercise," said Carol Bradley, one of the presenters.

She stressed the need for urban parks that "provide the opportunity for entertainment and public gathering."

In the paper submitted to the Reston Task Force, Bradley and

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### VIEWPOINTS

## What do you think needs to be considered while planning the future of the Dulles Corridor?



**Dick Rogers**, Reston, retired  
"Reston schools will be overcrowded within the next five years, and the task

force needs to start paying attention to that before they start developing."



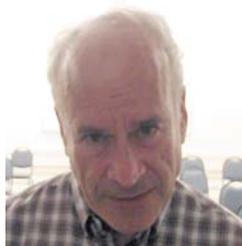
**John Hanley**, Reston, bank securities  
"As a community, we can't look at things parcel by parcel, we need to

take a holistic approach to everything that is done."



**John Bowman**, Reston, IT  
"We need to make sure we look at the intangibles, things like the Sunrise Valley Wetlands. You can't put a

dollar amount on them, those are things that should be considered to keep a quality of open space."



**Joe Leighton**, Reston, retired

"With a lot more development coming in, we need buses to run every 2 minutes,

especially in the morning on weekdays. It will help people get out of their cars."



**Kathy Kaplan**, Reston, writer

"We need a balance between residential and commercial. More commercial means too much traffic,

and more residential means more schools are needed."



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Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), left, and other attendees look at aerial photos of the Dulles Toll Road at MWAA's public workshop on the draft highway noise policy.

## Highway Noise Debated

### MWAA conducts public workshop to discuss draft Dulles Toll Road highway noise policy.

BY JESSICA LEVINE  
THE CONNECTION

As its most recent move in the development of a new highway noise policy regarding sound walls along the Dulles Toll Road, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) conducted a public workshop on Thursday, June 10 at Langston Hughes Middle School to discuss the draft policy and solicit feedback.

Residents of neighborhoods surrounding the Toll Road, many of whom have raised concerns about MWAA's proposals, attended the workshop, which was organized into four stations that detailed the draft policy and MWAA's next steps. Attendees were invited to walk through the stations and speak with members of MWAA as well as to submit comments in writing at the event or online at the MWAA website through June 30.

The draft policy establishes the criteria that MWAA will use

in determining where there is a need for future sound walls. The first step in the process is a study that MWAA will conduct on highway noise along the Dulles Toll Road, using the Traffic Noise Model to determine noise level.

"We'll be going out and doing noise monitoring of residences, hotels, schools ... and from there, we'll be taking [the data] and we'll be putting it into the Noise Model," said MWAA Consultant Kristen Fusco Rowe. "Based on [federal, state and local regulations], it will determine whether a noise wall is warranted."

Under the draft policy, which the MWAA Board of Directors will approve in July or August, properties must meet a series of criteria to be eligible for a sound wall, including a 66 Leq (h) minimum noise level, a 5 decibel minimum noise reduction from the proposed wall and a \$40,000 maximum construction cost per benefited

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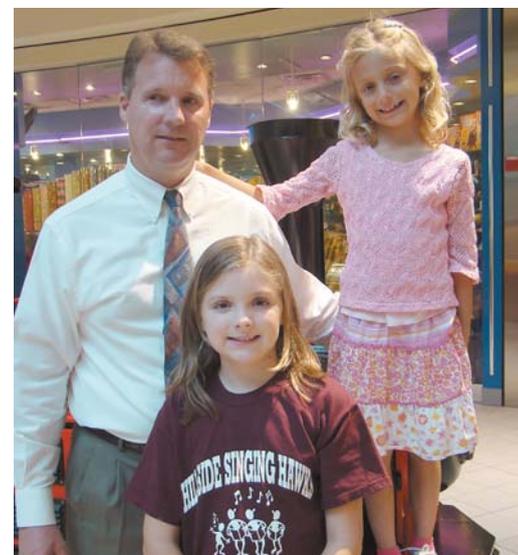
# FATHER'S DAY GALLERY



**Grandad Don Rutledge and Grandmom Linda, with Tiffany Rutledge, 10; Hugh Curran, 12; Maureen Curran, 12; Kerry Curran, 12; Sydney Rutledge, 7; and Bri Curran, 13. Other grandchildren are Jackson, 10; Zachary, 6; and Brooklyn Rutledge, 3, who live in West Virginia.**



**Mark Rutledge and his children Brooklyn, 3; Zachary, 6; and Jackson, 10, at their home near Morgantown, W.Va., in May 2010.**



**Mike Rutledge with his daughters Tiffany, 10, and Sydney, 7, in Ashburn, in May 2010.**



**Mike Harrison and his wife Cathy moved to Reston in 1975. Two years later, their daughter Bridget was born. The proud father wants to honor Bridget on Father's Day with this photo of the two of them together.**



**In a photo taken during the blizzard on Feb. 5, on their patio in Reston, left to right, are Greg, Tony, Sonja Hope and Scott Mayo. Great picture of a great dad Tony with his three kids.**



**Phoebe, Forrest and Ryan Adams, Dad: nothing makes the kids happier than a tickle session from daddy!**

**Walter Lazear, who lives in the Lakewinds cluster in Reston is pictured in a cozy moment with his granddaughter Brianna Lazear at Christmas 2007. He is reading a new story that Brianna received for Christmas, at which time she was 3.**



**Papa Falk; holding Birthday Girl Caroline, 4; Dad Eric Falk and sons; Evan, 8; and Brady, 6, in Reston on April 3, 2010.**



**Brett Eagle and daughter Bailey, 9, in Reston on Christmas 2009.**



**Walter Lazear, of Reston, with his son Peter, sharing the helm off Annapolis on a Chesapeake Bay sailboat cruise with their wives on June 7, 2000. Peter was 25 at the time.**

**Dad Kelly Murray helps son Sean win the second place at the 2009 Oak Marr junior golf tourney.**



**Kathryn Van de Houten, 13, Dad Rick Van de Houten, and Christine Van de Houten, 13, of Herndon share happy moments posing for the picture.**



# Vision Meets Reality on Reston 2020

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members of her committee outlined four different types of urban parks, and how each could be used in Reston.

Stewart Rauch presented the committee's vision for the Herndon-Monroe Metro station, located on Sunrise Valley Drive.

"The Herndon-Monroe station area provides a unique configuration of landmarks which will allow a transit-oriented community constructed there to achieve a complete integration of the community and the natural world," Rauch said, reading from the committee's paper.

The committee advocates a new gazebo to be built at the Sunrise Valley Nature Park, as well as planting of native wildflowers and flowering shrubs.

They also recommended a small village to replace the current park-and-ride parking garage in the area, as well as a "bridge city" connecting Reston and Herndon, with air rights over the Dulles Toll Road.

Kathy Kaplan, co-chair of the Residence, Urban Design and Livability work group, presented a vision for a proposed park at Cascades, located in the space along Town Center Parkway, between Baron Cameron Avenue and the Dulles Toll Road.

**THE PARK** would aim to "provide an innovative urban open space for the new residents of Spectrum and North Town Center, and attract shoppers and office workers,"

according to the group's paper.

Kaplan spoke of a "climate-controlled gallery space, with retail below, office space in the middle and residents above," comparing it to galleries around the world, such as in Naples, Italy.

"This plan will give us all the same density, the same people, the same offices, but we get a lake, we get a park and something people can be proud to call their community," Kaplan said.

Fred Selden, director of the planning division of Fairfax County, said that the committee's recommendations, though appealing, might not be feasible.

"Tearing down eight and nine-story office building for houses and parks is not easy, especially in this area," Selden said. "It's nice to have a vision, but we also have to temper that vision with practical market realities." He mentioned that Reston is part of Fairfax County, which is part of a much larger region and state, meaning "certain elements of the future are constrained by the present."

Stillson was happy that Reston 2020 was able to show off their vision for the community, but said "over the summer, the task force will get down to serious writing."

More information on the committee as well as the entirety of papers authored by the various workgroups can be found at [www.reston2020.blogspot.com](http://www.reston2020.blogspot.com).

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# OPINION

## Be Part of the Pet Connection

Send us your photos and stories of your favorite creatures for our July edition.

**W**e love our pets. Dogs and cats and other creatures great and small are essential members of our families. They offer us unconditional love, joy, comfort, companionship, humor. We know our children benefit from learning to empathize, care for and love our family pets.

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To celebrate, we plan to publish the Pet Connection, including your family's pets, in late July.

**EDITORIALS** We invite photos of your pets with you, your children or with whole family. We'll prefer photos that picture the pets with their humans.

We also invite children's artwork of their pets.

We also welcome short stories (200 words or less) about your pet. Tell us a funny story, or explain how your pet helped you or a member of your family through a tough time. Tell us about how you came to adopt or rescue your pet. Tell us how your favorite places to go with

your pet, or how you solved a particular challenge concerning your pet.

We haven't forgotten horses, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians, guinea pigs, hamsters, and other more unusual pets — we hope for photos about them all.

Be sure to identify the full names of everyone pictured in any photos, include information such as breed and age of the pet and children pictured, and (very important) the community where you live.

### Expertise for Annual Community Guides

What tips do you have for someone new to your town? What interesting, almost secret, places would you like to have learned about earlier when you moved in?

We invite you to share the expertise you've gained in living in your hometown with your neighbors and with people new to the area in our Newcomers and Community Guides, coming later this summer.

Connection staff members and interns are already working on the annual Newcomers and Community Guide, which will publish at the end of August.

We invite residents, businesses and organizations to send us suggestions. We invite calendar listings for major events for the upcoming year, information on how to get involved in nonprofits and charities, details about your club or other organization.

When are the major festivals, celebrations and other events at your church or temple or

We prefer digital submissions, delivered on CD or via email. Please send in submissions as soon as possible, but at least before July 10. E-mail to [mclean@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:mclean@connectionnewspapers.com), and write "Pets" in the subject line. You can mail submissions to McLean Pet Connection, 1606 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

Please be sure to include the name of the artist or author, and name of the home town, along with address and phone number to be used for verification purposes only.

mosque?

We also invite readers to contribute directly to the newcomers and community guides. Send us a short letter: what do you love about your community? Tell us about one special place you've discovered. Does your family have different favorites in different seasons? How did you get involved in your town? Share your favorite park. Tell us about your favorite annual event.

Helping pets adapt to new surroundings can be a big part of any family's move. Share tips you have for acclimating a pet to a new home. Do you have a favorite dog park?

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Graduation Memories

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

**C**ommencement time of the year is a wonderful occasion when we can celebrate steps in our educational progress or those of our children, grandchildren and others. It is a time of reflection, contemplation and joy. For some, it is a time of memories.

**COMMENTARY** The 1960 graduating class of Shenandoah High School of which I was a member celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. A special celebration was held at historic Stevens Cottage in Shenandoah, Va. I was out of the country at the time and unfortunately could not attend. My memories of high school days were jogged by a booklet put together by one of the class members that included our graduation year photograph, a recent photograph and a short biography. I was surprised to see how my classmates had aged.

It was great fun to remember each of my classmates and the great times we had together. From the bios I found that 22 of the 41

members of the class went on to college at some level reflecting our class motto: "Not finished, just begun." Seven of us taught school for at least a part of our careers. Seeing one of our class sponsors, Mrs. Kite, in the photograph taken at the celebration reminded me so clearly of the impact that she had on my life. I was a junior, and she was the first counselor the high school had ever had, working part-time as counselor and teaching the remainder of the day. She called me into her office and said some words to me that I had never dreamed of hearing and that transformed my life. "Kenneth," she said, for no one called me Ken in those days, "it is time for you to think about applying to college."

No one in my immediate family had been to college, and no one had suggested to me that I could or should go. "You meet people every day who have been to college, and there is no reason you should not go," she explained. I never forgot that conversation and the impact it had on me.

Although not associated with my



graduating class but sparked by the celebration was a conversation I had with Mr. Pepper, the barber, whose barber shop was on Post Office Hill in the Town of Shenandoah. When I went for my last haircut and explained that I was leaving the area, he assured me that I would have no problem being successful. As he explained, "You have grown up in the country where you have always had to work hard; You will be successful because you will always outwork everyone else."

The little celebration booklet included some other information about our class. I had forgotten winning the first public speaking high school forensics program our school had ever entered. In the class Will, my front row seat in government class was willed to another student who may have loved government class as much as I did.

There are many other memories as I know you have from your past. Thanks for reading these, and I would gladly share more if we have a chance to talk sometime.

## Poison Ivy Alarm

To the Editor:

Along the wooded path leading to North Shore Drive from the small parking lot next to the Reston Farmers' Market, a thick bed of poison ivy is starting to encroach onto the sidewalk. It's only a matter of time before dogs, children, and inattentive others step in it and bring its itchy effects into their cars and homes. I don't know who is responsible for removing poison ivy in public spaces in Reston, but I hope that the appropriate party will read this and take action.

Alice Markham  
Reston

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	21	Fools & Horses + Rise & Fall
	28	Crowded Streets + Mojo Nation
June	4	No Friday Night Live! (Herndon Festival)
	11	Drop Dead Sexy
	18	Dr. FU + Backseat Betties
	25	Kristen & the Noise
July	2	Hyjinx + The Shields Brothers
	9	JunkFood + The Chesters
	16	Love Seed Mama Jump
	23	The Reagan Years
August	30	Burnt Sienna
	6	Gonzo's Nose
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# South Lakes High Triumphs at Cappies

## School's production of 'Les Miserables: School Edition' wins five Cappies Awards.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

A classic based on a French novel and a student-written play were the big winners at Sunday night's 11th annual Cappies Awards program at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. South Lakes High School's production of "Les Miserables: School Edition" won five Cappies, including Best Musical. Walt Whitman High in Bethesda, Md., won Best Play for "Amadeus."

**♦ Orchestra: South Lakes**  
"This is so great; I'm really thankful," said sophomore Austin Chustz, who plays percussion. "I had no idea the orchestra would get as good as it did. It was a really fun experience. Everyone was really talented, and we put our talents together to make a good, finished product."

"I'm really glad we won," said freshman Scott Walter, who plays piano. "We worked really hard on it. There were many hours of playing and rehearsing."  
"I think the number of people in our orchestra made it stand out," said freshman Seth Hickox, who plays percussion.

**♦ Lighting: South Lakes**

"My head's going to explode," said freshman Kenzy Forman. "This was pretty cool. Our lighting was so epic; every time I saw the barricade scene, I was in awe. And Scott Obenchain, our technical director, was awesome."

**♦ Comic Actor in a Musical: South Lakes**

"I feel wonderful; I'm very happy," said junior Alex Turner. When asked what he thought appealed to the judges about his character, he replied, "Everyone likes a good drunk."

**♦ Lead Actress in a Musical: South Lakes**

"This is so unreal; I'm still shaking," said junior Mary Davis. "I hoped for it, but didn't think it was going to be. I think I won because [my performance] came from my heart."

**♦ Lead Actor in a Musical: South Lakes**

"This has been completely nerve-racking, but what a great experience," said freshman Sean McCoy. "I'm so blessed. It was a group effort, all of us combined, and I just got lucky. I'm going to put this on my trophy shelf where my mom can see it."

**♦ Female Dancer: Herndon - "Oklahoma!"**

"I'm absolutely ecstatic, said senior Kirsten Lloyd. "I'm so honored.

## CALENDAR

the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$44-\$245. 703-938-2404 or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**SATURDAY/JUNE 19**

**Taste of Reston: Guns n' Hoses Chili Cook-off.** 12-4:30 p.m. at Reston Town Center, 1760 Reston Parkway, Reston. The "Guns n' Hoses Chili Cook-off" will pit cops against firemen in the ultimate battle of the heroes: in aprons in front of chili pots. More than 30 area restaurants, live musical entertainment and children's activity tent. Free admission, food tickets \$1 each. 703-707-9045.

**Fairfax Symphony Orchestra's OTO String Quartet.** 10 a.m. Lake Fairfax Park Amphitheater, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Showing the performing techniques and qualities of string instruments. Free. 703-324-7469 or [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance).

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**The Viking Choir.** 5:30 p.m. at Herndon United Methodist Church located at 701 Bennett Herndon. The choir consists of 31 boys ages 9-14. [rkonsult@aol.com](mailto:rkonsult@aol.com).

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**Lead Actor in a Musical, Sean McCoy, South Lakes High School, 'Les Miserables: School Edition.'**



**Best Comic Actor in a Musical, Alex Turner, South Lakes High School, 'Les Miserables: School Edition.'**



**Best Orchestra, the Les Miz Pit Orchestra, South Lakes High School, 'Les Miserables: School Edition. From left are Scott Walter, Austin Chustz and Seth Hickox.**

I've been dancing for 16 years and was on point during the show. I really appreciate the opportunity from [theater director Zoe] Dillard. It was my first, musical experience."

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## 'Wonderful Experience' At Kennedy Center

### Maria Harris: 'A director's only as good as the people you work with.'

ALEX McVEIGH

The South Lakes High School Theater Department walked away with some serious hardware at the Cappies Sunday night, taking home five awards: Alex Turner won Best Comic Actor in a Musical, Sean McCoy won Best Lead Actor in a Musical, Mary Davis won Best Lead Actress in a Musical, Kenzy Forman won for Best Lighting and the "Les Miz Pit" won for Best Pit Orchestra.

South Lakes was also nominated for another four awards, Best Stage Crew, Best Song, Best Musical and Best Supporting Actress in a Musical.

For Maria L. Harris, theater arts director and performing arts chair at South Lakes, victory was especially sweet given the massive time off due to winter storms and the youth of her cast. "They were a director's dream come true, especially from such

a young cast with a lot of ninth and tenth graders," Harris said. "It says a lot about their hard work and dedication, we lost a lot of time, we had about a month to put the whole thing together."

The students got a chance to perform onstage at The Kennedy Center, performing "The Innkeeper's Song."

"The kids were treated with so much respect at The Kennedy Center, I think it was a wonderful experience," Harris said.

Harris was also quick to give most of the credit to the support she received from everyone in the South Lakes community.

"A director's only as good as the people you work with," she said. "We had a dynamite group of kids and a wonderful support network of parents and administration."

I think we have many good years to come with these outstanding actors, actresses and crew members."

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Heather Saba

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Cailin Lan Ce Clinton won the 2010 Pamplin Leader award at Herndon High School. The Pamplin Leader is a one-year, \$1,000 tuition scholarship to Virginia Tech. It was established by Robert B. Pamplin, Sr. and Robert B. Pamplin, Jr., to acknowledge students with a record of outstanding academic achievement balanced with a commitment to community service and leadership experience.

Madeleine Holt Humphrey of Reston has graduated summa cum laude from the University of New Hampshire in Durham, N.H. Humphrey earned a bachelor of science in Kin:PhysEd Pedagogy.

Thomas A. Flynn of Reston has been named to the spring 2010 dean's list at Mount St. Mary's University of Emmitsburg, Md. The junior is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Flynn.

Jessica Luehrs of Reston has graduated with a major in psychology in the College of Science at Virginia Tech. Luehrs is a member of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Class of 2010.

Scott Reynolds of Herndon graduated with a bachelor of arts from Villanova University of Villanova, Pa.

Jeffrey D. Doremus of Herndon has graduated with a bachelor of science from Pace University of New York, N.Y.

Colby Miller of Oak Hill has been named to the spring 2010 dean's list at Elizabethtown College in Pa. Miller is a junior biology education major.

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## OPINION

# Sprucing up Reston

BY JACK KENNY  
PAST PRESIDENT, REPUBLICAN CLUB  
OF GREATER RESTON

After years of being outbid by some outsider to mow the rights-of-way in Reston, several community activists with the help of a new state senator, worked the General Assembly to change a number of the statutes governing home owners associations. The changes included a provision that required VDOT to give preference to larger HOA's desiring to mow the rights-of-way within their boundaries. In the intervening years, the RA received the contract from VDOT to do the mowing and provided for one street sweeping a year.

Alas, with the budget deficit created by over-zealous estimates of revenue by the Kaine administration, VDOT funds for summer mowings have been sorely restricted. We are led to believe that this summer, RA has not received any mowing funds to date. Our

streets still hold the remnants of last fall's leaves with the accumulation of the winter detritus. Alas, no money for street cleaning! However, a promise has been made by VDOT to reimburse the association when funds do come available. In the interim, we suck it up.

Meanwhile, Reston grows more shaggy by the year. RA does a fine job of keeping the RA trails clear. Our streets and sidewalks, the responsibility of VDOT, become more overgrown each year. The resultant damage to the county's buses and commercial trucks, as well as the danger to pedestrians and runners on sidewalks is becoming intolerable. Our streets should be clear to a height of fourteen feet above the roadway and our sidewalks 8 feet.

RA can and should take care of



### A DIFFERING POINT OF VIEW

this situation. If we can afford to purchase a new suite of furnishings for the new headquarters conference room and a paving machine to patch the roads and trails, we should be able to afford a street sweeping vehicle. We have the chip-

pers and tree trimmers to clear our streets and sidewalks. What is our seasonal help doing?

Our General Assembly elected representatives have clearly given us the message: Reston is a cash cow to the state coffers. We only get back in services somewhere between \$0.18 to \$0.25 cents for each dollar we send to Richmond. Our local delegate and senator are either incapable of making the argument that we deserve a larger return or they do not understand what it means to represent a community.

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### TASTE OF RESTON VOLUNTEERS

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RA needs warriors to join in rescuing Reston's parkland from these aggressive plants. Spend a couple of hours every 4th Saturday of each month and help restore Reston's forests to their natural state.

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[www.hopefellowshipchurchloudoun.org](http://www.hopefellowshipchurchloudoun.org).

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## Correction

The last week's Volunteers column [Page 5] featured an outdated file instead of the volunteers' notes above.

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# SPORTS

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**Ridge Heights swimmer Emma White (yellow cap) finishes her leg of the girls' 11-12, 100-meter medley relay, with teammate Kati Imel, 12, diving in. Also on that team were Anna Tignor and Maya Becker. A Newbridge swimmer stands in the background.**

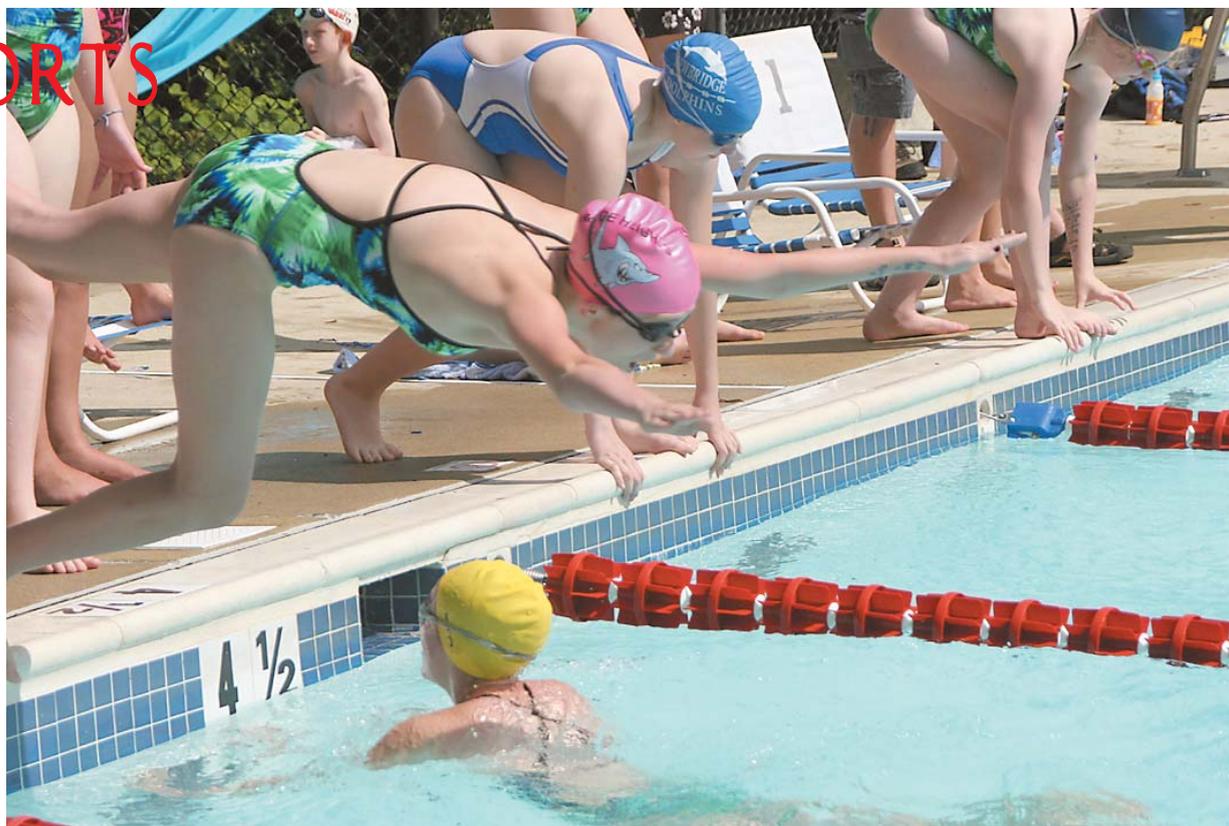


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**Herndon High girls' runner Carolyn Hennessey.**

## Hornets Strong In Postseason

**W**hen Herndon High's Kirk Nguyen failed to place in the boys' shot put event at the Concorde District outdoor track and field championships May 19-21 at Westfield High School, his coaches challenged him to put more effort and focus into the event at the following week's Northern Region championships.

With a new mindset in regards to shot put, Nguyen was a different competitor at regionals the following weekend (May 27-28) at Lake Braddock Secondary School where he won both the shot put and discus events to help boost the Hornet boys to a third place tie with host school Lake Braddock in the team standings. "He really stepped up at regionals," said Sherry.

A week after that, Nguyen capped the postseason with a good effort at the state AAA championships at Sports Backers Stadium in Richmond with a sixth place finish in discus and a ninth place in shot.

Nguyen's postseason resurgence was one of numerous highlights for Herndon High athletes throughout the districts, regionals and state competitions.

At districts, the Herndon girls' team put together a strong second place showing with 126 points, finishing behind champion Oakton (146) and ahead of third place Robinson (99).

Carina Peter had a fabulous showing at districts with first place finishes in both the 100 and 200 races, as well as the long jump event.

Other first place finishes at districts came from Cc Chambers in the discus and Mehnaz Haq in the 800 race. Chambers was also a third place finisher in the shot put.

— RICH SANDERS

## Reston Swimmers Kick Off New Season

**T**he Reston Swim Team Association (RSTA) kicked off its 37th season in grand style on Saturday, June 12. The day featured spirited meets involving eight of the RSTA's nine swim teams. The scores of the meets were as follows: North Hills - 526; Autumnwood - 427; Hunters Woods - 599; Lake Newport 471; Lake Audubon - 615; Lake Anne - 427; Newbridge - 546; and Ridge Heights - 493. RSTA, which began in 1973 with only a handful of small teams, now consists of nine 100-member teams. Members range in age from 6 to 18. The primary purpose and objective of RSTA is to develop and improve the capabilities of their swimmers while also promoting good conduct and sportsmanship. This year's season runs through mid-July and concludes with the annual All Stars meet on July 31.



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**Ridge Heights swimmer Elli Imel, 11, congratulates teammate Emma White, 12, on their close finish during the girls' 11-12, 50-meter breast-stroke race.**

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**Ridge Heights swimmer Maya Becker, 11, finished first in the butterfly race.**



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**Diego White of the Ridge Heights team competes in the 8-under boys' 25-meter butterfly**





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From left, Olivia Heatherly, 11; Dounia Lizreq, 11; Rhett Fetter, 12; and Monica Lannen, 12; work on their stars June 16 for the IPAR project featuring work from students from Hunters Woods Elementary.

# Reston Public Art Gets Underway

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

More than 30 students at Hunters Woods Elementary are working with artist Valerie Theberge on the first project of Initiative for Public Art Reston. The project, a mosaic, will adorn the ceiling and walls of the underpass located near the intersection of Glade Road and Colts Neck Road.

IPAR is made up of a civic and community organizations dedicated to creating a new generations of public art works throughout the community. Students have been working after school on Wednesdays since May 19.

Hunters Woods Elementary was chosen because it is an arts and music-focused school, and it is located very close to the underpass. The students meet for an hour and a half every Wednesday, with their last session June 23. Each student is creating their own star, which Theberge will incorporate into the mural. Since more than 30 students are participating, the design will actually spill out of the underpass to make room for all the stars.

**THE DESIGN**, which features greens, yellows, reds and teals, will feature two triangular parts on the walls, which will lead into a piece covering the ceiling of the underpass.

"These students have really been amazing, they're all so capable and I've been impressed with their focus and creativity throughout the project," Theberge said.

Theberge has worked on public art projects all over the country, but she says she has been especially impressed with the level of support and involvement in Reston.

"There's been a lot of community involvement and input, between meetings with the

public and working with this class and school, it's really nice to have that," she said.

For teachers, parents and students, the project has been a fun way to do something after school as well as make their mark on their community.

"My son wakes up every Wednesday and reminds me that today is art day," said Courtney Wilson, whose son Jonas, 9, is one of the artists in training. "I think it's fantastic for the kids to be able to see a project like this from start to finish. At the end, when they see their product permanently affixed to the underpass, I think they'll all get a sense of what it is to contribute to their community."

**THE STUDENTS** enjoy the creative process, as they spend their sessions working on their stars, seeking input from others and working together to put out the best designs. Knowing that their art project will be on display for all is just a bonus.

"I really, really like art, which is why I wanted to do this," said Monica Lannen, 12. "It's fun to pick out the colors of tiles and put them all together. I'm looking forward to seeing it when it's finished."

The Reston Association and the Reston Community Center have partnered with IPAR and Hunters Woods to coordinate the after-school sessions.

"I think it's a wonderful environment of collaboration and support for the students. Being able to share Valerie's knowledge of art is going to help them going forward," said Anne Delaney, executive director of IPAR. "This is a great way to start [IPAR projects], we hope to branch out to other schools on future projects."

The students will submit their completed stars to Theberge June 23, and she will then take them to her studio to incorporate into her final design.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I have never been particularly charitable. Oh sure, I've given money here or there, especially when friends, neighbors, co-workers or family members have embraced – and solicited for – a cause. But on the whole, my actions (make that inaction) have left a lot to be desired. Unless of course, there were cookies or candy involved, or self-addressed, pre-stamped envelopes provided; otherwise, my inclination has been, generally speaking, not to “incline.” I have stayed pretty much within my perimeters, not navigating (heck, not even drawing) outside the lines. I have been happy traveling within the imaginary guidelines set for me, set by me, set because of me. Well, that's about to change.

A little perspective goes a long way, and so too does an unexpected stage IV lung cancer diagnosis affect a life-long non-smoker at age 54; and so my perspective has changed (as in, “There are no atheists in foxholes,” a quote most often attributed to World War II journalist, Ernie Pyle), evolved you might say, matured even, and now I'm redrawing some of those lines. I'm certainly not on the front lines, it's more of a rear guard-type action. I'm not addressing and/or stamping those envelopes or calling prospective donors over the phone, nor am I soliciting in public. I'm simply contributing, financially, more frequently than I have in the past. (That's not saying much, but it is saying something.) On the one hand, I figure it's not too late. On the other, I figure, given my prognosis, it's now or never. I don't think I'm making a Faustian-type deal, but neither do I know for sure that unselfish acts made in the face of death won't result in some kind of positive feedback down the line (under the line? up the line? across the line?). Still, I'm a long way from committing myself to a potential spiritual-type purity that might, in fact, alter the course (or is that curse?) of that future line. Nevertheless, I'd rather be safe than sorry, or at least think I'm being safe so maybe I won't be sorry. But who knows, really?

So yes, I suppose there is an ulterior motive. Now, whether a few dollars spread around (by me) to those less fortunate than I (cancer issues not-always-withstanding, although likely underlying every decision I now make; subconsciously probably, consciously definitely) and/or contributing to more charitable endeavors (other than myself) won't likely help me in this life, I can't see how it would hurt, either. Nor am I counting chickens or hatching a plan. I'm simply trying to consider the bigger picture.

It's not like I'm donating all my worldly possessions or going on a pilgrimage to the Promised Land to find the true meaning of life – and death. I'm still living my normal (relatively speaking for a cancer patient receiving chemotherapy every three weeks) life, but trying to work into that “normal” life more dos and less don'ts, and to be more sensitive to those who have not rather than to those who have a lot.

I wouldn't say this benevolence hit me recently. I would say it's been a gradual year-or-so ago awakening, having hit me on Feb. 27, 2009, when my internal medicine doctor first called me with the results of my biopsy. The “m” word has a way of sharpening your focus and maybe even redefining your values a bit.

So here I sit, 15 months later, approximately, doing better than my oncologist expected, and grateful for every result that he has characterized as “above average.” I'm not thinking about death (too much), I'm thinking about life. And not just mine, but others. In a peculiar way, it sort of helps.

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## NEWS

# Public Reviews Highway Noise Policy

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property. Existing sound walls will be repaired or replaced based on an evaluation that MWAA plans to complete by November.

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) attended the June 10 workshop and said she has met with MWAA officials. Hudgins said that MWAA has been cooperative, considering “they said they would address the sound issues and would provide funding” for sound wall construction from the capital budget for the Dulles Toll Road.

However, she recognized that residents have expressed some resistance to the draft proposal and hopes that MWAA would address these lingering issues.

“What I want to hear is what are the constituents' concerns,” said Hudgins. “I would like to have the citizens who have a concern to get a response as to how you can mitigate that concern.”

**AREA RESIDENTS** have expressed concerns about the draft policy and MWAA's action on the noise issue.

J. Paul Jassal of Vienna has lived near the Toll Road for three years and says the noise from highway traffic is so bad that it is difficult to sleep at night.

“My wife and I have to sleep in the closet,” said Jassal. “They're taking \$1,200 a month in my taxes. I expect them to put up a wall.”

“It's impossible to adequately express how adversely the noise affects us,” said Ron Bank, a resident of the Symphony Meadows neighborhood located next to the Toll Road. His is one of a few neighborhoods that has no existing sound wall protection. “We've been trying for years to get sound walls for the communities that don't have them,” said Bank. “We very much appreciate that MWAA is doing this [workshop], but we have a lot of serious concerns about the policy as it stands now.”

Bank would like MWAA to honor the first sentence of the draft noise policy, which states that MWAA aims to address highway noise concerns along the Dulles Toll Road and Airport Access Highway, in the spirit of it, said Bank.

“The communities [seriously affected] should get a sound wall, period, without dealing with technicalities,” he said.

Bank also wants to see the draft policy include future rail traffic noise from the Dulles Metrorail line that MWAA began constructing in 2009.

Vienna resident Dixit Patel, who lives in the Chathams Ford neighborhood near the Toll Road, said that MWAA representatives in charge of the highway noise policy are “trying to separate from the rail project so they might not have to build a wall” to mitigate significant rail noise.

“If the train comes every five minutes, that's 80 or 90 [decibels],” said Patel.

However, MWAA Deputy Vice President for Engineering Stephan Smith said that rail

noise is the responsibility of a different MWAA project, the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, which would implement noise mitigation measures as part of the rail construction. The Metrorail Project plans to place four to 6-foot parapet barriers along the track to reduce noise at locations predicted to be most affected by rail noise, according to the Metrorail Project's Environmental Impact Statement.

“Projects mitigate themselves,” said Smith. “[The rail project] went through a noise analysis appropriate for rail projects. Highway noise mitigation falls under a highway noise mitigation policy.”

**THE PUBLIC WORKSHOP** was “very effective,” according to MWAA Design Manager Diane Hirsch.

“I think we've been able to give a positive view of what we're doing,” said Hirsch.

Smith encouraged residents to submit their concerns to MWAA. The Board of Directors will consider public feedback in determining the final policy.

“We'll analyze those comments ... and look at the policy and determine if there need to be adjustments,” he said.

Smith said that MWAA's draft noise policy is based on federal guidelines for traffic noise mitigation and is “very similar to what a state would do, very similar to Virginia's policy.”

“We're not interested in doing anything but the right thing,” said Smith. “We live and work here. The Authority is a customer-oriented organization, and we have folks who live in the area.”

However, Vienna resident Ali Alavi said that because the MWAA Board of Directors is not elected, “our concern is that the best thing for taxpayers will not be in play here.”

Alavi lives in the Sun Valley neighborhood, which consists of 167 homes and is located next to the Dulles Toll Road. He said that the noise level in the neighborhood's backyards is more than 70 decibels, which is “like being about 3 feet away from a running vacuum.”

Alavi would like to see MWAA adopt the same policy that the Virginia Department of Transportation, in partnership with Fluor-Transurban, used in building HOT lanes on Interstate 495. Alavi feels that the sound barriers from that project are “uniform” and “effective,” in contrast to the current sound walls along the Toll Road, which are “a hodgepodge of different shapes, quality and sizes,” he said.

In addition, Alavi said that the MWAA workshop is “just a show to say ‘we're good neighbors.’” He worries that the Board of Directors, which has the final say on the highway noise policy, would not adequately consider area residents' concerns.

“We fear that to them, everything is aerial shots, everything is decibels, everything is average noise,” said Alavi. “For us, it is life.”

The full text of the draft policy, as well as the online comment form, can be found at [mwa.com/tollroad/2941.htm](http://mwa.com/tollroad/2941.htm).

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