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Valerie Theberge works on the mosaic that will go on the Glade Road underpass as the first Initiative for Public Art Reston project. The project also featured contributions from students at Hunters Woods Elementary school.



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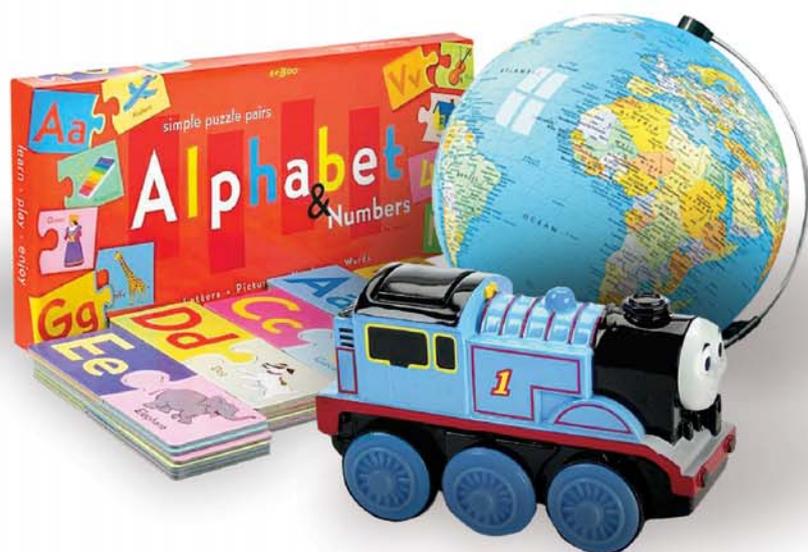
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Artist Valerie Theberge presents some of her other work at the Reston Community Center June 29. Theberge is designing the first project for the Initiative for Public Art Reston, a mosaic for the Glade Road underpass.



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Artist Valerie Theberge presents first Reston public art project.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Valerie Theberge, the artist who has been commissioned for the first project for the Initiative for Public Art Reston, presented the progress of the project at the Reston Community Center June 29. Her project, which is being done with 35 students from Hunters Woods Elementary, is a mosaic that will be placed on the nearby Glade Road underpass.

The students worked for several weeks after school to design their own stars, which will be incorporated into Theberge's design. The design will take up part of the wings to the left and the right of the opening, as well as above the opening, where a stylized "Glade Road" sign will be surrounded by the students' contributions.

"[The project] envisioned really embracing our younger population, our students, and to build a knowledge and appreciation of public art into our future leaders," said Joe Ritchey, the president of the IPAR board.

HUNTERS WOODS art teacher Norma Morris called the project a "fantastic experience. The kids looked forward to it every Wednesday after school, and when we took them to the site they became even more enthused and excited about the whole process."

A call was put out to artists in March, and a Public Art Committee and an Art Selection Committee were formed to help with the process. The Art Selection Committee selected the finalists and passed them onto the Public Art Committee that made the final decision.

Hunters Woods Elementary conducted several fund raisers, including an ice-skating night, to help with their costs. The project is also partially funded by a grant from the Virginia Commission for the Arts.

"This is really the first project that IPAR has put together with wonderful partners," said Anne Delaney, executive director of IPAR. "While all this was taking place, there was a wonderful program of



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Artist at work: Valerie Theberge.

community engagement, we had wonderful committees made up of volunteers."

THEBERGE has worked on projects all over the world and the United States, including China, Macau, India, Maryland, Washington, D.C. and Virginia.

She presented a slide show of her work, which included everything from barbershop signs to art inside of a sitar-learning center. She spoke of how she tried to get a feel of Reston and its people, and how she tried to incorporate that into her design.

"I very much enjoyed working in Reston and getting to know Reston a little bit better," Theberge said. "I was looking to develop something with a sense of enthusiasm, something whimsical and lively, which is the impression I got of this community."

Leila Gordon, executive director of the Reston Community Center, believes "in a very significant way, Reston has shown what is possible with public art in the area. We've shown that having public art throughout the community is not a traumatizing experience."

The mosaic is currently still under construction and will be installed on the Glade underpass from July 13-17. More information is available at www.publicartreston.org.



Brother William Mann, FSC, president of Saint Mary's University, presents a plaque to Dr. Jane (Weydert '86) Homeyer of Reston. Homeyer received this year's Distinguished Alumna Award.

Honored at Saint Mary's

Reston Resident Receives Distinguished Alumna Award.

Each year during summer homecoming festivities, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota honors outstanding alumni. This year's Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient is Dr. Jane (Weydert '86) Homeyer of Reston.

She began her career as a forensic scientist at the Northern Illinois Police Crime Laboratory and was eventually promoted to the laboratory's executive director. Five years into her career, she joined the FBI in its laboratory division as the unit chief of the Forensic Science Training

Unit in Quantico, Va. Homeyer assumed her current position as director of Competencies and Standards for the Central Intelligence Community (IC) Chief Human Capital Officer of the Director of National Intelligence in April 2006. She is responsible for establishing common competencies and standards for the IC workforce to help unify the IC agencies.

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota is a private, Lasallian Catholic institution offering comprehensive undergraduate and graduate programs.

SCHOOL NOTES

Thomas Phillips has been named to the spring 2010 dean's list at High Point University in High Point, North Carolina. He is a junior majoring in Finance and a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He is a life-long resident of Reston and a 2008 graduate of Bishop O'Connell High School.

Melissa Tran of Reston has been named to the spring 2010 dean's list at Providence College

of Providence, R.I.

Francesca Caroline Gunn of Reston has received a bachelor of arts degree from Bard College of Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y.

Michael Rabinowitz of Reston has been named to the spring 2010 dean's list at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, Pa. Rabinowitz is a doctor of pharmacy student.

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County Sees High Office Vacancy Rates

The decision of student lending giant SLM, Corp., better known as Sallie Mae, to move its headquarters from Reston to Delaware next spring could be another blow to Fairfax County's already fragile office space market.

Though Sallie Mae has said a few hundred of its 700 local employees will remain, it is unlikely the company will need all of its 243,000 square-foot facility in the Reston Town Center.

According to the Washington Business Journal, Sallie Mae signed a 10-year lease on the building in 2009 with an option to terminate the contract on 100,000 square feet of that space in the third year. A vacancy of that size or larger could have an impact on the local commercial real estate market as a whole.

Only 13 leases were signed for office space of 100,000 square feet or more in all of Fairfax County last year, including Sallie Mae's own deal. Six of the 25 buildings in Fairfax with available office space of that size or larger at the end of last year were already located in Reston, according to the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority's 2009 real estate report.

During 2009, the demand for office space in Fairfax County was stronger than it had been in the previous three years but the market still remained one of the weakest the locality has seen over the last three decades.

According to the economic development authority's report, the amount of available office space totaled 18.5 million at the close of 2009, second only to the record high from the end of 2002, following the tech bust. The amount of previously-occupied office space for lease was 12.5 million in 2009, a new record for Fairfax County.

Roughly 44 percent of all office space available in Fairfax County can be found in Reston and Tysons Corner, the county's two largest office space markets.

While the overall vacancy rate declined for Reston over the course of 2009, it went up in Tysons Corner, the county's largest office space market. In its report, the Fairfax Economic Development Author-

Fairfax's 2009 Office Space Vacancy Rates by Community

The following information was taken from the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority's real estate report for the second half of 2009.

	Total Office Space Inventory (Sq. Ft.)	Total Office Space Available	Vacancy Rate (%)
Burke	527,834	20,859	4
Vienna	2.5 million	100,288	4
McLean/Great Falls	4.2 million	194,312	4.6
Newington/Lorton	619,095	41,984	6.8
Baileys Crossroads	3.3 million	2267,844	8.2
Herndon (Town)	5.7 million	613,317	10.7
Richmond Highway	1 million	154,179	14.8
Springfield/Franconia	4.4 million	678,445	15.5
Merrifield	10.3 million	1.7 million	16.2
Fairfax County	112.6 million	18.5 million	16.4
Reston	19.7 million	3.3 million	17
Annandale	1.8 million	317,304	17.4
Tysons Corner	26.6 million	4.7 million	17.7
Centreville	981,928	173,491	17.7
Fairfax Center/Oakton	9.7 million	1.8 million	18.2
Seven Corners	1 million	190,620	18.7
Chantilly	10.9 million	2.2 million	19.9
Dulles	9.2 million	2 million	22.5

ity speculated that traffic congestion related to the construction on the new Metro stations and high occupancy toll lanes in Tysons could be having a negative impact on leasing activity there.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Fairfax Seeks Input On Deer

Fairfax County is soliciting public input on the locality's deer management through an online survey available at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/survey/deermanagement.htm>.

Residents are encouraged to share their thoughts on the prevalence of deer and how the county should address the issues surrounding them.

Fairfax County reports 4,000 to 5,000 automobile crashes related to deer take place in the county each year. Deer are also linked to Lyme disease, which is on the rise in Fairfax.

But last fall several residents were upset when the county government allowed bow and arrow hunters to cull the deer population in local parks. The county has also used sharp shooters from the police department in the past.

Officials will post the results of the survey on the Fairfax government website Aug. 1.

To learn more about deer management in Fairfax County, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/animals/wildlife/management/deermanagement.htm> or contact Fairfax County wildlife biologist Vicky Monroe at 703-324-0240.

BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to reston@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

THURSDAY/JULY 1

Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced English Classes. 7 p.m. at the Washington Plaza Baptist Church, 1615 Washington Plaza North, Reston. For speakers of other languages. Free. www.WashingtonPlazaChurch.com or 703-471-5225.

Herndon Farmer's Market. Every Thursday, 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the Herndon Center, 460 Elden St., Herndon. Producer-only locally grown fruits and vegetables, locally raised meats and poultry, and local foods from bread and cheese to salsa and sausage. smartmarkets.org.

SUNDAY/JULY 4

Beginning and Intermediate

English Classes. 2 p.m. at the Washington Plaza Baptist Church, 1615 Washington Plaza North, Reston. For speakers of other languages. Free. www.WashingtonPlazaChurch.com or 703-471-5225.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 7

Beginning and Intermediate English Classes. 2 p.m. at the Washington Plaza Baptist Church, 1615 Washington Plaza North, Reston. For speakers of other languages. Free. www.WashingtonPlazaChurch.com or 703-471-5225.

THURSDAY/JULY 8

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.

Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced English Classes. 7 p.m. at the Washington Plaza Baptist Church, 1615 Washington Plaza North, Reston. For speakers of other languages. Free. www.WashingtonPlazaChurch.com or 703-471-5225.

FRIDAY/JULY 9

Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce: Business, Bagels and More. 7:45 a.m. at Sheraton Dulles Airport Hotel, 13715 Sayward Blvd., Herndon. \$15-\$30. info@dullesregionalchamber.org.

Fatal Pedestrian Crash in Reston

Police responded to the report of a crash involving a vehicle and a pedestrian on Reston Parkway near Glade Drive on Thursday, July 1 shortly after 9 p.m.

Crash Reconstruction detectives determined that a 17-year-old male was attempting to cross the northbound lanes of Reston Parkway from east to west, not in a crosswalk. He ran into the path of a 1987 Toyota pickup truck driven by a 50-year-old Reston man, traveling northbound on Reston Parkway in the left lane.

Jose Antonio Villatoro of 12305 Scotch Bonnet Court in Herndon was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital. He died on Saturday, July 3, at 11 a.m.

Neither speed nor alcohol were factors contributing to this crash.

Victoria Ann Love McMahan, 50, Dies

After a prolonged illness, Victoria Ann Love McMahan, died in peace on June 25, at Capital Hospice in Arlington. Born Oct. 18, 1959, she was preceded in death by her mother Janet Olsen Love, who died in 1961. Vicki McMahan was a devoted and loving mother of her children, Carly Janese McMahan and Pierce Alec McMahan. She is survived by her father, Carl G. Love and her stepmother, Barbara Ann Love, of Annapolis, Md., and her siblings Douglas W. Love, Sharon Elizabeth Love, John Edward Love, and their respective children, as well as many cousins and nieces. A graduate of American University, she had been a long-time resident of Reston, and distinguished herself as a licensed real estate agent and property manager. A gracious hostess, Vicki McMahan will always be remembered for her gourmet cooking as many friends and family would gather at her dinner table. Her wish was to be cremated, with a memorial service for family and her friends to be scheduled in the near future. Her all too brief life was full of much joy and happiness, especially in her care and love of her children.

Reston Gallery Presents 'Varied Vistas'

Christine Lashley will have an art exhibit with her students at the Jo Ann Rose Gallery in Reston, July 8-Aug. 2, with an opening reception on Sunday, July 11, from 2-4 p.m. The show, "Varied Vistas: Near and Far," features local landscape, including Reston, and foreign views, such as Paris and Venice. The paintings in this exhibit are from Lashley's painting workshops and classes in the past several months. About half of the art was created while painting outdoors on-location.

Jo Ann Rose Gallery is located at the Reston Community Center Lake Anne, 1609-A Washington Plaza in Reston. 703-476-4500. www.restoncommunitycenter.com.

RA Move Will Close Offices

There will be no phone or e-mail services available when the Reston Association main offices close for a move to a new headquarters facility. The offices will be closed on Friday, July 23, 2010 and Monday, July 26, 2010. You will still find information available on the website and emergency numbers will be posted there as well.

Offices will reopen on July 27 at 8:30 a.m. www.reston.org

Volunteer Opportunities at the Walker Center

Come learn about the Walker Nature Education Center and find out how rewarding volunteering can be. The Nature House Docents staff the front desk, greet visitors and provide information at Nature House's new year-round environmental learning facility. Training provided. Docents staff the front desk on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sundays 1-4 p.m. or from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on weekdays (closed on Tuesday). For more information on the Nature Center Docent Program, contact Ha Brock at (703) 435-7986 or e-mail habrock@reston.org.

OPINION

School Board Could Learn To Share

Too many decisions made with tone of “we know best,” not enough sharing of data.

The possible closing of Clifton Elementary, apparently because it “is going to be a very expensive school to renovate,” is causing outrage amongst people with and without school-aged children in the Clifton area.

More expensive than what? The specifics of alternatives, in this case and others, are often unavailable to the people who will be affected by such actions by Fairfax County Public Schools.

Small community-based elementary schools serve many purposes, benefit children and families and do in fact foster a sense of community. The pushback isn't surprising, and is probably inevitable.

But what makes the proposed closing of Clifton Elementary similar to the ending of other programs and closing of other facilities is the lack of hard information shared with the

public about the benefits and alternatives in Fairfax County.

Consider the closing of Pimmit Alternative School, which will ostensibly save \$1 million annually in at \$2 billion budget. What will the costs be of having the students served by Pimmit go elsewhere? What of those adult students who will not be able to travel to one of the other alternative schools and consequently might go without a high school diploma? Are some of these people more likely to need public assistance? Less likely to make a good salary that allows them to contribute to the local economy?

Or the elimination of Project Excel to be sure that all the schools with a large population of poor students get something, but now no one seems to be sure exactly who will be getting what.

EDITORIAL

RCA Elections and High Density Silly Putty

BY JOHN LOVAAS
RESTON IMPACT PRODUCER/HOST

The RCA Elections are coming: Saturday and Sunday, July 10 and 11, at the RCA booth at the Reston Festival. The Festival again will be in Reston Town Center instead of its traditional Lake Anne home where it belongs. The candidates running for your Reston Citizens Association Board are:

- ❖ President: Incumbent Marion Stillson vs. Challenger Patrick Shipp
- ❖ At Large (two seats full term, one for one year): Hank Blakely, John Bowman
- ❖ Hunters Woods: Dan McGuire
- ❖ Lake Anne/Tall Oaks/Town Center: Dick Rogers
- ❖ North Point: George Kain
- ❖ South Lakes: Terry Maynard

The only contested position is president. Incumbent Stillson faces an ambitious, more conservative challenger, Shipp, recruited by dissidents within the RCA organization. Otherwise, there is one candidate for each vacancy, except one at-large seat. Write-ins are welcome.

RCA is the only community organization to which everyone over 18 in Reston belongs by virtue of living here. RCA was formed in 1967 in response to Gulf Oil's firing of founder Robert Simon. Citizens got together to protect Simon's founding principles



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from the corporate developer. RCA continues to exist today to protect our principles, to keep information flowing to the community and to advocate for Reston in various governmental councils. In 2010, RCA has been the leading voice for the community in the county Master Plan exercise. Drop by the RCA booth, learn more and vote.

Speaking of the Reston Master Planning process, subcommittees for the Reston Parkway/Town Center (north and south) station and Wiehle Avenue continue their parcel-by-parcel, developer-led review process, maximizing building and heights per land area. Herndon-Monroe subcommittee is constrained by fierce opposition on its borders, thank goodness. But, if Phase I is any indicator of all to come, we are still headed toward a population in the 150,000 plus area unless the subcommittee charged with actually thinking about a vision for our future is allowed to proceed. Meanwhile, the agents of maximizing density, not just in our urban core, but everywhere, have come up with a new, truly bizarre concept — “high density sinews.” These silly putty “sinews” would wander all over Reston, supposedly connecting the now being designated high density areas of Town Center, Reston Parkway, Wiehle and Herndon-Monroe station areas plus five high density village centers. These HD areas somehow would be stuck together by these Silly Putty “sinews” presumably covering any remaining neighborhoods.

Lastly, I want to correct my error in a recent column. Walter Alcorn, mentioned as a candidate for supervisor, in fact still resides in Reston. I apologize for the mistake.

Or the elimination of a “modified calendar” (year-round school) in several elementary schools that has been associated with better student performance. Exactly what will that save? Enough to offset the fact that the schools with a modified calendar tend to have a higher population of students who will need services over the summer in any event?

And now it turns out that the plan for closing Clifton Elementary that has been the underlying assumption for more than a year (building a new, bigger school on the Liberty Middle School site) is being scrapped, meaning that students might be divided up amongst several different elementary schools. What will that cost? Will those schools need additions? We don't know.

As a result it's hard to have confidence in the pronouncement that keeping the school open is too expensive. That might be true, but more expensive than what? If staff and school board can't answer that question, how did they consider the alternatives and costs?

— MARY KIMM,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR An Open Letter To Supervisor

Dear Supervisor Hudgins:

I write to you today on behalf of the Reston Citizens Association to ask you to oppose the proposal by the JBG Companies to redevelop the Fairways Apartments on North Shore Drive.

The JBG proposal is scheduled for hearing by the Fairfax County Planning Commission in July. It calls for tearing down the 347 recently refurbished, affordable apartment homes comprising the Fairway Apartments community across North Shore Drive from the Lake Anne Elementary School and replacing them with 941 high-end condominiums.

While the proposal has undergone some design modifications thanks to the persistent efforts of the Reston Design Review Board, the result can be compared to rearranging deckchairs on the proverbial Titanic. Moving the pieces around a bit, adding some taller buildings and a few trees and bushes does not alter the substance of a large, overly intense development in a medium density location where it is obviously out of place. After a struggle with the developer, the DRB finally moved them from a position of refusing to include any affordable units to agreeing to the current county minimum standard of 12 percent, a net loss of about 225 affordable

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Political Brinkmanship

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Relative to what happens in other states and the nation, politics practiced in Virginia is considered genteel. Mostly. There certainly have been times of partisan bickering and feuding. Only recently have I seen what I call political brinkmanship. Following are a couple of examples of what I mean.

When Gov. Robert McDonnell's (R) secretary of transportation decided that Virginia should have two representatives on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority (WMATA) board, he threatened to withhold Virginia's contribution to WMATA's funding if the representation was not granted. His threat, or some would say blackmail, came at a critical time. WMATA is ready to submit an order for new rail cars to replace older ones and to accommodate an expanding ridership that will come with the Silver Line running through Tysons Corner to Reston and Loudoun County. Currently, Northern Virginia public officials have the best view of needs in the region for transportation solutions. As the secretary pointed out, in Maryland, the state makes the appointments to the WMATA board. One detail that was missed: Maryland makes the total contribution of its share of the system's cost; in Virginia, local governments have contributed \$2.6 billion in the last decade to the state's contribution of \$827.5 million. Furthermore, the Greater Washington Board of Trade

and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments are conducting a review of WMATA governance issues. All parties need to move back from the brink as the commuters of Northern Virginia will be the big losers if a resolution is not reached.

Brinkmanship is involved in a dispute between Arlington county and the Commonwealth of Virginia over the use of HOT lanes in the Interstate 95/395 corridor. For more than 40 years, the reversible HOV lanes in the corridor have been among the most successful in the nation. Virginia's plan to increase the lanes with private operators as HOT lanes has met with resistance by Arlington County. Arlington has brought a suit based on civil rights of the people living in the corridor. The case has brought a strong negative reaction from the business community in that it has stopped the project at least temporarily and because it was brought personally against a popular former Virginia secretary of transportation. The Arlington County Board has said it welcomes a study to see if the HOT lanes will reduce congestion. Will Arlington drop its lawsuit in order for the project to go forward, or will the Commonwealth agree to a study to see if the HOT lanes have the potential to deliver their promised results remains to be seen. Once again, commuters could be the losers if this confrontation is not resolved.

The most widely known example of brinkmanship in Virginia is the attorney general's effort to get the

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dwelling units for Reston. This project, as designed, would deliver a shock to a stable residential neighborhood that is vital to the diversity of this area. This stable neighborhood is consistent with Robert Simon's founding principle of assuring a variety of housing to serve all income levels to provide "the heterogeneity that spells a lively and varied community." Regrettably, this project would augment the trend of the last decade of wiping out affordable housing in Reston. This trend should be halted and indeed reversed if we are to remain true to our founding principles.

Furthermore, if this project is adopted, we can only assume that affordable apartments and townhouses throughout Reston will similarly be marked for destruction in the not-too-distant future. Thus, the residents of The Sycamores, Chestnut Grove Square, Parkcrest Apartments, Southgate Apartments, Hunters Square and Winterthur Apartments, for example, will suffer similar fates, unless you act now to avoid setting this bad precedent.

In addition to replacing affordable homes with exclusive, high-

income types, this project violates not only Reston's founding principles embodied in the PRC Zoning Ordinance that remains in effect today, but also the planning principles near adoption by the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force, and the county's existing land-use policies. Let me point out a few principles/policies with which the JBG proposal sharply conflicts:

- ❖ Protect well established, stable residential neighborhoods. The proposal would result in high-rise development with three times the existing development level and a very different character.

- ❖ Concentrate major new high density development near transit stations — Transit-Oriented Development. Fairways is not near a transit station. It is 0.95 miles from the Reston Parkway transit station at its closest point and 1.2 miles at its farthest.

- ❖ Assure that necessary infrastructure is in place to meet the needs of new development. There will be no off-site improvements to infrastructure, and little if any for North Shore Drive, which was designed for the development that exists there, not a three-fold in

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A Community Going Local

Reston's weekly Farmer's Market promotes local, all-natural foods.

BY CLAIRE BABILONIA
THE CONNECTION

Purchasing locally grown foods has become a nationwide trend as families try to eat better and stay fit. But the temptation of sweet treats during the hot summer months can make choosing healthy foods a challenge. Reston's weekly Farmer's Market has made "going local" a fun and convenient activity.

Sponsored by Smart Markets, Inc., the market hosts local farmers and entrepreneurs every Wednesday from 3:30-6:30 p.m. The vendors offer a wide array of fresh produce, artisan breads and pastries, all-natural meats, and organic wines straight from the vineyard.

"The markets are really catching on," says Maureen Becker, Market Manager for Smart Markets. "All the vendors get to know their customers since they come back week after week. It's a great community service."

Last week, a local jazz band set the tone while shoppers tasted samples and gathered fresh foods to bring home. Families stopped to chat along rows of colorful produce and took a moment to enjoy grocery shopping.

"It's such a great event. We love it," said Emily Costello, Reston resident. "I could never make it to the markets on the weekends, so this is so convenient. And the kids love it, too."

The convenient time and location of the market is due in part to the support of National Realty, owned and operated by Keith Hartke and his brother, Paul Hartke.

The Hartkes encourage their 100 agents to attend the local market and to be more aware of their eating habits. To show their support for local farmers, the company has donated their parking lot space for the weekly markets.

"When you shop locally you know it hasn't been packaged or frozen," said Keith Hartke. "We encourage everyone to come out to the markets. They aren't just a community service, they're a service to all of our employees and clients."

Keith Hartke and his wife Kimberly have a personal connection to choosing healthy lifestyles. Collectively, they lost 50 pounds by eating locally grown foods and have kept the weight off for five years.

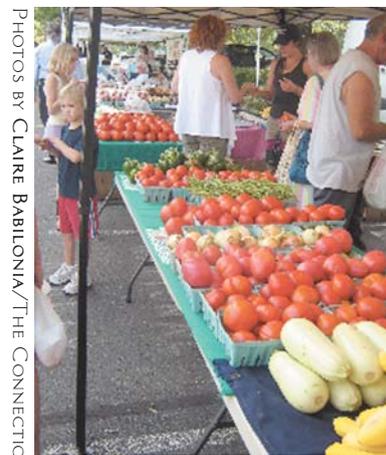
Both are members of the Northern Virginia Whole Foods Nutritional Meetup Group, an organization that values whole foods and promotes healthy eating habits through discussion, guest speakers, and cooking lessons.

Groups such as this, along with the Farmer's Market, make eating healthier an enjoyable, community event.

"The market is a great place to stop by on your



Keith Hartke, owner of National Realty, with brother and co-owner, Paul Hartke.



Customers sort through rows of colorful, fresh produce.



Keith and Kimberly Hartke pose in front of the market



Maureen Becker, Market Manager for Smart Markets, stands by her tent offering nutritional brochures and helpful recipes.

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Town Hall Meeting

On July 8, Governor McDonnell's Commission on Government Reform & Restructuring will be holding a public town hall in McLean. The public is invited to share suggestions about what state government is doing well and how Virginia can improve its services to taxpayers. Members from the commission, as well as Administration staff, will be on hand to take comments and answer questions from the public. They will then report back on their findings to the Governor. July 8, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Farmer's Market Offers Healthy, Organic Options

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way home from work," said Kimberly Hartke, publicist for the Weston A. Price Foundation. "Cooking does not have to be drudgery. It can be an art. Start your own herb or tomato garden, and cooking can become a creative activity."

Yet, some families may not know how to incorporate organic options into their daily routine. The Smart Market's tent provides helpful recipes on how to transform local fruits, veggies and meats into flavorful dishes such as Israeli couscous, rich gazpacho, and cherry pudding for those longing a delectable desert.

"It doesn't have to be hard," said Becker. "We put out these recipes because some people buy great products but have no idea what to do with them once they get home."

Becker encourages using whole foods and avoiding anything processed.

When shopping for food, she always goes for the freshest prod-

ucts.

"Try to eliminate white flour and sugar," said Keith Hartke. "Use natural sweeteners like maple syrup or honey if you need something sweet. But you don't have to be a fanatic and give up everything. It's all about the principal of substitution."

Reston's Farmer's Market offers families a convenient way to stay healthy throughout the summer. But be prepared to arrive early to get the best pick.

"I really wanted a loaf of the focaccia bread," said Bree Bell, real estate agent for National Realty. "But it was already sold out. I'll just have to get here earlier next time."

The market takes place every Wednesday, 3:30-6:30 p.m., at the intersection of Reston Parkway and Sunset Valley Road. Open through

October with other locations in Fairfax, Oakton, Centreville, Herndon and the National Harbor. For more information visit smartmarkets.org.

MILITARY NOTES

U.S. Army Captain Kenneth A. Ward has returned from his second tour of duty in Afghanistan. While there, Ward earned a Bronze Star for meritorious command in wartime, as well as an Air Medal for meritorious flying in combat. He is assigned to the 82nd Aviation Brigade, based at Ft. Bragg, N.C. Ward is married to Valerie Mahr Ward, formerly of Chantilly, and is the son of Jonathan and Jane Ward of Reston and Cindy and Alvin Glatkowski of Duck, N.C.

Air Force Airman **Javier Beltran** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Beltran completed training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. He is the son of Roxy Beltran of Winterthur Lane in Reston.

Air Force Airman Desiree E. Bohorques graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Timothy Bohorques of Rickwood Drive, Pensacola, Fla., and niece of Bonnie Cullen of Crescent Park Drive, Reston. Bohorques is a 2009 graduate of West Florida High School, Pensacola.

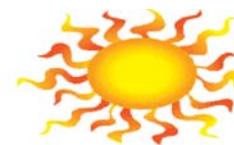
Marine Corps 2nd Lt. **Thomas F. Newcomb**, son of Judith K. and John F. Newcomb of Reston, recently reported for Naval Aviator training at Naval Air Station Kingsville, Texas. Newcomb is attending a 13-month undergraduate jet pilot training course that combines basic studies in engineering and navigation. Newcomb is a 2004 graduate of South Lakes High School and a 2008 graduate of U.S. Naval Academy.



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Reston Gets Festive

Reston Festival to feature performances, activities, RCA elections.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Last weekend whetted the appetite for summer festivities, then Reston Town Center becomes the next stop on list. The Reston Festival takes place July 10 and 11 at Reston Town Center. The festival will also feature elections for the Reston Citizens Association Board.

The Reston Festival began in 1967 at Lake Anne Village Center and has been at Reston Town Center since 2003.

It is put on primarily by the Reston Festival, Inc., a 503(c)(3) public charity, as well as the Reston Community Center and the Reston Association.

Several stages will be going throughout the festival, featuring demonstrations, musical performances and Bingo. The musical selections feature everything from swing and rockabilly, to vaudeville-style storytellers and Dixieland jazz.

A selection of carnival rides and a play tent will be available for children 5 and under, along with an interactive wildlife display of reptiles, birds and mammals.

ALYSSA MARIE SIQUEIROS, a junior at South Lakes High School, won the festival's T-shirt design contest, beating out 44 other students from South Lakes and Herndon High Schools.

An editor for the school newspaper, as well as a softball and volleyball player, Siqueiros had previously designed athletic wear for the school's athletic teams, which gave her the inspiration to do the T-shirt design.

She called winning the contest "really cool. When I gave it to my teacher, she said 'Oh, this is it. This is going to win.' I was like, 'No it's not,' but it did."

Her teacher, Amy Saylor, recognized right away that the shirt captured the spirit of Reston.

"I knew it was a great design when I saw it. It was simple and to the point," Saylor said. "Its simplicity and overall great design represents Reston very well."

THE RCA ELECTIONS will be taking place throughout the festival, with the most notable race being for president. Incumbent Marion Stillson will take on Patrick Shipp for a one-year term as president.



Members of the Cardinal Cloggers dance on the Reston Town Center Park Stage at the 2009 Reston Festival. This year's event will feature a variety of performances on three stages throughout the two-day event.

Stillson has served as president for the past 2-1/2 years and was vice-president for four years before that. She served as branch president, Virginia president and national director of public policy for the American Association of University Women. She also practiced public interest law in Washington, D.C. for 20 years.

"The RCA must continue to monitor the Reston Master Plan Task Force, promoting and protecting Reston's goals," Stillson said in her official entry form. "I aim to develop an education committee within RCA again. In order to ac-

complish these goals, RCA needs an even larger cadre of volunteers." Shipp is currently a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserve. He has deployed twice to Iraq and is a Presidential Management Fellow at the Department of Energy.

"I believe that RCA is a civic leadership organization which can support Reston to the RA Board and Fairfax County Board of Supervisors," Shipp said in his entry form. "I will support sustainable growth and development in Reston, as well as continued public transportation planning and execution. With the arrival of the Metro to Reston,



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Children ride on a miniature train around the Reston Festival grounds during last year's event.

there are going to be many significant changes affecting our community."

The Reston Festival will be open WOLFRAP or www.wolfrap.org.

TUESDAY/JULY 13

Julio Iglesias. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$42 in-house, \$25 lawn. 877-WOLFRAP or www.wolfrap.org.

Wolftrap Children's Theatre in the Woods. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. 10 a.m. Synthetic Family Theater: Cowardly Christopher Finds His Courage, 11:15 a.m. Steve Roslonek: Stevesongs. Free workshops follow the 10 a.m. performance; reservations required at 703-255-1824. \$8-\$10. www.wolfrap.org.

Brain Benders. 7 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. See everyday objects through scientific eyes. Age 6-12. 703-437-8855.

Money Matters. 7:15 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Suggested reading: Take on the Street: What Wall Street and Corporate America Don't Want You to Know and What You Can Do to Fight Back by Arthur Levitt. Adults. 703-242-4020.

ESL Advanced. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Practice English in a group with a volunteer facilitator. Adults. 703-689-2700.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 14

The B-52s with Supercluster. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$40 in-house, \$25 lawn. 877-WOLFRAP or www.wolfrap.org.

The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra's OTO Woodwind Quartet. 10 a.m. Fryling Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Children's educational program. Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance.

July 10, from 12-8 p.m. and on July 11, from 11-7 p.m. More information can be found at www.restonfestival.com.

Get Buggy! 10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Celebrate insects with stories. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-242-4020.

Book Discussion. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. The Woman in White by Wilkie Collins. Adults. 703-689-2700.

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

Sound Waves. 2:30 p.m. Reston Roslonek: Stevesongs. Free workshops follow the 10 a.m. performance; reservations required at 703-255-1824. \$8-\$10. www.wolfrap.org.

THURSDAY/JULY 15

Blood Drive. 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Northwest Federal Credit Union, 200 Spring St., Herndon. www.nwfcu.org/donate.

Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$45 in-house, \$25 lawn. 877-WOLFRAP or www.wolfrap.org.

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The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra's Dixieland Band. 7:30 p.m. Fryling Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance.

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The Company Store. 7:30 p.m. Fryling Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Old-time fiddling & country humor. Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance.

Sol Y Rumba. 7 p.m. at Lake Anne Plaza, Reston. Hot Latin sounds. www.mseproductions.com.

Mamma Mia! 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$44-\$231. 703-938-2404 or www.wolfrap.org.

Paint a Funky Bowl. 2:30 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Use rubber stamps to create a masterpiece. Glazed and fired bowls returned to the library two weeks later. 703-437-8855.

ESL Beginners. 10 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Practice English in a group with a volunteer facilitator. Adults. 703-689-2700.

Dig Those Dinosaurs. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Beale Street Puppets presents prehistoric

performers that bring the past alive. All ages. 703-689-2700.

Friends of the Library Book Discussion. 7:30 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. "Ahab's Wife" by Sena Naslund. Adults. 703-689-2700.

FRIDAY/JULY 9

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SATURDAY/JULY 10

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Ukulele Festival. 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Ukulele, jazz and folk musicians;

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Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives



There will be an Artists' Reception from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, July 11 at the Jo Ann Rose Gallery, Reston Community Center Lake Anne, 1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston. "Varied Vistas: Near and Far" is an exhibit of studio and plein-air paintings of nature by Christine Lashley and her students. 703-476-4500 or www.restoncommunitycenter.com.

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SUNDAY/JULY 11

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Fireworks launched from the shore reflect in the waters of Lake Fairfax.



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Taking a moment to enjoy some ice cream, this family looks forward to the fire works show. Back row, from right, are Mohamed Yassin, Reem Hamed, Jawhir Ishmail, Samira Elhaj, Maliz Osman and Awatif Elhaje; and, front row, Mummon Saad, Maab Elshafie, Mutab El Hassan, Osman Elhaje and Mohammed El Hassan

Celebrating Fourth at Lake Fairfax

Once again, the Fairfax County Park Authority delivered a spectacular Fourth of July celebration at Lake Fairfax Park on Sunday. With grills, charcoal, coolers and lots of water, guests started arriving at the park at sunrise, when the gates opened. Those who make the celebration at Lake Fairfax Park a yearly tradition know that to get the shadiest spots, the best hammock-trees, picnic tables, and of course, admission into the Water Mine Family Swimmin' Hole, early arrival is imperative.



The Wilson family, of Reston — father, Peter; mother, Courtney; daughter Paige and son, Jonas — are camping out at Lake Fairfax for the Fourth of July. This has become a family tradition for them.

By the evening, the crowd had reached an approximate 10,000 in size, and the mood remained festive and friendly. After a day of fun in the sun, enjoying the boats, the carousel, puppet shows for the younger crowd — and lots of soccer, badminton and games of catch — the crowd settled in to watch the highlight of the day: the fireworks show.

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As the sun sets, the crowd gathers on the bank in anticipation of the show.



FAITH

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

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA will host its 62nd Annual Convention from Friday July 16, through Sunday July 18, at The Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly. Over 5,000 delegates are expected from across the US and overseas to celebrate 90 years of preaching Islam in the US. On Saturday, July 17, a special session will honor civic, state, federal and international dignitaries and address the question: Are Muslims required to obey non-Muslim Governments? The National Vice President and Missionary In-Charge of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA, Naseem Mahdi will speak on the above topic. He has appeared on Fox News Channel and has said in a press conference that, "Islam requires all Muslims to live in peace and harmony wherever they may be. It is thus the duty and responsibility of all Muslims living in the U.S. to be loyal to the flag and to be law-abiding citizens. It is clear from the events happening all around that a small, fanatic, extremist minority of Muslims has hijacked the faith and continues to mislead and misguide the Muslims and ruin their total life." This is supported by the Holy Quran which stresses on the obedience to authority in the following verse: "O ye, who believe, obey God and obey the Prophet and obey those in authority from among you." (Chapter 4: Verse 60)

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community would like to invite everyone to attend

the event. The event is on Saturday, July 17 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Dulles Expo Center, 4368 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Seating is limited. RSVP: Tel: 571-482-9018 or email convention@amcfairfax.org

Hope Fellowship Church will temporarily be meeting at Woody's Golf Range, 11801 Leesburg Pike, Herndon. Sunday Worship Services for this new Southern Baptist church are at 10:45 a.m. The public is invited to join a growing Bible believing, multi-ethnic/multi-cultural congregation, with Bible-based sermons and uplifting music. 703-599-3527 or www.hopefellowshipchurchloudoun.org.

Knitters needed the first and third Wednesdays of the month, at 7 p.m., at **St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon. The church's Shawl Ministry is offering free knitting instruction while providing shawls, blankets and other knitted items for people in need. No cost and yarn can be provided. E-mail shawl@saint-timothys.org or visit the Pastoral Care page at www.saint-timothys.org.

Nondenominational **Christian businessmen** meet for prayer, Biblical discussion and fellowship 7 p.m. Fridays at Anita's, 1051 Elden St., Herndon and 12 p.m. Thursdays at 555 Grove St., Suite 200, Herndon. Call 703-795-1257.

Adult Sunday school will be held 9:30 a.m. Sundays at the Washington Plaza Baptist Church at Lake Anne Village Center. The group is studying the Gospel of Mark. Ser-

vices follow at 11 a.m.

HAVEN of Northern Virginia offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. Contact 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org for schedules and registration information.

Vajrayogini Buddhist Center offers ongoing classes on meditation and Buddhist philosophy, Mondays at 7 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. \$10 per class. 202-331-2122 or www.meditation-dc.org.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and the Jewish Outreach Institute offer the Mothers/Parents Circle, an umbrella of free educational events and resources. Jewish rituals, ethics and the creation of a Jewish home, regular meetings and group Shabbats and holidays. Participants include Sha'are Shalom, Congregation Beth Emeth, Temple Rodef Shalom and the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia. ShalomDC.org.

The Baha'i community of McLean holds a weekly fireside, a meeting of discussion, devotion and fellowship, at 7500 Box Elder Court in McLean, at 8 p.m. every Friday. An opportunity to learn about the Baha'i faith. 703-556-3400.

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TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$20,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 2.625 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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After a prolonged illness, Victoria Ann Love McMahon, on June 25, 2010, departed this life in peace at Capital Hospice, Arlington, VA. Born October 18, 1959, she was preceded in death by her mother Janet Olsen Love, who passed in 1961. Vicki was a devoted and loving mother of her children - Carly Janese McMahon and Pierce Alec McMahon. She is survived by her father, Carl G. Love and her step-mother Barbara Ann Love, of Annapolis, MD, and her siblings Douglas W. Love, Sharon Elizabeth Love, John Edward Love, and their respective children, as well as many cousins and nieces. A graduate of American University, she had been a long-time resident of Reston, Virginia, and distinguished herself as a licensed real estate agent and property manager. A gracious hostess, Vicki will always be remembered for her gourmet cooking as many friends and family would gather at her dinner table. Her wish was to be cremated, with a memorial service for family and her friends to be scheduled in the near future. Her all too brief life was full of much joy and happiness, especially in her care and love of her children.

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SPORTS



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Nick Diewald of Ridge Heights competes in the boys' 15-18 butterfly event last Saturday.

RSTA Swimmers Busy over Fourth of July Weekend

While almost everyone had off during the holiday weekend, Reston Swim Team Association swimmers continued their hard work. Three meets went on despite the sweltering heat and another pool record was set. Emily Landeryou of the Glade Gators continued her domination in the girls' 9-10 backstroke, lowering her old record of 38.49 set on June 26 to a new record of 38.30.

Scores from Saturday's meets and summaries follow:

❖ North Hills Hurricanes 584, Glade Gators 424

For North Hills, double event winners were Ellen Barker, Michelle Boone, Steven David, Emily Deker, Brenna Emory, Celeste Gardy, Lindsey Hill, Daniel Ishida, Jonathon Kent, Benjamin Livaudais, Joseph Sciortino and Morgan Wallace. Triple event win-

ners were, Courtner Clark, Ryan Luczak and Rachel Swarts.

For Glade, double event winners were Sam Becker, David Clark, Hunter Ellis, Jenna Hirshfeld, Lindsey Hirshfeld, Maggie Morris and Jack Walker. Triple event winners were Rachel Heatherly, Srikar Kuppa, Emily Landeryou and Sophia Landeryou.

❖ Hunters Woods Blue Marlins 626, Autumnwood Piranhas 443

For Hunters Woods, double event winners were Matthew Beach, Nathan Dawson, Neina Dawson, Eric Deng, Katheryn Evans, Cassie Grabski, Jack Henry Ham, Alexis Hijar, Lindsay Irwin, Gaby Katz, Aidan Murphy, Dylann Nasr, Logan Nasr, and Lloyd Ramey. Triple event winners were Philip Pan, Michael Qu, Sean Shada and Ashley Thai.

Autumnwood double event winners were Hannah Douglas, Molly

Ellor, Anna Nielsen, Danielle Theberge, Ryan Wait and Max B. Wilson. Triple event winners were Robin Brazier, Amy Freeman and Diya Murthy.

❖ Ridge Heights Sharks 642, Lake Anne Stingrays 406

For Ridge Heights, double event winners were Matthew Allen, Haley Borko, Nicholas Diewald, Ryan Ferzoco, Katrina Gauger, Ryan Goff, Emma Hodge Kati Imel, Annie Klaff, Valerie Moyer, Shannon Murry, Bennie Tignor and Zoe Van Winckel. Triple event winners were Brad Dillon, Anna Pleskow, Emily Sennett, Margo Somer and Anna Tignor.

For Lake Anne, double event winners were Jason Fu, Frederica Hartmann, Julian Hartmann, Dillon Jiang, Scott Mayo, Melissa Olson, Matthew Rodakowski and Hannah Ziaii. Triple event winners were Devin Conley and Joanne Fu.



Competing at District 4 Tournament

The 9-10 Reston Nationals All-Star baseball team is currently competing at the District 4 Tournament. Through its first four games, the team was 2-2 with wins coming over the McLean Americans and the Vienna Americans. Earlier this week, on Tuesday, July 6, the locals were scheduled to meet the McLean Nationals.

Locals Well-Represented on All-District Teams

Area high school stars shined this past spring sports season.

The following were First Team All-Liberty District boys' soccer selections: Jan Gundersen (Langley), senior forward; Tim Whitebread (McLean), senior forward; Moussa Diallo (Fairfax), senior forward; Mike Herndon (Stone Bridge), senior forward; Matt Janssen (McLean), senior midfielder; Dylan Price (Langley), junior midfielder; Dan Flittcroft (Langley), junior midfielder; Mervyn Levy (Stone Bridge), senior midfielder; Ajay Amin (Marshall), senior midfielder; Roshan Patel (Langley), senior defense; Jeff Pontell (Thomas Jefferson), senior defense; Abdul Shaban (Stone Bridge), senior defense; Rafi Enriquez (McLean), junior defense; Nick Lowrey (Stone Bridge), senior goalie; Jay Lupas (Langley), junior goalie.

Liberty District boys' soccer Player of the Year - Roshan Patel (Langley); Coach of the Year - Bo Amato (Langley).

Second Team All-Liberty District boys' soccer: Josh Ellis (Langley), junior forward; Ryan Fishel (Madison), junior forward; Christian Salinas (Stone Bridge), senior forward; Taki Akumara (Jefferson), senior forward; Farhan Khan (Langley), junior midfielder; Dan Traxler (Madison), junior midfielder; Alex Burch (Jefferson), junior midfielder; Suliaman Dalnkey (South Lakes), midfielder; Jeff Cochran (Langley), defender; Charlie Baxter-Gagen (Fairfax), junior defender; Tommy Dunne (Stone Bridge), junior defender; Brian Szymanski (Marshall), sophomore defender; Stephen Clark (Fairfax), senior goalie; Mohammed Hassan (South Lakes), senior goalie.

Honorable Mention All-Liberty District boys' soccer: Mike Attassi (Fairfax); Joe Garcia (Fairfax); Peter Lam (Fairfax); Stephen Savage (Fairfax); Alex Voorhees (Langley); Justin Galiani (Langley); Sam Walsh (Langley); Rhys Howard (Langley); Abass Darab (Madison); Todd Kopf (Madison); Onar Yousefi (Marshall); Kian Tabatabai (Marshall); Chris Gates (Marshall); Nolan Costigan (Marshall); Julian Smith (McLean); Andrew Hunt (McLean); Michael Russo (McLean); Adam Hamdan (Stone Bridge); Clay Brothers (Stone Bridge); Luke Schierling (Stone Bridge); Ryan Buckley (Stone Bridge); Bruk Dinberu (Jefferson); Kyle Gutkowski (Jefferson); Chris Heo (Jefferson); Sam Hoehn (Jefferson); Sean Lee (Jefferson).

The following were All-Liberty District First Team girls' soccer selections: Sam Cormode (Fairfax), junior goalie; Katie Martinez (Jefferson), senior goalie; Jaszmyrn Ervins (Stone Bridge), senior de-



Both the South Lakes (right) and Herndon (left) High boys' soccer teams had players named to their respective All-District squads for this past high school spring season.

fender; Emily Fredrikson (Stone Bridge), junior defender; Caroline Gray (McLean), sophomore defender; Katie Grasso (Madison), junior defender; Christina Popp (Jefferson), junior defender; Sami Kuykendall (Madison), senior midfielder; Andi Romness (McLean), junior midfielder; Jennifer Skogerboe (Stone Bridge), senior midfielder; Katie Yensen (McLean), junior midfielder; Melissa Downey (McLean), senior forward; Ashley Herndon (Stone Bridge), freshman forward; Belle Tunstall (Madison), junior forward; Murielle Tiernan (Stone Bridge), freshman forward.

Liberty District girls' soccer Player of the Year - Jennifer Skogerboe (Stone Bridge); Coach of the Year - Joan Windows (Stone Bridge).

All-Liberty District Second Team girls' soccer: Julia Marmison (Stone Bridge), junior goalie; Nadia Shebaro (Madison), junior goalie; Lauren Hoffman (Fairfax), senior defender; Annmarie Irwin (Madison), senior defender; Claire Krejci (Madison), senior defender; Evelyn Robinson (McLean), freshman defender; Kim Baldwin (South Lakes), senior midfielder; Kat Murphy (Madison), senior midfielder; Meg Murphy (Fairfax), junior midfielder; Sarah Nielsen (Jefferson), sophomore midfielder; Maggie Schierling (Stone Bridge), senior midfielder; Annabel Bergin (Madison), junior forward; Jackie Dallaire (Jefferson), sophomore forward; Amanda Digiammarino (Langley), senior forward; Rose Sommovigo (McLean), sophomore forward.

All-Liberty District Honorable Mention girls' soccer: Lindsay Amador (Langley), sophomore goalie; Anne-Marie Lloyd (South Lakes), sophomore goalie; Maddie O'Beirne (Marshall), sophomore goalie; Logan Tapscott (McLean), senior goalie; Meredith Doherty (Langley), junior de-

fender; Kirstie Fleger (South Lakes), junior defender; Kelly Kolb (South Lakes), junior defender; Sarah Meoni (Marshall), junior defender; Ann Galeas (South Lakes), senior midfielder; Lizz Gentry (Langley), sophomore midfielder; Liz Nguyen (Fairfax), sophomore midfielder; Katie Kraus (South Lakes), senior midfielder; Kelly Regan (South Lakes), sophomore forward.

The following were named to the First Team All-Concorde District baseball team this past spring season: Matt DeWitt (Chantilly), senior catcher; Cam Walter (Centreville), senior first base; Andy Viands (Centreville), senior second base; Chad Carroll (Oakton), junior shortstop; Kyle Corwin (Westfield), sophomore shortstop; Aaron Scoville (Centreville), senior third base; Connor Bach (Centreville), senior outfielder; Luke Willis (Oakton), outfielder; Jared Velasquez (Robinson), junior outfielder; Nick Impellizzeri (Herndon), senior outfielder; Andy Fridy (Chantilly), senior DH; Zach Reif (Herndon), senior DH; Aaron Hoover (Westfield), junior utility; Mark McCormick (Centreville), junior utility; Danny Thorpe (Westfield), senior pitcher; Ryan Ashooh (Centreville), senior pitcher; Dan Shill (Herndon), senior pitcher; Bill Boyle (Chantilly), senior pitcher.

Concorde Player of the Year - Cam Walter (Centreville); Pitchers of the Year - Danny Thorpe (Westfield), Ryan Ashooh (Centreville); Coach of the Year - Morgan Spencer (Centreville).

All-Concorde District Second Team baseball: Hayden Ferrington (Westfield), junior catcher; Evan Bray (Robinson), senior first base; Alex Clark (Herndon), senior first base; Nathan Colonna (Westfield), senior second base; Chris Campbell (Centreville), senior shortstop; Matt Chandler (Oakton), senior third base; Chris Simpson

(Centreville), sophomore outfielder; Josh Luatua (Westfield), junior outfielder; Wes Kerbuski (Chantilly), senior outfielder; David DeLorimier (Centreville), senior outfielder; Pat Burns (Oakton), senior DH; Rutger Floyd (Robinson), senior utility; Austin Freer (Robinson), senior pitcher; Dan Lawler (Chantilly), junior pitcher.

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All-Concorde District Honorable Mention baseball: Chris Hanson (Oakton), junior catcher; Chris Mandell (Centreville), senior catcher; Matt Smith (Herndon), sophomore catcher; Jamie Danehower (Chantilly), junior shortstop; Jonathan McMann (Herndon), senior third base; Leo Montoya (Centreville), senior DH; Austin Redman (Westfield), sophomore DH; Andy Gross (Oakton), junior pitcher; Paul Avozdovic (Herndon), senior pitcher; Matt Spaulding (Robinson), sophomore pitcher; Brad Williams (Robinson), senior pitcher.

The following were First Team All-Liberty District baseball selections: Denis Buckley (McLean), senior catcher; JJ White (Stone Bridge), junior catcher; Ryan McGuire (Madison), junior first base; Jake Bennett (Marshall), senior first base; Chris Russo (McLean), senior second base; Spenser Rostiano (Stone Bridge), junior second base; Ty Lighton (Stone Bridge), junior shortstop; Scott Bernier (Madison), senior third base; Riley Beiro (McLean), senior outfielder; Teddy Turner (Madison), senior outfielder; TJ Errsam (Madison), senior outfielder; Wilfredo Corps-Ortiz (South Lakes), junior outfielder; Jay Kenyon (Madison), junior DH; Joey Garon (Fairfax), senior DH; Taylor Lambke (Stone Bridge), senior utility; Sean Fitzgerald (McLean), senior pitcher; Josh Shorz (McLean), sophomore pitcher; Spencer Brookbank (Stone Bridge), senior pitcher; Joseph Vanderplas (Fairfax), junior pitcher.

Liberty District Player of the Year - Riley Beiro (McLean); Pitcher of the Year - Scott Fitzgerald (McLean); Coach of the Year - John Thomas (McLean).

The following were First Team All-Concorde District girls' softball selections: Courtney Burke (Centreville), pitcher; Frankie Martinez (Westfield), catcher; Katie Sokol (Centreville), first base; Alex Bohrer (Westfield), second base; Jess McNamara (Westfield), shortstop; Kathryn Lohr (Robinson), third base; Emily Corridon (Oakton), outfielder; Cara Donovan (Centreville), outfielder; Kacey McMahan (Westfield), outfielder; Jackie Martinez (Westfield), At Large; Tara McCrone (Westfield), At Large; Allie Newcomb (Robinson), At Large; Alexis Murdock (Centreville), At Large; Clare McGowan (Robinson), At Large.

The Concorde District Player of the Year - Marcy Bowdren (Robinson); Pitcher of the Year - Alex Tenney (Westfield).



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With more real estate activity in the lower price ranges, townhouses are selling quicker.

A Local Game

BY CLAIRE BABILONIA
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County housing market has shown moderate improvements in recent real estate reports. But will this slow recovery continue to bring all of Fairfax County out of the real estate slump?

Local Realtors have kept a close watch on the steadily stabilizing market. In the month of May, the total sold dollar amount in Fairfax County rose 15 percent since 2009. Reston alone experienced a 37 percent increase in total sold dollar amount.

"We are seeing a stronger market," said Brian Block, managing broker for Re/Max. "This time last year people were more timid and unsure of their financial status, especially during the early recovery stages of the recession. Now we see houses selling quicker, generally between 45-60 days."

RECENT REPORTS from the Metropolitan Regional Information Systems (MRIS), the leading provider of real estate statistics, show that homes in Fairfax County are selling in an average of 38 days. That is a 50 percent increase from last year.

"The fairly priced homes are selling quicker," said Glenda Cherry, an experienced Realtor with Keller Williams Realty. "I have seen several homes sell in a month or less."

Yet, these statistics can be deceiving. Pockets of foreclosure exist mere blocks away from successfully sold homes. While the macro-

level statistics show signs of hope, micro-level reports can vary greatly from one neighborhood to another.

"Real estate has and always will be a very local market," said John Heithaus, chief marketing officer of MRIS. "It really depends on what neighborhood you're in. The specific market conditions surrounding the property are more important than ever."

This focalized viewpoint can explain the vast differences between real estate in Reston and Herndon. While Reston has experienced stronger activity, Herndon has fallen slightly to the wayside. Total units sold in Herndon have decreased 25 percent in the month of May compared to last year's sales.

"These are two very proximate areas but are so completely different," said Heithaus. "Perhaps it is due to businesses downsizing or moving to another area. ... It makes you scratch your head and wonder why. [The answer] is very difficult to pin down."

Whatever the reason, there are simple tips on how to be knowledgeable of the area and how to put your best foot forward when entering real estate territory.

"Get an experienced realtor and chose neighborhoods wisely," said Block. "Know where you want to be and look into the good schools and good areas. Shifting 5 miles can put you in a completely different market."

Glenda Cherry had a few thoughtful tips for prospective sellers on how to see results and how to price a home correctly.

"Be realistic with your pricing. You're not going to sell your home for the same amount as it would have in 2005 or 2006," Cherry says. "If you set a fair price, you will see results."

Typically, the lower-priced homes (below \$400,000) have been selling faster than mid-range and higher-end, luxury homes.

"Activity is on the lower range," said Heithaus. "More affordable homes have benefited because that is where we have seen foreclosures and buyers jump on those if they can."

According to Heithaus, it appears buyers may have the advantage due to the high supply of homes along with low interest rates and more aggressive sellers. He emphasizes that one buyer considers multiple houses, unlike in previous years when a single home had several prospective buyers.

IN ADDITION, the projected expansion of the metro promises to be an asset to Fairfax County, especially for Reston. It will connect outer suburbs to D.C., thus increasing their value and appeal to metropolitan commuters.

Due to the metro developments and the slowly stabilizing market, it appears there is light at the end of the tunnel for Fairfax County even though some areas are improving faster than others.

"The market is very subjective," said Heithaus. "Remain unemotional and analytical. This is the largest financial decision of your life, so get with several real estate agents to develop a solid plan of action."



CONTRIBUTED

Daniel Flavin, Rotary Club of Reston President, and Joyce Johnson, Vocational and Youth Activities Chair, are pictured above with Abdul Kamara at the award luncheon at the Hidden Creek Country Club on June 2, 2010.

Rotary Honors SLHS Seniors

The Rotary Club of Reston awarded its annual scholarship to a South Lakes High School graduating senior who has been involved in Career and Technical Education classes. This year's \$5,000 scholarship went to Abdul Kamara. In the fall, Abdul plans to complete Level 2 of the eighteen-month Practical Nursing Program at the Fairfax County School of Practical Nursing. After becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse, he will continue his nursing studies at Northern Virginia Community College. Abdul will receive \$2,500 his first year and an ad-

ditional \$2,500 for his second year upon satisfactory completion of the first year of study.

Other seniors honored by the Rotary club included Taylor Thompson, Ben King, Yoan N'Komba, Lauren Cavaleiri, Stella Ojo, James Armstrong, Emily Vaughn, Emma Volpe, Reza Moghaddasnia and Phlip Kroke. In addition to the seniors, Bruce Butler, Principal; Tim Arrington, Senior Class Assistant Principal; Bobby Cardozo, Counselor; Kari Olsen, Counselor; Karen Burke, Career Center Specialist; Mrs. Kamara, parent; and Mr. King, parent, are pictured below.

REAL ESTATE NOTES

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Nikki Ryan of Keller Williams Realty in Reston has earned the "Certified Distressed Property Expert" designation, having completed extensive training in foreclosure avoidance and short sales. Realtors with the designation have can offer the homeowner better alternatives to foreclosure, which virtually destroys the credit rating.

LETTERS

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crease.

❖ Encourage pedestrian connected and oriented high density communities. Fairway is 0.6 miles from the nearest walk-to destination, and more than a mile from other potential walk-to destina-

tions. This is vehicle-oriented, not pedestrian-oriented development.

Given the inappropriateness of this proposal to the site, the violence it does both to Reston founding principles and more current land-use planning policies, and the loss of over 220 affordable homes it would cause, we strongly en-

courage you to act on behalf of important principles and the community to forcefully oppose the proposed Fairways redevelopment.

Marion B. Stillson
President, Reston Citizens Association

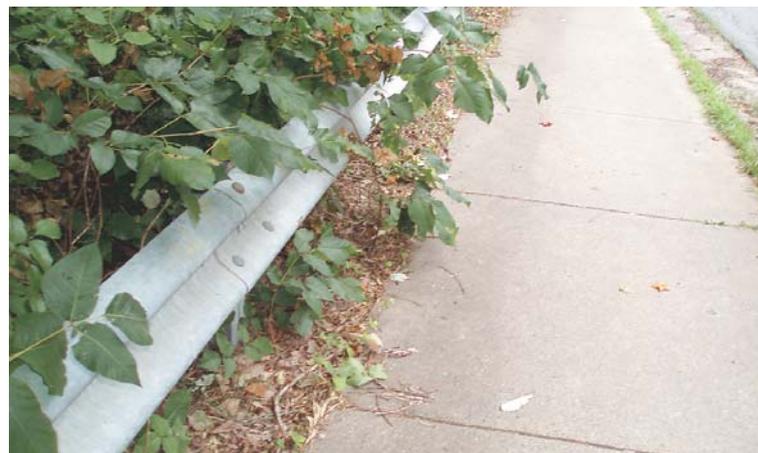
Dealing with Poison Ivy

To the Editor:

Look at the two photos of a stretch of sidewalk along Glade. In the first photo, above, citizen has put up his own sign trying to warn pedestrians just walking on the sidewalk who will be exposed. In the second, below, a growth of poison ivy can be seen reaching out to each passerby and is actually worn down by traffic on the sidewalk, exposing each passerby to poison ivy.

Since no one is currently dealing with this problem, it would be my suggestion that a committee be formed of citizens who could then learn proper and legal procedures for dealing with poison ivy on the walkways of Reston then work to educate the public about this problem. The point is something should be done to deal with this problem.

Rod Koozmin
Reston



Overstating the Overcrowding

To the Editor:

In the June 16 issue of the Connection I saw this statement by one person: "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."

As an alternative member of the task force I keep hearing opinions stated as facts and this is one of those. Actually, South Lakes High School has been significantly under enrolled in recent years to the point where the Fairfax County School Board redistricted to transfer some 1,000 students from Oakton and other high schools to bring South

Lakes up the capacity for which it is designed. So until this year South Lakes' enrollment was 1,000 students under capacity.

If one looks at the census data over the past 30 years, Reston's population has continuously gotten older and older. In time as the large number of single family homes now without children decline and new younger families move in, we will have more children in our schools but not immediately. In fact, almost all of the new homes projected in Reston are condominiums, which typically have far fewer children than do town homes and detached homes. My wife and I live in the Reston Town Center where more than 1,700 new condominiums have

been built over the past 10 years and those 1,700 homes have fewer than 50 school children living there today. We live in the Stratford Condominium, which have 340 units but fewer than four school children. The coming of more condos over time will not have a major impact on our schools. But again as those older residents long occupying town homes and detached homes move on, as time goes by, and are replaced with younger families our schools may once again reach the levels of 1980.

Wade Gilley
Alternate Member of the Reston Task Force

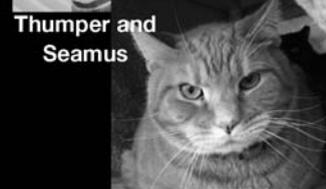
Political Brinkmanship

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working papers of a scientist who did climate change research five years ago at the University of Virginia. After some hesitation, the university chose not to blink. It has hired a law firm to represent it in what many consider an unwarranted assault on academic research. The courts are likely to resolve this conflict.

Most success in government as in other endeavors comes about when multiple parties work together. Confrontation leads to misunderstandings, hard feelings, and delays. In most disagreements, there is some truth to support both sides. Unless some moral imperative or individual rights are involved, compromise and agreements that take into account constituent interests and needs are most desirable.

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