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This is 6-month-old Humphrey, a Great Dane, pictured with his companion Roz Drayer. The dog park in Reston is an important part of Humphrey's routine. Drayer says it keeps him well socialized.

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Melquin Hidalgo clips the nails of Scraps, during a visit to Dog A Do salon.



Robyn Friedin, left, and Patricia DiMaria wash Casper, a Chihuahua, at Bark N Bubbles to raise money for their Race for the Cure team.

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Good, Clean Fun For Pets

Salons offer different options for keeping pets groomed and clean.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Residents of the Reston/Herndon area have several choices when it comes to cleaning and grooming your pet. If a pet wants to be pampered in a low stress environment, there's Dog A Do pet salon.

Owned by groomer Kat Brooks, Dog A Do prides itself on the absence of dogs barking, despite the presence of up to a dozen at one time.

"This is the kind of environment pets like, where they're not stressed out," Brooks said.

Dog A Do only has two rooms, one area that doubles as a reception area and the grooming section, and a back part where the bathtubs are. By keeping the pets all together throughout the grooming process, it helps to take away any apprehension that might come up when the pet associated it with a kennel-like atmosphere.

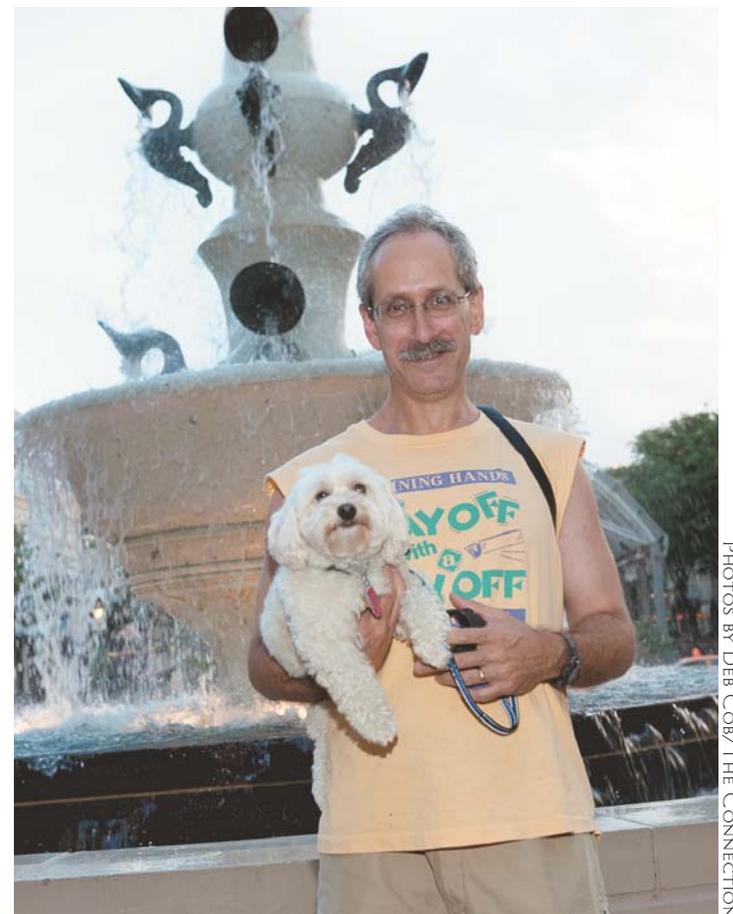
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Becca Miller puts the finishing touches on Tucker, a soft-coated Wheaten terrier.



Lyndsay Nelson, left, holds her dog Kaya, a German shepherd mix, while Dani Weng, co-owner of Bark N Bubbles, clips Kaya's nails.



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Doug Sprei is pictured with Rose, a Shitzu/Yorkie/Poodle mix. He's well over 6-feet tall, but Sprei finds that when he's walking Rose, people approach him and are much more likely to start a conversation. 'They are very friendly to me,' he said. Rose is a member of the Sprei family. 'She's added insight to our family. She's sensitive and intelligent,' he says. 'It is good for me to put my needs aside and take care of her needs. She gets me outside in touch with nature.'

Dogs Feel Welcome At Reston Town Center

Want to take Spot or Fifi out for a walk, but don't want to get muddy? Many dog lovers take their companions to the dog-friendly Reston Town Center on warm summer evenings.

— DEB COB



Mindy Moore, pictured here with her daughter Sarah, 8, son Ryan, 11, and their 1-1/2-year old Schnoodle Rooney, brings the crew regularly to the Reston Town Center because it is dog friendly. Sarah was the moving force behind Rooney's advent into the family. 'My first word was doggie. ... I begged my mom and dad.' Dad made Sarah and Ryan sign a contract about their responsibilities relating to the Rooney's care. 'He's like my little brother,' says Sarah. 'We take him everywhere with us. He goes to a lot of soccer games.'



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Eileen Moore of Reston gets ready to throw a ball for her Shiloh shepherd Keesha. ‘Shepherds are my whole life. I volunteer with Virginia German Shepherd Rescue and met Keesha through my work with them. I choose the dog park as my happy hour. I take her out to eat at Lake Anne in Reston, which is dog-friendly.’ Moore says that Keesha loves the laser pointer. ‘She provides entertainment value galore and she eats any flies that make it into the house.’ For more information about VGSR, go to www.shepherdrescue.org.



Brian Davidson, left, gives Shiloh, a Chesapeake Bay retriever, a drink of the ‘dog water bottle,’ as his dog Snickers, a Labradoodle, watches. They are regulars at the dog park. Shiloh is Ray van Hilst’s dog. Both are volunteers with Reston Dogs. Members serve as liaisons to the community and make sure that visitors to the dog park, both two- and four-legged, stay safe and follow the rules. Snickers is a major part of the Davidson family. ‘The unconditional companionship he provides is incredible,’ says Davidson. Van Hilst says that Shiloh loves coming to the dog park, ‘All I have to say is ‘dog park’ and Shiloh’s ears perk up.’ He is also a big fan of the community spirit at the dog park. ‘The nice thing about the dog park is that they help you get through tough times with your pets. We had to put down a dog a few months ago and they provided a lot of support.’

Best Friends Meet, Play at Dog Park

Just around the corner from the intersection of Baron Cameron Avenue and Wiehle Avenue at Baron Cameron Park is a place dedicated to dogs. It is the Reston Off-Leash Dog Area, more commonly referred to as the Reston Off-Leash Dog Area Dog Park. It’s an enclosed park dedicated to letting vaccinated, licensed dogs get together off their leashes and play. The Reston Dog Park has large and small dog areas, benches, a little bit of shade and water. Guests who visit the park are asked to clean up after their dogs and supervise their dogs to make sure that all that visit have a good experience. Reston

Should any visitors have maintenance concerns or improvement requests (such as more benches), they should contact the maintenance contact for the park or his office.

Brian Davidson, a volunteer with Reston Dogs, said the dog park is a critical part of the Reston community. The off-leash area opened a few days after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in New York City

and at the Pentagon. He talks about how the dog park was a place for the community to process what was happening at the time. “To me, it drove home how much having a dog brings you out into the community. We found that dog owners are very generous and involved. At that time, they raised a great deal of money to help out the rescue dogs working in New York and Arlington.”

— DEB COBB

Dogs (www.restondogs.org), a local, non-profit organization — or “dog opportunity group” — is responsible for maintaining the dog park. Members raise money to provide “doody bags” for guests to clean up after their dogs and to provide commercial waste removal services. Volunteers monitor the dog park to ensure that both two and four legged visitors stay safe by following the park rules and cleaning up after themselves. Dan Sutherland, grounds management branch manager of the Fairfax County Park Operations Division, said all dog parks require such a group. His office is responsible for



Karen Moe plays with her dog Colby, a golden retriever. ‘He’s a ball dog.’ Moe recently moved to Reston. Her dogs provide her with a sense of security and motivation to stay fit. Particularly Jackson, a 6-month-old Burmese/Pyrenees mix she is fostering.



Jackson, a 6-month-old Burmese/Pyrenees mix being fostered by Karen Moe, is a bundle of energy.

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NEWS

The future of these Sunrise Valley Wildlife Habitat and Nature Park will be one of the issues examined by the Reston Citizens Association Board of Directors.



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RCA Conducts Elections

With a full board, RCA looks to make mark on community.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Reston Citizens Association Board of Directors conducted elections during the Reston Festival July 10 and 11, and incumbent president Marion Stillson held her position in the only race with two people running.

Stillson beat challenger Patrick Shipp 156-37. Two hundred and five valid ballots were placed.

"This year's turnout did not even come close to last year's, when we had a record turnout of about 1,200 voters, but it was higher than it had been in other recent years, which I attribute to the contested election for president and the fact that several candidates campaigned actively," said Colin Mills, chair of the RCA election committee.

Stillson said with the first full board in years, her goal is to "make the organization stronger."

"We have numerous strong committees ready to get to work, and we're going to develop a logo to make ourselves more visible," Stillson said.

She also praised the work of committees like Reston 2020, whose work focuses on the future of Reston.

"The quality and amount of work the volunteers [in Reston 2020] put in has been great, and we're looking to start putting together more papers," Stillson said, and noted that the Reston 2020 blog has been getting "thousands of hits, including a lot from Fairfax County staff, according to our logs."

Stillson is hoping to team up with other community organizations to get work done.

"It will be a challenge to partner with other nonprofits in Reston, and to speak with politicians to forward our goals," Stillson said.

She also mentioned the need to form an education committee, calling education an area where the community's voice needs to be heard.

"With the expansion of the population, there's the issue of school boundaries, we may need a new high school, and we'll need many new elementary schools," she said.

New council member Hank Blakely (At-large) said he joined the board because he believes the organization has lost its way and needs to incorporate new perspectives if it has any hope of once again becoming a relevant voice. "I certainly intend to spend all of my shiny new term attempting to do so," Blakely said.

Blakely and John Bowman, the two highest at-large vote getters — with 117 and 94, respectively — will serve two-year terms, while third place finisher Mike Corrigan will serve a one-year term.

BULLETIN BOARD

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THURSDAY/JULY 29

Job and Career Fair. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Harper Park Middle School on Potomac Station Drive, Leesburg. More than 40 federal agencies and private companies will participate. Hosted by Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10). Participating employers to date include BB&T Bank, Cox Communications, Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, M.C. Dean, Inc, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Middleburg Bank, Prince William County Police, Telos Corporation, Volkswagen Group of America, and Windward IT Solutions. A complete list of expected participants is at wolf.house.gov/jobfair. Free and open to the public. 703-709-5800.

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.

SATURDAY/JULY 31

DRCC Asian Festival Luncheon. 10 a.m. at Lake Newport, 11452 Baron Cameron, Reston. info@dullesregionalchamber.org.

Lake Anne Farmer's Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Lake Anne Plaza, Reston. Local produce, honey, meats and more. Live music. www.restonfarmersmarket.com.

TUESDAY/AUG. 3

Sugarland Run and Horsepen Creek Watershed Management Draft Plan. 7 p.m. at Jo Ann Rose Gallery, 1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston. The county is seeking public input in the development of the

Sugarland Run and Horsepen Creek watershed management plan areas, located in the northwestern part of Fairfax County, across into Loudoun County. Sugarland Run drains to the Potomac River and Horsepen Creek drains into South Fork Broad Run, which then drains into the Potomac River. 703-324-5500 TTY 711 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/watersheds.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 4

Reston's Wednesday Farmer's Market. 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at the NE corner of Reston Parkway and Sunrise Valley. Producer-only locally grown fruits and vegetables, locally raised meats and poultry, and local breads, cheeses, salsa and sausage. <http://smartmarkets.org>.

Frying Pan Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Freshly picked fruits, vegetables, cut flowers, eggs, baked goods, honey and more. Every Wednesday through Oct. 703-642-0128.

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OPINION

Welcome to the Pet Connection

It would be easy, based on some measures, to say that some areas love their dogs more than others, although we are quite confident that most families love their dogs and other pets in a way that defies quantification.

Nevertheless, we will point out that the City of Alexandria, with a population of more than 150,000 and more than 70,000 households, is also home to 17 different dog parks, including both fenced and unfenced areas for dogs to run free of their leashes and play with other dogs. (Nationally, 39 percent of households average 1.7 dogs, so even assuming a normal level of dog ownership in Alexandria (we suspect it exceeds national numbers), there are likely more than 46,000 dogs. That's one dog park for every 2,700.

In Fairfax County, with a population of about 1,038,000 people and more than 393,000 households, statistics would predict at least 260,000 dogs, but only eight dog parks. That's one dog park for every 32,000 dogs or so ...

In Arlington, 217,000 people live in about 103,000 households, and a statistically likely 68,000 dogs also has eight dog parks, or one dog park for about every 8,500 dogs.

In Montgomery County, Md., about 970,000 people live in about 364,000 households, and so probably about 240,000 dogs, and just five dog parks, so more than 48,000 dogs per dog park.

Fortunately, we found no evidence of overcrowded dog parks in any of our areas, just happy dogs and owners enjoying one of the amenities of this area. And lots of dog parks mean less likelihood of dog owners running their dogs off their leashes in other less appropriate parks. In fact, the growing numbers of dog parks are just one more indicator of how important pets and animals are to us.

A third of local households are likely homes to cats, with the average household with cats having 2.4 cats, but there are not cat parks ... Most "cat people" agree that cats are safer indoors, although we all know exceptions.

Of all these animals, 19 percent of dogs and 22 percent of cats are adopted from animal shelters. Most pets (75 percent of dogs, 87 percent of cats) are spayed or neutered. There are so many pets that need homes, it's a local and national crisis. If you are considering adding a pet to your family, please consider the humane society, the shelter or a rescue organization.

In the pages of our Pet Connection this week, you'll find stories of many families and their pets, plus information on how and where to adopt dogs, cats, birds, small animals and even horses that desperately need homes.

For much more information, look online at www.ConnectionNewspapers.com, and click on Pet Connection.

If you'd like to share information about other pet resources, or about your pet, we still look forward to hearing from you.

Statistics from U.S. Census and the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association 2009-2010 National Pet Owners Survey.

EDITORIAL

ABC For Sale

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

In thinking about what makes Virginia special from her neighboring states, I would include on my list the fact that corner liquor stores with their barred windows and neon signs do not exist in Virginia. But that picture may change soon if the McDonnell administration has its way. As a candidate for that office, Gov.

McDonnell

(R) included on his list of ways to raise money for transportation a plan to sell the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) operation. At least two other governors, Wilder and Warner, considered but rejected proposals to sell the ABC stores because of the economics involved.

Virginia is one of 18 states that

continues to maintain state control of hard liquor sales growing out of the experiences of the aftermath of prohibition. Of the 332 state-run stores, fewer than 10 percent are in buildings owned by the state. The remainder is in leased facilities that according to the ABC 2009 annual report represent lease commitments through 2015 of \$51,442,167 that would somehow need to be satisfied. But the real money is in the revenue that the system generates that goes directly to the state. For the last five years, the ABC system has contributed more than \$1.5 billion to the Commonwealth in the form of taxes and profit.

Under the proposal being



floated as a trial balloon by the administration, the state would get out of the liquor business by closing its stores and auctioning off as many as 800 licenses to sell liquor. The state would continue to collect taxes on the liquor sold in these private establishments, but the state would lose the \$112 million a year in profits it now realizes. If the license sales could generate as much as \$500 million that the governor's office guesses would be the case, the state would in less than five years be losing a valuable stream of revenue that funds programs in mental health, alcoholism treatment and education. The plan to pick up these costs under the new scheme has not been made known.

A constituent wrote to me re-

cently with his concerns about the bad deal the sale of the liquor stores would be for the people of Virginia. "If one wanted to receive an income of \$112 million (amount of annual profit state receives) from an investment that yielded 3 percent a year, one would have to invest \$3.7 billion. An annual income of \$112 million equates to a 30-year income of \$3.4 billion. ... These amounts, something in the neighborhood of \$3 billion, are much more reasonable estimates of what the state should expect from the sale of liquor business. If no one were to pay such a sum up front the state would be better off holding on to the liquor business."

Astonishingly, the governor's staff is talking about giving away the business for \$500 million to \$800 million. That's a bad deal for taxpayers. The General Assembly may need to proclaim, "No Sale."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keeping Our Eye on the Prize

To the Editor:

A number of community groups, newspapers, and local politicians have criticized, often in strident tones, some recent decisions of the Fairfax County School Board. The decision to close Clifton Elementary School is one such example. According to the critics, members of the Board supposedly ignored the "wishes of the community," and relied too heavily on the Su-

perintendent and his professional staff. One editorial accused the Board of depriving the citizens of information, and adopting a "we know what's best" attitude. By ignoring the unprecedented amount of information the School Board makes available and the open nature of the Board's processes, the critics miss the mark.

The voters of Fairfax County elected the School Board - not single issue or self-appointed "community watchdog" groups - to exercise responsible steward-

ship over the education of our children. This means it is our job to work harder, study more, and exercise sound judgment about what works best for all of Fairfax County and the children we serve. It means that the loudest, most persistent voices do not always carry the day, the supposed opinion of a "majority" of community members is not always right, and what may be the best decision for some community advocates is not always the best decision for all the children.

When former School Board

Chair Bob Frye used to say we must always "listen to the silence," he was reminding us to take account of the voices of those in our County who do not organize e-mail and petition drives, who do not hold mass rallies, and who have never written a letter to the editor or a check to a candidate for School Board. As a result, we sometimes make decisions that, as one Clifton resident wrote to a Board member, "offend the rich

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OPINION

Interfaith Food May Get a Boost

BY JACK KENNY
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A DIFFERING POINT OF VIEW

— to the reauthorization of the child Nutrition legislation currently wending its way through the Congressional process. Mr. Wolf's amendment would authorize schools to give unused food to local food banks. The amendment also protects donors who, in good faith, donate food under the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Act.

In the application of federal regulations governing the free and reduced school lunch program, one of the more wasteful actions that has been going on is the requirement that whole milk be included in the meal. Based on the reporting of a number of grandchildren in several states, cashiers at the end of the lunch line may not allow a free or reduced lunch to a child that does not have the required pint of milk on their tray.

What happens? The child merely goes to the milk case, pulls out a pint of milk, goes through the line, passes the watchful eye of the cashier and promptly drops the unopened pint into the nearest trash container. Some school districts are now limiting access to the soft drink machines as a way of discouraging this sugar-laced drink.

U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) has gone one step further. He has introduced and the House Education and Labor Committee has included his amendment — based in his School Food Recovery Act (H.R. 1403)

This act is intended at keeping excess food out of the garbage. The benefit of this action further clears the way for schools to get involved in the effort to donate to local food banks. Wolf notes that families across the nation are going hungry. He figures there are some 49 million people, including 17 million children, facing food insecurity.

Enter the Reston Interfaith Food Bank. As a local food bank, Interfaith would be eligible for excess food from the 10 or so public schools located in the greater Reston area. Here-to-fore, schools have been reluctant to give the food away fearing it is against some Federal Regulation. Wolf's action removes that threat and builds on the natural link in the local community between schools and its residents.

FAITH NOTES

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

First Baptist Church of Sterling is hosting the Second Annual Community Day, "Connecting the Community to the Church Through Christ," on Saturday, Aug. 28, 11

a.m.-5 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Sterling, 21449 Potomac View Road in Sterling. The event provides an opportunity for the community to gather together and have

fun while connecting with other community and church members. This free event features games, entertainment, rides, music, fellowship, and food for all.

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From Doha, Qatar to Reston Town Center

He was a street dog that Jennifer Milligan met while she was working in Doha. He was so friendly to people on the street and so thin and neglected, that Milligan couldn't leave him to an uncertain fate. She, in conjunction with the Nepalese security guards of her apartment complex, started feeding the yet-unnamed dog. After several months, the dog became comfortable enough with Milligan, that she would invite him into her apartment to give him a reprieve from the scorching heat of the day. At night, she'd let him outside to roam, as he was used to doing. The building guards kept an eye on him while he was out and about; the dog was the building mascot. In the morning, Milligan would ride down the elevator, give a whistle, and the dog would come running, to ride up and be let into the apartment. After six months, the guards decided that the dog should have a name, Milligan deferred to them, perhaps thinking they would bestow a special Nepalese name upon him; they named him Murphy. When Milligan moved back to the United States from Qatar, she couldn't leave Murphy. He seems to be enjoying Reston.

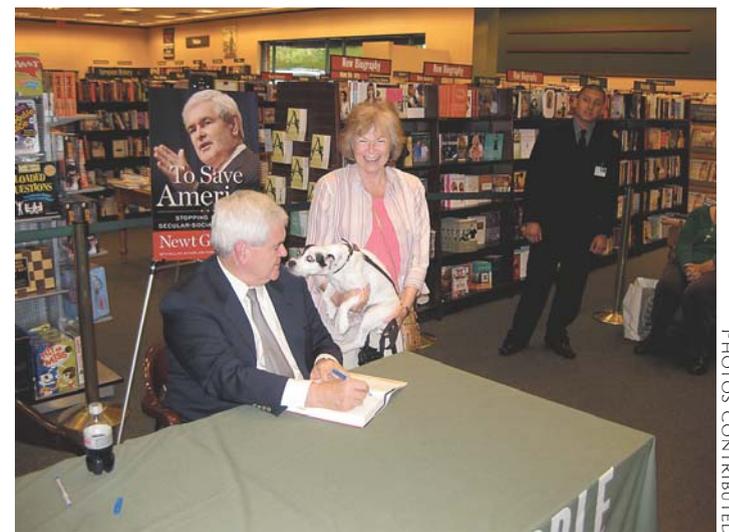


Jennifer Milligan, her daughter Lexi and her dog, a mutt known as a 'Doha Special.' The dog is from Doha, Qatar.



Meet Charles, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. He is the companion of Abby Lee of Reston. 'I think of him as one of my children. He loves to come and see the fountain at the Reston Town Center.'

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Angel, with her human, Carole Stadfield of Reston, attends Newt Gingrich's book signing event at Barnes & Noble in Spectrum Center in Reston.

Angel Wins Races, Hearts

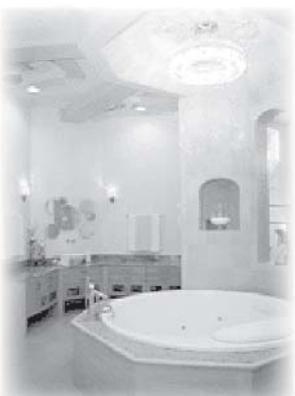
Angel of Reston is an active, energetic 7-year-old Jack Russell terrier, who has won first place at many recent terrier races, at Washington International Horse Show at Verizon Center, and at The Gold Cup, The Plains, Va. Angel enjoys boating and swimming in Lake Thoreau.

Stadfield, Realtor with Long and Foster in McLean.

Angel's middle name is "Huey," named after her favorite band, Huey Lewis and The News. Angel is scheduled for training to become a certified therapy dog. She is going to appear at Great Country Farms, Bluemont, Va., in August for Dog Days Peach Fest.



Angel, left, jumps a fence in The Gold Cup Terrier race in The Plains, Va.



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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 6

and powerful.” That comes with the territory.

What should not come with the territory, however, are disrespectful personal attacks on individual Board members and their integrity, whether from community members or other elected officials. And yet angry Clifton residents have sent hate mail to the homes of School Board members and called some Board members names that cannot be printed in the newspaper. One so-called community group has questioned not only the integrity of the Board, but also the competence of the Superintendent and everyone who works for him. That group – which has yet to offer any support for the Board, its budget, or any of its decisions – apparently believes that recent gains in student achievement all happened by magic. A member of the Virginia House of Delegates accused one School Board member of “throwing Clifton children under the bus.” Still another official threatened political retaliation against a member of the School Board. We would never tolerate this behavior from our own children. We should not tolerate it from adults.

Even though we have to make decisions about many things, the Board must always focus on one thing: student achievement. By all measures, we are succeeding. More children are achieving greater success than ever before. Achievement gaps are steadily shrinking. In some schools they have disappeared altogether. We have achieved our successes by working together with parents, teachers, administrators, and support staff. That is how we should be working.

At the end of the day, we must make decisions that focus on supporting our mission to “inspire, enable, and empower students to meet high academic standards, lead ethical lives, and demonstrate responsible citizenship.” When we start trying to please or pander to vocal, well-organized groups of single-issue advocates, or elected officials trying to make political hay, we will have lost sight of our goal. And when some Board members and the public treat the professional staff as adversaries, not as partners, student achievement will suffer. No one can afford that.

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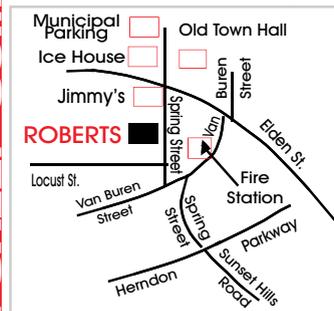
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Jack (John W.) Rue, 90, and his pug Snuggles, 4, on Lake Audubon in south Reston.

On the Lake

Constance Rue Hartke submitted this photo of her father, Jack (John W.) Rue, and his pug Snuggles, 4.

"Dad and Snuggles live with my husband Paul and me on Lake Audubon in south Reston. Dad turns 90 on Tuesday, July 27, and is a WWII Veteran of the Battle of the Bulge. During the war, he befriended a black dog, who meant a lot to him, and now he

has Snuggles. Dad and Snuggs love boat rides on the lake with us most every evening. Dad likes to sing this ditty about Snuggles,

I think from 'My Froggy':
 "I know how ugly I are
 My face does not shine like a star.
 But I do not mind it,
 For I am behind it.
 The folks out in front get the jar."



Winslow Wacker with Winston and Barney, both rescued dogs, January 2010.

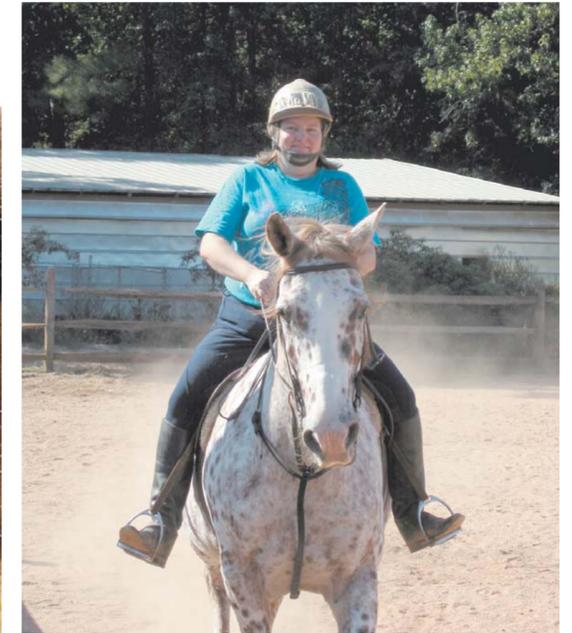
PET CONNECTION



Reston artist Tracie Griffith (Tso) with Rembrandt, a Netherland Holland mixed rabbit, lavender in color. 'He is my muse and inspiration for many painting and pottery projects,' the artist said.



The Millers of Lakebreeze Way in Reston adopted Clifford this spring from lab-rescue.com. Clifford loves swimming in Lake Thoreau, retrieving tennis balls and chewing tennis shoes.



Lori McLain, daughter of Walter Lazear of Lakewinds cluster in Reston, and her horse Apache in 2005. Lori and Apache spent many hours growing up together and learning from each other. Apache followed her from Northern Virginia to the Richmond area after Lori graduated college and got married. The day this photo was taken, Apache allowed both Lori and Walter to ride him backing through an obstacle course. Apache is no longer with the family, but they have great memories of him.

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Dog Parks

Talk of the Town



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Roxy, a Greater Swiss Mountain Dog, gives a high-5 for a treat from companion Agnes Vanek, while Vanek keeps the other pups who would also like a treat at bay at the Reston Dog Park.

A BARON CAMERON
11300 Baron Cameron Avenue, Reston
Established: September 2001
Capacity: 40 dogs
Special Features: Water supply and separate area for small dogs (under 25 lbs.)
Sponsor: RestonDogs, Inc.

B BLAKE LANE
10033 Blake Lane, Oakton
Established: June 2000
Capacity: 25 dogs
Sponsor: OaktonDogs, Inc.

C CHANDON
900 Palmer Drive, Herndon
Established: January 4, 2003
Capacity: 42 dogs
Sponsor: Herndon Dogs, Inc.



Photo by Chloe Mulliner/The Connection

Olivia Wagner and her dogs Zena and Zoey spend time at the South Run dog park.



Dogs are free to run around and play at the fenced-in South Run dog park.



Ari Alvarez of Alexandria brought her 5-months-old Presley the Pug, right, to the Herndon Dog Park on a puppy date.

D GRIST MILL
4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy, Alexandria
Established: April 2006
Capacity: 64 dogs
Special Features: Interior space is one acre of bluestone dust surface. Clean and dry.
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E QUINN FARM
15150 Old Lee Rd., Chantilly
Established: March 2006
Capacity: 90 dogs (80 large/10 small)
Special Features: Separate area for small dogs (under 25 lbs.)
Sponsor: CentrevilleDogs

F MASON DISTRICT
Intersection of Alpine Drive and Pinecrest Parkway, Annandale
Established: June 2002
Capacity: 62 dogs
Sponsor: Mason District Dog Opportunity Group

G SOUTH RUN
7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield
Established: December 2001
Capacity: 85 dogs
Sponsor: Lorton Dogs, Inc.



Photos by Deb Cobb/The Connection

Kathy Hale, a Herndon resident, is pictured at the Herndon Dog Park with two of her dogs — and the pug Presley hoping for a treat — her 9-year-old black border collie mix Rosie, far right, and her 5-year-old beagle/pug mix, Carly.

H TOWN OF VIENNA VIENNA DOG PARK
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This new off-leash dog park is situated in Moorefield Park. The fenced 90 x 150 area is shaded with on-site water. Owners and dogs must follow posted rules and regulations. Dogs must be licensed by the Town of Vienna or Fairfax County. The park is open from dawn to dusk. Please respect others by following the posted rules and picking up after your dog. To find out more about the Vienna Dog Park. Open: Daylight to Dusk.

Fairfax County Park Authority has always welcomed leashed dogs in all of its parks. Now, well-mannered canines can enjoy a good run or a friendly romp in one of 8 dog parks - fenced areas where unleashed dogs can have free play. Additional off-leash dog areas are in the planning stage. See <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/wp-offleash.htm> for more.

All of the dog parks are public/private partnerships, developed in cooperation with sponsoring organizations of pet owners. The sponsors are the agency's liaison between users and local residents, Animal Control and the Police Department. They monitor and clean up the facilities, publicize dog park rules and regulations, and report maintenance needs to the Park Authority.

The hours of operation of all off-leash dog areas are dawn to dusk, unless posted otherwise.

All dogs four months of age or older must be licensed. Licenses are good for one year and must be purchased by January 31st.

1. The off-leash dog area is for dogs, their handlers and those accompanying them. No other use is allowed.
2. All dogs must be legally licensed and vaccinated, and shall wear a visible dog license.
3. Dogs under 4 months of age and female dogs in heat are prohibited.
4. Dogs must be on leash when entering and exiting the off-leash dog area.
5. Dogs must be under the control of their handler and in view of their handler at all times.
6. Spiked collars are prohibited.
7. Children 8 years and under are not allowed in the off-leash dog area; children ages 9 - 15 years must be accompanied by an adult.
8. Handlers must be 16 years of age or older.
9. Handlers must have possession of the dog leash at all times.
10. Handler is limited to a maximum of two dogs.
11. Handlers must "scoop the poop" and fill any holes dug by dogs under their control.
12. Food and drinks in glass containers are prohibited; training treats are allowed.
13. Dogs must be removed from the off-leash dog area at the first sign of aggression.
14. No animals other than dogs shall be permitted in the area.
15. Handlers are responsible for any injuries caused by the dog(s) under their control.
16. Users of the facility do so at their own risk. Neither Fairfax County nor the Fairfax County Park Authority shall be liable for any injury or damage caused by any dog in the off-leash area.



Pet Businesses Give Back

FROM PAGE 3

"I'm picky, I don't want people to come in here and say it smells like dog," Brooks said, and despite the close proximity of the grooming area to the reception area, there isn't much of any smell in the shop.

No matter if it's a Chihuahua or a German shepherd, the Dog A Do staff know their way around a furry creature. Grooming, besides helping pets look and smell clean, also needs to be done for health reasons.

The staff keeps several thick, matted pieces of shorn hair at the front to show customers just how bad a dog's hair can get.

It can take five years to train a qualified groomer, Brooks said, which makes her want to hold on to the ones she can find.

"I was grooming for several years before I got here, but I've learned a lot of helpful techniques here," said Ryan Gregoire. "Working in some of those pet resort-type places, they look like a vets office, and dogs will react like it's a vet office, which is what we try to avoid."

PETS sometimes come and go in trends, and Brooks and her staff have seen them all, from the breed that most recently took home the prize at the Westminster Kennel Club, or the surge in Portuguese water dogs that followed President Barack Obama's selection upon his move to the White House.

"I'll tell you, we didn't see much of a surge after that 'Beverly Hills Chihuahua' movie though," said Gregoire with a laugh.

Brooks tries to keep the laughs coming around her staff, as they believe that pets are especially sensitive to the mood around them, and it's all about making it less stressful.

"We have fun here, and I think everyone enjoys coming to work," Brooks said. "That rubs off on both the pets and clients, putting them at ease."

For pet owners that really want to get their hands dirty, there's Bark N Bubbles in downtown Herndon. Billed as a self-serve dog wash, they offer the tubs, hoses, soap and brushes to clean any dog, and they'll also gladly clean the dog as well.

The upstairs of the shop has five specially made tubs, and a hose, shelves with brushes and bottles of shampoo. Pet owners simply bring their pets in, put them in the tub, and wash away. The tubs are waist high, and can fit the bigger breeds, and staff also offer risers to make it easier to wash smaller dogs.

Co-owner Dani Weng opened the business with her business partner Pamela Aheart, a native of Reston, to bring a West Coast trend east.

"We'll give them an overview of the process, and any tips on how to wash the certain breed, and they'll just wash the dogs themselves," Weng said. "It's a bonding experience between pet and owner, but it's easier than just using the hose at home. People love their pets, they think of them as family members, and they take very good care of them."

Weng says that about 70 percent of their clients come prepared to do the washing themselves.

"It's quite an experience, you get very wet and very furry, and you can't exactly head straight out to



PHOTO BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

Amanda Barkan, 14, washes her dog Kelev, a Welsh terrier, with the help of Joey Friedin, 12.

dinner," said Lisa Taylor, who has been taking her dogs Denali (a German shepherd mix) and Dakota (a golden retriever) to Bark N Bubbles for a few years. "But it's a nice experience, and I think they like us to wash them."

Her daughter Elle added, "others sometimes aren't as caring and loving as we are to our own pets."

Weng has always dreamed of owning her own business, and always been a pet lover, so this was a chance to combine the two.

"I owned my first dog when I was 10, and it's such a good industry," she said. "I think we've found a great niche here, and the Herndon/Reston community has been so supportive."

Bark N Bubbles is also support-

ive of the community, conducting monthly charity drives where volunteers do the washing, and half the proceeds go to the charity.

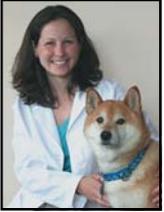
THEY DONATE to rescue group, as well as other: the July 24 charity wash featured a group that was trying to raise money for October's Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure.

Dog A Do also participates in charities, they are currently collecting the dog hair cut off during the grooming process to send down to the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. "Dog hair is much more porous than human hair, they put it in a big nylon bag and float it out there, and it helps to absorb the spilled oil," Brooks said.



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Dr. Erica Morgan received her veterinary degree from Cornell University and recently relocated to Northern Virginia after practicing small animal medicine in Philadelphia. Her special interests include dentistry, ultrasonography, internal medicine and care of senior pets.

Dr. Janna Giaimuccio joins Herndon Animal Medical Center in August of 2010. She graduated from Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2004. She has practiced small animal medicine in Chicago, Baltimore, and Northern Virginia. Her special interests include internal medicine, pain management, ophthalmology, and surgery.

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THURSDAY/JULY 29

- Aretha Franklin.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. \$45 in-house, \$25 lawn. www.wolftrap.org.
- Wolftrap Children's Theatre in the Woods.** Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. 10 a.m. Maryland Youth Ballet: Caroline Goes to the Zoo, 11:15 a.m. Bob Brown Puppets: Dragon Feathers. Free workshops follow the 10 a.m. performance; reservations required at 703-255-1824. \$8-\$10. www.wolftrap.org.
- Alexandria Klezmet.** 7:30 p.m. Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Traditional and innovative Jewish music. Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ performances.
- Sin Miedo.** 7 p.m. at Lake Anne Plaza, Reston. Afro-Cuban salsa and rumba. www.mseproductions.com.
- 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.
- Brain Benders.** 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. See everyday objects through scientific eyes. Presented by Maryland Science Center. Age 6-12. 703-689-2700.
- America's Got Talent finalist Drew Stevyns.** 9 p.m. Paolo's, Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. 703-318-8920 or www.paolosristorante.com.

FRIDAY/JULY 30

- NSO@Wolf Trap: Distant Worlds, Music From Final Fantasy.** 8:30 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Arnie Roth, Conductor. \$20-\$52 www.wolftrap.org.

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- Latin Fusion with Incendio.** 7:30 p.m. at the Reston Town Center, 1760 Reston Parkway, Reston. Spanish guitar and Afro-Cuban. www.restontowncenter.com.
- The GoodLife Theater.** 10 a.m. Lake Fairfax Park Amphitheater, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Puppets. Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ performances.
- Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 10 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. 703-242-4020.
- Author Kathleen Kinsoving.** 1 p.m. Barnes & Noble, 1851 Fountain Drive, Reston. Book signing for 'Gadfly: The Life and Times of Les Kinsoving, White House Watchdog,' about her father's career with the White House press. 703-437-9490.
- Bobbe Shore Jazz Combo.** 8:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Reston Town Center, 1800 Presidents St., Reston. Every Saturday through Oct. 703-925-8250.
- Be Prepared for Your Children.** 10 a.m. at Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Road, Herndon. Learn legal aspects of child support, custody and visitation.



Asian Festival in Reston offers traditional Asian performances on three separate stages.

Asian Festival Highlights the Philippines

This year, thousands will again flock to the Asian Festival, a two-day cultural event to promote greater understanding of Asian countries and cultures among the general public, and among Asian Americans as well. There is no admission charge, and the festival is open to the public.

Venue is the Lake Newport Tennis Facility in Reston and the dates are: Saturday, July 31, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 1, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This is the largest Asian Festival in the Mid-Atlantic area with at least 35 Asian American food vendors offering Vietnamese, Indian, Japanese, Korean, Thai, Laotian and Philippine cuisine, among others; traditional Asian performances on three separate stages, and over 150 multi-cultural retail stores.

Each year, organizers choose one Asian country as the "showcased country" and this year, it is the Philippines. Last year's

festival, with India as the showcased country, drew several thousand festival goers.

Each participating Asian country offers the best of its music, cultural performances, food, fashion, handicrafts and other products. Asian festival has blended together trade opportunities, product marketing, cultural displays, tennis and other sporting events.

The best way to enjoy the largest Asian Festival is to Park & Ride at the off-site parking, located only 2 miles away. Free shuttle bus service will run frequently from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. The off-site parking is located at the Reston Association, 1930 Isaac Newton Square in Reston.

For more information on sponsoring this event, to register for a booth, or to reserve a performance at the Asian Food and Tennis Festival, contact (703) 589-4144, info@asianfestivaldc.com. Or visit www.asianfestivaldc.com.

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- Artist's Reception.** 12-2:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reston, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston. "Showcasing the Light" is a solo

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- Alejandro Sanz.** 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. \$54-\$471. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.
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 PET CONNECTION

Great Dane Finds Loving Home

Samantha, a rescued Great Dane adjusts to her new home in Reston.

BY CLAIRE BABILONIA
THE CONNECTION

Big dogs, small dogs, timid dogs and hyper dogs — they all stroll through Reston Town Center everyday of the week. But within the bustling crowd of shoppers, no dog turns quite as many heads as Samantha.

A 100-pound Great Dane, Samantha strides down the sidewalk alongside her owners and Reston residents, Diane and Rich Ramsey. At 3 years old, she already towers over many dogs and several small children. Yet, her size and strong presence mask her inner timidity, which is a remnant from her rough history of maltreatment.

For the first two years of her life, Samantha was forced to live in a small cage at a puppy mill where she was bred for profit. She was grossly underweight until the Mid Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League stepped in and shut the mill down.

Samantha then lived in North Carolina, waiting to be paired with a loving family who would give her the care she needed. Six months later, the Ramseys welcomed her into their condo in Reston.

“When we first got her, she didn’t even know how



Owner Diane Ramsey stands behind Samantha outside of their condo in Reston.

PHOTOS BY CLAIRE BABILONIA/THE CONNECTION

to be a dog,” said Rich Ramsey. “She had never been on a walk before and was very indifferent to other people.”

Now, Samantha wags her tail in excitement when strangers pet her. Although she still fears loud noises, she warmly greets everyone and curiously investigates her surroundings. Her insecurity is slowly fading away to reveal glimpses of a big personality that will match her size.

“Great Danes are very sensitive as big as they are,” said Diane Ramsey. “Sometimes, it feels as if Sam looks up at me and says thank you. She realizes that she has a very loving family now.”

Suka and Miki

Catherine Linberg and Mike Blanpied of Reston last spring adopted ‘a wonderful mama-dog and her pup’ through Friends of Homeless Animals (FOHA). Their names reflect their possible Alaskan Husky ancestry: Suka means ‘fast’ and Miki means ‘little’ in a language of people of the North Slope. Both girls are very happy to have a home in Reston along the Glade Stream Trails. Pictured are Miki asleep while Catherine Linberg grades papers and Suka taking the first turn in Mike’s lap.



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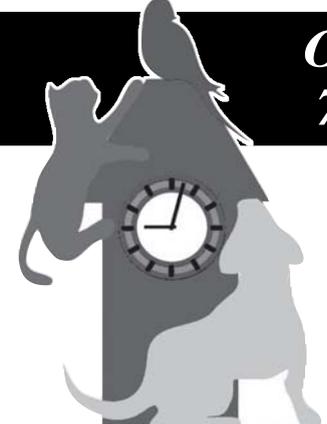
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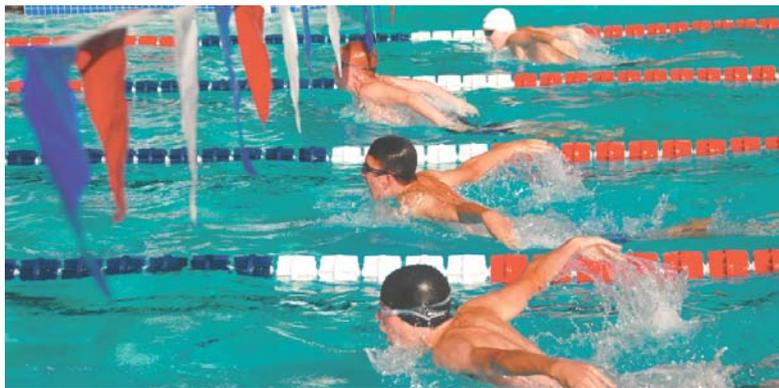
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Going all out in the boys' 13-14, 50-meter butterfly are (bottom to top): Michael McHugh (Lake Audubon), Zac Carey (Newbridge), Matt Crump (Lake Audubon) and James Baldwin (Newbridge).



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With Heat Advisory on, RSTA Swimmers Sizzle

'Kids swam like there was no tomorrow.'

With temperatures in our area on Saturday approaching 100 degrees and beyond, there was as much concern over the safety and well being of the adults as there was for the swimmers. Parents, relatives and friends are the constants at every RSTA event, volunteering for all of the jobs that are necessary for successful completion of a meet. Timers, stroke and turn judges, card runners, scorers and many other functions are all performed by volunteers. And many of these functions are performed in the blazing sun.

"It felt like we were frying out there," said Kirsten Landeryou, mother of Glade swimmers Emily and Sophia, and Stroke and Turn judge at their meet with Ridge Heights. "The heat was that bad. But the kids swam like there was no tomorrow."

With pool temperatures approaching bath water levels, the last thing anyone expected was swim team records of the past to fall. But fall they did.

In the boys 13-14, 50-meter freestyle, Alex Li of Hunters Woods swam a personal best of 27.41, breaking the Hunters Woods pool record of 27.46 set by Jason Adler in July 2000.

In the girls 9-10 age category, Joanne Fu of Lake Anne broke a pool record that she set just a few weeks ago. Swimming in the 50-breaststroke she lowered her time from 46.04 to 45.19. In the 50-backstroke Joanne broke a pool record that had been set back in 1999. Her time of 38.62 bested the time of Krista Berndt (39.41) set back over a decade ago.

In the boys 15-18, 200-relay, the Newbridge Dolphins team of Christian Matthews, John Baldwin, Stephen Baldwin and Patrick Gibbons lowered their pool record time from 2:04.20 to 2:03.34.

Scores and meet summaries follow:

Autumnwood Piranhas 543, Lake Newport Lightning 463 - For Autumnwood, double event winners were Curtis Bushee, Brendan Carrick, William Cochrane, Bailey Copeland, Molly Ellor, Abby Freeman, Cameron Hellstern, Anne Kennedy, Joseph Le Sage, Jacob Schofield, Benjamin Thompson, Ryan Tucker and Ryan Wait. Triple event winners were Robin Brazier, Jake P. Elliott, Stephen Grubbs, Diya Murthy, Ellen Wait and Max B. Wilson.

For Lake Newport, double event winners were Nicole Horner, Juliana Plescia and Emi Redican. Triple event winners were Connor McLaughlin, Ryan McLaughlin, Katie Storch and Ryan Williams.

Hunters Woods Blue Marlins 607, Lake Anne Stingrays 510 - For Hunters Woods, double event winners were Alla Cartwright, Nina Dawson, Vinny DiGilio, Anne DiMaio, Jack Henry Ham, Caitlyn



David Odlen of Lake Audubon swims in the boys' 15-18, 50-meter breaststroke.

Herron, Lauren Herron, Michael Lee, Philip Pan, Michael Qu and Ashley Thai. Triple event winners were Matthew Beach, Hunter Carrico, Alex Li, Dylann Nasr, Carolyn Qu, Sean Shada and Rachel Tang.

For Lake Anne, double event winners were Nolan Davis, Diego Gebhardt, Tope Oladimeji, Erin Rook, Lucas Sandler and Charlie Sigle. Triple event winners were Joanne Fu, Sophie Hartmann and Hannah Lane.

Lake Audubon Barracudas 644, Newbridge Dolphins 478 - For Lake Audubon, double event winners were Natalie Abbey, Bannon Brazell, Sydney Cook, Alainia Cordts, Madeleine Daum, Matthew Hughes, Conor McBride, Brooke O'Donnell, Garrison O'Donnell and Sarah Timreck. Triple event winners were Alissa Avilov, Jacob Cole, Spencer Harris, John Hughes, Vela McBride, Michael McDermott and Griffen Scanlan.

For Newbridge, double event winners were Elise Baldwin, Theo Burton, Annie Carro, Emma Grossback, Laela Huddleston, Sam Joyner, Brittney E. Kossler, Ian Meikle, Arya Moin-Amin and Emma Schaller. Triple event winners were John Baldwin and Celia Compton.

Ridge Heights Sharks 605, Glade Gators 443 - For Ridge Heights, double event winners were Nicholas Diewald, John Hodge, Harrison Hughes, Andrew McClellan, Margo Moyer, Carter Schultz, Victoria Slaski, Bennie Tignor, Ryan Vanderhoof, Diego White and Casey Worrall-Dawson. Triple event winners were Haley Borko, Evan Cox, Kati Imel and Mac Sogandares.

For Glade, double event winners were Andrew DeLillio, Andrew Draganov, Sean McKinley and Jack Walker. Triple event winners were Tyler Ellis, Dean Hartke, Emily Landeryou and Sophia Landeryou.

Note: The following were double event winners for Ridge Heights in their July 17 meet versus Hunters Woods: Haley Borko, Ryan Ferzoco, John Hodge, Harrison Hughes, Kati Imel, Maeve Keck, Joel Ladwig, Anna Liang, Shannon Murry, Grace Qian and Margo Somer.



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The U-11 Storm made a girls' soccer splash in Ocean City.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Northern Virginia's SYA Storm U11 girls soccer team, made up of players from all around Northern Virginia, hit Ocean City under an alias nickname — "Category 5" — and finished as champion at the 2010 Beach 5 Sand Soccer Tournament, on June 26 in Ocean City, Md. The team's Ocean City trip was sponsored by Keller Williams Fairfax Gateway Realtor Group. The Storm, competing at the tournament for the third straight year, went unbeaten at 4-0-0, scoring 21 goals and allowing just five. It was a follow up to their impressive play at The Virginian Tournament, which they won over the Memorial Day weekend.

The Storm — or Category 5 — was victorious against its three opponents in the preliminary round. The victories came over teams from the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Columbia, Md. Category 5, which outscored its preliminary round opponents, 18-4, then advanced to the championship game where it defeated a team from Massachusetts, 3-1. It marked the third straight year in which Category 5 has won the tournament.

"These girls are special and they just 'wow' you on and off the field," said Gordon.

The Reston Travel boys' 12-under basketball team was 8-1 through its first nine games in the Fairfax Stars Travel Summer League. Following a season-opening loss to cross-town rival Herndon, Reston won its next eight

games.

The team's eighth win came over Burke, 86-38. Leading the way for Reston in that triumph was Marvin Grunshie, who scored an amazing 53 points. Grunshie, in the team's prior four games, had scored 30 points or more.

Most of Reston's wins this season have been lopsided affairs with only one of their victories coming by less than 10 points. Making the Reston team's outstanding season even more impressive is the fact that the squad is made up of only six players on its roster. Reston, under the guidance of head coach Chris Lee, was set to compete in the playoffs this week.

The Fifth Annual SERVPRO Invitational High School Golf Tournament will take place Aug. 10-11 at Twin Lakes Golf Club, 6201 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Spectators will have a chance to see the best up-and-coming golf stars that Northern Virginia has to offer. Last year's annual tournament included 28 teams from Northern Virginia and 140 high school students.

SERVPRO is proud to be the title sponsor of this event. Funds acquired through sponsorship and donations will generate full scholarships, both academic and athletic, allowing students to pursue their educational dreams.

Those interested in attending or with further questions can contact Rati Bogdan at brati@fwm1.com or 703-595-6712.

HOME SALES

JUNE 2010
\$1,290,000 ~ \$225,000

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot	AC	Subdivision
1156 MARKELL CT	5	5	2		RESTON	\$1,290,000	Detached	0.83		FALLS PARK
11305 STONES THROW DR	5	4	1		RESTON	\$1,230,000	Detached	0.58		ESTATES AT WYNDHAM HILLS
1462 WATERFRONT RD	4	3	1		RESTON	\$1,175,000	Detached	0.22		RESTON
11403 WILD BRAMBLE WAY	5	4	1		RESTON	\$1,025,000	Detached	0.48		RESTON
1256 NEW BEDFORD LN	5	4	1		RESTON	\$955,000	Detached	0.43		NEW BEDFORD
1312 ALDBURY WAY	5	3	1		RESTON	\$880,900	Detached	0.31		CRIPPENS CORNER
1302 STAMFORD WAY	5	4	1		RESTON	\$880,000	Detached	0.47		RESTON
11344 WOODBROOK LN	4	3	1		RESTON	\$875,000	Detached	0.43		RESTON
11329 WOODBROOK LN	5	3	1		RESTON	\$850,000	Detached	0.26		RESTON
11059 ALDBURY CT	4	3	1		RESTON	\$835,000	Detached	0.36		CRIPPENS CORNER
1311 GATESMEADOW WAY	4	2	1		RESTON	\$825,000	Detached	0.20		CRIPPENS CORNER
10860 GROVEHAMPTON CT	5	3	1		RESTON	\$775,000	Detached	0.21		CRIPPENS CORNER
2320 STALEY RD	4	3	1		RESTON	\$770,000	Detached	0.94		LAWYERS GLEN
11880 FAWN RIDGE LN	5	3	1		RESTON	\$765,000	Detached	0.51		RESTON
11595 NEWPORT COVE LN	3	3	0		RESTON	\$750,000	Detached	0.34		RESTON
1326 MURRAY DOWNS WAY	4	3	1		RESTON	\$735,100	Detached	0.16		CRIPPENS CORNER
2641 BLACK FIR CT	4	4	1		RESTON	\$670,000	Detached	0.39		FOX MILL WOODS
12009 WALNUT BRANCH RD	4	3	0		RESTON	\$665,100	Detached	0.27		RESTON
11402 NORTHWIND CT	5	3	1		RESTON	\$665,000	Detached	0.23		RESTON
2526 SPANISH MOSS CT	4	4	1		RESTON	\$660,000	Detached	0.47		FOX MILL WOODS
2407 SUGARBERRY CT	5	3	0		RESTON	\$650,000	Detached	0.44		RESTON
2602 OLDWICK CT	5	2	1		RESTON	\$640,000	Detached	0.71		RESTON
11560 HEMINGWAY DR	4	3	1		RESTON	\$634,000	Townhouse	0.07		RESTON
12122 CHANCERY STATION CIR	4	3	1		RESTON	\$630,000	Townhouse	0.04		WEST MARKET
12185 CHANCERY STATION CIR	3	3	0		RESTON	\$630,000	Townhouse	0.04		RESTON
2004 LAKEBREEZE WAY	4	3	1		RESTON	\$600,000	Townhouse	0.05		RESTON
11800 SUNSET HILLS RD #1208	3	2	0		RESTON	\$575,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			CARLTON HOUSE
11214 LAGOON LN	4	3	1		RESTON	\$575,000	Townhouse	0.09		RESTON
2175 CABOTS POINT LN	4	3	1		RESTON	\$560,000	Townhouse	0.07		RESTON
2009 SWANS NECK WAY	3	3	1		RESTON	\$550,000	Townhouse	0.08		RESTON
1625 STOWE RD	3	3	1		RESTON	\$550,000	Detached	0.19		RESTON
1368 PARK GARDEN LN	3	3	1		RESTON	\$550,000	Townhouse	0.07		BALDWIN GROVE
2645 FOX MILL RD	4	2	1		RESTON	\$545,000	Detached	1.21		RESTON
2023 TURTLE POND DR	4	2	1		RESTON	\$541,000	Townhouse	0.07		RESTON
1286 WEDGEWOOD MANOR WAY	4	3	1		RESTON	\$525,000	Townhouse	0.10		RESTON
11051 RING RD	5	2	1		RESTON	\$520,000	Detached	0.36		RESTON
11709 RIDERS LN	4	3	0		RESTON	\$520,000	Detached	0.36		FOX MILL WOODS
1268 WEDGEWOOD MANOR WAY	3	3	1		RESTON	\$516,000	Townhouse	0.07		RESTON
11421 HERITAGE OAK CT	3	2	2		RESTON	\$515,000	Townhouse	0.05		RESTON
11510 DROP FORGE LN	4	3	0		RESTON	\$510,000	Detached	0.48		RESTON
2477 FREETOWN DR	5	3	0		RESTON	\$500,000	Detached	0.38		RESTON
12703 ROARK CT	4	3	1		RESTON	\$499,900	Detached	0.23		POLO FIELDS
2511 GOLDCUP LN	4	2	1		RESTON	\$499,000	Detached	0.43		RESTON
11114 GLADE DR	3	2	1		RESTON	\$497,000	Townhouse	0.05		RESTON
11719 GREAT OWL CIR	3	3	1		RESTON	\$495,000	Townhouse	0.07		RESTON
1505 INLET CT	4	2	1		RESTON	\$480,000	Townhouse	0.07		RESTON
1277 WEATHERSTONE CT	3	3	1		RESTON	\$477,500	Townhouse	0.05		RESTON
11127 LAKESPRAY WAY	3	3	1		RESTON	\$476,000	Townhouse	0.05		RESTON
11314 MYRTLE LN	4	3	0		RESTON	\$465,000	Detached	0.34		RESTON
11525 WILD HAWTHORN CT	3	2	2		RESTON	\$464,000	Townhouse	0.04		RESTON
2140 GOLF COURSE DR	4	3	1		RESTON	\$449,500	Townhouse	0.07		RESTON
1208 WEATHERSTONE CT	3	2	2		RESTON	\$446,500	Townhouse	0.06		RESTON
1407 NEWPORT SPRING CT	3	2	2		RESTON	\$433,000	Townhouse	0.05		RESTON
12190 ABINGTON HALL PL #103	3	2	0		RESTON	\$432,500	Garden 1-4 Floors			MADISON PARK AT WEST MAR
2019 WINGED FOOT CT	3	2	2		RESTON	\$420,000	Townhouse	0.06		RESTON
1319 VINTAGE PL	3	3	1		RESTON	\$420,000	Townhouse	0.03		RESTON
12000 MARKET ST #429	2	2	0		RESTON	\$417,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors			SAVOY AT RESTON TWN CNTR
1804 NORTH SHORE CT	4	3	1		RESTON	\$410,000	Townhouse	0.04		RESTON
2311 WHITETAIL CT	3	2	1		RESTON	\$410,000	Detached	0.16		RESTON
2318 MILLENNIUM LN	4	3	1		RESTON	\$400,000	Townhouse	0.07		GENERATION II
11800 SUNSET HILLS RD #905	2	2	0		RESTON	\$396,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			CARLTON HOUSE
12190 ABINGTON HALL PL #304	3	2	0		RESTON	\$390,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			MADISON PARK AT WEST MAR
1481 AUTUMN RIDGE CIR	3	3	1		RESTON	\$383,000	Townhouse	0.05		RESTON
2403 MYRTLE LN	4	3	0		RESTON	\$378,000	Detached	0.41		RESTON
12009 INSHA CT	3	3	1		RESTON	\$374,888	Townhouse	0.08		RESTON
2040 HEADLANDS CIR	3	3	1		RESTON	\$374,500	Townhouse	0.04		RESTON
2026 HEADLANDS CIR	3	2	2		RESTON	\$369,900	Townhouse	0.03		RESTON
11751 DRY RIVER CT	3	2	2		RESTON	\$365,000	Townhouse	0.04		RESTON
12170 ABINGTON HALL PL #301	3	2	0		RESTON	\$357,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			MADISON PARK AT WEST MAR
12001 MARKET ST #326	2	2	0		RESTON	\$350,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			MRKT ST AT TWN CNTR COND
1518 POPLAR GROVE DR	3	2	1		RESTON	\$350,000	Townhouse	0.03		RESTON
2046 HEADLANDS CIR	3	2	2		RESTON	\$349,900	Townhouse	0.03		RESTON
2334 OLD TRAIL DR	4	2	1		RESTON	\$349,873	Detached	0.10		RESTON
11708 MOSSY CREEK LN	3	2	1		RESTON	\$345,000	Townhouse	0.05		RESTON
2402 ALSOP CT	3	2	1		RESTON	\$340,000	Townhouse	0.03		DEEPWOOD
11305 HEADLANDS CT	3	2	1		RESTON	\$339,900	Townhouse	0.03		RESTON
2237 GUNSMITH SQ	3	1	2		RESTON	\$339,500	Townhouse	0.04		RESTON
12001 MARKET ST #277	2	2	0		RESTON	\$330,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors			MARKET ST TOWN CENTR
11800 SUNSET HILLS RD #915	2	2	0		RESTON	\$330,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			CARLTON HOUSE
2233 WHEELWRIGHT CT	3	2	1		RESTON	\$325,000	Townhouse	0.05		RESTON
11146 BOATHOUSE CT #80	2	2	1		RESTON	\$320,000	Townhouse			DOCKSIDE
1536 WOODCREST DR	2	2	0		RESTON	\$316,000	Townhouse	0.02		RESTON
12000 TALIESIN PLACE #25	2	2	0		RESTON	\$315,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			OAK PARK
11990 MARKET ST #218	1	1	0		RESTON	\$310,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			MIDTOWN AT RESTON
1305P WINDLEAF DR #175	2	2	0		RESTON	\$305,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			SUTTON RIDGE
11760 SUNRISE VALLEY DR #713	2	2	0		RESTON	\$295,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			MERCER
11604 IVYSTONE CT #06/006	3	2	1		RESTON	\$295,000	Townhouse			RESTON
11912 CROSSWIND CT	2	2	1		RESTON	\$293,000	Townhouse	0.02		RESTON
12001 MARKET ST #468	1	1	0		RESTON	\$288,500	Garden 1-4 Floors			MARKET ST TOWN CENTR
1716 LAKE SHORE CREST DR #32	2	1	1		RESTON	\$281,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			EDGEWATER AT TOWN CNTR
1665 HARVEST GREEN CT	2	1	1		RESTON	\$276,000	Townhouse	0.02		RESTON
11319 SUNDIAL CT #304	2	2	0		RESTON	\$272,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			BALDWIN GROVE
1606 WAINWRIGHT DR	2	1	1		RESTON	\$270,000	Townhouse	0.02		RESTON
12000 MARKET ST #163	2	1	0		RESTON	\$269,500	Garden 1-4 Floors			SAVOY AT RESTON TWN CNTR
2338 HUNTERS SQUARE CT	2	2	0		RESTON	\$260,600	Townhouse	0.03		HUNTERS SQUARE
2390 HUNTERS SQUARE CT	2	1	1		RESTON	\$255,000	Townhouse	0.03		HUNTERS SQUARE
2220 HUNTERS RUN DR #2220	2	2	0		RESTON	\$243,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			HUNTERS CROSSING
1321 GARDEN WALL CT #408	2	2	0		RESTON	\$243,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			BALDWIN GROVE
2410 RIDGEHAMPTON CT	2	2	0		RESTON	\$232,600	Townhouse	0.03		HUNTERS SQUARE
12001 MARKET ST #347	1	1	0		RESTON	\$228,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			MARKET ST TOWN CENTR
12000 MARKET ST #266	1	1	0		RESTON	\$227,650	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors			SAVOY AT RESTON TWN CNTR
1710 ABERCROMBY CT #1710G	2	2	0		RESTON	\$226,100	Garden 1-4 Floors			PARCRESTON
12000 MARKET ST #232	1	1	0		RESTON	\$225,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			SAVOY AT RESTON TWN CNTR

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Great Falls **Contemporary!** **\$850,000**

Gorgeous 3 level contemporary w/2-story views of woods, stream. Loc on almost 1 ac, featuring 4BR's, 2.5.5 BA, vaulted ceilings, lower level rec rm, library, office & 4-car carport. Unique, enticing, meticulously maintained home.



Reston **Stunning Townhome** **\$625,000**

that lives more like a SF home. Backing to woods featuring 3BR, 3.5BA, garage, 1st floor FR, fin lower level. Recent improvements-hardwoods, granite/SS appliances.



Reston **\$349,900**

Sold in 3 Days!
North Reston 2BR, 2.5BA luxury condo near everything-school, shops, dining and commuter routes. This lovely kitchen boasts GE stainless appliances and sink, granite countertops and ceramic flooring. Updated hardware and fixtures in both baths. Immaculate condition, original owner, impeccably maintained.

Michelle @ 571-216-0371
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Spectacular Colonial - \$899,900

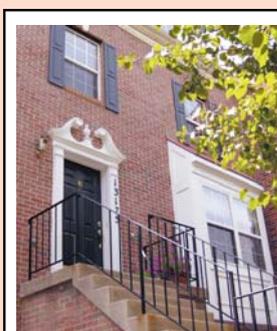
in North Reston shows like new with many upgrades and gorgeous contemporary floor plan. Great for entertaining! Gourmet kitchen w/high-end appliances. Gleaming hardwoods and beautiful tile throughout. Huge deck and beautiful treed backdrop.

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Herndon **Designed for Entertaining** **\$925,000**

This 8 yr old elegant home features generous room sizes with an open floor plan. Perched high at the end of a cul-de-sac, the home boasts 5BR, 4.5BA and an oversized 3-car side load garage.



Oak Hill **Beautiful!** **\$420,000**

3BR, 2.5.5BA, 3 level townhome in quiet community tucked into woods. 2500 square feet w/separate master tub & shower, hardwoods, new SS appliances, full fin lower level w/perfectly finished garage. HOA cuts and edges lawn! Community pool, tennis, basketball courts, tot and walking trails. Five minutes to IAD and around the corner from Harris Teeter, Starbucks and shopping. Enjoy a peaceful life in a clean neighborhood nestled in county park!

Call Lisa Carlisle 571-334-3440
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Sterling **\$423,000**
Backs to Wooded Common Ground

Located in sought after Seneca Ridge on a cul-de-sac backing to wooded common ground. Large deck and a walk out basement. Open light filled floor plan with cathedral ceilings, sky lights,

and a kitchen that opens to the family room with a center island and breakfast nook. Master suite with double entrance doors, two separate closets, a full master bath with a double sink vanity and a powder seat.

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Reston **\$669,000**
Lake Anne Waterfront!

Idyllic setting with walls of windows overlooking lake. Dock, deck, patio & garden courtyard to enjoy the scenic outdoors. Remodeled kitchen! Remodeled baths with skylights. Main level garage! Finished walk-out lower level w/private guest suite and artist's studio.

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Sterling **Walk to Pool & Tennis!** **\$709,900**

Beautifully decorated brick front colonial w/side load garage, 3 fin levels, 4BR, 3.5BA, gourmet kit w/SS & granite, main floor library, light-filled sunroom. Inviting screened porch on quiet Cascades cul-de-sac street.

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terry.atherton@longandfooster.com



Reston \$998,000
Gorgeous Gulick!

Spectacular 6 BR estate home in North Reston w/over 5500 SF. Beautifully landscaped 1/3 acre. Gorgeous upgraded

chef's kitchen w/granite, SS appliances & cherry cabinets. A fabulous floor plan w/main level library, gleaming hardwoods & dramatic design. Fin lower level, W/O rec rm, 2BR's, full BA, game room, storage. Simply stunning, move-in perfect.

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Reston **\$379,900**
Charming North Reston Town House!

Tastefully updated and decorated 3BR, 2.5.5BA, kitchen w/stainless steel appliances & granite countertops. Hardwood floors throughout main level. Updated bathrooms. New

HVAC. Walk-out basement with new berber carpeting. Minutes to Reston Town Center. Walk to North Point Shopping Center, Autumnwood Pool, tennis & playground.

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Reston
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Herndon **\$150,000**
Move-in Ready!

2 BR, 2 BA condo with 1,350+ square feet, updated bath fixtures and lighting, ceramic tile flooring, huge walk-in laundry room, separate dining room, private balcony. Walk to downtown restaurants. Very pet-friendly community! Not a short sale!

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