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# NEWS



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**Del. Ken Plum (D-36) answers questions at the Walker Nature Education Center March 11 about the future of environmental legislation in the 36<sup>th</sup> district and around the state.**

## Green Screening at Nature House

### Sustainable Reston kicks off Environmental Film Series.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Walker Nature Education Center hosted the first edition of Sustainable Reston's environmental film series March 11, which featured "The End of Suburbia." The 2004 documentary studied the history of suburban development and examined how sustainable it is in a future where oil and other fossil fuels are reaching their peak production.

The event also featured a group of speakers who are involved in planning the future of Reston.

"Future development is all about walkability and redefining how we think about density," said Jason Hartke of the U.S. Green Building Council. Hartke is also a Reston resident. "I think with the arrival of Metro, Reston will be rated very highly."

The film explained how the suburbs were based on the need for country living for people who worked in a city. But since suburbs were designed for primarily automobile use, the constant development has only created a greater thirst for oil.

One of the sticking points of the film was how wasteful strip malls are. With only single story buildings and large parking lots, they take up space that would be better used with mixed-use buildings



**Nick Bauer, a member of the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force, speaks on the future of environmentally friendly development in Reston at the Walker Nature Education Center March 11.**

that feature retail, office and residential together.

"In the planning process, we're striving to keep this community relevant by creating dense, mixed-use development around the Metro," said Nick Bauer, a member of the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force. "We have the opportunity to shape that kind of development."

Leon Kolankiewicz of Reston, who has worked in the past as an environmental planner, says the film was a little out of date, especially when predicting that depletion of natural gas resources would make it irrelevant.

"Natural gas production has been going up these past seven years, though it's a pipe dream to

think it will continue," he said. "But it can be a transition to other technologies and it is the cleanest of fossil fuels. There are exciting things happening with solar power, they're coming up with better receptors all the time, and the geothermal systems, like the one here at the Nature House, are just brilliant."

The film sparked a discussion among audience members about the future of development in Reston. James Carr, who currently lives in Reston but is trying to build a house in Vienna that will have zero net energy consumption, said that the challenge in the future will be trying to combat home energy costs.

"What happens when electricity bills are higher than your rent?" he said. "The challenge we have in Reston is, how can we become more efficient in the way we build houses? Because of all the trees in Reston, it can be much harder to build a more efficient house than it would be in other communities with open space."

He described how the roof of his townhouse wasn't very energy efficient, and the position of his house wasn't good for saving energy. Most net zero buildings are specifically aligned to take advantage of wind flow and sunlight direction to naturally heat and cool the house.

Hartke said he hoped in the future that energy saving technology would increase home value, making it more of a necessity for homeowners.

"When you're selling a house, things like granite countertops increase the value, but there is no difference in the value of a home

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## RA Candidates Debate: How do you view RA and the RA Board's role?



**Cheryl Beamer**, Hunters Wood/Dogwood candidate

"Reston Association is well positioned to fill that leadership role with an elected Board that parallels a Town Council and the equivalent of a city manager in our CEO, Milton Matthews, who, in fact, was formerly a city manager before coming to RA. All RA needs is an Urban Planning department with dedicated staff specializing in land use and transportation planning in the same way we have a Parks and Recreation Department dedicated to managing our recreational assets. It takes full-time staff to achieve the accountability and control needed to effectively influence the massive changes Metro development will bring."



**Victor Van Rees**, Hunters Wood/Dogwood candidate

"Ideally, I'd like to see RA and homeowner associations as a partnership or co-op, working together to provide the best service at an affordable cost, protecting the interest of members, homeowners, homeowner groups and apartment renters. As a partnership RA could negotiate large contracts for trash hauling and/or snow removal, or large purchases, for say, child-friendly mulch for tot lots. HOAs could sign their own contracts, but benefit from a more powerful bargaining position. I would love to see RA empower HOAs with subsidies to improve common areas, enhance cluster paths that connect RA to pathways and provide assistance for fixed income owners in making home improvements."



**Donovan D'Souza**, At-Large candidate

"The RA has a duty to be the voice of the community it represents. It's not a bureaucracy or a dictatorship, but a nonprofit set up to serve the residents. We need to stay true to that goal, including the residents in the decision-making process and playing an active and even aggressive role in doing that."



**John E. George**, At-Large candidate

"It's a community association as well as a quasi-government. The structure we have is classic community association, but we do more things than just a community association. Our Parks and Recreation is the same size and same budget as some counties in Virginia. The structure may be like a community association, but we provide many government services like towns and cities."



**Jason Carlo**, At-Large candidate

"I see it primarily as a property association, but if done properly and consistently, can serve things beyond that definition. As a cluster, we found ways to introduce neighbors to each other, which helped develop co-ops to talk about home improvement ideas and handymen networks... all the trust and comfort that comes with doing more than just mowing lawns. The Reston Association can take an active role, and I think they have, not just managing tennis courts but providing environmental education. I would like to see that continue, to continue to make Reston a great place to live."



**Andrew Sigle**, At-Large candidate

"A hybrid. RA has components of both functions, its main duty is to uphold the quality of life for Reston residents and enhance property values via the covenants and design process, as well as by providing community amenities. It also acts in many ways as the local government by providing an elected body to lobby other governmental agencies towards the benefit of Reston... the RA provides the county with a unified voice of Reston residents while the county provides Reston with many basic governmental functions."

— ALEX MCVEIGH

## NEWS

# Giving Art a Voice

**Beverly Cosham honored as one of the Best of Reston.**

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

**B**everly Cosham has attended the annual Best of Reston awards for years. This year, Cosham will be onstage at the April 28 Best of Reston gala, having been honored as “the voice of the arts.”

“It was a total shock when I found out I had been named,” Cosham said. “I don’t do the things I do to be recognized.”

But Cosham has been doing things for Reston for more than 40 years, since moving here in 1967. Cosham and her husband were active in the Civil Rights Movement in Washington D.C. in the 60s and moved to Reston to raise their family.

As the current chair of the Reston Community Center’s Board of Governors, Cosham has served in numerous capacities around the community, both officially and unofficially. Cosham is a founding member of the Reston Chorale, the Reston Community Players and the Lorton Arts Foundation. She has also served for eight years on the Arts Council of Fairfax County Advisory Panel, as president of the Reston Community Orchestra, and has volunteered at the Reston Museum.

As an internationally acclaimed vocalist and actor, Cosham has performed around the world, but many remember her golden voice kicking off many events right here in Reston.

“I’ll always remember her singing ‘God Bless America’ every year



PHOTOS BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

**From left, Bill Bouie, Dingwall Fleary and Beverly Cosham at the Reston Community Center’s Martin Luther King Jr. celebration Jan. 17.**



**Beverly Cosham performs at a musical tribute to Reston founder Robert Simon.**

at the Reston Multicultural Festival, it’s always a treat to hear her voice, and it almost brings a tear to your eyes,” said Ellen Graves, a co-founder of the Multicultural Festival and current member of the board of directors of the Reston Historic Trust. “Even though she is an international entertainer, she always finds time to give back to the Reston community.”

RCC Executive Director Leila Gordon says that while Cosham’s many gifts are evident, she doesn’t

come across as anything but a good person.

**GORDON REMEMBERS** when the first Reston Salute to the Arts Gala planning committee was trying to figure out how to run the ceremony, and there was only one constant that everyone agreed on.

“The first thing we all agreed on was that Bev and [her husband] Ralph should MC the evening,” Gordon said.

Though Cosham’s legacy is different to everyone she has encountered, she said her proudest moments are when she walks through the RCC on any given day.

“I’m always so pleased to be able to walk through the community center and see the diverse activities that happen every day,” Cosham said.

She says one of her goals is to see a performing arts space that would be able to accommodate the Reston Chorale and Reston Orchestra better than the current CenterStage can.

“I would love to see a performing arts space, CenterStage just can’t accommodate the larger per

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## Film Highlights Importance of 'Going Green'

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with all energy-saving appliances and one without," Hartke said. "In the future, we want to incentivize those kind of features."

Del. Ken Plum (D-36) was one of the attendees, and he fielded questions from audience members about environmentally friendly legislation coming from Richmond. He said that Virginia didn't have the best history when it came to environmental legislation, and that changes were unlikely to happen without massive support around the state.

"These things only tend to happen when public opinion is really behind them," Plum said. "As a state, we've been behind on environmental issues. It's going to have to be the community that leads the legislature, not the other way around." Rick Elliott of Reston, who has worked in the oil industry as an environmental consultant, said the film was very thought provoking.

"It's an extraordinarily complex topic, and no one or two hour movie can paint the whole picture," he said. "But we shouldn't feel guilty that we've enjoyed the



**Jason Hartke, vice president of National Policy for the U.S. Green Building Council, speaks at the showing of "The End of Suburbia" at the Walker Nature Education Center March 11. The showing was the first in Sustainable Reston's Environmental Film Series.**

concept of suburbs for the past 100 years, just like we shouldn't feel guilty about our oil use."

Mark Moody, who describes himself as a "practical environmentalist" says that there are more reasons to go "green" than just philosophical ones. "A lot of companies don't necessarily want to go 'green,' but they do want to spend less on energy," said Moody, who serves as president of the Clean Fairfax Council, a local nonprofit.

The film painted a grim picture of a world where oil production is sure to decline, without a viable alternative energy source to power its continued development. Glenn Downing of Reston said he disagreed with the final message of the film.

"The movie assumes we're stupid," he said. "But we're Americans. We'll recognize alternatives, we'll pay for them and we'll thrive."

## Cosham Honored

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formances, and though there's been improvements to the community room, the acoustics just aren't there," she said. "There are a lot of other wonderful groups in Reston looking for space as well."

To Gordon, Cosham's life is like the songs she performs so beautifully at so many community events.

"She lives her life like an opera, she's experienced it all: drama, humor, music and beauty," Gordon said. "Beverly is passionate about her belief that the arts are an essential part of the good life, that humans are better off when exposed to it."

**BEVERLY AND RALPH COSHAM** raised their four children in Reston and have four grandchildren that are also part of Reston. And though her travels have taken her around the globe, she said Reston is always a special place to her.

"Reston is such a great place, it always made me feel I could do whatever I wanted to do," Cosham said. "And I've always tried to make sure other people felt that same way."

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# OPINION

## Racing for the Cure

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Last year, Komen Global Race for the Cure conducted a study of breast health in the Washington Metropolitan area, showing that women diagnosed with breast cancer here are more likely to die from breast cancer than the national average.

One conclusion is that health care infrastructure in the area is overly fragmented, producing significant hurdles for many women, particularly women who are poor or whose first language is not English.

In announcing grants to local organizations and kicking off registration for the 2011 Komen Global Race for the Cure, the organization cited the diverse population locally as a reason for more aggressive outreach here.

In Arlington, for example, there are women from at least 128 different countries speaking

at least 95 languages. The event brings almost 50,000 runners and walkers to the National Mall in June and raises millions of dollars for breast cancer outreach and education.

Some women are afraid of the screening process, some are worried about cost, some don't have a way to travel to medical appointments, some don't know what resources are available, some don't understand the benefits of early detection or the urgency of follow-up, and many aren't aware of the success of modern cancer treatments, believing a cancer diagnosis is a death sentence.

In the current environment, some immigrant women worry that accessing programs for the uninsured could lead to issues with immigration.

Based on its findings, Komen announced local grants of about \$4.5 million to improve both patient and provider education and to reduce fragmentation to enhance capacity to screen and provide follow-up care.

Two grants will focus on provider education, helping doctors and other breast health providers develop a better understanding of the myths, fears and needs of the different cultural populations of the women they serve. The grants will encourage partnerships between

providers in the region so that patients can be easily and efficiently referred from screening all the way through to survivorship, limiting difficulties with travel and work requirements, wait times, and financial assistance.

Eleven grants focus on patient education in a culturally competent manner to convey the importance of screening, effectiveness of modern treatments and survivorship. Among local organizations receiving grants: Arlington Free Clinic, From Education to Access; Prevent Cancer Foundation - Celebremos la vida!: Providing Educational Outreach and Screening, in Alexandria; Vietnamese Resettlement Association - Breast Cancer Education, Screening and Follow up, in Falls Church; Nueva Vida - Comprehensive Support Services for Latinas with Breast Cancer; American Association on Health and Disability - Bridging the Gap: No Woman Left Behind, in Rockville.

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### EDITORIAL

## Deficit Cutting—It's the Revenues and Wars, Senator!

BY JOHN LOVAAS  
RESTON IMPACT PRODUCER/HOST

Senator Mark Warner, conservative Democrat of Virginia, has it all wrong in his recent Op-ed column ("Time for Adult Discussion on Deficits and Debt," Reston Connection, March 2-8). Warner, one of the least progressive Democrats in Congress, has teamed up with the ethically-challenged Republican Saxby Chambliss of the Georgia Tea Party to lead an "adult discussion" of deficits. Well, hide the women and children and surrender the remnants of the middle class if these two are the adults in charge!

First, they lead with several false premises, the top two of which are: government spending is the main cause of structural (continuing) deficits; and taxes, especially for the wealthy and corporations, are too high.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Workforce Housing

To the Editor:

While we acknowledge Supervisor Pat Herry's (R-Springfield) difference of opinion regarding the role of local government in housing, we continue to be troubled by his inaccurate and careless portrayal of the facts regarding housing programs in Fairfax County.

Fact: for thirty of the U.S.'s most prosperous years and heyday of the middle class, the marginal tax rate for the wealthiest Americans was around 70 percent, until Ronald Reagan cut it to 28 percent.

Capital gains tax cuts for unearned income followed.

Then came the infamous Bush tax cuts tilted to the top one percent. Now, following the Tea Party's arrival in D.C. with a new Republican majority uproar about deficit and surging debt, these Republicans and a cowardly President warmly agreed to renew fat cat tax breaks.

That is, they slashed revenues, to show their firm commitment to deficit and debt reduction.

The Residences at the Government Center, a mixed-income community of 270 units serving a range of households from 50 percent to 100 percent of area median income, is the latest housing initiative under attack by Mr. Herry.

Approval of the Residences at the Government Center supports



### INDEPENDENT PROGRESSIVE

These fat cat tax cuts bleed trillions from the treasury, and are the major cause of the structural deficit. So, what does the Warner/Chambliss team propose now—"lowering overall tax rates for individuals and corporations."

Let's address the expenditure side which the plutocratic Senators would have you believe is the root of all evil. First, we have recession induced, one-time and non-structural deficit makers: the Obama \$900 billion stimulus package, the Bush bank bailouts for a mere \$750 billion, and a couple hundred billion for some truly in need, those who lost jobs—for a total of about \$2 trillion adding to the debt but not

multiple county goals and objectives, including addressing a critical shortage of workforce housing. In its March 8 presentation to the Board of Supervisors, the Economic Advisory Commission reported that one of the strategies essential to the county's success in recruiting business is the availability and affordability of housing.

The Residences at the Govern-

ment Center leverage

underutilized county land to attract private capital in the form of low income housing tax credits to develop a mixed-income residential property. This development will include green building principles, and, when completed, will provide new tax revenue to the county. The location of the Resi-

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STATE DELEGATE (D-36)



Public employees and unions have been getting a bad rap lately. As tax revenues have declined along with the value of public pension funds, government workers have been getting stuck with part of the blame for our current financial crisis.

Local and state budgets have to be reduced to be in balance with revenue, but some legislators have seized the opportunity to whack government programs they do not support anyway. Pension funds that appear underfunded with the diminished value of their holdings with the recession are being cited as somehow being responsible for the financial crisis of which they are a victim.

School teachers, police, and fire personnel along with other government workers are taking it on the chin with blame and in the pocketbook with loss of pay. More Virginia teachers would have lost their jobs had it not been for the State Senate that took the position that I advocated in the House this legislative session that school budgets not be reduced.

The attacks on unions that have been heard in other states have come to Virginia. More than six months before the fall elections there already are "robo" calls and websites extolling the power of big unions in the Commonwealth.

The irony is that such a tactic would be tried in Virginia. According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (www.bls.gov), there were 3,473,000 wage

and salary employees in Virginia in 2010. Of that number, a whopping 161,000 were in unions or employee associations – 4.6 percent, a percentage that has been steadily dropping. Only North Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia, and Arkansas have a lower percentage of workers in unions. Public employees have no collective bargaining rights

and are prohibited from striking in Virginia. The State's right to work law has been in place for more than 50 years. Some of us voted against an amendment to enshrine the right to work law in the constitution as being unnecessary because it has never been challenged. Labor's biggest goals in recent years have been to raise Virginia's minimum wage law that is the lowest in the nation and to accept an extension of federal unemployment insurance money – both of which failed.

The Virginia Retirement System that historically has been one of the soundest in the country needs shoring up with the recession, and politicians at all levels of government are struggling to balance their budgets with the decline in revenue. While these issues are not unique to Virginia, attempts to put the blame on the low number of union workers and public employees in Virginia or other states miss the mark. Listen for more calls on your home telephone trying to assign a simple blame to a very complex issue. A phone call or a website paid for by a political party is probably not the best source of information on this or other issues.

As always, I would be happy to discuss this issue or others with you. Write to me at kenplum@aol.com.

## Write

The Connection welcomes views on any public issue. The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for libel, grammar, good taste and factual errors. Send to:

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**North Point District**  
Thursday, 29 Sept. at 7 p.m.

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### WEDNESDAY/MARCH 16

**Authors Leighton Gage and Jeffrey Siger.** 7 p.m. Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1851 Fountain Drive, Reston. Gage will read and discuss "Every Bitter Thing," and Siger will read and discuss "Prey on Patmos." 703-437-9490.

**ESL Business Writing Course.** 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Business writing for ESL students. Adults. 703-689-2700.

**Al di Meola World Sinfonia: Pursuit of Radical Rhapsody Tour 2011.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Inventive and eclectic guitar. \$35. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

### THURSDAY/MARCH 17

**Further.** 8 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Drive, Fairfax. Former Grateful Dead members Phil Lesh and Bob Weir. Tickets \$49.50. Charge at 800-551-SEAT or [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com). [www.further.net](http://www.further.net).

**Book Discussion.** 7 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Making It Up by Penelope Lively. Adults. 703-242-4020.

### FRIDAY/MARCH 18

**"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee."** 8 p.m. CenterStage Theater in Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Six teens battle for the top prize in a musical about a spelling bee. Four audience members will be selected to play a cameo. If interested, sign up in the lobby at least 30 minutes before curtain time. Recommended for age 10 and up. Tickets \$18-\$21 at 703-476-4500 or [www.rcp-tix.com](http://www.rcp-tix.com).

**Friends of the Library Book Sale.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Used book sale. 703-689-2700.

**The Discovery Series: Cuareto Latinoamericano.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. A string quartet performing selections of Latin American classical music. \$35. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

### SATURDAY/MARCH 19

**Fairfax County Mother's of Multiples Consignment Sale.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Chantilly High School,



**The Voce Chamber Singers will perform in two concerts, one on Saturday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. in St. John Neumann Church, 11900 Lawyers Road in Reston, and the second Sunday, March 20 at 4 p.m. in St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren St. in Herndon. Both concerts will celebrate women composers from the Middle Ages to the present, with works by Hildegard von Bingen, Alice Parker, Dolly Parton, Ysaye Maria Barnwell and more, under the artistic direction of Dr. Kenneth Nafziger. Tickets are \$8-\$23, available at [www.voce.org/tickets](http://www.voce.org/tickets) or 703-277-7772.**

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**Fairfax Department of Transportation: "How to Ride the Bus."** 1:30 p.m. Reston Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza, Reston. Stories of early bus travel in Reston and how the first internal and commuter bus systems got started. Take the bus tour of key Reston bus routes and learn how to use the Fairfax Connector bus. All welcome. 703-709-7700 or [www.restonmuseum.org](http://www.restonmuseum.org)

**Friends of the Library Book Sale.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Reston Regional

Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Used book sale. 703-689-2700.

### SUNDAY/MARCH 20

**Voce Chamber Singers.** 4 p.m. St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon. Celebrating women composers from the Middle Ages to the present, with works by Hildegard von Bingen, Alice Parker, Dolly Parton, Ysaye Maria Barnwell and more. Tickets \$8-\$23. [www.voce.org/tickets](http://www.voce.org/tickets) or 703-277-7772.

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**Kids' Science.** 3 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Explore scientific topics through activities. Age 6-8. 703-689-2700.

**ESL For Jobs.** 6 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. English conversation and job skills. Adults. 703-689-2700.

### TUESDAY/MARCH 22

**One-on-One Computer Tutoring.** 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn the basics of the Internet, Word and Excel. Adults. 703-242-4020.

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

**Terrific Twos.** 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Storytime. Age 2 with adult. 703-689-2700.

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**One-on-One Computer Tutoring.** 3 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn the basics of the Internet, Word and Excel. Adults. 703-242-4020.

**Hooray for Spring! Preschool Storytime.** 11 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Storytime celebrating spring. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-437-8855.

**ESL Business Writing Course.** 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Business writing for ESL students. Adults. 703-689-2700.

**Meet Borage the Iditarod Dog.** 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Learn more about the Iditarod with dog musher Karen Land and meet her dog, Borage. Age 6 and up. 703-689-2700.

**Senior Movie Day: "You Again."** 10 a.m. Reston Town Center Theater, 11900 Market St., Reston. Free for age 55 and older. The Reston Association and Reston Town Center theater, presents "Meet Me at the Movies." Refreshments and door prizes. [www.reston.org](http://www.reston.org) or 703-435-6577.

**Kick-off Meeting for Paint Herndon.** 7:30 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Anyone interested in helping to plan this year's Paint Herndon Celebration and Art Competition is invited. 703-956-6590 or [www.artspaceherndon.org](http://www.artspaceherndon.org).

### THURSDAY/MARCH 24

**Friends of the Oakton Library Book Sale.** 1 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Wide selection, low prices. All ages. 703-242-4020.

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

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### FRIDAY/MARCH 18

**Reston Republicans' Ninth Annual Lincoln-Reagan Dinner.** 7:15 p.m. Hidden Creek Country Club, 1711 Clubhouse Road, Reston. With guest of honor Lieutenant Governor Bill Bolling. Business attire. \$60 per person. [sally@jmpa.us](mailto:sally@jmpa.us), 703-742-0149, [engcat@aol.com](mailto:engcat@aol.com) or 703-406-9740.

### SATURDAY/MARCH 19

**Fairfax Connector Bus Program.** 1:30 p.m. Reston Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza, Reston. With the Fairfax Department of Transportation. Board a special training bus to learn how the system works. Hear stories from riders and 'busmeisters' of earlier commuter days and internal bus systems in Reston. 703-709-7700 or [restonmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:restonmuseum@gmail.com).

### MONDAY/MARCH 21

**Assistance League of Northern Virginia.** 9:30 a.m. at the Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. A nonprofit, volunteer organization promoting literacy and well-being for women and children through community based programs, such as Operation School Bell: New Clothes for Kids and Weekend Food for Kids. Meetings are the third Monday of every month. 703-878-1928.

### TUESDAY/MARCH 22

**Virginia Lyme Disease Task Force Hearings.** 7 p.m. Immanuel Bible Church main auditorium, 6911 Braddock Road, Springfield. Anyone may address Chairman Michael Farris and other Task Force members at the hearing. The hearing is being held because of the growing concerns of Virginia residents about the spread and nature of Lyme Disease. Open to the public. Direct written comments to [Lyme@PHC.edu](mailto:Lyme@PHC.edu).

### THURSDAY/MARCH 24

**Lupus Support Group.** 12 p.m. at Reston Hospital Center, The West Wing, 1850 Town Center Parkway, Reston. [lh@ascendcomm.com](mailto:lh@ascendcomm.com) or [www.lupusgw.org](http://www.lupusgw.org).

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## Reaching for the Garden of Your Dreams

### Landscaping design trends for 2011.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
THE CONNECTION

It's not just fashion that is influenced by Michelle Obama. Ever since the First Lady opened a vegetable garden on the South Lawn of the White House in 2009, landscaping trends have followed suit to include a variety of edibles along with the hardscaping elements to prepare and serve them.

"Edible plants and trees are very popular now," said Vanessa Wheeler, co-owner of Hollywood and Vines nursery and design center in Alexandria. "The trend is to combine the edible elements with easy, low maintenance and water-saving designs."

No room for an orchard? The new 'fruit cocktail' trees produce several varieties of fruits from a single tree.

"We have an apple fruit cocktail tree and one that produces apricots, plums, peaches and nectarines," Wheeler said. "Since they are all in the same family, the fruits will cross pollinate so you only need one tree if that's all you have room for."

Throughout the region, there is a strong growth in demand to incorporate eco-friendly, low maintenance plants into garden designs.

"No one wants to do heavy pruning and watering," said Rebecca Hughes, manager of the Burke Nursery and Garden Center. "And ground covers like pachysandra and periwinkle are replacing mulch and traditional grasses."

Wheeler suggests drought-tolerant plants to conserve water.

"Yucca and aloe plants are great water-conserving choices," Wheeler said. "And a non-invasive bamboo is drought resistant and can grow in the shade."

While visions of color dance in every gardener's head, experts say that the area's last frost date can be as late as Mother's Day, so the immediate focus should be on lawn care and design preparation.

"Now is the time to decide what you want to accomplish," said David Watkins, manager of Merrifield Garden Center in Merrifield. "Are you looking for more color, more living space or simply more curb appeal?"

According to Watkins, incorporating more hardscaping into landscaping designs is a rapidly growing trend.

"Patios with fire pits and outdoor grills



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Spring azaleas are not far off.



"Hardscapes," including patios, fire pits and outdoor living areas, are in high demand in landscaping.

are very popular," Watkins said. "Our volume of work in that area has increased tremendously in the last few years, especially when it comes to designing outdoor kitchens."

According to Hughes, now is also the best time to do your spring yard clean up.

"There was a lot of storm damage the last two years, especially to dogwood trees," Hughes said. "Many people are going 'bare bones' - starting over and replacing aging and storm damaged areas. Landscapes do age out at times."

Experts suggest walking your property and taking pictures of areas that might need some work or design help.

"We love for customers to bring in photos," Watkins said. "It makes it so much easier for us to help find effective design

### Landscaping Tips

#### EDIBLE AND COLORFUL

There are blue potatoes, red carrots, yellow carrots and purple cabbage. Cabbages come in more colorful varieties each year, as do lettuce and the extremely colorful Swiss chard. 'Fruit cocktail' trees produce several varieties of fruit on a single tree.

#### ECO-SCAPING

Transforming large tracks of turf into sustainable landscapes is achievable with the right plants that require less water and pesticides. Choose native plants that are low-maintenance and attract wildlife and beneficial pollinators like butterflies, bees and birds. Drought-resistant plants like yucca and aloe require less water.

solutions that stay within a budget."

Watkins acknowledges that any landscaping project can be intimidating.

"People are afraid to jump in because they think they'll end up spending tens of thousands of dollars," Watkins said. "But not everyone needs a \$30,000 project done. Sometimes \$300-\$500 spent on azaleas and some screening trees can get the results you are looking for."

For some early spring color, pansies remain popular but there are other choices.

"For an early burst of color, think apricot

#### LOW MAINTENANCE

Use plants that are native and require less upkeep to maintain. Choose sun and shade-tolerant varieties that suit your location as well as species that require less pruning. Ground covers can sometimes replace traditional lawns to reduce upkeep.

#### CREATE OUTDOOR LIVING SPACES

Invest in your own outdoor retreat. Fire pits, gourmet grills and outdoor kitchens top the list of trends in outdoor living spaces. Much more than just a barbecue grill and a lawn chair, outdoor rooms can be created for a fraction of the price typically required for indoor living spaces.

trees, forsythia and winter jasmine," said Peggy De Wilde, manager of trees and shrubs at Cravens Nursery in Fairfax. "And container gardening allows you the flexibility to move things indoors if necessary to protect plants from the elements."

Don't worry if you're still thinking snow instead of sod.

"If you haven't started your planning, you're in the majority," Watkins said. "But it's never too late to think about what you want to do. There's almost never a bad time to start landscaping."

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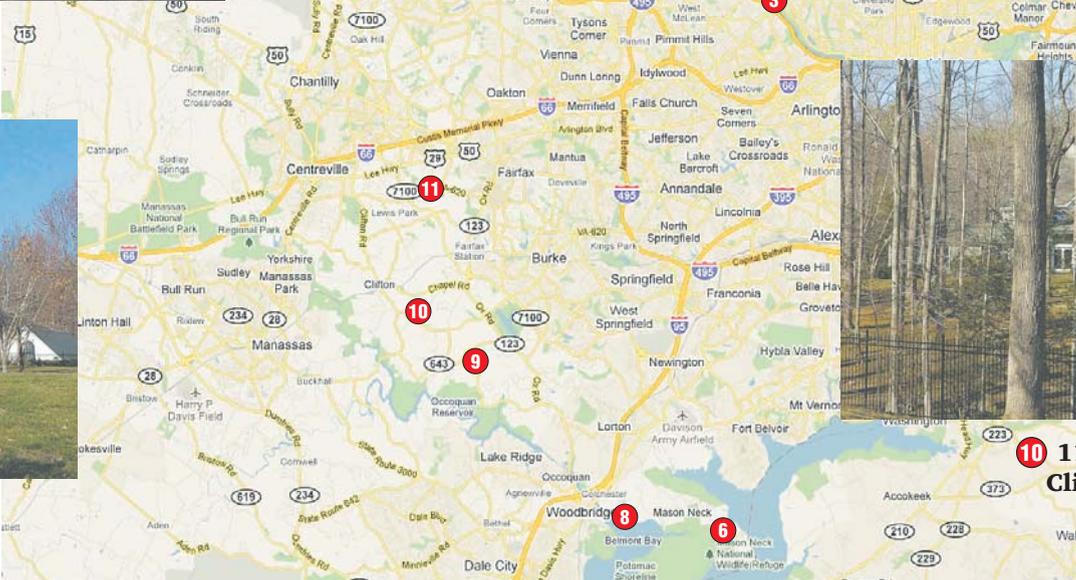
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Herndon High School students **Matthew Frederickson, Hannah Glass, Hannah Kwon, and Randy Raoufi, Chris Czerwinski, Sarah Freeman, and Olivia Jewell.**

Oakton High School students **Corinne Holland, Holly Kelly, Madeline Paul, Summer Perez and Cecily Jacobson.**

South Lakes High School students **Ken Barros and Sobechukwu Chinaka.**

## Krocker

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dences in the vicinity of the Fairfax County Government Center, a major shopping mall, and numerous service and retail centers, provides housing opportunities in close proximity to jobs.

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With the Residences at the Government Center, Fairfax County joins Arlington and the City of Alexandria in implementing a strategy that puts underutilized land to better use through a public private partnership. The result is development that provides attractive housing for the workforce, and new tax revenue for the county. For high growth, high cost areas like Northern Virginia this is truly a best practice, and a win-win for all partners involved.

The Alliance applauds the leadership of those Fairfax County Board of Supervisors members who voted to support this development thereby adopting a creative solution to address one of the county's most challenging issues. The future depends on our elected officials who possess the vision to support smart, strategic investments in areas that are critical to the well-being and sustainability of the county. Housing opportunities for our workforce is one of those areas.

**Michelle Krocker**, Director  
Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance

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# SPORTS

## Spring Sports - a Mix of Finality, Drama, and Determination for Seniors

The final leg of the high school sports year goes by in a flash.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

A majority of the high school sports year is now behind us. There have been thrilling football games, breath-taking autumn field hockey playoff contests, as well as dramatic wrestling and basketball matchups that have brought us through the cold months and up to the final phase of the prep school sports calendar - the seemingly more laid back spring-time sports season.

Now, with all of the local high school sports teams competing outdoors, coaches and athletes are hoping that the Northern Virginia spring will cooperate with lots of sunshine and good temperatures. Usually around this area, spring time weather is fickle with cold temperatures and overcast skies, and even an occasional March snow dusting. Over the years, many early spring season high school sporting events have been played in temperatures anywhere from the 30's to 40's. Baseball is my favorite sport but I can recall covering countless high school games which seemed endless and to be moving at a snail's pace because of the bitter cold weather conditions.

Many of the area prep school teams will travel to warmer areas over the upcoming spring break, such as Florida or South Carolina. This will, quite likely, allow them to get in a full week of quality practice time and games without having to endure cold temperatures. By the time they return to Fairfax County, the weather here will hopefully have turned the corner and there will be blue skies and good reason to dress in short sleeves.

Of all the high school sports seasons, the spring time athletic calendar seems to whoosh by in a flash. Once teams have gotten through the rocky first month or so - often spending practice time indoors because of the poor weather - spring break has come and gone and they are in the heart of their respective schedules with the postseason only a few weeks away. The two or three weeks leading up to the playoffs are filled with lots of games, including make-ups from earlier season postponements, over a short period of time.

**FOR SENIORS**, this is a bitter-sweet time in their high school athletic careers because it marks the final stage of their playing careers as representatives of their home town schools. Whereas three-sport senior athletes can complete their fall and winter sports seasons realizing they still have their spring sports season ahead, there is no such extension following the spring season. Seniors, as the spring sports season begins winding down, have lots on their plates such as finishing their season and high school playing careers strongly, winding up their scholastic work, finalizing college plans for the following fall and, of course, preparing for graduation day when family



As the spring moves on, temperatures warm up and the high school sports action gains more and more intense and exciting.

members and friends will celebrate what has been accomplished over their four years of the high school life.

Many student-athletes will go on to play sports in college. Most will find that the college sports world is more challenging than high school as coaches teach and insist that their freshmen improve their dedication and all around play to a higher level. While athletics will remain fulfilling, perhaps even to a greater extent, at the college level, the demands of balancing time dedicated to their sports and excelling in the classroom will be difficult but at the same time quite rewarding as student-athletes prove to themselves what they are capable of accomplishing with hard work.

But there is really no rush to push things faster along than they are already moving for today's high school senior athletes. We're not even at Easter yet, so the bulk of the spring sports season is still ahead. There will be lots of game-winning soccer goals, brilliant catches in the outfield, and races won at the wire to fill up scrapbooks and a lifetime of sporting memories.

While the spring sports playoffs in the months ahead will be going up against all of the graduation parties, preparations for final exams, and summer-time plans, student-athletes will, make no mistake, still be able to focus on the task ahead and end their respective seasons and careers with a bang. Seniors, realizing it's their final chance to shine as members of their high school team, will give it everything they've got over the final few weeks of the season and on into the playoffs. District, regional, and even state playoff games will be played in spectacular fashion as athletes and their teams look to leave a lasting mark on the school year and their playing careers.

For area sports fans who have enjoyed high school sports over the course of the past fall and winter seasons, this is no time to put a halt to attending high school sports events. There is a great spring season ahead as area school teams give it all they've got on their fields of play. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate. If it does, get ready for an exhilarating, fast-moving spring season of high school sports action.

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Christy Winters Scott (center), shown here two weeks ago at the ACC Women's Basketball Tournament in Greensboro, N.C. where she was honored as an ACC basketball legend.

COURTESY PHOTO

## Winters Scott Honored As Basketball Legend

Christy Winters Scott, the South Lakes High girls' basketball coach and a Reston resident since 1976, was honored at the ACC Women's Basketball Tournament, held March 3-6 in Greensboro, N.C., as a Legend of Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Women's Basketball.

Winters Scott, a former University of Maryland women's basketball standout, has previously been honored as a First Team All-ACC, Kodak All-East Region selection, and Hall of Fame Inductee at Maryland. She is also a member of the South Lakes High Athletic Hall of Fame.

Winters Scott, who played at Maryland from 1986-1990, ranks sixth all time in scoring for the Terrapins with 1,679 points. She is also seventh in rebounding (723), and third in career games played (123). Winters Scott is one of just five Maryland players to score more than 700 field goals in school history and she ranks in the top 10 in

both blocked shots (7th, 91 blocked shots) and field goal percentage (10th, .537).

Along with her current duties as South Lakes' head coach, Winters Scott is also involved in covering the sport through several media outlets, such as being co-producer and co-host of the Roundball Report on CTV; and serving as a TV analyst and commentator for Comcast Sports and Fox Sports South, covering women's basketball for the WNBA's Washington Mystics, as well as the ACC and CAA. She is also a camp director for the Washington Wizards and Mystics Youth Basketball Camps and Clinics.

Previously, Winters Scott has served as an assistant women's basketball coach at the University of Maryland, George Mason University, and Georgetown University.

She and her husband, Jerome Scott, Sr., reside in Reston with their three children, Jerome Scott, Jr., Brianna Scott, and Jordan Scott.



## O'Neill to Play Football at Saint Anselm College

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## February 28, 2011



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Whew! Am I glad it's today, February 28, 2011. Not that there was anything imminent about yesterday, February 27, 2011 – my two-year anniversary (some anniversary) and end date of my original life-expectancy prognosis but, when you're given two years to live, the date on which that anniversary arrives (although my oncologist has said that there's nothing particularly/inevitably accurate about such dates), is a day of reckoning, to be sure. And since I'm still alive, I reckon I'll make note of it, yet again – in arrears this week.

Not so much as an accomplishment, as in I did it. More like a date of destiny that is now behind me. Now I can focus (or try to, anyway; let's be honest here) on something else, a future beyond a specific date. And just like my rear end is behind me and I don't see it too much, maybe I can put this two-year anniversary date behind me and not see it too much – for what it was: the unexpected end of my life. ("I'm too young to die, too handsome; well, too young." Curly Howard of The Three Stooges.) Life goes on. Now what?

Perhaps I can – or will – consider the possibilities and stop trying to figure the probabilities? Perhaps I can forget about the past (my diagnosis) and only focus on the present/future, live for today and take advantage of the gift of life that I've been given/earned? Perhaps I can get out of my own way (emotionally) and resume living a normal life ("normal" meaning one without cancer)? Perhaps I can finish this column with being sophomoric? I am a college graduate after all. I should know better. Just because I've lived this long doesn't exactly mean I'll live a lot longer.

In fact/in my reality, nothing is going to change, except maybe for the worse. I need to keep doing/thinking exactly as I have in the past because whatever I've been doing/thinking has caused me to outlive my original prognosis and for my oncologist to characterize my health as "Amazing," and to say that my tumors are in "partial stable remission," if you recall a previous column. All that has changed – and should change living forward, is my specific focus. It's no longer a date. Now the dates ahead are endless, not nearing an end.

Having made it this far (lived this long) though, I feel unburdened somehow. There's no deadline (pun intended) anymore. However, just as difficult as it is to turn around an ocean liner after it's headed out to sea (they don't exactly turn on a dime), so too will it be difficult for me to not be ever mindful of having cancer, and of having surpassed a date, random though it may semi have been, when my doctor told me my diagnosis and said that I might not be alive in "13 months to two years."

But I am alive, and oddly enough, a bit unsure; in fact, more unsure than I've been in almost two years. For these past two years, I've had a goal, sort of, my life expectancy, as provided by my oncologist: February 27, 2011. Having that date as a goal may have helped carry me/motivate throughout this ordeal. And though I may not have been exactly sure what kind of certainty to associate with that date while pursuing it, having reached it yesterday – and passed it today, has given me pause to reflect, and to write these last two columns.

I sort of feel like a dog (or a cat) who chases something (some kind of toy, perhaps) and then finally catches it. Having never previously caught the toy, the dog doesn't know what to do with it. Its life has been the pursuit, not the actual realization of that pursuit. Not that I ever thought that reaching these two dates would be cause for celebration (more like a miracle), but now that I've reached them, I'm uncomfortable being here without having any dates ahead to pull me forward. I will admit to one thing, though, I sure don't want to go backwards.

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**43149 Laughing Quail Ct, Ashburn**  
**\$1,000,000**  
MLS LO7545256  
Gorgeous 5BR, 7BA home profess. landscaped & backs to pond. Every builder option is in this house. Beamed ceiling, grand entrance

w/double staircase, 2-story FR, sunroom off kitchen & windowed conservatory. Gourmet kitchen w/all the bells n whistles. HUGE WALK-OUT basement w/wet bar, 2 BAs, BR, media rm, game room & many full size windows. Fantastic deck, gazebo & patio w/perfect views



**OPEN SUN. 1-4**

**10718 Midsummer Dr, Reston**  
**\$665,000**  
MLS FX7549564  
Gorgeous GULICK Contemporary home on private wooded lot. Bright home w/wall of windows & high vaulted ceilings. Completely updated kitchen & upper BAs. Master

BR has vaulted wood ceiling & hardwood floors. Large BRs w/1 BR on main. Wrap around deck w/hot tub. It's like the perfect mountain retreat right in Reston with all the amenities, shopping & restaurants just minutes away!



**13100 Bramblewood Ln, Herndon**  
**\$585,000**  
MLS FX7542013  
Largest model on cul-de-sac beside protected, common area in Franklin Farm. Home has new hardwood floors, paint, roof, granite.

ite. 4 spacious & bright BRs, HUGE MBR w/ sitting area, vaulted ceilings & large MBA. Fantastic deck facing wooded lot - so much room for play! Desired school cluster! Great basement to make your own!



**12031 Creekbend Dr, Reston**  
**\$965,000**  
MLS FX7545147  
Gorgeous 5 BR, 4.5BA colonial on tree-filled lot is steps from Town Center. Gourmet kitchen w/42" cabinets & granite. 2 FPs, hard-

woods throughout main, beautiful molding & so many windows! Amazing, HUGE Walk-UP basement perfect for entertaining. Bay windows, vaulted ceilings, BIG rooms...this home has it ALL. Large deck looks to open backyard with plenty of room to play!



**UNDER CONTRACT**

**6104 Winnepeg Dr, Burke**  
**\$550,000**  
MLS FX7548532  
Gorgeous home backing to conservancy land in the heart of Burke Center. Immaculate, bright and open. Updated

kitchen and baths. Great fenced lot and landscaped yard. Finished basement includes sep. full BR and full BA. Close to everything - shops, restaurants, Ft. Belvoir and major transportation arteries and public transit.



**21890 Hyde Park Drive, Ashburn**  
**\$785,000**  
MLS LO7543341  
Gorgeous 6BR/5.5BA home w/phenomenal 1/2 acre lot backing to common area, trees. Bright, open floorplan incl. gourmet kitchen,

sunny 2-story FR w/FP. Newly refin. gorgeous hardwoods. HUGE walkout bsmt w/2nd FP REC room, workout rm, sauna, BR & full BA. ALL UPPER BR have OWN full BA. Beautiful hard/ landscaping incl huge trex deck, slate walkway & patio. Storage galore!



**851 N. Glebe Rd #309, Arlington**  
**\$431,900**  
MLS AR7520540  
REDUCED - Don't miss this BRIGHT, 1BR w/Den-2ndBR with over 900 sq. ft. In the heart of Ballston, steps from the METRO, secure w/parking in underground

garage. Fireplace, balcony and kitchen features maple cabinets, granite counters & ceramic flooring. Fantastic building amenities incl. rooftop pool, business center, gym & movie room. 2nd parking spot can be rented. STEPS 2 shopping & restaurants!



**12800 Lady Fairfax Cir, Herndon**  
**\$365,000**  
MLS FX7533431  
Gorgeous short sale on HUGE corner lot! Screened-in porch, electric fence! Updated kit w/granite, 42" cherry cabinets, backsplash, bay

window & eat in area. Large SUNNY BRs & beautiful, spa MBA. Extras incl. crown molding, chair rail & GAS FP Garage converted into HUGE bonus REC ROOM (easy to convert back!) Long driveway means u still have space to park! Short Sale - make an offer!



**UNDER CONTRACT**

**7833 Mulberry Bottom Ln, Springfield**  
**\$540,000**  
MLS FX7539795  
Completely NEW home built in 2010! Gorgeous gourmet kitchen w/2 ovens, SS appl, ample storage, cork floors, cherry cabs. &

breakfast bar. Upgraded flooring EVERYWHERE! HUGE MBR w/spa bath, custom closets & upper deck. Steam shower in 2nd BA. Whole house generator, shed, hot tub, pond & deck! Garage w/ built-in storage! Skylights, ceiling fans, amazing details!



**COMING SOON**

**Ethel Court, Manassas**  
**\$900,000**  
Beautiful custom built home on the Occoquan River, set on over 5+ acres, a hunting & fishing paradise! Picture windows throughout offers wonderful views year round, 3 finished

lvls w/5 lg bdms, 4full/2half baths, loft & wine cellar. Master suite on main floor. Large 2 level deck scales, entire back of home, overlooking trees, private dock & river.



**UNDER CONTRACT**

**2434 Coopers Branch, Herndon**  
**\$255,000**  
MLS FX7484574

What a DEAL! Largest 3-level 3BR, 2.5BA model in comm. RARE 2-CAR GARAGE! Hardwood thruout main level. Gourmet kitchen w/granite, cherry cab., island, ceramic tile. So many windows, bright & sunny. All the extras: crown molding, FP, box window, laundry on main. Plus balcony & alarm system. Lrg. MBR has vaulted ceilings w/fan, walk-in closet. Lrg. secondary BRs & 1 BR has 2 closets!



**OPEN SUN. 1-4**

**8793 Ellis Mills Dr, Gainesville**  
**\$455,000**  
MLS PW7548553  
So much LARGER than it looks! This 3700 sq. ft. home is BETTER than NEW! Better LOT (1/3+ acre), it is available NOW, NO cost to paint or add window treatments. Basement & patio already finished! Large Gourmet kitchen. 5BRs UPSTAIRS & 4.5 BAs. WUP basement. FP porch, Laundry on Upper. STORAGE in basement & Garage. VRE 7 miles, Direct Metro Bus to DC 5 min away.



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