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FAITH

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

Trinity Presbyterian Church, 651 Dranesville Road, Herndon, has Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery and childcare are provided and youth and adult Sunday school classes are held prior, from 9:40-10:45 a.m. 703-437-5500 or www.trinityherndon.org.

Vajrayogini Buddhist Center, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston, holds weekly classes starting Sept. 12, Thursdays 7-8:30 p.m., for

the general public which use Buddhist teachings to practice meditation. \$12. 202-986-2257 or www.meditation-dc.org.

St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 1700 Wainwright Drive in Reston, holds Sunday services at 7:45 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and contemporary service at 5 p.m. Nursery, Sunday school and adult education available. Morning prayer on Monday at 9:30, Holy Eucharist Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. 703-437-6530 or www.stannes-reston.org.

Adult Sunday school will be held 9:30 a.m. Sundays at the Washington Plaza Baptist Church at Lake Anne Vil-

lage Center. The group is studying the Gospel of Mark. Services follow at 11 a.m.

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

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and the Jewish Outreach Institute offer the Mothers/Parents Circle, an umbrella of free educational events and resources. Jewish rituals, ethics and the creation of a Jewish home, regular meetings and group

Shabbats and holidays. Participants include Sha'are Shalom, Congregation Beth Emeth, Temple Rodef Shalom and the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia. ShalomDC.org.

Epiphany United Methodist Preschool, 1014 Country Club Drive, N.E. in Vienna, is now enrolling 3- to 4-year-old students for the 2010/2011 school year. 703-938-2391 or www.epiphanypreschool.com.

Hope Fellowship Church will temporarily be meeting at Woody's Golf Range, 11801 Leesburg Pike, Herndon. Sunday worship services for the Southern Baptist church are at 10:45 a.m.

The public is invited to join a Bible believing, multi-ethnic/multi-cultural congregation, with Bible-based sermons and uplifting music. 703-599-3527 or www.hopefellowshipchurchloudoun.org.

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

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Reston Lake Anne Hosts Holiday Event

Weather does not hinder traditional Reston event.

BY RYAN DUNN
THE CONNECTION

Umbrellas and rain gear was all the fashion on Saturday, Dec. 6. Despite wet weather, parents and children still waited by Lake Anne Plaza in Reston for the visit by Santa Claus. Two events were being held in conjunction with each other, one the reception at Lake Anne Reston Community Center for the Gifts from the HeART Exhibit. The second event was the annual “Jingle on Lake Anne Plaza.”

Reston resident Patricia McIntyre helped operate a crafts table with friend Joyce Duke. McIntyre is the owner and director of the Reston Art Gallery & Studios, also located at Lake Anne Plaza. “I have spent time watching the children grow up and bring their own children here,” said McIntyre. Although the pet farm and music entertainment were canceled due to rain-fall, children still enjoyed working at the craft table and welcoming the visit by Santa Claus.

Similar to previous years, Santa visited Lake Anne Plaza via a barge piloted by Reston Association president Ken Knueven. This year was Knueven’s second time captaining the barge for the “Jingle on Lake Anne Plaza” event. “I am flattered to do this, it is a lot of fun,” said Knueven. “Reston is about tradition, and Lake Anne is where you can find a lot of Reston’s heritage.” In 2015, redevelopment construction is expected to begin at Lake Anne Plaza. The interior of Lake Anne Plaza has been designated a historic district and is not a part of the redevelopment, although nearby sections of the current parking lot and several buildings not connected to the interior are included.

AS SANTA ARRIVED he was welcomed with cheers by both children and parents. He then entered Reston’s Used Book Shop to greet children and take photos. Reston’s Used Book Shop has serviced Reston since 1978, and owners Bud and Susan Burwell create a literary living room in the shop for readers of all ages. “The turnout for this year was better than expected,” said Bud Burwell.

“It is a great event, even though the weather is not so nice,” said Paul Palmisciano, a resident of Fairfax. Palmisciano attended the event with his wife and family. The Reston Community Center Holiday Gift Shopping Event on Saturday, Dec. 6, was a one-day event offering visitors the chance to see tables of original artwork that included ornaments, small and large paintings, notecards, textiles, pottery, sculpture, fused glass and jewelry. One of



PHOTO BY RYAN DUNN/THE CONNECTION
Santa took time to greet children and take photos at Reston’s Used Book Shop on Saturday, Dec. 6.



Reston resident Patricia McIntyre helped operate a crafts table at the 2014 “Jingle on Lake Anne Plaza” in Reston.

the many artists was Reston artist Lassie Corbett who brought a selection of watercolors for sale.

Participating artists in the Gifts from the HeART Exhibit donate ten percent of their proceeds from sales during the Holiday Gift Shopping Event and throughout the months of December and January to help Corner-

stones continue their work. This includes operation of the Embry Rucker Community Shelter, the Laurel Learning Center and their Community Services Outreach, which provides job counseling, emergency food, and youth programs. Another artist in the show was Fairfax resident Stephanie Gleichsner who brought a display of pet



The Reston Community Center Holiday Gift Shopping Event on Saturday, Dec. 6, was a one-day event offering visitors the chance to see tables of original artwork. One of the many artists attending was Fairfax resident Stephanie Gleichsner.

portrait cards with images she had drawn. “This is my first year in this event,” said Gleichsner, who has previously sold her work in the outdoor plaza at Lake Anne.

Katie Jones, Executive Director of Reston Museum and South Lakes High School alumna applauded the work by local businesses at Lake Anne Plaza to continue the “Jingle on Lake Anne Plaza.” “I think it is a wonderful tradition, it is a wonderful, family oriented event,” said Jones. The Reston Historic Trust (RHT) operates the Reston Museum & Shop located at Lake Anne Plaza which offers community exhibits, archives, walking tours, and public events including the annual Home Tour and annual Founder’s Day. In April this year over 1,500 persons crowded the Lake Anne-Washington Plaza for accolades from Virginia elected officials for the 50th celebration of the founding of Reston.

SATURDAY, DEC. 20 Reston Association’s Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee will hold a bike tour around Reston to see holiday lights. The route includes North Reston paths and secondary roads. The ride will be canceled if there is rain/ice/snow. Riders are required to have a front light. Helmets are strongly recommended and required if under 15 years old. The starting point will be Lake Anne Plaza parking lot.



Fairfax County Schools Superintendent Karen Garza talks about some of the challenges the school system has faced at the listening tour at Hunters Woods Elementary.



Racha Heizer, parent, explains some of the problems she has had with the schools her child has attended during Superintendent Karen Garza's listening tour at Hunters Woods Elementary.

County Superintendent Listens to Reston

Karen Garza's listening tour stops at Hunters Woods Elementary.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

She's listening. At the last stop of 2014 for her listening tour, Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Karen Garza listened to parents, students, teachers and residents about their concerns about the school system, ranging from cyberbullying to teacher pay on Saturday morning at Hunters Woods Elementary.

Several parents of children with special needs spoke up about the achievement gap and bullying that happens within the school walls.

Racha Heizer, who has a child at Lake Braddock Secondary, said the school has a sink-or-swim philosophy when it comes to children like her own.

"They're being systematically separated by the administrators," she said.

John Farrell, who has four children with special needs who attend the South Lakes Pyramid, wanted to know why dyslexia has been ignored as a special need by the school administrators.

"What people don't know is that 10 percent to 20 percent of our population has dyslexia," he said.

He said the lack of proper help for dyslexia could lead to discipline, self-image and progress issues for students.

"I'd like to find out how many dyslexics we have," he said.

Garza said the schools are currently in the process of working on that.

ANOTHER PROBLEM has been brewing at South Lakes High School. According to parents, a rash of cyberbullying has occurred via twitter under the handle #shitlaurasays. The person who is behind the tag, parents said, tags students she feels are ugly, overweight or simply imperfect in

Fairfax County Schools Superintendent Karen Garza writes down comments and concerns from citizens during the listening tour at Hunters Woods Elementary.

other ways and tags them so they and the rest of their class can see it.

Several of the parents said they were concerned this student may be mentally ill and could possibly go further like bringing a gun to school because she is not getting enough attention through twitter.

"I will not have it on my conscious that anyone at South Lakes would get hurt," said Kristina Rose, Reston.

Another parent said the school has not communicated with many of the incidents in the last several months, including when there was a gun threat at the school. Marguerite Leishman, Reston, said she has to find out about most of these incidents through her daughter, who is one of the vic-



tims of the cyberbullying episode.

"I feel like the school stonewalled us out," she said.

Leishman said she wants the school system to find out who this cyberbully is - a person at the school she said is not Laura but is hiding behind the name.

Garza said social media is a "major challenge" because students are connected to each other at all times. For the first time, she announced that the school system plans to partner with Crime Stoppers and offer a cash reward for tips on incidents like the one at South Lakes High School.

"I've seen that be very effective, because guess what? Students will tell, especially when money is involved," she said.

With the rollout of full-day Mondays at the beginning of the school year, many teachers scrambled last minute to change their lesson plans. When the schools were short of teachers, said Heather Palmeto, elementary school counselor who did not want to disclose the school she taught at, counselors were asked to teach classes.

Heather broke down into tears when she said she wanted to spend more time helping students who came to her with problems rather than ask them to "hold that thought" for 30 minutes.

"It's really hard when you're so locked in," she said.

Herndon resident Danielle LaRosa said she has a 10-year-old daughter whose teacher has 35 student classrooms. In addition, that teacher also teaches special education.

"She is level four and has not gotten a raise," she said. "I don't know how much longer we're going to keep them."

IN PAST DISCUSSIONS, Garza noted that some schools near counties paying higher wages are experiencing teachers - particularly the younger ones, leaving.

"I will tell you that we will solve class sizes. We will solve it," said Garza.

She said she is going on record that the problem will be solved for next year's classes and parents can see her presentation on the mid-year budget at the Jan. 8 School Board meeting.

Another challenge the school system has faced in the recent years is the decline of student mental health and wellness. She said the school has implemented later high school start times and special teacher training. Also, she is meeting with high school principals now so students have less hours of homework to complete every night.

"I want you to know we heard you," she said. "This is a community issue. We can't solve it in our schools alone."

More information about the next listening tours can be found at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/listening-2014-15.shtml>.

NEWS



Community Leaders Honored

At a festive get together on Lake Audubon hosted by Keith and Kimberley Hartke, RCA honored three outstanding community leaders and public policy analysts — Colin Mills (former RCA Board President); Terry Maynard (former RCA Board member and Chair of RCA's Reston 2020 Committee); and, Dick Rogers (former RCA Board member and Reston 2020 Senior Analyst. Seated, from left: Dick Rogers, Colin Mills, Terry Maynard, Connie Hartke, Robin Hogan. Standing: Hank Schonzeit, Diana Rogers, George Kain, Leslie Mills, Jennifer Mills, Susan Maynard, Tammi Petrine, John Hanley, Fran Lovaas, John Lovaas and Paul Hartke.

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OPINION

Make a Plan, Talk About It

Here is help in keeping impaired drivers off the roads.

The holiday party season is upon us, and with it an increase in drinking and driving. It's up to you to make a plan to get home safely.

Plan to bring a designated driver. Plan to take public transportation. Plan to celebrate at home or someplace where you can spend the night. Plan to abstain.

And if all of that fails, the Washington Regional Alcohol Project has a safety net for you.

WRAP, a local nonprofit organization, will offer free cab rides to would-be drunk drivers throughout Northern Virginia during the winter holidays.

More than 10,000 people died in drunk driving related accidents in 2012, including more than 200 in Virginia and 160 in Maryland. Tens of thousands more were injured. Holidays lead to an increase in impaired driving, the Christmas and New Year season in particular.

The annual Holiday SoberRide program will operate nightly from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. starting Friday, Dec. 12, 2014, and continuing until Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015 as a way to keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during



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days since a still-unnamed Fairfax County police officer shot unarmed John Geer standing in the doorway of Geer's home in Springfield, then let him bleed to death on Aug. 29, 2013. No information has been released about the incident, officers involved not named, no explanation, no grand jury, no charges. (as of Dec. 10, 2014)

this traditionally high-risk, holiday period.

During these times, area residents celebrating with alcohol can call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI for a no-cost (up to \$30 fare), safe way home.

Safe Ride Home

WRAP's 2014 Holiday SoberRide program will be offered from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. nightly from Dec. 12, 2014 to Jan. 1, 2015. To receive a free cab ride home (up to a \$30 fare), call 800-200-8294 (TAXI). See SoberRide.com information listed below for important details concerning this program.

Callers will be responsible for fare amounts over \$30.

Since 1993, WRAP's SoberRide program has provided more than 61,000 free cab rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Greater Washington area.

We know that many young people over 21 are living at home with parents, or will be visiting for the holidays. Parents, be brave. Have a conversation with your children whether they are under or over 21. Be sure those over 21 have a plan, and are equipped with the SoberRide number.

SoberRide is not available for underage drinkers, but parents still should talk to their children about their plans, and tell them out loud that you expect them not to drive impaired and not to get into a car with an impaired driver. Tell them to call you, and you'll come get them if necessary. The news has been full of teachable moments about the consequences and vulnerabilities of drinking to excess, drinking and driving and beyond. Don't let the opportunity to talk about it pass you by.

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A Legislator's Holiday Season

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COMMENTARY

The multiple celebrations that make up the holiday season bring travel, big meals, and family and friend reunions. For state legislators the end of the year and the holidays bring an additional dimension: preparation for the next legislative session. The Virginia Constitution provides that the General Assembly shall meet each year on the second Wednesday in January. This year that is Jan. 14, a later date than in most years.

Leading up to opening of the General Assembly session there is a great deal of preparation that needs to be done. Study committees that have been meeting throughout the year

conclude their work in order that their reports can be written and legislative drafted. In order to spread out the workload on staff for the Division of Legislative Services that does the statutory drafting, a deadline is set in early December so that bills that are to be filed early can be drafted. A limitation on the number of bills that can be introduced after the session begins encourages members to get their bill drafting requests in early which happens to be during the time of preparing for the holidays.

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Senators Weigh In on Fairfax Police Killing

BY JOHN LOVAAS
RESTON IMPACT PRODUCER/
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INDEPENDENT
PROGRESSIVE

We have positive developments in the still unexplained slaying of John Geer by a still unidentified Fairfax County police officer on Aug. 29, 2013. Fairfax Police Chief Ed Roessler refuses to release the shooter's name or any information. Commonwealth Attorney Ray Morrogh, who is responsible for investigating police criminality but is usually more a mouthpiece for the cops, declined to investigate at all. Citing a mystery conflict of interest, he passed the case to the U.S. Attorney.

The latter says he is doing an investigation "...to determine whether the shooting involved prosecutable violations of Mr. Geer's civil rights." It turns out the police have not been very coopera-

get the cops to provide evidence. Meanwhile the Board of Supervisors, nominal superiors of the County cops, have stood by in craven silence for the 16 months since Mr. Geer was gunned down. John Geer's family-father, partner, and children-waited patiently for over a year for an explanation. It never came. They recently sued FCPD for \$12 million—payable by the taxpayers. Finally, a Virginia State Senator and a U.S. Senator are speaking up about the inaction by Fairfax authorities, in particular.

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Eleanor Lamb (center left) assists grandson Lenny with a Christmas baking project while daughter Stephanie and grandson Stevie look on. Lamb — who has 10 grandchildren — has found the new kitchen invaluable for family gatherings.



To help Lambs create a multi-zone family kitchen with room for all, designer Sherry Wohn at Abbey Design Center developed a plan for a 400 sq ft kitchen/great room. The family dining table is in the front half of the space, where a formal dining room was previously.

PHOTOS BY JACQUELINE BINKLEY

A Family Kitchen in Time for the Holidays

Remodel makes room for the whole family in the “heart of the house.”

BY JOHN BYRD

A holiday wish fulfilled, that’s how Eleanor Lamb characterizes her newly-remodeled kitchen/dining room when she observes all 20 members of the extended family comfortably seated for Thanksgiving dinner.

By most standards it’s a large gathering, and yet the brightly-lit, cleverly-zoned great room stretching from the front to the back of the family’s center hall Colonial has room for all — 400 square feet, in fact, excluding the walk-in pantry.

The new space has been years in coming to fruition. The Lambs bought their brick two-level house in Herndon nearly 30 years ago and raised three children. Now the children are raising families of their own and, for Mark and Eleanor Lamb, what counts is happy grand parenting...and getting together.

The makeover is an obvious change for the better. Last year, the front-facing half of the new kitchen was a traditional formal dining room complete with long drapery and a Chippendale-style table that seated eight. Those not at the table were mostly situated somewhere in the kitchen. Eleanor regularly moved between stove and table. A hostess utilizing a circa-1980’s floorplan in accordance with its design.

When a neighbor enlarged their kitchen, however, Lamb noticed. Eventually she wandered into the Abbey Design show room in Sterling where a fateful meeting occurred.

As Sherry Wohn, the designer at Abbey who developed the Lamb kitchen solution, remembers it:

“Eleanor was grappling with how to enlarge her kitchen while staying inside the perimeter of the existing house. One option was to join the kitchen to the family room along the rear of the house; the other entailed co-opting the front-facing dining room.”

The core problems for Lamb, though, were cramped working surfaces and restricted storage compounded by rooms that seemed too dark and clutter-prone.

“The wooden cabinet facings were dated,” Lamb said. “Things I needed regularly were hard to access. I wanted an open space that would allow everyone to interact easily, but would also provide places where I could work on projects with my grandchildren but wasn’t sure how to proceed.”

Early-on, Lamb decided in favor of extending the kitchen forward. “I didn’t want to lose the family room,” she said.

In short order, attention shifted to how best to unify and re-configure the combined square footage of the existing kitchen and dining room.

Removing the wall was uneventful — there was only one HVAC vent to re-route. But Lamb also wanted larger appliances — and more of them, well-defined activity zones, and dedicated space for family dining that would be just as elegant as the old dining room. Moreover, all of this should appear in a lighter, brighter, seamlessly-in-

tegrated new interior.

“The space offered a lot to work with,” Wohn said. “The bay style alcove in the rear brings in lots of light. The front archway opens directly to the foyer and there’s a large front-facing window. As a rule, natural light and visual continuum really work well in an open floorplan.”

WHAT EVOLVED from the collaboration is a generously-sized country-style kitchen that includes three ovens, a food preparation island and dining counter, a spacious rear-facing breakfast table, and formal front-room family dining zone with seating for eight. There is also a refrigerator/freezer twice the size of its predecessor, a 40-bottle wine cooler and a convection microwave.

From the start, the challenge for Wohn was how to optimally assemble so many moving parts into an efficiently functioning, cohesive whole that is also infectiously welcoming.

“The new footprint is about 12 feet wide,” Wohn says. “With the dining table in the front, I needed a plan that allows easy circulation, yet accommodates a lot of new appliances.”

Elegantly delineating the family’s primary dining area was also important. To set the right tone, Wohn designed glass-facing cabinets and handsome “sideboard” serving surfaces. The cabinetry provides storage for linens, flatware, family collectibles. It also eliminates the need for an old stand-alone china cabinet.

To keep critical inches uncluttered, Wohn borrowed about 22 square feet of front room floorspace for a wine chiller, a pair of stacked ovens and a 37-inch-wide refrigerator/freezer — all of which seem to disappear into the Macadamia-hued Banbridge style cabinetry and Tumbled Travertine wall surfaces.

“Apart from its decorative function, one the goals of finishwork is to visually scale-back objects that might otherwise seem too large,” Wohn said. “Textures, colors and shade variations help make a large space feel more intimate — which is the essence of an effective zoning strategy.”

Clad in light browns, tan and beige, the walls and cabinets present an even tranquil surface; porcelain flooring tiles — laid out diagonally — repeat a pattern in the backsplashes. Throughout, variation and visual rhythm make a large space feel intimate.

“The room feels very relaxing, partly because it’s so effectively designed,” said Lamb. “I’ve got a lot more space for preparing meals — but thru-traffic stays out of my work zones.”

Better yet, since the food preparation island is also a lunch counter that seats four, Lamb can catch up with her grandchildren while slicing vegetables or seasoning the stew.

“It’s fun. I’ve always said the kitchen is the heart of the house,” Lamb said. “And now it truly is.”

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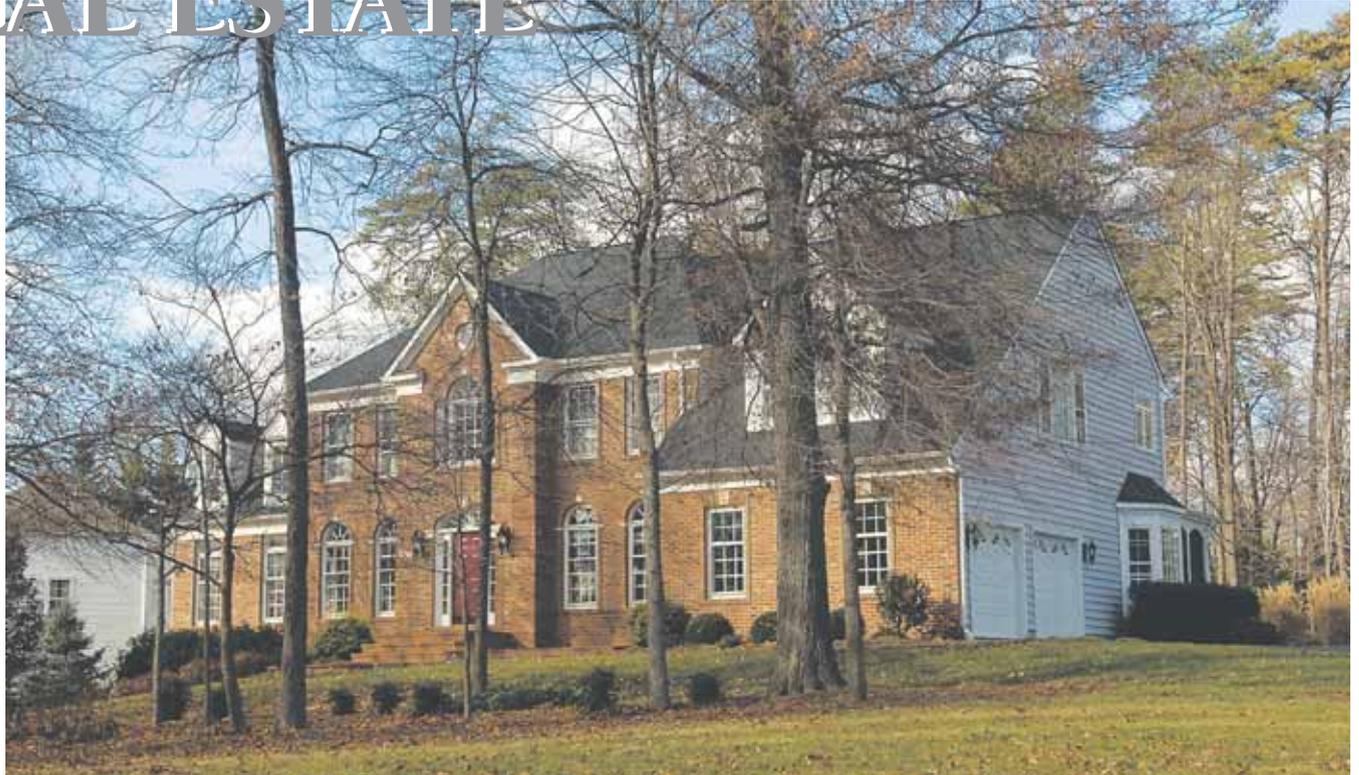
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Herndon — \$860,000



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\$762,500



9 2015 Beacon Place,
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2 12816 MONROE MANOR DR	4	3	1		HERNDON	\$860,000	Detached	0.37	20171	MONROE MANOR	10/31/14	
3 12409 MACAO CT	3	2	1		OAK HILL	\$800,000	Detached	0.83	20171	MYTERRA MANOR	10/06/14	
4 11402 NORTHWIND CT	5	3	1		RESTON	\$800,000	Detached	0.23	20194	RESTON	10/28/14	
5 11012 RACCOON RIDGE CT	4	2	1		RESTON	\$785,000	Detached	0.93	20191	RACCOON RIDGE	10/14/14	
6 1304 PAVILION CLUB WAY	5	4	1		RESTON	\$775,000	Detached	0.12	20194	RESTON	10/21/14	
7 2022 PEPPERMINT CT	4	2	1		RESTON	\$762,500	Detached	0.35	20191	RESTON	10/02/14	
8 2511 BRANDING IRON CT	5	3	1		HERNDON	\$750,000	Detached	0.24	20171	SYCAMORE RIDGE	10/29/14	
9 2015 BEACON PL	4	2	1		RESTON	\$750,000	Detached	0.15	20191	RESTON	10/10/14	
10 2454 CYPRESS GREEN LN	4	3	1		HERNDON	\$720,000	Detached	0.11	20171	GREAT OAK	10/24/14	

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2015 New Year Remodeling Resolutions

BY JOSHUA BAKER
BOWA



After all the holiday festivities have passed and the ball has dropped to ring in the New Year, many homeowners are inspired to tackle resolutions that relate to their living space. 2015 may be the year you want to remodel your home to allow for the changes occurring in your life. Perhaps you want to build out an office which will allow you to work from home? Maybe 2015 is the year you want to avoid climbing stairs, so moving the master suite to the first floor may be on your resolution list?

One thing is certain in life — family needs are always evolving. As kids come and go, aging parents move in, greener technology becomes available, and we look for more creature comforts in our homes, individuals and families need and want to update living spaces.

So, if you're thinking 2015 is the year to make changes to your home to better suit your changing lifestyle needs, I would encourage you to review some of the following top home remodeling resolutions.

TIP #1: Planning For My Long-Term Home Needs

Given the fact that a home remodeling project can be a significant investment of both time and money, I would strongly recommend that your family has thought through all elements of the remodeling job to make sure it will work for family's long-term living needs. You want the work done on your home to both improve your day-to-day life and add to the future value of your home, so ensuring the decision makers in your family are all on the same page is critical.

Also, as your family plans to remodel your home, we recommend considering the best times for your home to be under construction. We find that since families tend to travel more during the summer months, that is a good time for a remodeling project as the process may be less disruptive and the work can move quicker.

TIP #2: Research What You Like

One of the best things you can do to prepare for sitting down with a professional remodeler is to find

pictures of aspects of homes that you like. Being able to show examples of your preferences is extremely helpful to ensure your tastes are understood and incorporated into the design, and often, the materials selected for your remodeling project.

Websites like Houzz.com or Pinterest.com offer thousands of ideas that you can explore and print out to help you define the look and feel you desire to achieve with your new finished space. You can also save them in an online account that can be viewed by your potential remodel company.

TIP #3: Do Your Homework on the Best Remodeling Company

As with any significant investment, make sure you do due diligence before signing on with a design-build firm. Remodeling remains one of the most reported industries, so be sure to talk with the firm's client references and visit recent projects they have completed to get a sense for their craftsmanship. You may also want to ask about employee tenure and which professionals will be working with you through the remodeling process. It is important to know who will be your single point of accountability.

With a single point of accountability for the entire design and construction process, you can work alongside your architectural team and other specialists to ensure reliable materials are specified, drawings are clear, and challenges are addressed to lay the groundwork for a smooth production process. Most importantly, this team approach ensures that the project that is being designed aligns with your budget goals, and finds areas of efficiencies and appropriate cost savings wherever possible.

These three tips will help you to achieve the best approach and find a design-build team that will take accountability and manage the entire process while looking after your best interests. Remodeling professionals become part of your family during the process, so it's important to be extremely comfortable with the firm you choose.

Josh Baker is the founder and co-chairman of BOWA, an award-winning design and construction company specializing in luxury renovations, remodels and additions in the greater Washington, D.C. area. BOWA has more than 25 years of experience and has been honored with 170 local and national awards. Visit www.bowa.com or call 703-734-9050.

Saving Historic Homes

Residents could live virtually rent-free in exchange for repairing and maintaining homes.

Fairfax County might soon breathe life into historic homes that have fallen into disrepair. If an ordinance adopted by the County Board of Supervisors last month becomes law, the county will be one step closer to establishing a resident curator program.

The program, which would be the first in the Commonwealth of Virginia, allows indi-

viduals or groups to occupy publicly owned historic properties rent-free in for exchange repairs and maintenance.

"It allows us to preserve historic resources and limits our liability because some of the properties are empty and therefore invitations to vandalism," said Judy Pedersen, a spokeswoman for the Fairfax County Park Authority. She added that the program would also trans-

fer financial responsibility to the curator, saving taxpayers money.

Earlier this year, the county commissioned a study to explore the idea, taking in to consideration factors such as the types of properties that would be eligible, whether to allow commercial use and criteria for selecting curators.

Pederson said the county needs \$241,000 and a project manager in order to start the program "But we're on track and things are moving forward," she said.

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Send announcements to reston@connectionnewspapers.com. The deadline is the Friday prior to the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged.

THROUGH WEDNESDAY/DEC. 31

La Lumiere DuBois. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Hunters Woods Exhibit, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. An exhibit of the colorful nature photographs of award-winning artist, Michael DuBois. 703-476-4500.

THROUGH SATURDAY/JAN. 3, 2015

LineWorks: Drawing Redefined Exhibit at GRACE. 6 - 8 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. Thematic multi-media works by five artists, Lee Gainer, Sarah Irvin, Nikki Painter, Foon Sham, and Sarah Weinstock. 703-471-9242. www.restonarts.org.

THROUGH MONDAY/JAN. 5, 2015

Annual "Gifts from the HeART" to Benefit Reston Interfaith. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Jo Ann Rose Gallery, 1609 Washington Plaza N, Reston. Sales of original works of art in many mediums will benefit Cornerstones. 703-476-4500.

THURSDAY/DEC. 11

"Sounds of the Season." 7 p.m. South Lakes High School, 11400 S Lakes Drive, Reston. Holiday musical selections will be sung by the Women's Chorale, Men's Camerata as well as by a Cappella groups Noteworthy and DoReMigas. Free.
New After School Crazy 8's Math Club. 4:30 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center Street, Herndon. Grades K-2 get fired up with hands-on, mischief-making math activities. Register for each of the 8 Math-

Cool-After-School sessions.

FRIDAY/DEC. 12

Candle Making. 6:30 p.m. Walker Nature Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. Bring a little glow to your winter. Learn where wax comes from and discover how candles are made. Dip a pair of candles and decorate a pillar candle with natural materials. Keep your candles for yourself or give them away as gifts. There will be music and refreshments while we work. All supplies provided. Reservations required by Dec. 9. Fee: \$7/child RA members, \$9/child Non-members. Ages 5 to 12. For more information, email naturecenter@reston.org, or call 703-476-9689 and press 5.

Join Santa on a Train Ride. 12 - 6 p.m. Lake Fairfax Park, 1400 Lake Fairfax Dr., Reston. Admission: \$10. 703-471-5414.

Winter's Muse Fairfax Choral Society Youth Concert 5 p.m. First Baptist Church of Herndon, 681 Elden St., Herndon. Enjoy an afternoon of seasonal music interwoven with short, winter proverbs and witty observations performed by our very own West & South Campus choristers. Season Subscription Tickets: \$16 for Adults, \$8 for Students Advanced Tickets: \$20 for Adults, \$10 for Students Door Tickets: \$25 for Adults, \$10 for Students. 703-642-3277.

SATURDAY/DEC. 13

A Storybook Holiday. 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Enjoy a



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Scooby Doo and Tweety Bird glide along at the Reston Town Center Ice Skating Pavilion. A big hit with the younger skaters – and a few of the young at heart, as well – the two are part of the rink's Saturday Cartoon Character Skate. Scooby assured us that he would be there for many more Saturdays to come.

variety of holiday activities including a visit with Santa and crafts. \$14. 703-435-6800.

Breakfast with the Birds. 7:30 a.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Enjoy a winter morning of birding here at the nature center. Search for year-round residents and winter specialties like winter wrens, yellow-bellied sapsuckers and ravens. Afterwards, warm up with a hot breakfast at Nature House. Reservations required by Dec. 8. Fee: \$10/person RA members " \$15/person Non-members. For more information, email naturecenter@reston.org, or call 703-476-9689 and press 5.

Remembering the Battle of the Bulge. 2 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Historian Jim Lewis returns to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge. Join him to relive the massive German offensive that caught the Allied armies by surprise on Dec. 16, 1944 and would ultimately be the largest and deadliest battle for American forces during the war.

From the Ground Up Exhibit Reception. 7-9 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. Come meet From the Ground Up artist Pattee Hipschen at the exhibit reception. Light refreshments. This event is free and open to the public. For more information call 703-956-6590 or visit www.artspaceherndon.org.

Horse-drawn Carriage Ride. 4-9 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. \$5 per person. Children under 5 ride free. All proceeds benefit local charities. restontowncenter.com/holidays
Holiday Open House. 11 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman

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SUNDAY/DEC. 14

A Storybook Holiday Brunch. 11 a.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon. Children will prepare a craft, enjoy a visit from Santa and in addition, a special guest appearance who will read the ever popular Elf on the Shelf storybook. \$14 fee includes brunch for one caregiver and one child.

Mini-train Rides. 12-4 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. All donated proceeds benefit local charities. restontowncenter.com/holidays.

MONDAY/DEC. 15

Dress up Herndon for the Holidays. Judging from 6-8 p.m. Dress up your home and take part in the holiday spirit.

TUESDAY/DEC. 16

The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon Presents Big Wide Grin. 7:15 p.m. Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden Street, Herndon. Big Wide Grin is a Virginia-California trio of Elaine Dempsey (a Richmond native now based in the San Francisco area), Lawrence Lambert and Karl Werne. Lambert and Werne hail from Norfolk and Hampton, Va. Instrumentally, Werne provides the guitar backbone, with Dempsey and Lambert on rhythm guitar and supporting instruments. Tickets: DAHurdSr@cs.com. \$11 Members, \$12 non-members.

Baby Steps Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive. Ages 12-23 months with adult caregiver enjoy this interactive storytime. Openings.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 17

The Mitten. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Where do animals stay on a cold and snowy day? Snuggle in for story time and listen to Jan Brett's classic book. Make a mitten craft. Weather permitting, bundle up and take a walk to search for animal homes. Reservations required by December 12. Fee: \$7/child RA members, \$9/child Non-members.

For more information, email naturecenter@reston.org, or call 703-476-9689 and press 5. Ages 3 to 5.

Preschool Storytime. 11 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center Street, Herndon. Ages 3-5 with adult caregiver enjoy gingerbread and Jingle Bells stories, songs and rhymes. Openings.

All Ages Sing-A-Long With Santa. 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive. Join the Jingle Bell Orchestra to welcome Santa. Openings.

THURSDAY/DEC. 18

Toddler Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive. Age 2 and adult caregiver enjoy stories, songs, and fingerplay. Openings.

School Age Kid's Graphic Novel Book Club. 4 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive. This month's discussion: "Garfield & Co.: Home for the Holidays," by Jim Davis. Books are still available for check out at the Children's desk.

Book Discussion For Adults: Poetry. 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive. Informal gathering of poetry lovers to share own work or favorite poet.

FRIDAY/DEC. 19

Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive. Ages 3-5 with adult caregiver enjoy the early literacy program. Openings.

SATURDAY/DEC. 20

Horse-drawn Carriage Ride. 4-9 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. \$5 per person. Children under 5 ride free. All proceeds benefit local charities. restontowncenter.com/holidays.

SUNDAY/DEC. 21

Mini-train Rides. 12-4 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. All donated proceeds benefit local charities. restontowncenter.com/holidays

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 31

New Year's Eve Bonfire and Celebration. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. African Drum & band workshop (youth event; \$5/child or \$10/family) 7 - 8:30 p.m. Bonfire with Drum Circle (all ages; free), 8:30 - 10 p.m. A Night of Blues: Herbie D. & the Dangermen (\$25/single, \$50/couple) 10 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. Purchase tickets at www.artspaceherndon.org.

THURSDAY/JAN. 1, 2015

New Year's Day 5K. 10 a.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street,

Reston, Fountain Square. Kick off the New Year with a run from Reston Town Center with music, food, and fun celebration following the race. Presented by Potomac River Running. 703-689-0999 at praces.com/newyearsday

ONGOING

LRA Displays "Changing Colors." Through Friday, Jan. 9. Parkridge 5 Building, 10780 Parkridge Blvd., Reston. This League of Reston Artists' show includes original painting, mixed media, two-dimensional hangable art, and photography. Free. www.leagueofrestonartists.org.

Free Comedy Showcase. Thursdays 8:30 p.m., at Kalypso's Sports Tavern, 1617 Washington Plaza N., Lake Anne Village Center, Reston. Kalypso's hosts weekly comedy shows that feature some of the best national touring and local comedians in the area. Free of charge.

Family Fun Entertainment Series. Saturdays 10-10:45 a.m., at Reston Town Square Park, 11900 Market St., Reston. Every Saturday enjoy live shows, children's music and other child-friendly entertainment. 703-476-4500.

Movies and Mimosas. Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m., at Reston Town Center, 11940 Market St., Reston. Showings in the morning; look up showings online. www.bowticiemas.com.

Smart Markets. Wednesdays 3-7 p.m., Smart Markets at 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Smart Markets is a producer-only farmers' market that offers food and live music from local jazz group, devoted to supporting local economy and a healthier environment. For more information visit, facebook.com/

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Open Mic Night. Wednesdays 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Jimmy's Old Town Tavern, 697 Spring St., Herndon. Register your band at BluesSlide@aol.com or 703-593-5206. www.jimmystavern.com.

TGIF Free Fridays. 5-7 p.m., at Greater Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market St., Suite 103, Reston. An evening of family art making and storytelling. 703-471-9242 or www.restonarts.com.

Insomnia Theater. Friday and Saturday 11:30 p.m., at Reston Town Center, 11940 Market St., Reston. Look up showings online. www.bowticiemas.com.

Food Addicts in Recovery. Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at The Vine Church, 2501 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. Are you having trouble controlling the way you eat? Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a free twelve step recovery program for anyone suffering from food obsession, overeating, under-eating or bulimia. For more information or a list of additional meetings throughout the U.S. and the world, call 781-932-6300 or www.foodaddicts.org.

Vienna Toastmasters. 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., at the Vienna Community Center on the 2nd floor room opposite the elevator, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna. A friendly place to get comfortable with public speaking and impromptu speaking for new and experienced speakers.

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PenFed Realty Joins Forces With Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices

Both companies have demonstrated the ability to achieve impressive growth goals.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

It wouldn't be stretching the truth to describe this partnership as a potential match made in heaven. On Dec. 4 the press releases went out, announcing that Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, part of the HSF Affiliates LLC family of real estate brokerage franchise networks, was officially welcoming regional powerhouse Prudential PenFed Realty into the fold, where it will now operate as Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices PenFed Realty. That may seem like a mouthful, but the two names, like the two companies, are too well recognized and have earned too much respect in the marketplace not to employ them both.

The two share several qualities, other than name recognition, that make their partnership seem destined for success. They both have demonstrated the ability to achieve impressive growth goals. PenFed Realty began in Reston in January of 2006, when Kevin Wiles became the founding broker, helming one office and 25 agents. Despite the enormous challenges posed by the

Kevin Wiles, president Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices PenFed Realty. "This partnership and our transition from Prudential PenFed to Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices PenFed was really a no-brainer," Wiles said. "We all strongly believe we are bringing our strengths to a great system of trust, value and world class services."



economic crises of 2008 and the years following, PenFed Realty now boasts 51 offices and some 1,700 agents on the job, covering Virginia, Maryland and the District, and even offices in Texas, Florida, and Tennessee. How did they get through those difficult years to emerge as a major regional player and a national real estate company? President and Principal Broker Wiles said in a phone interview, "We like to say we

have the culture of a small family real estate company with the support and backing of a \$19 billion financial institution." Wiles is referring to Pentagon Federal Credit Union, PenFed's parent company. "Our services are available to the general public, of course, but PenFed Credit Union has 1.3 million loyal customers and is the third largest credit union in the country."

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices' growth since its launch just 15 months ago, is one reason that the company was named "Real Estate Agency Brand of the Year" early in 2014 by consumers in the 26th annual Harris Poll EquiTrend study of the largest real estate networks. In that short time, the company has grown to include more than 34,000 agents operating in more than 1,000 offices in 47 states.

INNOVATION AND CUTTING EDGE market technology also unite the two entities. "Prudential was outstanding, but this is a real step forward for us," said Wiles. "Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices offers some amazing tools, real state-of-the-art resources. They offer cloud-based, global technology with an international real estate portal, and the most up-to-the minute real estate data. At the same time as we join forces," he added, "on our side we are rolling out a really exciting marketing and technology platform pushing us toward

paperless in all aspects of the real estate transaction process. Once a contract is in the system, it never has to come out. Everything about it can be done electronically."

PenFed Realty's commitment to innovation is also highlighted by some of their unique programs. "Real Estate Rewards is a program where we may pay up to \$10,000 in a buyer's closing costs when they go through PenFed Credit Union," said Wiles. "And we are especially proud of our Real Heroes Program, where we will assist up to \$2,500 with the pre-licensing and other first-year start-up costs for persons who have served in a branch of the US military or their spouses, who pursue a career in real estate."

HOW IS THE TRANSITION from Prudential to Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices being seen at the branch level within PenFed? "It's already having a magnetic impact," proclaimed Wiles. "Since we first announced the pending move back in early August, one hundred agents have joined us. Reston Branch Manager Tara Winfree agrees. "Our agents are beyond excited," she said. "There are some mind-blowing tools and new resources." Winfree cited online tools that calculate commute

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Partnership to Expand Markets Outreach

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time (“With traffic!” she noted) and calculators that help a homeowner more accurately assess their home’s value. “I think the consumers will immediately see a positive improvement.” Like Wiles, Winfree is also seeing an increase in experienced and proven agents expressing interest in joining the company. “In just one word, I would say this partnership is ‘awesome!’”

Wiles admitted that in addition to “excited,” the words “tired” and “busy” could also be used to describe this time surrounding the transition. “But it’s more than worth the effort,” he said. “You have to change to move forward, and that takes work and includes challenges. The namesake of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, Warren Buffett’s Berkshire Hathaway Inc., is one of the world’s most trusted and respected corporations. PenFed has built a solid reputation and has the backing of one of America’s strongest and safest financial institutions. Together, we can reach all market segments. We are more than just a real estate company.”

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices PenFed Realty will be commemorating its brand transition in early December with a ceremony and reception at the Congressional Country



There is a lot of work to be done when a real estate company transitions to its next phase of development – not to mention some 1,500 yard signs that need to be replaced practically overnight!

Club in Bethesda, Md. According to their press release, similar events are also planned for the brokerage’s local offices.



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This year’s Christmas tree at Reston Town Center following a tree lighting ceremony on Nov. 28.

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Kate Spade tumblers, starting at \$21, at Dandelion Patch can be personalized with vinyl.



Ceramic mugs, like this one by Ryan Greenheck, make very personal gifts, says Hayley Hoffman of Appalachian Spring at Reston Town Center.



Ukuleles, from \$39, are popular gift purchases at Reston Music located at Fox Mill Shopping Center in Herndon.

Gifts for the Season Entice Shoppers

BY ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO
THE CONNECTION

The cold weather would not deter hardy cyclists from riding. Dave Meyer said that gift cards, children's bicycles, and warm clothing are popular gift items at his store, **Green Lizard Cycling**, located at 718 Lynn Street, Herndon. Gift cards can be applied to merchandise and services, such as the Guru Fit System, which gives an analysis of cyclists and their bicycles and gives recommendations to improve their riding experience. The service costs \$250. Meyer said that there is a range for each item, offering holiday gift choices for consumers. "It depends on how much people want to spend," he said. As for him, he would like to get bike lights. "Anything to be more visible," especially in winter. The store is also offering tune-up specials for \$99 to get bikes ready for warmer weather. "Ornaments," said Kim Rieder of **Shelby's Hallmark**, located at Fox Mill Shopping Center in Herndon. "It's probably the most popular item, especially ones with a date on them." Shelby's Naomi Bartakke said people collect the Hallmark Keepsake Ornaments, which range from \$10-40. Hand-painted wine glasses by Lolita, retailing at \$30, are also in demand this season, as well as candles and socks, which create a warm atmosphere. The store is a "one-stop shopping for cards and gifts," said Bartakke.

At **Reston Music**, located at Fox Mill Shopping Center in Herndon, guitars are the most popular items for gifts. The price starts at \$69. Ukuleles, from \$49, drums, from \$39, and drum sets, from \$450, are also in demand, said Reston Music's Kevin Bearce.

At **Appalachian Spring**, located at Reston Town Center, the number one selling item is jewelry designed by Ed Levin. The items have been a staple at Appalachian Spring stores for 45 years. "People just know it," said director of stores Hayley Hoffman. The signature items are the bracelets, which retail from \$196-214, and are made of sterling silver or 14 karat gold. Customers can also purchase jewelry boxes wherein to keep their valuables. They range from \$75 to \$1,500. Hoffman said that the more pricey boxes are companion pieces that a person will keep for years. For the coffee and tea



From left, Naomi Bartakke and Kim Rieder, say keepsake ornaments are the most popular items this holiday season at Shelby's Hallmark at Fox Mill Shopping Center in Herndon.



Handblown glass ornaments play up the light at Appalachian Spring in Reston Town Center. Ornaments cost between \$10 - \$36.

drinker, the store carries mugs and pottery by Pennsylvania artist Ryan Greenheck. "Mugs are a very personal gift," said Hoffman. "Every morning when someone drinks coffee, that person will remember you." The mugs start at \$40. Children's toys are also popular. The store stocks heirloom-quality, classic, children's toys.

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Lolita wine Glasses, starting at \$30, are bestselling gifts this holiday season at Shelby's Hallmark at Fox Mill Shopping Center in Herndon.



Handbags with a two-year warranty and lifetime cleaning services are bestsellers at Brighton Collectibles at Reston Town Center.

At **Brighton Collectibles**, located at Reston Town Center, items are curated to match and complement each other. Assistant manager Patty Perrone said that elements of the jewelries' designs can be seen in the shoes and bags. "The jewelry reflects the hardware." The handbags retail between \$170 - \$400 and come with a two year warranty and lifetime cleaning service.

The store also has a charm bar, where customers can pick and personalize bracelets, necklaces, and other jewelry items.

Lastly, **Dandelion Patch**, at Reston Town Center, will personalize merchandise with vinyl for \$8. The most popular items to put one's name or initials? Tumblers, \$21, by Kate Spade. They also sell, bags, stationery, and various sundries.

OPINION

Lovaas

FROM PAGE 6

State Senator Toddy Puller has recommended to Chairman Bulova that the "...Board of Supervisors create, appoint, and support a Citizens Review Board... to keep the Fairfax County police accountable..." She notes in her Oct. 24 letter that her constituents have concerns "about the ability of the police to investigate themselves honestly and fairly." That is a massive understatement after 72 years have passed with many police killings, but not one single officer even charged in connection with a killing.

Now, Senator Charles Grassley (R-Iowa), far from his congressional turf but with a reputation for concern about transparency in government, is sharply questioning Fairfax police behavior and lack of transparency. In response to Senator Grassley's five written questions, Chief Roessler told him quite bluntly nothing. The Senator was not impressed with Roessler's response commenting that "No one should be immune from accountability." But in Fairfax County, the police remain absolutely unac-

countable even as they continue to gun down unarmed citizens. One wonders where is the outrage that we have seen in Ferguson and in New York City where cops recently killed unarmed African Americans and to date remain immune from punishment. Maybe it is because in Fairfax County, skin color is not determinant. Our police are equal opportunity shooters. The common thread is lack of accountability.

How can police accountability be built and citizen trust restored in Fairfax County? Here's how. Chairman Bulova and the Board of Supervisors should: 1) promptly sack Chief Roessler; 2) create a Citizens Review Board as recommended by State Senator Puller. The CRB should be empowered to investigate complaints about police use of lethal force and abuse of residents; 3) request that the State Police take over the Geer case, name the shooter, conduct a thorough criminal investigation and make appropriate recommendations to the Commonwealth Attorney; and, 4) issue an apology to the Geer family and the public for what has transpired since John Geer's death way back in August 2013.

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FROM PAGE 6

With lobbyists, stakeholders, interested citizens and others concerned about getting legislation introduced or in opposing bills that others are proposing, the end of the year and the holiday season signals the need to move to action. Legislators get numerous invitations to meet with legislative committees of various organizations, lobbyists employed to support or oppose bills, and individuals who have an interest in a good government idea. Because regular business hours of both legislators and advocates get filled with meetings, social and meal-times are used as opportunities to educate legislators and for lawmakers to learn of the interests and needs of members of the community. There are breakfasts, lunches, dinners and even a Sunday brunch scheduled on my calendar. Many advocates who are otherwise employed and who have their own family responsibilities use the social and meal times as available opportunities for themselves to meet with their representatives. Cynics of the process who suggest that the rubber chicken or high-calorie hors d'oeuvres are somehow attractive to lawmakers have clearly not been to any of these.

What goes on during the holiday season is critically important to the legislative process. With the height-

ened expectation that the General Assembly is going to be meeting, more people become focused on it and on making their views known. As representatives of the people we have to hear from constituents. That is why during the holiday season I send a survey to voters as a means for them to express their views to me. Complete it online at www.kenplum.com. I also have a public hearing with Senator Janet Howell on January 8 at which we welcome public testimony.

In between getting ready for the legislative session, I will be enjoying time with family and friends. The holiday season makes for a busy time for sure, but it also is a time to feel the honor of being your representative in the state legislature.

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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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Malina Stassinis helps the South Lakes relay team of Lee, Stassinis, Landeryou and Groves to a second place finish in the 400-yard freestyle relay at the Seahawks' season opener against Thomas Jefferson.



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Mac Sogandares leads the SLHS relay team of Sogandares, Hawley, Ellis and D'Allesandro to a first place finish in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

South Lakes Swim, Dive Splits with TJ at Season Opener

The South Lakes swim and dive teams started the season with a split when they faced Thomas Jefferson on Friday, Dec. 5, at the Herndon Community Center.

The South Lakes girls won, 195-119, while the TJ boys defeated the Seahawks, 184.5-127.5.

The South Lakes girls dominated the pool, winning all but three events. The 200-yard medley relay team of Natalie Obando, Sabrina Groves, Emily Landeryou, and Madeleine Daum started the evening with a first-place finish, followed by a sweep of

the 200-yard freestyle event by sophomores Landeryou (first), Megan Carney (second), and Paige Sogandares (third). Other highlights for the girls included a one-two finish for Grace Obando (first) and Juhi Sharma in the 200-yard individual medley, a one-two finish for Landeryou (first) and Emi Redican in the 100-yard backstroke, and first-place finishes for Natalie Obando in the 500-yard freestyle, Emma Bulger in diving, Groves in the 100-yard butterfly, Caitlyn King in the 100-yard freestyle, and Sogandares in 500-yard freestyle.

While the South Lakes boys' team didn't

fare as well against the Colonials, there were some stand-out performances. Mac Sogandares finished first in the 200-yard freestyle event; Tyler Ellis took first place in the 100-yard butterfly; and Benjamin Gryski earned first in the 100-yard breast-stroke.

The relay team of Sogandares, Dylan Hawley, Ellis, and Gianmichel D'Allesandro concluded the meet with a first-place finish in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

South Lakes will return to the pool at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, against Fairfax High School at Audrey Moore RECenter.

Herndon Boys' Basketball Earns 2nd Win

The Herndon boys' basketball team defeated Langley 67-58 on Dec. 5, improving its record to 2-1.

The Hornets opened the season with a 77-72 win over Osbourn on Dec. 1. The following night, Herndon lost to two-time defending region champion Woodson, 63-60.

Herndon finished the 2013-14 season with a 23-3 record. The Hornets reached the region semifinals, where they suffered a one-point loss to Woodson. Herndon graduated nine seniors from that team, including standout guard Dorian Johnson and 6-foot-5 Brandon Alston, who now plays at Lehigh University.

Herndon faced Washington-Lee on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Hornets will travel to face Lake Braddock at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 15.



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Michael Griffin and the Herndon boys' basketball team defeated Langley on Dec. 5.



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Great Falls gymnast Naomi Heit, second from the right, earned spot on the National Talent Opportunity Program's development team. Heit attends Colvin Run Elementary School in Vienna.

Colvin Run Gymnast Selected to National Team

Great Falls resident Naomi Heit, 10, was one of four gymnasts from Loudoun Gymnastics Center selected to the National Talent Opportunity Program's development team. The girls attended a camp at Karolyi Ranch in Huntsville, Texas, this month.

Heit is a fourth-grader at Colvin Run Elementary School in Vienna.

Heit earned a spot on the development team by participating in strength, ability and skill tests, competing against 1,800

other gymnasts across the nation.

Heit spends between 24 and 30 hours per week training with at the Loudoun Gymnastics Center.

"Sometimes it's difficult to balance the demands of school, training and friends," Heit said in a press release. "I leave school early four days a week for training, but I always tell myself that hard work given time will defeat talent. And so far that's proving to be true."

NEWS

Lake Anne Business to Relocate

Board of Supervisors approves Lake Anne Redevelopment LLC proposal.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

A proposal passed by the Board of Supervisors could temporarily displace Just Cats Clinic.

The board unanimously passed a proposal at the Dec. 2 meeting to amend the county's comprehensive plan calls for the demolition of the Millenium Bank building, among other requests, to provide a better view of Lake Anne Plaza once revitalized.

"The comprehensive redevelopment plan is to revitalize, not to destroy new businesses," said Just Cats Clinic owner Elizabeth Arguelles.

The proposal made by Lake Anne Redevelopment LLC also asked for the board to consider changes to the "heritage resources, the full consolidation option and transportation," according to the agenda.

More specifically, it changes some of the zoning for the six units that make up the 41 acre plaza, increases the amount of space available for residential zoning and demolishes the gas station nearby if necessary.

Lynne Strobel, representing Lake Anne Development LLC, gave a brief history of the project and stated the reasons why the proposal is necessary.

"This project has been an objective for the Reston community for years," she said.

She noted that the developers want to demolish the building so there is a better view of the plaza from the Baron Cameron corridor.

Arguelles said that she was not informed about the redevelopment plans when she signed the 10 year lease. After beginning an extensive build-out of the space, she was contacted by a resident after the redevelopment plans were unveiled in September 2013. Her clinic opened the following April.

She said the demolition is slated for late next year and she does not have the resources for a legal battle to either keep her space or ensure she can receive a similar space after the Millenium Bank building is demolished.

"I would like to request that the vote on this be postponed until I receive a written, legally binding agreement from Lake Anne Redevelopment LLC or 1601 Washington Street LLC - my landlord - that Just



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Per Lake Anne Redevelopment LLC's proposal, Millenium Bank building will be demolished to give a better view of the plaza to those on the Baron Cameron corridor.

Cats will have a new home with similar square footage, similar window footage and closed parking."

Hudgins told Arguelles that Millenium Bank has been involved with the project for years, and while she supports her business, the revitalization efforts cannot be held up for what may be several months of the new year. She promised to help Arguelles to work with her landlord and Lake Anne Redevelopment LLC to make sure she has a suitable place to have her business once the Millenium Bank is set to be demolished.

"It is the entire Lake Anne village that is going to be the pillar of your business, and we would like for you to stay here," said Hudgins.

Before the vote, Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova made sure to note Arguelles' comments.

"I appreciate the speaker, and I know Supervisor Hudgins will work closely with you and give you the assurance you are looking for," she said.

For a full report on the plan, including graphics, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/comprehensiveplan/amendments/2013-iii-up1.pdf>.

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Fairfax County is offering a free Telephone Support Group for Family Caregivers of Older Adults. Join us for this open discussion. This telephone support group may be just what you need! Share your experiences, gain support and get important information without having to travel. The one-hour free sessions are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. Find out more and register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ and click on Caregiver Telephone Support Group.

Fairfax County needs volunteers to drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs Reston area. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Volunteers, fluent in American Sign Language, are needed in Reston, Herndon and Vienna. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Meals on Wheels needs drivers in Chantilly, McLean, Mt. Vernon, and Clifton on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The Lewinsville Senior Center in McLean needs instructors for

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The Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteer advocates for residents in assisted living and nursing facilities. Training is provided in March. Call 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or email Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Find more information on the program at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ltc.

The Annandale Adult Day Health Care Center in Annandale needs a licensed hair stylist to wash, cut and style hair for participants once or twice a month and Spanish-speaking social companions Monday-Friday. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The Wakefield Senior Center in Annandale needs a Chair Exercise Instructor and Bilingual English/Spanish Activity Leaders. They also need certified instructors for classes in Ballroom Dance and Pilates. Volunteer instructor positions could lead to part-time employment. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

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“Quality of Life”

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



If I’ve heard it once – from my oncologist – I’ve probably heard it a dozen times over the last nearly-six years. In fact, at the very first Team Lourie meeting with him on February 27, 2009, after the initial examination, followed by a review of my previous doctor’s (emergency medicine, pulmonary and thoracic) appointments and diagnostic procedures completed (two X-Rays, one CT Scan and one P.E.T. Scan), he gave us my diagnosis: “stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer,” and my prognosis: “13 months to two years.” After the shock wore off, he told us in no uncertain terms that he could “treat me but he couldn’t cure me,” and he was hardly enthusiastic or encouraging about any of what he had said. However, he perked up slightly when he suggested to me that “perhaps you should take that trip you’ve always dreamed of;” his first attempt at helping me find some quality in my life. Considering the context in which it was said, the suggestion fell on deaf ears and I started chemotherapy the very next week.

This concern about my life, this awareness of my life-expectancy-challenged reality has been an ongoing and recurring theme during the regular discussions Team Lourie has had with my oncologist. Whether I was feeling bad during heavy-duty chemotherapy (“we can stop or take a break anytime if it’s too much?” he would ask) or feeling good (“since you’re feeling so good, maybe we should stop for a while; enjoy your good quality of life”), the quality of my life away from the Infusion Center has always been a consideration. And given what he knew and I didn’t, perhaps I should have listened, but I didn’t.

Not that I ever felt that he had, or was, giving up on me; or that he was imposing his perspective on me/us; it was more like he was fulfilling his legal/fiduciary-type responsibility/moral obligation to educate me about choices, realities even. These conversations about life/living and death were/are always the most difficult for me. The figurative weight of it all almost becomes literal. There’s nothing really that prepares you for the process. I keep thinking that someone with more experience, who’s lived longer and seen more of life than I have, should be advising me. Ultimately though, decisions concerning life and death, the most personal of all decisions, really fall to the patient.

Now whether taking control and being responsible for one’s own cancer fight does keep the cancer at bay, no one really knows. But after being “diseased” at such an unexpected and early age, 54 and a half, it feels good sometimes to exert some control. At this point in my survival, living is likely more about quality than it is quantity – or so I’ve been told, repeatedly, in a good and honest way. Nevertheless, I’m not ready to give up on the latter while embracing the former.

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Herndon High Wind Ensemble was one of only three high school bands selected to perform for over 400 music educators from across the state of Virginia.

Herndon High Wind Ensemble Honored in Norfolk

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On Nov. 20, the Herndon High School Wind Ensemble, comprising 81 students, performed at the 2014 Virginia Music Educators Association (“VMEA”) In-Service Conference in Norfolk. After Herndon High Director of Bands Kathleen Jacoby submitted a recording of the Wind Ensemble state assessment performance to the VMEA last Spring, the Wind Ensemble was one of only three high school bands selected to perform for over 400 music educators from across the state of Virginia. This is considered one of the highest honors in the state’s music program, and the students have been preparing for it since August.

The Wind Ensemble played 10 different pieces of contemporary music of varying grade levels. All but two of the pieces were new compositions or new editions published within the last two years. Aimee Toner was featured on flute on “The Three Graces” and Jacob Reeves performed “Xylophonia” on percussion. Both Aimee and Jacob are juniors at Herndon High.

“It was an honor to perform a solo with Wind Ensemble,” said Reeves. “Performing my solo in front of all the educators at VMEA was an awesome experience. It wasn’t until the end of our last song that it clicked. Our many extra hours of rehearsal had paid off and we left our mark on the stage.”

Band Director Kathleen Jacoby was joined by guest conductors Douglas Armstrong, director of bands at Mountain View High School and conductor of the Rappahannock Youth Symphony; Sharon Bonneau, director of bands at Herndon Middle School; Christopher Cunningham, a fellow music teacher at Herndon High; and Steven Jacoby, director of bands at Falls Church High School.



Herndon High junior Jacob Reeves performed “Xylophonia” on percussion.



Junior Aimee Toner was featured on flute on “The Three Graces.” She is pictured here with Herndon High Director of Bands Kathleen Jacoby.

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