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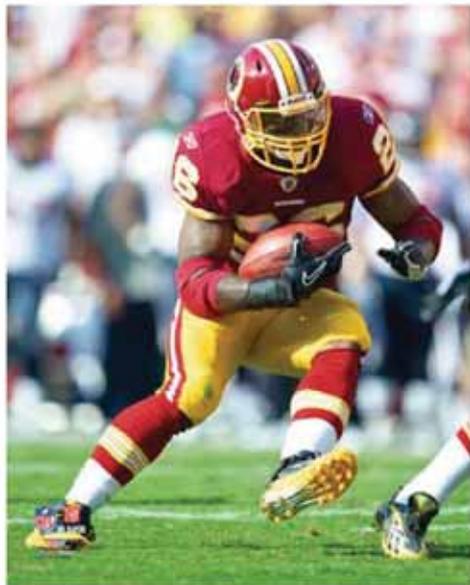


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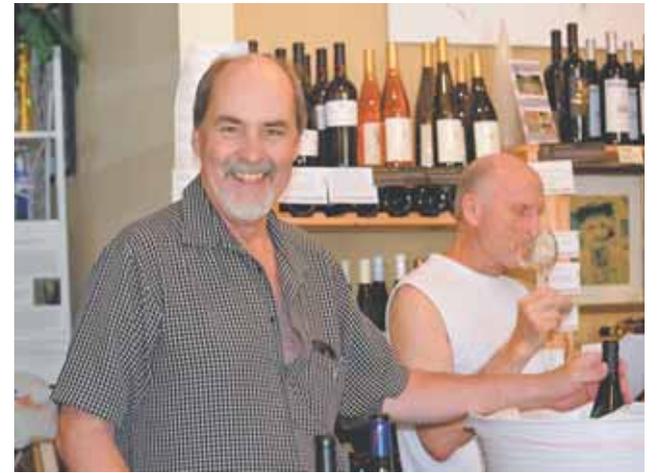
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The Mykle Lyons Sextet sounded more like a full jazz orchestra with their big, bold sound.



Howard and Theresa McCullers enjoy lunch along with the Jazz entertainment from one of the Lake Anne restaurants. "We love jazz," said Howard. "So what could be better than this?" added Theresa.



George Tyler serves a free wine tasting to regular Keith Strange at Chesapeake Chocolates as part of the 10th Annual Lake Anne Jazz Festival. Owner Doris Tyler was a whirlwind in the crowd, serving wines and chocolate samples.

Jazzin' It Up at Lake Anne

10th Annual Lake Anne Jazz Festival hits all the right notes.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

After a full Jazz Week at Reston's Lake Anne Plaza that featured live music in several of the local restaurants, merchant activities and even special film showings like "Lady Sings the Blues," the 10th annual event finished off on Saturday, Sept. 3, with a Jazz Festival with an impressive lineup of talent on the outdoor stage. The various jazz and rhythm and blues performers had the crowds rockin', dancing, and even singing along right from the 1 p.m. start to when the Dixie Power Trio helped close out the fun around 9 p.m.

Visitors to the free festival had plenty of entertainment and edibles options on offer from the resident Lake Anne merchants, as well as the specialty food and beverage tents set up just for the occasion. The usual Saturday Market vendors were all still set up

and attracting the crowds with artisan foods, clothing, jewelry and other enticing items, and the water vehicles-for-hire folks were doing an extra brisk business as children and adults all took to paddle boats, canoes and kayaks to tour the lake to the accompaniment of jazz sounds that echoed all around the plaza and across the water.

Shoppers were also treated to discounts, samples, and free consultations and exhibits from a number of the Lake Anne commercial tenants like Kalypso's Sports Tavern, PetMAC Pet Nutrition, Chesapeake Chocolates, Reston's Used Books, and more.

Sponsored by Lake Anne Merchants, Friends of Lake Anne, the Reston Community Center and Reston Association, this year's Jazz Week and Festival went off without a hitch. Despite tropical storm concerns, the weather cooperated, and the only hurricanes in sight were of the New Orleans style liquid variety – a perfect complement to the music being celebrated.



Just chillin'. Julia Warden is a long time Reston resident and she's attended every one of the ten Lake Anne Jazz Festivals. "In fact, this has been my exact spot for every one of them," she said, referring to her 'seat' on the steps near the water's edge, with a cement post as her backboard. "This is just one of those things that make this such a special place to live."

'Sunrise...Sunset' by Dorothy Donahey on Exhibit at Reston Art Gallery & Studios

Reston Art Gallery & Studios (RAGS) presents an exhibit of paintings by Dorothy Donahey in her show "Sunrise...Sunset" on display from Sept. 2 through Oct. 6. All are welcome to meet the artist at a reception on Sunday, Sept. 18 from 2 until 4 p.m. In this show, Donahey's paintings are inspired by dawn and evening skies, and from musicals. "I'll let the viewers decide which came first in my muse – the color of the sky, or the songs," says Donahey.

Donahey specializes in acrylic and oil paintings of representational abstraction and realism. As an expert in commercial color printing, she has traveled the nation lecturing on Color Science (Colorimetry) for HunterLab in Reston, and has served as a professional color consultant. Among her repertoire of fine art paintings, she is also known for her "Aware-

ness Donkey," now in the permanent collection at American University, which resided on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. in the "Party Animal" series presented by the D.C. Commission of the Arts and Humanities. Donahey received her BFA from Ohio State University and has been part of the RAGS cooperative since 1993. Learn more and see samplings of Donahey's work on the RAGS website, RestonArtGallery.com.

The "Sunrise...Sunset" exhibit can be viewed during regular gallery hours of 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturdays, and 12 until 5 p.m. on Sundays, at Reston Art Gallery & Studios, 11400 Washington Plaza, Reston, on the waterfront at Lake Anne Plaza. During the week when the artists are working, the gallery is open by chance or appointment.



Sunset Harbor, acrylic on canvas, 12" x 12" - by Dorothy Donahey, at Reston Art Gallery & Studios

OPINION

Back to School Conversation and listening: top priorities for back to school.

Don't be afraid. Asking questions with respect and listening to the answers is one of the most important things we can all do as we head back to school.

Parents, go ahead and ask you students what they think about what's happening at school, what their plans are. Listen to the answers. Parents, go ahead and ask teachers about expectations, motivations and their philosophies and approaches on teaching. Attend back-to-school night if you can. Figure out how you will communicate with teachers.

Students, indulge your parents for five minutes a day. Answer a question or two. Share something interesting that happened during the day. Try to tell them why some things make a difference to you.

GRATITUDE: An excellent way to help wrestle back-to-school concerns into perspective is to count blessings and consider how to help someone wrestling harder things.

Hundreds, possibly thousands, of students headed back to school this week in Northern Virginia are experiencing homelessness. In Fairfax County, you can find ways to volunteer to help homeless students by contacting the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, 703-324-9492.

SAFETY: We do know to slow down in school zones, watch for darting pedestrians, stop for school buses with flashing lights. Buckle seatbelts. But probably the most important

conscious step you can take for safety on the roads around schools and everywhere else is to resolve not to engage in distracted driving. Put your phone down. Students, talk to your parents about this; they could be at risk.

EDITORIAL Favorite Back-to-School Headline (from Fairfax County): "Learn About School Lunches and Deer Management in the Latest News." Turns out deer management is not being incorporated into venison burgers in school lunches.

Why Do Some Want Virginia To Be One of the Most Repressive States?

Two states allow absentee voting from prison.

Clearly that is not where we are headed in Virginia. But the restoration of voting rights moves Virginia towards the mainstream.

Virginia is one of four most restrictive states with lifetime bans on voting for those convicted of felonies.

Fourteen states automatically restore voting rights once the individual's term of incarceration is over, and two states allow absentee voting from prison.

Gov. Terry McAuliffe deserves praise for his efforts to restore voting rights for former felons who have served their sentences. He has

been thwarted at every turn by Republican members of the General Assembly, who don't appear to be done with their efforts to prevent people who have paid their "debt to society" from returning to normal, engaged lives in the community.

"If we are going to build a stronger and more equal Virginia, we must break down barriers to participation in civic life for people who return to society seeking a second chance," McAuliffe said. "We must welcome them back and offer the opportunity to build a better life by taking an active role in our democracy."

Earlier this year, the Maryland General Assembly restored the vote to all convicted felons immediately upon their release from prison. Previously, people convicted of felonies in Maryland had to complete all parole and probation before they were able to vote.

MEANWHILE, for all Virginia voters, the deadline to register to vote for the Nov. 8 general election is Oct. 17. You can verify your voter status at <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>. This is especially important to do if you have moved or have not voted recently.

In person absentee voting begins Sept. 23.
— MARY KIMM
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Reston Association Struggles

BY JOHN LOVAAS
RESTON IMPACT PRODUCER/HOST

Although I don't pay as much attention to the daily intrigues and workings of our Reston Association as I used to back when I was on their Board, there are times when RA actions spark my interest or concern. Recent tensions on the Board got my attention. A trend toward secrecy in decision-making and a weak ethics regimen are a greater cause for concern.

Decisions arrived at behind closed doors can result in events like the controversial land swap at Lake Anne involving a questionable appraisal of comparative values prepared months after the deal was quietly cut. RA's hurried purchase of the former Tetra office building on Lake Newport dam is another example. That deal cost Reston homeowners \$2.7 million, twice the property's assessed value. Huge cost overruns in rehabbing seem endless, totaling \$1 million-plus to date, and fantasy projections for facility use point to a long-term drain on RA's budget.

This fiasco has forced RA to contract for an "independent" review/audit of the behind-the-scenes purchase decision, including lack of plans for its use, and all that followed. A lot is riding on the reviewers' competence and genuine independence, and their recommendations for avoiding recurrences.

Independence is not easy in the current environment. There is a culture of control in the organization which is worrisome and may be difficult to unglue. Communication between Board members and RA's large staff is discouraged. If a Board member wants to get information for a homeowner, for example, he/she is supposed to go through the CEO in order to speak to the appropriate staffer. Board leadership forbids Board members from talking to the local press even in a personal capacity. Even communications with homeowners can be problematic.



INDEPENDENT PROGRESSIVE

of this very Board. What!? Members from St. Johns Woods indeed came to the earlier meeting and asked to speak to a matter not on that night's agenda. They spoke, and thanked the Board for hearing their concerns. Mr. Wedell acknowledged he had told a neighbor there was a meeting, but promised nothing. His account was confirmed by the neighbors. I thought surely this story of the attack on Wedell, including a threat of "sanctions," was an exaggeration—until I reviewed the videotape for myself.

Ethical concerns also have arisen in the recent past. It appeared the Board was addressing the need to

strengthen the Board's Code of Ethics, presumably including complete, timely conflict of interest forms from Board members and independent review of ethics complaints. In fact, RA hired a capable contractor to prepare a new code. Their draft code, however, proved to be confusing, short on teeth and in need of some re-drafting. Now the process is stalled because the contract has run out of money? There is even talk of dropping the effort altogether. Let's hope the Governance Committee can restart their engines. What remains to be done is important and really is not nuclear science.

There are many challenges ahead for Reston and for our Association. There are already groups wanting to tap the already stressed (thank you, Tetra) RA budget for pet projects and we are going to experience major population growth in the next several years that will further stress our infrastructure and amenities. We need a Reston Association that is more open, more ethical and more efficient if we are to meet the challenges.

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COMMENTARY

States' Rights

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A brief trip to the Shenandoah National Park and the Skyline Drive which Jane and I took recently with two of our grandchildren brought back a flood of memories. Our stay-over was at Skyland Lodge where in the summer of 1959 I was cashier at the dining room and in the summer of 1960 I was room clerk. We spent the night in a unit that was next door to the Canyon unit where my Mother was maid for both those summers. Employees who lived as we did in the Shenandoah Valley stayed in employee housing for our six-day work week since the distance to home was too great to commute daily. My second summer there I shared a room in Trout Cabin with the student minister who worked as a regular employee during the week and conducted a worship service on Sunday.

Living atop the Blue Ridge Mountains was a treat for me. For one thing it was a lot cooler, and we did not have air conditioning at home. Being there daily allowed me to appreciate the mountain in all its moods. But my most lasting memory came from my conversations and debates with my roommate.

We were both interested in politics, and at that point we could not have been more

different in our views. He was a college graduate, and I was a recent graduate of a Virginia public high school. In one heated conversation he argued for the desegregation of public schools that continued to be segregated under the state official policy of Massive Resistance. I on the other hand argued—much to my continued amazement—for the states' right to choose how they ran their schools.

After all I had just taken a course in government with an approved Virginia textbook that emphasized states' rights. As a student with a strong interest in politics and government I had secured pamphlets from the Virginia Commission on Constitutional Government that emphasized the rights of the states over an ever farther reaching federal government. My roommate poked holes in all the arguments I could offer from what I had been taught. The next day he left for graduate school at Harvard.

That conversation haunted me for days after he left. I realized he was right. The rights of individuals over the state were what was most important. That is what Jefferson had written in the Declaration of Independence. What I had been taught was the view of politicians seeking to hold power. I never used the states' rights argument again. I went on to college and be-

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Inquiring about Vaccines

Strategies for asking another parent if their children are vaccinated.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

As a new parent, Joy Baatin admits to being protective of her young son. In addition to guarding her son from household hazards such as electrical outlets and chemicals, she wants to protect him from catching a contagious disease from an unvaccinated playmate. But it's not easy to talk to other parents about vaccination, since it has become a controversial topic.

"I won't be so bold as to ask another [parent]," said Baatin, of Bethesda. "I respect that it's a matter of choice. But I wouldn't knowingly let my son play with a child who hasn't been vaccinated."

Like Baatin, many parents of young children feel uncomfortable bringing up this question. However, researchers point to outbreaks of measles in recent years. The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that there were 189 cases of measles in 2015 and 52 in 2016 as of Aug. 15.

For that reason, it is a good idea for par-

ents to become informed about which of their children's friends have been vaccinated, particularly for children with weakened immune systems or infants who are too young to be vaccinated. The importance outweighs the awkwardness of raising this question, and it need not be a difficult conversation to begin.

"I think it's important to recognize that, particularly when it comes to decisions about how to raise our children, certain issues are going to be sensitive," said Carolyn Lorente, Ph.D., professor of psychology at Northern Virginia Community College in Alexandria. "It's also important to recognize that we all have different perspectives and opinions."

Approaching this topic with genuine interest in learning another parent's point of view can help quell any discomfort about engaging in this conversation. "Asking what they think about vaccines to get their opinion is a nice way to start the conversation," said Lorente. "It allows you to begin from a point of curiosity rather than judgment."

In addition to withholding judgment, maintaining an open mind and keeping con-

versations light-hearted and straightforward is key. "If you are able to actually avoid passing judgment and respect another parent's perspective and point of view, that will come across in a conversation," said Karen Bronco, LCSW, a psychotherapist in Arlington.

Lorente's personal experience in discussing vaccines with one of her friends reinforced her belief that parents should educate themselves about vaccinations before having a discussion on the topic.

"My friend said that she wasn't going to vaccinate her kids," said Lorente. "I asked her what she'd read about vaccines so that I could understand her point of view. As a professional, I like to look at authoritative sources when it comes to making decisions for my children. With social media it's getting harder and harder to determine what those sources are, but I start with well respected organizations such as the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)."

Informed decisions can be made after educating oneself about the scientific research and debunking myths about vaccines, Lorente said. One reason that parents might choose to forgo vaccinations is the now discredited belief that there is a link between vaccines and Autism spectrum disorder. The CDC highlights multiple stud-

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Parents should bring the child's immunization record and insurance card to the clinic. Without an immunization record in English, the child may need to restart his or her immunization series.

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- ❖ Joseph Willard Health Center (JWHC) 3750 Old Lee Highway Fairfax, VA 22030 703-246-7100, TTY 711
- ❖ Mount Vernon District Office (MVDO) 8350 Richmond Highway Suite 233 Alexandria, VA 22309 703-704-5203, TTY 711
- ❖ Springfield District Office (SDO) 8136 Old Keene Mill Road Suite A100 (Cary Building) Springfield, VA 22152 703-569-1031, TTY 711
- ❖ Annandale District Office (ADO) 7611 Little River Turnpike, #400E (East Wing) Annandale, VA 22003 703-534-8343, TTY 711

ies which show that there is no link.

Researchers say that it is helpful for parents of vaccinated children to know if their child's playmates have received their vaccinations. "There is still some slight risk even

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Walk Date: Sept. 24, 2016
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Check-in/Registration Time: Sept. 24 at noon
Walk in registration available noon-2 p.m.
Walk Begins: 2 p.m. Ends: 4 p.m.
Contact: Leigh Boswell, 571-259-0721, Karrieboswell@aol.com

Online registration closes at noon the Friday before the walk. However, anyone who would like to participate can register in person at the walk from the time check-in begins until the walk starts. Walk donations are accepted until Dec. 31.

Vaccines

FROM PAGE 6

if your child is vaccinated, as no vaccine is 100 percent effective," said Tony Yang, ScD., associate professor of Health Administration and Policy at George Mason University in Fairfax. "Research shows vaccination reduces the probability of infection substantially, but not perfectly."

As with other difficult conversations, such

as asking the parents of one's child's playmates whether they own a gun, the approach and attitude parents take can make the difference between a stressful or productive conversation.

"These are all important questions and I think if we address them with an 'it takes a village' mindset and think that we're all in this together, the conversations go a lot better," said Lorente.

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Hutchison Solos at PenFed Realty Aug. through Sept 30 The exhibit is free and the office is open to visitors Monday through Friday from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. at the office of PenFed Realty, 1886 Metro Center Dr., Reston, VA 20190. Karen Hutchison displays abstract expressions of her thoughts and emotions using color and texture. Visit the LRA web site at www.leagueofrestonartists.org

“The Way I See It” Exhibit. Aug. 2-Oct. 1. Vienna Arts Society Gallery, 513 Maple Ave. W, Vienna. Reston resident Bob Kaminski will showcase his work in abstract and representational styles. ViennaArtsSociety.org. 703-319-3971.

Team Trivia at Kalypso’s. Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Kalypso’s Sports Tavern, 1617 Washington Plaza N., Reston. Bring your friend and join the challenge. 703-707-0660. www.kalypsosportstavern.com.

Open Mic Night at Kalypso’s. Mondays, 7-10 p.m. Kalypso’s Sports Tavern, 1617 Washington Plaza N., Reston. Musicians and singers! Love to perform but need a venue? Want to get used to playing for an audience? 703-707-0660. www.kalypsosportstavern.com.

Karaoke at Kalypso’s. Wednesdays, 9:30 p.m. Kalypso’s Sports Tavern, 1617 Washington Plaza N., Reston. Come to Kalypso’s and sing your hearts out! 703-707-0660. www.kalypsosportstavern.com.

Mr. Knick Knack. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Mondays through October. Reston Town Center Pavilion. Unique, heart-centered music for kids and their grown-ups. Free. restontowncenter.com. 703-579-6720

All-comers’ Group Fun Run at Potomac River Running. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. For beginners or competitive runners, come out for a fun, low-key run that is safe and social. For more information, call 703-689-0999 or visit <https://potomacriverrunning.com>.

Dog Days of Summer — Every Wednesday, July through Sept. 28, 4 - 7 p.m., Pavilion. Dogs and owners can frolic in the Pavilion as it is transformed weekly into an off-leash play area. Treats, toys, areas to cool off, pet friendly giveaways, and more! Free. restontowncenter.com

LINES, CURVES AND COLORS On exhibit August 31- October 2. At ArtSpace Herndon 750 Center St, Herndon, VA 20170. “Lines, Curves, and Colors” will present the talents of four artists working in different mediums. The show features one photographer and three sculpture artists whose combined works produce stunning individual pieces that merge into a balanced whole. The unified theme of the beauty of architecture—specifically exemplifying lines, curves, and colors—will hold your attention and imagination. Opening Reception Saturday September 9th, 7 - 9 p.m. For more information call 703-956-9560.

Reston Photographic Society Meetings from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Beginning on Sept. 9 in Room 6 at the Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., Reston, VA 20191. On the third Monday of each month through Nov. 31, the meeting date is changed if the third Monday falls on a holiday. September through November. Photographers of all skill levels are invited to share information and enjoy guest speakers, workshops and group critiques. Nonmembers are welcome. Visit the LRA website at www.leagueofrestonartists.org

FRIDAY/SEPT. 9

Reston Station Music. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Reston Station, 1904 Reston Metro Plaza, Reston. Chaise Lounge. Jazz, lounge, big band, swing. 703-230-1985.

ChalkFest At Reston Town Center Friday noon - 11 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. 11900 Market St., Reston, VA. All are invited to create chalk drawings on Market Street. The event is open to all. There will be prizes for professional artists, amateur artists, families and kids, in addition to

the “Audience Choice Awards”. The Festival is one of the area’s most unique and fun events. Participants are invited to show off their creativity and realize chalk drawings on Market Street, in the heart of Reston Town Center. Visit: <http://www.publicartreston.org/get-involved/>

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

Community Yard Sale 8:30 - noon Parking lot across from Reston Association 12000 Sunrise Valley Drive Reston, VA 20191. 95 families will be participating. Vendor space is SOLD OUT. In case of rain, call 703-435-6577 the morning of the event, for a recorded, weather related message. Rain date 9/11. Cost: Free. asheligh@reston.org www.reston.org

Native American lifestyles Festival 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Riverbend Park, at 8700 Potomac Hills Street in Great Falls, Va. This exploration of the history and lives of Virginia’s First Families includes many hands-on activities. Park visitors will shoot a bow and arrow, throw a spear, help build a dugout canoe, and learn to use ancient tools. There will be stories told, demonstrations of primitive technology, and a chance to enjoy traditional dancing featuring the Rappahannocks. Admission is \$6 per person in advance or \$7 at the door. Call: 703-759-9018 or visit the Riverbend Park website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/>

Reston Station Movies. 8:30 p.m. Reston Station, 1904 Reston Metro Plaza, Reston. “Open Season Scared Silly.” Visit: <http://restonstation.com/event/movies-under-our-stars-open-season-scared-silly/> or Call: 703-230-1985.

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SATURDAY/SEPT 10-WEDNESDAY/SEPT 21, 2016

Northern Virginia Senior Olympics. Online registration open. Various venues around Northern Virginia. Events include badminton, volleyball, cycling, a 5k road race, and many more. \$12 per person. Visit www.nvso.us for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 11, 2016

Reston Triathlon. 7 a.m. Lake Audubon, Twin Branches Road, Reston. Swim, bike and run in the “Reston World Championships.” Visit <http://www.restontriathlon.org/tri/>

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 14

League of Women Voters (LWV) – Reston 7:30 - 9 p.m. Hunter Mill District Community Room B, 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston 20190. The League is 96 years old and looking at ways that work today to make democracy work. High on this fall’s agenda are ways and means to help voters become election ready. Join the discussion and find out how you can help. Free, open to the public (men and women), call 202-263-1311. Background papers at www.lwv-fairfax.org.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 16

Reston Station Music. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Reston Station, 1904 Reston Metro Plaza, Reston. Shag. British rock. 703-230-1985.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 17

Reston Station Movies. 8:30 p.m. Reston Station, 1904 Reston Metro Plaza, Reston. “Goosebumps.” 703-230-1985.

Artists Reception 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center on the Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Campus, Building CE, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003.

United Christian Parish of Reston Benefit Concert 7:30 p.m. 11508 North Shore Drive Reston, VA 20190. A Benefit Concert featuring Dr. Maryory Serrano, violin, & Dr. Hsin-Yi Chen, piano. The program will include works representative of the entire season by Mozart, Coleridge-Taylor, Albeniz, and Franck, followed by a reception to meet the Artists and Conductor Search Finalists. Cost: \$20-30. info@PACODc.org www.PACODc.org

THURSDAY/SEPT. 22

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WEEK IN RESTON

Police Practices Discussion

Many Unitarian Universalist Church (UUCR) Members & Friends have asked for updates on the status of Fairfax County's Ad Hoc Commission recommendations on police practices. Answers can be found at a community meeting held at UUCR, 1625 Wiehle Ave, Reston, and led by County Supervisor Cathy Hudgins on Thursday, Sept. 8 from 7 - 9 p.m. In September, the County Board is scheduled to hold a critical vote on the issue of police oversight and Supervisor Hudgins is seeking community input. She will provide a review of recent developments. In addition, there will be a panel discussion on the issue of independent civilian review featuring: Shirley Ginwright - NAACP Fairfax County; Richard Perez - Fairfax County Police Department; Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner - Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission.

Finally, there will be open discussion of the issues. This event is open to the public. All are invited.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

If there's one place where I don't belong, one place where I have limited knowledge, one place where I have minimal interest; it's a hardware store. Complicating those incontrovertible facts are the size and scope of the modern-day, box store-type monstrosity familiar even to me. I realize/have been told that size doesn't matter; apparently, that message hasn't translated to the hardware store. The height of the ceilings, the width of the aisles, the depth of the shelves, the numbers of registers, the miscellaneous service counters, the automated/sliding entry doors, the pick-up areas, the shopping carts, the "vested" staff, the interactive displays and the sheer variety of everything are totally overwhelming to me (I'm being kind to myself; now I'll be honest: intimidating to me).

The chance of me walking out with the item necessary to solve the problem I came in to address is almost impossible to calculate. However, if I were to try, I'd guess, somewhere between zero and none. And what chance I might have would likely require talking with "an associate" and being able to accurately describe the problem and the presumptive solution. That sounds simple and reasonable enough unless you're me. I likely wouldn't know the right answer if I heard it because either I had asked the wrong question or characterized the wrong set of circumstances which precipitated my visit in the first place. Moreover, knowing the eventual outcome will entail yours truly returning to the store and exchanging the item or spending hours at home on a repair that a "normal"/capable man/homeowner would spend minutes on, makes the entire process as unpleasant as any I've undertaken. Yesterday was just such a day.

I wouldn't say I'm still recovering from the effort, but neither am I basking in the glow of a job well done. Now I'm not going to humiliate myself and tell you what the attempted repair was; you can be sure it wasn't plumbing or electrical and certainly didn't involve a toilet or a trap of any kind. Nevertheless, when you're a person of extremely limited ability, instincts and experience as I am, any home repair in which you walk away uninjured and without any further adieu (follow-up service call from a professional or need for a new/replacement item because you broke the first one or made the problem worse by breaking something else) is a "Mt.-Rushmore" success. Certainly not worthy of a mention in a magazine, but worthy I thought, of a column.

Now don't get any ideas that yesterday's success ('success' in this context is defined as 'not a disaster') emboldens me with any sort of self-confidence about future endeavors. Hardly. The fewer and farther between they remain, the happier I'll be. Yesterday's experience was nothing short of a miracle and simply moves me closer to the inevitable calamity I will cause when next I am faced with a similar set of homeowner-type circumstances.

For me, the devil is not in the details, it's in the "do-tells." The problem begins with the problem. It is then compounded by my inability to communicate the problem at the store, it is then compounded by my inability to understand the solution to the problem I am given at the store and finally, the problem is compounded by my inability to do at home what I was told at the store.

Believe it or not, I can accept my level of incompetence; I'm used to it. It's much harder on my wife, Dina, though; she has to live with me.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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Herndon Police Department will conduct a pilot program to evaluate the effectiveness of body worn cameras for the agency.

Herndon Police to Conduct Body Worn Camera Pilot Program

During the months of September, October and November, 2016, the Herndon Police Department will conduct a pilot program to evaluate the effectiveness of body worn cameras. During the program, several officers will wear cameras on their uniforms to capture audio and visual footage of police interactions. Officers will be utilizing the cameras during calls for service, traffic stops, criminal investigations and other interactions with the public.

The department will be testing the Panasonic Arbitrator camera during the pilot program. The camera is a state-of-the-industry product the agency selected after an analysis of several body-worn cameras. The pilot program hopes to determine the

effectiveness of the cameras in areas such as: documenting events as they unfold, working out logistical issues with the equipment, fine tuning deployment procedures, and field testing the new agency policy for the equipment that ensures a respect for the privacy of the Herndon community. The cameras will be distributed during each of the department's three shifts, with a different shift piloting the cameras each month during the program.

The Herndon Police Department will seek the public's input and comment prior to a full-scale implementation of body worn cameras for all members of the department, which is anticipated to occur during the first quarter of 2017.

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- THURSDAY/SEPT. 8**
- Tetra Review Committee Meeting** 12 p.m. at the Reston Association Conference Center 12001 Sunrise Valley Dr, Reston, VA 20191. The Tetra Review Committee, comprised of 3 RA Members and the 4 members of the RA Board Governance Committee, is responsible for: reviewing bids and more.
- WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 14**
- Special Meeting of the RA Board** 6:30 p.m. at the Reston Association Conference Center 12001 Sunrise Valley Dr, Reston, VA 20191. The purpose of this meeting is to provide the Reston Association Board of Directors and members with an update and status regarding various Land Use/zoning.

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came involved in politics. My early efforts were directed against Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr.'s Massive Resistance movement. I joined the Human Relations Council and worked for desegregation of the schools.

I wish my friend had been at Skyland Lodge last week so that we could have had that conversation again. He would certainly have been surprised at how much I have learned in the meantime.

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