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Protest organizer Elizabeth Krial held the banner at the front of the march and helped lead marchers in changing: "Park free RTC" and "No way, we won't pay."

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RA Reviews Newly Published Lake House Report

BY FALLON FORBUSH
THE CONNECTION

A probe into the Reston Association's management of the Lake House was published on Wednesday, March 1.

The 30-page report examined the RA's processes during the referendum, purchase and renovation of its Lake House property, which went over budget and has yielded revenue shortfalls ever since it was purchased in July 2015 for \$2.6 million.

The RA Board of Directors hired StoneTurn Group, LLC on Thursday, Jan. 26, to complete the investigation by Tuesday, Feb. 28, for up to \$45,000.

While the intention of the investigation was to scrutinize the organization's processes to prevent the RA from ever mishandling a capital project in the same manner again, many RA members demanded StoneTurn identify specific individuals responsible for the misuse of RA money so they could be held responsible.

"The RA Board and staff will still need time to read the report after it's posted before anyone will be able to comment on it," said Mike Leone, RA spokesperson.

Eric Carr, chair of the RA's Tetra (Lake House) Review Committee and intermediary between the RA and StoneTurn during



Eric Carr, chair of the Reston Association Tetra Review Committee, participated in a community input session at RA headquarters on Thursday, Feb. 9, to talk to RA members about the investigation, which StoneTurn Group was conducting. Multiple RA members demanded that the report be made public without being altered by the RA. According to Carr, this was done

the investigation, said the report reveals the guilty parties.

"If you look at the sum total of the findings, there's a failure of process and a failure to follow procedures, primarily by the staff throughout this fiasco," Carr said. "The staff is to blame."

The report cites a significant lack of transparency due to excessive use of meetings in executive session throughout the process and a fundamental lack of procedures for capital projects.

"In my own words, they didn't know what they were getting into to properly scope the job requirements of a capital project," Carr said.

Since public outcry over the Lake House, the RA hired Garrett Skinner as director of its new Capital Improvement Planning and Projects Department. He began work on Monday, Jan. 9.

The new department, which includes three current RA employees, is responsible for the oversight of the association's capital projects.

Carr is running for the at-large seat on the RA Board during the spring election this month and hopes to bring further changes to how board members interact with staff members if he is elected.

"Reston has had to grow up," he said. "The Board has to grow up too."

Small projects could be handled without processes, but now with Metro develop-

ment, things have become more complicated and more expensive, he said.

"There also has to be some sort of healing," he said.

The board election will bring changes to the at-large, North Point District, Hunters Woods/Dogwood District seats and the Apartment Owners' Representative, which should help with that healing, he said.

"I don't know if that means we need to have changes in the staff, but we have to show that we mean that business in the future is going to be different than business in the past, and I think that's the next step that has to happen," he said.

The RA Board of Directors will review the report and hear comments at a special public meeting on Tuesday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m. at RA headquarters. "I expect a raucous meeting," Carr said.

Correction

Last week, the Connection reported the Fairfax County Department of Transportation's proposed service district rate for homeowners at 21 cents per \$100 of assessed value of the property. It is 2.1 cents per \$100 of assessed value of the property.

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Supervisor Cathy Hudgins looks on as guest speaker, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) addresses the attendees at the Hunter Mill District Community Summit.



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Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova answers a question from the public. Kristin Michaels from Fairfax County Public Schools is at the podium to talk about the FY 2018 county school budget.

Hunter Mill District Community Summit Held

Budgets, education, economic climate, immigration and Metro all on the agenda.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins held a community summit on Saturday, March 4 at the Frying Pan Park Visitors Center in Herndon. The chief order of business for the gathering was to present the Fairfax County FY 2018 Advertised Budget Plan to residents of the district, which includes Reston, the Town of Vienna, parts of Herndon, Oak Hill, and Tysons Corner.

County Executive Ed Long was on hand to make the financial presentation and field questions, but before he took to the podium, Hudgins welcomed her constituents and introduced guest speakers U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), Sharon Bulova, Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Tara Voight, Council Member from the Town of Vienna.

Connolly started things off by giving an overview of some of the recent happenings in Washington. “We will feel it,” said Connolly, referring to the freeze on government hiring, the possibility of another round of sequestration, and President Donald Trump’s announced plans to increase the military’s funding by \$54 billion. Spending on the military side “means commensurate cuts on the civilian side,” said the Congressman.

Northern Virginia is the 3rd largest region for federal contracts in the nation, Connolly told the audience. A major loss in that employment generator would have an enormous, negative ripple effect on the local economy.



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CONNOLLY WENT ON to list a few of the agencies and services that are facing substantial decreases in federal funding, including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. “You know. The folks who track our weather patterns, who watch out for hurricanes, blizzards” and other climatological events, he added, “helping us make important decisions and preparations.”

Funding for the Chesapeake Bay cleanup, a state/federal project begun in 2010 which has shown remarkable success in restoring water quality and improved the regional economy with significant job creation, has also been earmarked for a potential massive cut with the proposed downsizing of the Environmental Protection Agency by 20 percent. The restoration work could see a 93 percent cut, from \$72 million to \$5 million.

The Congressman also touched on the topic of Immigration, citing his attendance at Dulles airport following Trump’s Executive Order that effectively established a travel ban for people from seven Muslim-

majority countries. Connolly assisted in securing the release of an “American hero,” a woman who had assisted the U.S. military in Iraq.

Citing statistics that highlight the positive effect that immigrants and diversity have had on the county, Connolly said that “Fairfax has made it work by including everyone.”

Connolly, Hudgins, Bulova and Long all had something to say about Metro. Reston already has one of the Silver Line Stations at Wiehle-Reston. Before the project is complete, Hunter Mill will have two more stations in the district, with an increased responsibility for their care and upkeep.

County Executive Long said that Metro funding was workable in the FY 2018 budget, but that the following year posed a serious problem, since Northern Virginia would be picking up a larger portion of the operational tab. “The Feds have got to step up” and help break what Connolly called a vicious cycle of increasing fees, perceived poor service and reliability issues. Federal funding is made available for capital im-

provements to Metro, but Connolly pointed out that operational and maintenance monies are all up to the local jurisdictions — something that he said was unique to our area and placed an “unsustainable burden” on the region, especially since Fairfax County by Virginia law cannot create tax-based revenue sources and must continue to rely on real estate and property taxes to replenish the budget coffers.

Chairman Bulova highlighted a few successes that the county has chalked up, including the Diversion First Program, which seeks to offer alternatives to incarceration for persons with mental or developmental disabilities who “come into contact with the criminal justice system for low level offenses.”

Bulova also announced that the Board had appointed nine residents to the newly established Police Civilian Review Panel at their last meeting. The panel was part of the recommendations made by the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission in October of 2015.

The panel is made up of a “group...with impressive skillsets,” she stated. “They will offer...further transparency...and a separate portal for the community’s voice to be heard.”

AFTER BULOVA’S COMMENTS, the County Executive took over and with PowerPoint slides and a Citizen’s Guide pamphlet as communication tools, guided the attendees through the process, the driving factors, the timeline, and the specific disbursements in the county’s \$4.1 billion General Fund budget.

The Citizen’s Guide presents the amounts being directed to various needs, departments and services, along with a brief narrative that details what the monies are used for. It also includes some historical information for, and explains where certain funds are required by law and/or contract or obligatory debt service.

Long highlighted items that were not be

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OPINION

Independent, Civilian Oversight in Place

New auditor and panel will make an excellent police force better, more transparent and accountable.

In February, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors followed through in establishing two forms of independent oversight of law enforcement for the first time in county history.

Richard Schott will begin as independent auditor on April 17, reporting directly to the Board of Supervisors.

Nine members have been named to the county's inaugural Civilian Review Panel, chaired by Adrian Steel. More than 140 Fairfax County residents applied to be considered to serve on the panel, and those named appear to have a remarkable set of qualifications.

EDITORIAL Independent, civilian oversight of law enforcement is a national best practice.

Schott is a 27-year veteran of the FBI where he specialized in training on officer use of force, civil rights and color of law issues. He worked on the Henry Glover and Danziger Bridge civil rights cases, prosecutions of New Orleans Police Department officers for civil rights violations after Hurricane Katrina.

The Office of the Auditor will handle cases of police use of force that result in serious injury and death and the Civilian Review Panel will handle complaints about Fairfax County Police abuse of authority or misconduct.

These methods of oversight were adopted

by the board following recommendations of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission, established by Chairman Sharon Bulova in the wake of the police shooting death of John Geer and public reaction to 17 months when FCPD released no information about the case until forced to by court order.

Leadership of FCPD, especially Chief Edwin C. Roessler Jr., have embraced the almost all of the 202 recommendations of the commission, which acknowledged the overall excellence of Fairfax County Police.

Nevertheless, the county's first independent auditor will come on board with work to do.

In his mandate to monitor and review internal investigations of Police Department officer-involved shootings, in-custody deaths and use-of-force cases in which an individual is killed or seriously injured, Schott will begin with the investigation of the officer-involved shooting death of Herndon resident Mohammad Azim Doudzai in progress.

Among the questions for Schott will be why it took 45 days, rather than the recommended 10 days, to release the name of the officer involved in the shooting. The chief needed the additional time to fully investigate and mitigate any possible threats to the officer and his family, and respond to legal action by the officer seeking to stop the release of his name, a delay permitted by the new policy. The officer

was involved in two other uses of deadly force, one in 2005 and one in 2010, with the suspect wounded but not killed in those two incidents. (The officer received valor awards for the 2005 incident for rescuing the store manager during an armed robbery with shots fired.)

Other questions that we hope the auditor can answer for the public:

According to the chief's statement at the scene on the day of the incident, two officers used less lethal force (taser and foam bullet) while one officer fired his service weapon. Was a supervisor coordinating the plan? What was the sequence of events and uses of force? Was there an attempt to subdue the suspect without deadly force?

Why is so little additional information forthcoming about the incident? Subsequent releases have contained fewer details than were release on the day of the incident. What video exists and when will it be released?

The policy states: "It is important to note the 10 day period is primarily related to the release of officer names and is only designed as a limit to not be exceeded without cause, not a recommended standard, and the board and the public expect the Police Department to release other appropriate preliminary factual information and updates to the public as soon as possible."

Another area of inquiry is analysis of data released last year that indicates 40 percent of the subjects of use of force by FCPD are African American, while only 8 percent of the county population is African American.

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A Mixed Bag: General Assembly Session 2017

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

The best way I can describe the 2017 session of the General Assembly is to call it a mixed bag. Some good work was done for sure, but if not for the Governor's veto pen it would have been marred by some backward legislation. Most disappointing are the missed opportunities that were not addressed in the 46-day, short session.

COMMENTARY Although budget matters are supposed to be dealt with only in the long, even-year session, there are budget adjustments that creep into the short session as well. The good news is that the Assembly passed amendments to the biennium budget to bring it back into balance from a \$1.2 billion shortfall in revenue. There were reductions, but the Governor proposed and the Assembly agreed to keeping 3-percent salary increases for state employees who have been without a raise for



deal with the critical needs in mental health care.

Four bills were passed to deal with the opioid epidemic. They established needle exchange programs, increased access to the overdose drug naloxone, increased services to infants exposed to opioids in utero, and strengthened opioid prescription policies. Five million dollars was appropriated for permanent supportive housing for people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless because of mental illness. A bill to require insurance companies to cover a 12-month supply of prescription birth control also passed.

Of the bills I opposed, most will be vetoed by the Governor. Not only did a committee in the House defeat my bill to require universal

background checks for gun purchases, but it passed several bills to make access to guns easier. The Republicans do not have the super majority that is needed to overturn the Governor's veto of these bills. Likewise, the Governor is expected to veto a bill that would prevent localities from becoming "sanctuary" zones. He has already vetoed a bill that would have denied funding to Planned Parenthood, and the House was not able to override his veto.

Despite public support for establishing an independent system to draw legislative boundary lines, my bill and several others with that goal were defeated in a House committee. Bills that passed the

Senate on this issue were defeated in the same House committee. The public support for legislation that would prevent legislators from being able to pick their own voters was as strong as I have seen on an issue in recent years.

Beware that a new law passed that creates a fine of \$100 for failing to drive on the right side of the road. The intent of this new law is to prevent slow drivers from driving in the left lane. Legislation that would have created a bill of rights for college student loan borrowers did not pass.

For more information on the bills that were introduced and their outcome, go to www.lis.virginia.gov.

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LETTER

Power in Unity

To the Editor:

With much excitement, I read Feb. 22 commentary titled "What Can I Do?" Author, Kenneth R. Plum, State Delegate (D-36) writes to inform the community about a chance to become involved and more active in civil service. As Plum is a State Delegate, his position in society allows and provides him with the connections to organize a Civil Engagement Workshop. Considering the current state of affairs within our nation, now more than ever, it is important to recognize there is power in unity and to seek to make personal connections with others in our community. Taking place March 11, Plum states that there will be 15 representatives at this event from different organizations that work towards social justice regarding one specific issue. Pulling from both political parties, Plum gathered a diverse group of representatives allowing attendees to feel welcomed to share and express their concerns. I applaud State Delegate Plum for facilitating this event and realizing that we all share a common thread if we have the chance to discuss it. By empowering ourselves and our neighbors, we open our eyes to our interdependence which is the greatest chance to change the direction that our nation is headed in. As I will be on spring break from college, I personally look forward to attending this event and encouraging my neighbors to attend as well.

Veronika Funke
Herndon

NEWS BRIEF

SoberRide Pairs with LYFT

SoberRide, a popular free safe-ride service to prevent drunk driving will now be solely available via the Lyft mobile app ridesharing platform.

The collaboration kicks-off officially with this month's St. Patrick's Day holiday when Lyft will provide SoberRide trips to would-be drunk drivers throughout Greater Washington beginning at 4 p.m. on Friday, March 17, 2017 (St. Patrick's Day) and continue until 4 a.m. on Saturday, March 18, 2017. Area residents age 21 or older celebrating with alcohol may download Lyft to their phones, then enter the code SOBERRIDE in the app's 'Promo' section to receive their no cost (up to \$ 20) safe transportation home. The SoberRide code is valid for new and existing Lyft users.

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Marching for 'Park Free RTC'

Hundreds protest Reston Town Center parking fees.

BY FALLON FORBUSH
THE CONNECTION

Hundreds of people opposed Reston Town Center's new paid parking scheme on Saturday, March 4, by marching in a "Park Free RTC" protest march.

Cold winds didn't deter the crowd — estimated at up to 500 people — from marching around the town center's grounds for nearly two hours.

The marchers made circles on New Dominion Parkway and Town Center Parkway, carefully avoiding town center property, which is privately-owned. Each time the crowds neared intersections to the town center property, they were met with uniformed and plain-clothes town center security guards.

While Reston Town Center was naturally unwelcoming to the marchers, many drivers passing by the crowds honked their horns in showings of support. Even drivers at streetlights cheered marchers on as their long lines momentarily blocked traffic at intersections.

The assembly of protesters have specific demands for Boston Properties, which owns and manages the buildings in the town center.

They have asked Boston Properties to reduce the hourly parking rates or give patrons the first hour or two free, according to Kim Reinbold, who helped organize the protest march. She said she and other organizers would also like to see parking free after 5 p.m. on weekdays.

MANY OF THE PROTESTERS, especially older participants wielding flip phones, also despise the ParkRTC smartphone app that



Protest organizers Gaurang Shah, Maria Lam and Elizabeth Krial hold the banner and lead participants down public streets around the town center.

is used to pay for parking sessions.

"We want to bring awareness to Boston Properties that the plans they implemented are too expensive and not user-friendly," said Maria Lam, who helped organize the protest march. "People are boycotting and we don't want to see it turn into a ghost town."

Paid parking will remain at the Reston Town Center, despite protesters' vocal opposition.

Kathy Walsh, spokesperson for Boston Properties, issued this statement to the Connection on the day of the protest march:

"Boston Properties remains committed to this paid parking model which they believe meets the objectives outlined for paid parking:

1. protecting the rights of RTC tenants and visitors who patronize the center;
2. enhancing the parking experience of those tenants, visitors and patrons; and
3. augmenting the Boston Properties revenue dedicated to reinvestment in the Reston community through improved facilities for the general public, family-oriented events, best-in-class retail, innovative technologies and nonprofit donations."

Yet, Boston Properties may be open to the idea of adjustments.

"While paid parking has only been active for a relatively short period of time, Boston

Properties will continue to evaluate operating and business impacts, and pledges to assess input and make modifications to the systems and its processes, as necessary," Walsh said.

MERCHANTS, who say the parking fees have driven away business, are not holding their breath. Opposing merchants have organized under the Reston Merchants Association and have hired the Fay Law Group to look into their lease contracts with the town center.

"We're not going to stop as merchants fighting this thing," said Aaron Gordon of Gordon Food Group and the proprietor of the Red Velvet Cupcakery in the town center. "I have two years to fight this and I'm not going away."

While Gordon's Red Velvet Cupcakery has two years left on its lease at the town center, he said Boston Properties does not care about how its paid parking fees impact the town center's small businesses.

"Either they're so brutally naive that this many people would boycott, or they've got so much money that they don't care and will let companies die because they can find replacements," he said.

On Saturday, Gordon led protesters to his cupcakery for a "cookie crawl," despite security guards' insistence that they were not allowed to enter the town center while hold-



Gamble Gilbertson of Reston marches while holding a sign countering one of Boston Properties' primary reasons for implementing paid parking: to keep metrorail commuters from taking away parking spots from town center patrons and employees.



Suzanne Zurn of Reston stands at the corner of New Dominion Parkway and Fountain Drive as protest marchers organize at step off point. Zurn started a Change.org petition against paid parking well before it was implemented in March 2016.

ing their protest signs.

Without any scuffles, marchers ignored warnings and continued to follow Gordon down Library Street and onto Democracy Drive where they ate free cookies and were encouraged to support local businesses at the town center by staying for drinks and special happy hours.

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Kitchen Design Trends to Expect in 2017

Local designer share popular design ideas.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Those looking for kitchen design ideas have a new source of inspiration: the National Kitchen & Bath Association's (NKBA) list of trends for 2017. Local designers reveal which trends are most popular in the Washington, D.C. region.

NKBA predicts that contemporary-styled kitchens will overtake traditional to become the second most popular design after transitional. Locally, Michael Winn, president of Winn Design + Build expects to see "a strong move towards transitional and contemporary styles, with no fussy designs."

Homeowners are looking for "kitchen spaces that look comfortable, calming and clutter-free," said Shannon Kadwell of Anthony Wilder Design/Build, Inc.

Clean lines, built-in shelving and simple door styles dominate kitchen designs. Megan Padilla, senior designer for Aidan Design reports an interest in custom storage ideas. "We're inspired by our work with clients who often have collections of table décor — everything from antique trays to vintage oyster plates," she said. "By creating custom storage these cherished items can be readily accessible."

When it comes to painted cabinetry, gray is the new white and the popularity of both colors shows no signs of slowing down, according to the NKBA survey. However, blue painted and high gloss kitchen cabinets are emerging, especially in the Washington area, says Winn. "Blues and grays are very popular [and] "White continues to be popular."

For overall color schemes, two-toned kitchens are gaining popularity while blue and black are emerging as sought after colors. "We're seeing a rise in product offerings available in matte black — from appli-



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Clean lines, built-ins and neutral colors, such as those in the kitchen of this Potomac, Md. home by Anthony Wilder Design/Build, Inc., are expected to be popular in 2017.

ances to plumbing fixtures to cabinet hardware," said Padilla. "We love it paired with white in a classic black and white kitchen, but also as an accent piece. Matte black also pairs beautifully with brass, which has been trending for the past couple of years."

Quartz is the most sought-after kitchen countertop material, followed by granite. "Most of our clients aren't really interested in a kitchen that [is] too trendy since they plan to have it in place for 15-20 years," said Padilla. "We've seen an uptick in interest in incorporating color by way of alternate neutrals. Navy blue is probably the top choice, but taupes and lighter blues are also on the list."

An interest among homeowners in incorporating technology in kitchen design is increasing as well. About one third of the NKBA professionals surveyed reported recent projects that included wiring and pathways for future tech integration. "I would also expect the technology side to be a focus in D.C.," said Samantha Klickna, project developer with Case Design/Remodeling, Inc. "The ease and comfort of controlling your home while at the office or on travel is very appealing and convenient for the city dweller."

Induction cooktops and convection ovens are trending higher, and microwave drawers are surpassing freestanding or built-in microwaves in popularity. "People have been purchasing appliances like steam ovens and induction ovens now more than ever before," said Kadwell. "People have less time, but still want to cook. They want to be able to cook quickly, so they're looking for appliances that can accomplish that."



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Design trends for 2017 include kitchens with rustic and reclaimed woods, such as this one by Aidan Design.



White and gray painted cabinets like those in this kitchen by Winn Design + Build will dominate kitchen color schemes in 2017.

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ONGOING

GRACE Art: Celebrating Creativity.

Through March 11, at various times at the Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE), 12001 Market St., Suite 103, celebrates Youth Art Month with two exhibitions dedicated to the artistic achievements of the area's youth. Opening reception and family day, March 4, 12-4 p.m. Visit restonarts.org or call 703-471-9242.

Ice Skating in the Pavilion 8 a.m.-11 p.m. open daily through March. College Night Skate, Rock N Skate, Cartoon Skate at the Ice Skating Pavilion. Every Thursday, 6-9 p.m.; every Friday, 8-10 p.m. Skate Shop, 1818 Discovery Street, Reston Town Center. 11900 Market Street. Receive \$2 off admission with valid college ID. Live DJ & music, games & prizes; skating continues until 11 pm. Share the ice with Scooby-Doo, Cat in the Hat and more. 703-709-6300 skating@restontowncenter.com restontowncenter.com/skating

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. Call 703-689-0999 potomacriverrunning.com.

Over-40 Softball League. A Fairfax-based league is looking for enough players to form another team. Players must be at least 40 years of age to be eligible. All games are doubleheaders - played on Sundays at Bready Park in Herndon between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. If interested, email skeduman@aol.com for more.

"A Bird in the Hand" through spring 2017 Reston Town Square Park, 11900 Market Street, Reston Town Center. See and explore Patrick Dougherty's monumental public art sculpture made from tree saplings. Presented by GRACE in collaboration with IPAR. Visit restonarts.org.

SATURDAY/MARCH 11

Family Fun Saturdays. Throughout the day at Fountain Square, Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Activities include:

- ❖ Dog Adoptions with Lucky Dog Animal Rescue, 11-3 p.m.
- ❖ Free Sweet Treats, 1 p.m., while supplies last
- ❖ Balloon Artist, 1-4 p.m.
- ❖ Live Music, 2-4 p.m.

Visit cornerstonesva.org/rest-on, email ON@cornerstonesva.org, or call Cornerstones at 571-323-9555 for more.

Leprechaun Houses. 10 a.m.-noon at Reston Art Gallery & Studios, 11400 Washington Plaza W, Lake Anne Plaza, Reston. Create a rainbow topped dwelling from paper, markers etc, add a pot of gold if you like. Free drop-in parent/child crafts project. Call 703-481-8156 for more.

Children's Cooking Class. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Il Fornaio, 11990 Market St., Reston Town Center. Pizza-making cooking class for kids. \$18.95, includes pizza, soft drinks and gelato. For reservations, visit banquets.reston@ilfo.com or call 703-437-5544 for more.

Digital Photography Essentials. 1-5 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. This introductory class, taught by Mary Louise Ravese of Bella Vista Photography, is for people with a digital camera who are interested in learning how to successfully use their camera beyond automatic / program modes. \$200 plus a \$50 supply fee. Call 703-956-9560 or visit www.artspaceherndon.com for more.

ArtSpace Kids Workshop. 2-4 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. A Reduce, Reuse and Recycle kids art workshop with teachers Amanda Jasper and Anna Warburton. \$25, grades 1-5. Call 703-956-9560 or visit www.artspaceherndon.com for more.

Lecture about County Borders. 7 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Local historian Jim Lewis tells the story behind the evolution of the Fairfax and Loudoun County boundary line. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library.

Purim Comedy Night. 7:30 p.m. at the Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, 1441 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Featuring comedians Bengt Washburn and Matty Litwak and the Shticklets. \$36. Call 540-521-1692 or visit www.nvhcreston.org/ for more.

The Travelers Concert. 7:30 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. Musicians Norman Wright, Kevin Church, Tom Adams and Marshall Wilborn have individually been playing traditional bluegrass music and now come together as a quartet. \$15 children 12 and younger free. Call 703-435-8377 for more.

SUNDAY/MARCH 12

Lucky Leprechaun 5K. 8:30 a.m. at the Fountain Square and Streets Race, 11900 Market St., Reston Town Center. 3.1 mile race and kid fun run. Register at praces.com/luckyleprechaun or call 703-689-0999.

Nonprofit Event. 1-5 p.m. at The Avant at Reston Town Center, 12025 Town Square St., Reston. CTaBois, founder of the International Association for Self-Proclaimed Artists and Writers, is holding her first art exhibition to benefit the effort in Thailand. Visit www.ctabois.com for more.

Opening Reception. 2-4 p.m. at Reston Art Gallery & Studios, Lake Anne Village Center, 11400 Washington Plaza W # B, Reston. Joan Kelly's new show called "New Directions," which continues through March 29. Visit www.restonartgallery.com/ for more.

MONDAY/MARCH 13

Trivia Day. 9:30 a.m. at Dranesville Church of the Brethren 11500 Leesburg Pike. \$5 fee to help pay for trivia host Tam Mcgeady. Call 703-404-0124 for more.

MARCH 12-29

"New Directions" Exhibit. 2-4 p.m. at Reston Art Gallery & Studios, Lake Anne Village Center, 11400 Washington Plaza W # B, Reston. Joan Kelly is the artist behind this show. Visit www.restonartgallery.com/ for more.

TUESDAY/MARCH 14

Fundraiser Night at Chipotle. 6-10 p.m. at Chipotle Mexican Grill, 11913 Freedom Drive, Reston Town Center. Chipotle will donate 50 percent of proceeds from orders placed by supporters of Herndon Middle School Theatre Boosters when they show the flyer on their phone or mention the charity to the cashier. Call 703-435-5795 or visit chipotle.com for more.

Farm Animals Bedtime. 7-8 p.m. at Fryling Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Learn how animals such as cows, pigs and goats get ready for some shut-eye. Bring a flashlight or lantern along, and please dress for the weather. Call 703-437-9101 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark/.

THURSDAY/MARCH 16

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MARCH 17-19

From the Mouths of Monsters. Various times at Herndon High School Auditorium, 700 Bennett St., Herndon. \$5 for students, \$15 for adults, appropriate for students in grades 7-12. Visit herndonhighschooltheatre.ticketleap.com for more.

MARCH 17-APRIL 1

Emerging Visions: Interactions. Various times at the Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE), 12001 Market Street, Suite 103, Reston. After viewing Shih Chieh Huang: Synthetic Transformations, students were asked to explore different interpretations and aspects of interactions. The final selections will be on view in the gallery. Opening reception, March 18, 6-8 p.m. Visit restonarts.org or call 703-471-9242.

SATURDAY/MARCH 18

Kids' Trout Fishing Day. 8 a.m.-noon at Snakeden Branch Stream between Soapstone Drive and Lake Audubon. Snakeden Branch will be well stocked with hundreds of trout. All necessary equipment will be provided and Trout Unlimited members will help clean the fish. Registration is required. Ages 2-12. To register, reserve a fishing rod go to bit.ly/2017TroutFishingDay. To volunteer, contact Ha Brock at 703-435-7986 or habrock@reston.org.

Family Fun Saturdays. Throughout the day at Fountain Square, Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Activities include:

- ❖ Horse Carriage Rides noon-5 p.m.
 - ❖ Free Funnel Cakes, 1 p.m., while supplies last
 - ❖ Meet Reston Town Center Mascot, "Resty" the Dog
- Visit cornerstonesva.org/rest-on.
- St. Patrick's Day Party.** 6-9 p.m., at St. Veronica's Church parish hall, 3460 Centreville Road, Chantilly. A family event that includes food, drink, sing-alongs, Irish dancers and plenty of smiling Irish eyes. Adults \$7, Children \$5, drinks extra. Visit www.stveronica.net/ or call 703-773-2000 for more.

SUNDAY/MARCH 19

Maker Faire NoVa. 11:00 a.m. until 5 p.m. at South Lakes High School and Langston Hughes Middle School, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston. Tech enthusiasts, inventors, entrepreneurs, educators and curious minds. Visit nova.makerfaire.com/ for more.

Maestro Fleary and the Orchestra. 4 p.m. at Reston Community Center, Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. "With Youth in Mind: Birds, Bees and Oddities" show. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com for more.

TUESDAY/MARCH 21

Design and Wine Workshop. 7-9 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Artist Ronni Jolles will be teaching the technique she's developed over the past 16 years called "Painting with Paper." Call 703-956-9560 or visit www.artspaceherndon.com for more.

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Residents Participate in 'Build-a-Budget' Exercise

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ing funded in the “net neutral” budget plan, such as the second year of additional funding for the Diversion First program. He also pointed out areas where funds were provided that fell short of the requests made by their recipients. The largest gap of note was in the transfer to the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Operating Fund. Even though the Advertised Budget includes an increase of \$51.69 million over FY 2017, that number is almost \$61 million less than what has been requested by the FCPS Board.

Fairfax County funds approximately 72 percent of the FCPS budget, while the average school district in Virginia receives only about 41 percent from its local government, with the rest coming from the State. “If our county only funded 41 percent of the FCPS budget, we would save about \$817 million,” said Long.

There were plenty of comments and queries from the audience. “Why not just ask for a dollar more per month in the real estate assessments?” asked one woman. Long replied that after the increases of the prior year, the softening of the housing market, and the decisive defeat of the proposed Meals Tax Referendum during the November elections, it was determined that maintaining the tax rate at \$1.13 dollars per \$100 of assessed property value was advisable.

Long also said that the FY 2019 outlook was such that it was best to budget conservatively this year and continue to prepare for the future.

Following Long’s presentation and a question and answer and public commentary session, Kristin Michaels, FCPS Assistant Superintendent for Financial Services provided an overview of the FY 2017 Budget for the county’s schools.

WHEN ONE RESIDENT QUESTIONED the collaboration between the county’s Board of Supervisors and the school board, and why the budget process didn’t start until January, Chairman Bulova responded that the two boards “have a stronger working relationship than ever before.” The county board and the school board participated in a joint retreat in 2016 to “better know each other” and to brainstorm on ways to support education in the community.

“And the budget happens all year long,” she added. According to Bulova, almost immediately after the adoption of one budget, work begins on how to achieve the financial goals of the next year and beyond. To additional comments, Bulova acknowledged that the county could do better when communicating with residents. “I just have started a Council on communications and public engagement,” she said. The Council focuses primarily on land use issues, but Bulova said that the recommendations for improved communications would no doubt be applicable to all interaction between the county and its residents.

Attendee Leila Gordon, the executive director of the Reston Community Center, commented that in this community there was a strong spirit of partnership, but that what was needed was not to think only about where to find more money, but how to do things differently. It was time to utilize a more holistic approach to solving our problems and “bring fresh voices and ideas. Think big picture and how each action relates to all families in the region.”

After a break and a presentation by Sookyun Oh, D.C. area director of the National Korean American Service and Education Consortium on using a “lens of equity” when developing a budget, the remaining audience members were given a chance to participate in a “Build-a-Budget” exercise.

Wireless electronic polling devices were distributed. Supervisor Hudgins read a series of questions asking the public to make decisions about building a balanced budget for the county. The participants all seemed eager to answer and sometimes surprised by their collective answers.

SEVENTY-FOUR PERCENT of the respondents voted to adjust the tax rate to allow for “providing excellent services for every resident of Fairfax,” yet, at the same time, 40.31 percent expressed their overall approval of the budget as it was presented, despite the items that could not be funded, or the gap in the funding request by the School Board.

Later in the survey, almost 41 percent said that they would support an increase to fully fund the schools transfer request and county services.

Thirty-three percent indicated a loss of confidence in Metro and said they would need to see significant improvements in several areas before supporting additional funding, while 44.44 percent acknowledged the Metro problems, but said they would still support increased funding, even if it meant more taxes.

A lack of affordable housing in the region had been mentioned by several of the speakers and by members of the public. During the budget exercise, 36.58 percent agreed that they would support the re-establishment of the \$.01 housing tax. The majority, 57.05 percent, preferred to see an increase in the developers’ contribution to support affordable housing.

During the activity, a number of the participants shouted out “Is there another option?” when answering a particular survey question. Several noted at the conclusion that picking a priority was more difficult than they would have originally thought.

Hudgins thanked them, saying their participation served to illustrate the difficulties in building a budget for the good of all citizens with the funds available, and also provided additional valuable input for consideration as the budget process continues through the call for adoption at the Board of Supervisors meeting on May 2.



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Saturday, March 18
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Co-sponsored by Supervisor Linda Smyth and Oakton HS Marketing Department

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Saturday, April 1
12 pm to 2 pm

Co-sponsored by West Springfield HS Student Government and Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce

South County Secondary School
Saturday, April 29
11 am to 1 pm

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THURSDAY/MARCH 9

At-Large Candidates' Forum. 7:30 p.m. at RA Headquarters, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive. Send questions to ElectionsCommittee@reston.org or tweet them @restononline #RAelection2017.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 15

Home Buying Basics. 7 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Find out what every new buyer needs to know from planning to financing, to shopping, to closing. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library for more.

ONGOING

Exercise for Parkinson's. Every Monday, 1:15-2:15 p.m. Reston Sport&Health, 11445 Isaac Newton Square, Reston. This program brings together people impacted by Parkinson's Disease to participate in various physical exercises aimed at improving posture, balance and circulation and increasing strength, muscle control and mobility. Free. parkinsonfoundation.org. ckacenga@sportandhealth.com 703-621-4148.

Master Gardener Training. The Fairfax County Master Gardener Association offers plant clinics, home turf training or speakers for homeowner's meetings. Fees vary. Visit fairfaxgardening.org or call Dora Lockwood at 401-864-4778 for more.

Over-40 Softball League. A Fairfax-based league is looking for enough players to form another team. Players must be at least 40 years of age to be eligible. All games are doubleheaders - played on Sundays at Bready Park in Herndon between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Email skeduman@aol.com for more.

Hypothermia Prevention: An Emergency Program for the Homeless

To help our vulnerable neighbors survive the winter, we provide overnight shelter with a "no turn-away" policy at all emergency homeless shelters during freezing weather. Through the coldest months of the winter, we also provide the Hypothermia Prevention Program, a countywide community network of 45 overnight shelters. Through this program last winter, our

nonprofit and faith-based community partners served almost 1,000 men and women with a safe, warm place to sleep. If you see someone at night who is unsheltered and you think could be at risk of hypothermia, call the county's non-emergency phone line at 703-691-2131, TTY 711.

Passages Divorce Care. Tuesdays 6:45 to 9:00 p.m. beginning Sept. 13 through Jan 7. Vienna Presbyterian Church is located on the corner of Maple Avenue (Rt. 123) and Park Street in Vienna, Virginia. Cost to cover materials \$20, scholarships available. 703-938-9050, www.viennapres.org, or send an email to Passages@ViennaPres.org

The Herndon Adult Day Health Care Center needs volunteers to assist with fitness activities, arts and crafts, mealtime, entertainment and much more. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Toy Drive in Collaboration with Nonprofit FISH Through Dec. 16

Stop by 11890 Sunrise Valley Drive any weekday from 9-4 and drop a new, unwrapped toy in the donation box in the lobby. All toys will be distributed to needy children within Loudoun County and to Herndon/Reston children via the non-profit Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc. Toys should be for the ages of Newborn to 16. The last day for donations is December 16. Call 703-860-4600 for more information.

The Northern Virginia Long Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteer advocates for residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Contact Lisa Callahan at 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or email Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Also visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltombudsman/.

Submit a Nomination for Volunteerism & Community Service Awards

The Virginia Governor's Volunteerism and Community Service Awards is looking to recognize individuals and groups whose volunteer activities contribute to the life and welfare of Virginia citizens. There are a variety of categories for both individuals as well as groups so if you have a special volunteer in your organization or know of a group that should be nominated, please visit the website to get started: <http://virginiainservice.virginia.gov/volunteering/governors-volunteerism-awards/>

SCHOOL NOTES

Send school notes to north@connectionnewspapers.com by noon on Friday.

Taylor Wreath, of Reston, was named Cadet of the Second Quarter of the 2016-17 school year at Randolph-Macon Academy (Front Royal, Va.).

Emily Clare Shaw, of Reston, was named to the president's honor roll for fall 2016 at the University of Wyoming (Laramie, Wy.).

Abigail Studen, of Reston, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2016 semester at Lafayette College (Easton, Pa.).

Jordan L. Truitt, of Reston, was named to the dean's list at Clemson University (Clemson, S.C.) for the fall 2016 semester.

Paige L. Truitt, of Reston, was named to the dean's list at Clemson University (Clemson, S.C.) for the fall 2016 semester.

FAITH NOTES

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

Trinity Presbyterian Church, 651 Dranesville Road, Herndon, has Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. during the summer. Nursery and childcare are provided starting at 8 a.m. until the end of the service. 703-437-5500 or www.trinityherndon.org.

Vajrayogini Buddhist Center, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston, holds weekly classes starting Sept. 12, Thursdays 7:30-8:30 p.m., for the general public which use Buddhist teachings to practice meditation. \$12 or \$6 for students, seniors and unemployed. 202-986-2257 or www.meditation-dc.org.

St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 1700 Wainwright Drive in Reston, holds Sunday services at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and contemporary service at 5 p.m. during the summer. Nursery, Sunday school and adult education available. 703-437-6530 or www.stannes-reston.org.

Washington Plaza Baptist Church will hold Adult Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at Lake Anne Village 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. 703-938-2391 or www.epiphanypreschool.com.

21 Announcements

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Devyn Jones, on left, competes in the 55-meter hurdles at the 6A State Championship in Hampton.

South Lakes Athletes Break Records, Win State Honors

South Lakes High School seniors Devyn Jones, Timiebi Ogobri and Peter Sepulveda closed out their four-year indoor track and field careers by earning All-State honors at the 6A State Championship February 24-25, 2017.

The SLHS girls team finished seventh while the boys were 21st out of the 52 schools with indoor track and field teams completing at the Boo Williams Sportsplex in Hampton.

Jones teamed with freshman Mary Gregory, sophomore Sophie Halkett and junior Aly Rayle for sixth place in the 4x400 meter relay (4:05.74). She also finished ninth in the 55-meter hurdles with a 8.31, breaking her own school record of 8.34 that she set at the 6A North Region Championship earlier this month. Jones also competed in the 300 meter dash (42.02, 16th).

Another school record was set by Halkett, Rayle, sophomore Jordan Anderson and junior Olivia Beckner in the 4x800 meter relay. Their second-place time of 9:20.20 eclipsed the previous mark of 9:30.27 set

by Halkett, Beckner, Golden Kumi-Darfour and Sarah Wolfe at last year's state championship.

In individual events, Beckner finished second in the 1,600 meter run (5:02.25), Gregory was fifth (1:16.59) and Rayle, eighth (1:18.28) in the 500 meter dash and Halkett ran 3:03.81 for eighth in the 1,000 meter run.

For the SLHS boys team, Ogobri, senior Don'ta Whitley, junior Jack Eggeman and sophomore Stevie Jones ran a 1:32.94 in the 4x200 meter relay for sixth place. Ogobri finished seventh in the 55 meter dash with a 6.52. He ran a personal best of 6.48 in the preliminaries.

Sepulveda, senior Jack Watkins and juniors Sean Casey and Alex Loukili were fourth in the 4x800 meter relay (8:11.12). Loukili finished 9th in the 1,000 meter run (2:40.47) and Whitley was 11th in the 500 (1:11.13).

Junior Ronak Cuthill contributed to the team's success with a 10th place finish in the shot put (47-04.75).

A Team of Winners

Gianmichel D'Alessandro, in the green cap, prepares to dive in for his school record-setting swim in the 50-yard freestyle. His time of 21.69 was a new school record at South Lakes High School, and he was



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among a team of winners at this year's VHSL State Championships, Feb. 16-17 at George Mason University. Other notable feats at the competition included freshman Anna Redican, who took second in the 100-yard backstroke with a school record time of 55.71; Michael George, who took seventh with a new school record time of 58.08 in the 100-yard breaststroke; and a fourth place finish in the 500-yard freestyle for junior Jack Edgemond. This season marks the last for Coach Scott Brown after coaching the team for 23 years.