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## NEWS

# Town Budget: No Tax Increase

Hearing to get public input on the town's proposed FY 2018 Budget on Tuesday, April 25.

BY FALLON FORBUSH  
THE CONNECTION

Despite expecting to pull in less revenue, the town of Herndon has advertised a budget for next year without raising taxes on its residents.

"There's really nothing to complain about," said William "Bill" Ashton, Herndon's acting town manager.

Many seem to agree with his opinion. The Herndon Town Council held a hearing on the budget on Tuesday, April 11, and only one person from the public showed to testify.

Under the advertised fiscal year 2018 budget, the town would make \$51,181,877 in total revenues, down 7.8 percent from the 2017 budget, which earned \$55,486,261.

"When we were looking at the budget and what we were trying to accomplish, we felt that we could take that level of revenue, even though it has been a no-growth revenue cycle for us for several years, we decided that we could still meet our demands, meet the objectives of council and maintain that tax rate," Ashton said.

Ashton found savings for the town by data mining its finances and rethinking its expenditures, he said.

This is the first year the town has been able to leverage data from its new financial system that Ashton has been implementing over the past few years as Herndon's IT director prior to being appointed acting town manager on Jan. 10 when Art Anselene, the former town manager, retired.

"What that allowed us was to drill down into a very granular level into the individual accounts and look at how the money was being spent and to try and get a good flavor of a three-year pattern of expenditures in certain operations accounts and we were able to see some anomalies in there," Ashton said.

He noticed that some expenditures were significantly less than what they were being budgeted for, like the town's allocation for fuel costs.



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**Town of Herndon Acting  
Town Manager William  
"Bill" Ashton.**

"We can create capacity by taking the budgeted amount and bring it back closer to where reality lies and thereby free up those funds to go to something else," he said.

Despite the flat tax rates and penny pinching, the nearly 8 percent reduction in the overall budget is driven by the town's healthy list of capital projects, according to Ashton.

The budget for the town's Capital Improvement Program totals nearly \$7 million with an additional \$4.2 million for capital projects in the town's Enterprise Funds, which are standalone funds separate from the General Fund.

This funding does not include expenditures for Herndon's highly anticipated downtown renovation, which is still under negotiation.

**DURING A SPECIAL MEETING** on Nov. 30, 2016, the Herndon Town Council adopted a resolution that directed town staff to move forward with negotiations on a proposal for the redevelopment of nearly five acres of downtown Herndon with Reston real estate firm Comstock Partners.

The town is expecting the 24-month construction to be underway come next summer, as it proposed forgoing its annual four-day festival in 2018, which occurs every June around the town's municipal center complex and Town Hall Square. These areas will be affected by the construction.

The cancellation of this event next year was also another way the town saved some money.

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# NEWS

## Herndon Easter Egg Hunt Draws Crowds

Children delight in the many activities offered by Herndon Parks and Recreation.

By MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

Children, parents and grandparents gathered together on Saturday, April 15 for one of the Town of Herndon's most popular annual events for children, the Herndon Easter Egg Hunt. The event was held on the Town Green behind the Municipal Center at 777 Lynn St., and adjacent to the W & OD Trail. Herndon Parks and Recreation produced the ticketed event that featured baskets of fun for everyone.

Even though egg hunts are a time-honored Easter tradition, they are even better when the date falls in mid-April when the grass is soft and green, and leaves are budding on the trees. Of course, no rain in the forecast and weather in the 60s makes the day perfect, and it was this year.

Before the families and a certain hoppity woodland creature made their way over to the Green though, Herndon Parks and Recreation staff and others, including a large team of volunteers, had been hard at work getting ready for the annual Easter egg hunt and activities.

When the children arrived shortly before 9:30 a.m. for the first egg hunt, there was so much fun they didn't know what to

choose first. Choices included a photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny, at least for those children who wanted to check out the 7-foot-tall white rabbit with huge feet and floppy ears. There was a community-coloring mural, a tattoo shack, an instrument petting zoo, and a bubble blowing station.

Spring is all about new life, so Parks and Recreation offered the children opportunities to plant flower seeds in pots and take them home and a special hands-on attraction, the opportunity to pet live baby chicks, bunnies and goats brought over from Frying Pan Park by Dan Sullivan, Assistant Farm Manager. "It's been a great event. Incredible turnout," Sullivan said.

Of course, there were the events of the day — the egg hunts. Staff and volunteers tossed out plastic gift-filled eggs and candy before the countdown to each age group's start time. Although the hunts lasted only a minute or so, there were plenty of sweets and treats for everyone, with smiles all around. If all that wasn't enough, Duck Donuts was on hand selling their famous donuts (and coffee for the grownups).

Cindy Roeder, Director of Herndon's Parks and Recreation Department, said, "The Easter Egg Hunt has been a mainstay of the department. It brings families with their little ones out to enjoy a great spring day."

For more about events by Herndon Parks and Recreation visit [herndon-va.gov/about-us/recreation/about-parks-recreation](http://herndon-va.gov/about-us/recreation/about-parks-recreation)



Ethan J. Meller, 2, climbed up on the Easter Rabbit's lap at the Herndon Easter Egg Hunt produced by Parks and Recreation. The event was held Sat., April 15 on the Town Green behind the Municipal Center.



A volunteer drops dozens of treat-filled plastic eggs in preparation for ages 5-7, at Herndon Easter Egg Hunt. Children were divided by ages into different hunts.



Elizabeth Cuneo was one of the first children to add her creative flair to the community-produced Easter mural, one of the many activities at the annual Herndon Easter Egg Hunt.



It's always great when you open something and love what's inside.



A handsome little guy shows off stickers he received at the Herndon Easter Egg Hunt.



It can get a little messy planting seeds as this boy found out at one of the many hands-on activities offered to children at the Herndon Easter Egg Hunt, but with a little care and water, it'll be worth it when the flowers bloom.



Rubisha Dhungel, 11, and Rubina Dhungel, 8, enjoyed petting the goats at the Herndon Easter Egg Hunt as it reminded them of home. Rubina said, "Our family in Nepal has two goats and three cows. We use the cows for milk. We are excited to be here. This is our first time at an Easter egg hunt."



Sophia Childers was smitten with the little black rabbit brought in from Frying Pan Park for the Herndon Easter Egg Hunt. "It's so big," Childers said. "I like petting a bunny better than a fish."



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**Lisa Connors, a spokesperson for the county, left, interviewed Cornerstones CEO Kerrie Wilson, right, on Facebook Live on Wednesday, April 5, outside the Embry Rucker Shelter in Reston.**

**Lisa Connors interviewed OPEH Director Dean Klein on Facebook Live on Wednesday, April 5, outside the Embry Rucker Shelter in Reston.**

# Report: Homeless Population Down 47 Percent

**Budget woes threaten progress as the number of homeless people drops below 1,000 for the first time in Fairfax County.**

BY FALLON FORBUSH  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he number of homeless people on the streets of Fairfax County reached a record low this year. The Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness counted 964 homeless people in the Fairfax County and Falls Church area on the night of Jan. 25 during its 2017 Homeless Point In Time Count. It is the first time that fewer than 1,000 people were reported homeless during the nine years the county has been collecting the data for the report.

The count covers people who are literally homeless – those who are in shelters, in time-limited transitional housing programs, or unsheltered and living on the street or in vehicles. Of those counted this year, 474 were people in families, including 286 children, and 490 people were single individuals, including 155 older adults ages 55 and over.

The first count in 2008 reported 1,835 homeless people, which means the homeless population during the count has decreased by 47 percent.

The results were announced on Wednesday, April 5, outside the Embry Rucker Shelter in Reston by OPEH Director Dean Klein and Kerrie Wilson, CEO of Cornerstones, a nonprofit organization that serves people in need of food, shelter, affordable housing, childcare and other human services.

**THE PROGRESS** in reducing homelessness in the county was attributed to helping those in need find affordable housing in the area.

“The cost of living here puts housing out of reach for so many people,” Wilson said. “That is essentially the real problem we have here.”

The Office to Prevent and End Homelessness and its partner organizations take a “housing first” approach to helping those in need. This method first offers permanent, affordable housing as quickly as possible for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Then, supportive services and connections to community-based resources are provided in order to keep people in their housing and avoid returning to homelessness.

“The goal of reducing homelessness has two dispositions,” said a man who was staying at the Embry Rucker Shelter. He requested to remain anonymous. “If you’re a homeowner and don’t like homeless people in your midst, that’s one end of the spectrum,” he said. “The other is a nurturing and caring disposition where people don’t want the homeless to suffer. We’re not all working towards the same goal.”

This philosophy of helping the homeless become self-sufficient is embraced at the Embry Rucker Shelter, which is operated by Cornerstones.

## FAITH NOTES

*Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community, including special holiday services. Send to [reston@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:reston@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday.*

**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](http://www.havenofnova.org) for schedules and registration information.

“Nobody should be raised in a homeless shelter,” Wilson said.

But her organization would rather keep clients in the shelter longer until they can find a housing arrangement that works in order to keep them from slipping back into homelessness.

Her organization, Cornerstones, often relies on shared housing where it matches homeless individuals to be roommates and sets them up with landlords who offer affordable housing arrangements.

**“The cost of living here puts housing out of reach for so many people.”**

— Kerrie Wilson, Cornerstones

These opportunities are few and far in between and will become more challenging in the years to come for its homeless individuals.

This is because the county has relied on housing resources for its homeless single population in the past from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, according to Klein. But this resource is at risk.

The Trump administration plans to significantly reduce HUD’s funding from \$46.9 billion in 2017 to \$40.7 billion in 2018, a 13.2 percent cut, according to the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.

“We need more housing,” Klein said. “We recognize that federal housing reductions are looming. We are very concerned about what that may mean and the impact that could have on the progress that we’ve made in the community.”

Klein’s office will also take a hit locally.

The Office to Prevent and End Homelessness is set to lose \$200,000 in funding next year in order to balance the county’s fiscal year 2018 budget.

**THE DECREASE** in OPEH’s advertised fiscal year 2018 budget will prevent it from using motels as a last resort housing options for families with children who are experiencing homelessness when shelters are full or when individuals have medical needs that make a shelter facility inappropriate, according to the county’s advertised budget plan.

“It would really eliminate some of the flexibility needed for our system and providers,” Klein said. “Often times, our shelters are full. With that, we need other flexibility to make sure people and families aren’t living on the streets.”

Still, Klein remains hopeful despite the challenges ahead.

“We saw a significant decrease in the number of homeless families ... we see that our single population continues to be a huge challenge to not only help them to secure employment but also to help them to get housing,” Klein says.

**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](http://ShalomDC.org).

**Hope Fellowship Church** will temporarily be meeting at Hyatt Place, 21481 Ridgetop Circle, Sterling. Sunday worship services are Sundays at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m., a Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and a weekly prayer conference call is Thursdays at 9 p.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](http://www.hopefellowshipchurchloudoun.org).

# Herndon's Budget

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"The downtown redevelopment is still in negotiations and I can't go into any detail about that because we're still in negotiations," Ashton said. "We hope to have it before council sometime this summer, but there is a lot of factors and variables that will affect that."

Though the work is not allocated in the new budget, it is still a priority for the town and is expected to come to fruition in 2018.

"I think it's the mayor and council's No. 1 priority right now, and we're doing everything we could in this fiscal planning document to prepare ourselves, but we couldn't add any specifics to it because we're still in negotiations," said Ashton.

Though details are lacking, Ashton is confident the town will be able to fund the work when the time comes.

"We did some structural things to the budget to allow us some flexibility, to give the council flexibility to do what they needed to do to make this project happen," he said.

Depending on what the town needs to pay, a budget adjustment will be built around the project that the town council will then vote on, according to Ashton.

The town's fiscal years begin on July 1 and extend to June 30. Budget adjustments take place each year in July, as well as mid-year in February.

"I'll do a budget adjustment to the 2018 budget, which will take all the [purchase orders] that are still outstanding and incorporate them in," he said. "We'll take reserves that have passed through from last fiscal year to this fiscal year and incorporate them back in. It will be an action quite like that."

## THE TOWN is pushing forward like it is a done deal.

On Friday, April 14, the town issued a request for proposals seeking bids from nonprofit arts organizations within 25 miles of the location to operate, manage and conduct arts programming in its future downtown Arts Center.

The RFP states within the "Project Overview" section that the town has, "selected Comstock Partners to redevelop 4.675 acres of land owned by the town into a mixed-used development."

The Herndon Town Council will hold another hearing to get public input on the town's proposed FY 2018 Budget on Tuesday, April 25 at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at 765 Lynn St. Citizens may also submit comments about the budget online or by sending an email to [budget@herndon-va.gov](mailto:budget@herndon-va.gov).

## WEEK IN HERNDON

### Third Thursdays Bring Arts Crawl Series

On the Third Thursdays, April through September, 6-9 p.m. Arts Herndon joins with Partners in the Arts and local downtown businesses to produce the "Third Thursdays Arts Crawl Series." During the monthly event, local and regional artists, artisans, performers and the public engage in and experience the arts. Join in the festive atmosphere; purchase one-of-a-kind handcrafted items; try a free dance or instrument lesson; watch an art demonstration or listen to great live music. Events are held at various venues in downtown Herndon. Start your Arts Crawl journey at ArtSpace Herndon, The Green Lizard, Monroe Street Studios, Jimmy's Old Town Tavern or Town Hall Plaza and follow the Arts Crawl map around town. Admission is free, and most participating businesses offer complimentary food samples.

### Walk to End Sexual Assault Set for April 29

The Fairfax County Police Department joins the Office for Women and Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (OFWDSVS), along with other community partners in observing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The commemorative month began in 2001 to recognize and remember those impacted by sexual assault violence, as well as those who strive to end it.

In 2016, the police department received 276 reports of sexual assault — an increase of 16.95 percent compared to 2015: 147 of these crimes (53.26 percent) have been successfully closed, but that's an average of nearly 23 a month, close to one a day — according to FCPD Media Relations Bureau. Many incidents, however, are believed to go unreported, so FCPD is helping to raise community awareness.

On April 29, the OFWDSVS hosts the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Stop the Silence, Walk to End Sexual Violence starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, in Fairfax. Participants can walk in honor of one of the 276 victims who reported a sexual assault in Fairfax County in 2016. A resource fair will be held after the walk. The first 100 participants who register will receive a free T-shirt. Visit [www.fairfaxdvcommunity.org/saam](http://www.fairfaxdvcommunity.org/saam).

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# OPINION

## Mother's Day The Connection is seeking submissions for its annual photo gallery.

**M**other's Day is Sunday, May 14 this year and as usual every year at this time, The Connection calls for submissions to our Mother's Day photo gallery.

Send photos of mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, with children or without children in the photos. Please name everyone in the photo, the approximate date, describe what is happening in the photo and include your name, address, email address and phone number. We will not print your full address or contact information.

You can upload photos and information directly to [www.connectionnewspapers.com/mothersday/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/mothersday/) or email to [editors@connection](mailto:editors@connectionnewspapers.com)

newspapers.com.

Immediately after we publish our Mother's Day photo galleries, we will begin to ask for submissions for our annual Father's Day galleries. Each year we seem to receive many more photos for Father's Day.

We've always been curious whether that is because it is the second of the set so readers are more aware or because mothers are more likely to send in images of the fathers in their life.

Throughout the year, we ask for community submissions. Twice a year we ask you to tell us stories about your pets and how they have come into, touched and left your lives.

In late summer, we invite readers to share

what they know about their community for neighbors and newcomers alike.

And wrapping up the year, we gather writing and art from local students to fill our holiday edition. Each year, through an enormous effort by area teachers and school staff we receive more material than is possible to publish for most of our 15 editions.

In addition, regular contributions to our entertainment calendars, community bulletin boards, school notes, and business notes help us to share news in your community. We also always welcome photos and captions from community organizations (Scouts, sports teams, faith groups, school activities, etc.) and local businesses.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## County Economy Poised for Continued Growth

To the Editor:

The April 12 article, "Uncertainty Amid Growth," might have left readers wondering about the strength and future of Fairfax County's economy.

Much of the uncertainty arises from concerns about the direction of the federal budget, because many employers in Fairfax County and northern Virginia are involved in government contracting. However, more than two-thirds of the federal procurement dollars won by Fairfax County companies in fiscal 2016 involve three departments for which President Trump has indicated he would seek increased funding: Defense, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs.

For that reason and others, I think the Fairfax County economy is poised for continued development. In 2016, the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority worked with 194 companies that added nearly 7,500 jobs to the county economy. Many of those companies are in the professional and technical industry sectors that will generate the most prosperity for the community.

Just since the beginning of 2017 the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority has announced several companies that are adding hundreds of jobs here. Some, like Favor TechConsulting or IOMAXIS, focus on work with federal customers. Others such as All Traffic Solutions and Global Guardian, focus on private-sector customers. This is the hallmark of a mature economy: companies working in a variety of sectors and

for a variety of customers and finding the kind of skilled talent they need to thrive. This kind of economic diversity is what every community longs to attain.

This work is never done, of course. In addition to Fairfax County's traditional business strengths, my office has targeted cybersecurity, data analytics and translational medicine as industry sectors with great growth potential here. The foundation is firmly in place to help Fairfax County achieve even greater economic stability and prosperity in the years ahead.

**Gerald L. Gordon, Ph.D.**  
President and CEO  
Fairfax County Economic  
Development Authority  
Tysons Corner

## County Fiction\* is Fact

To the Editor:

One may view fiction\* as fact only if the asterisk note identifies fiction as fact. Fairfax County in its financial tables used wrong data dates on unfunded pension liabilities (UPL), except its tables often did not even include an asterisk.

Fairfax County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for fiscal year 2016 shows misleading dates. The table on page 90, e.g., wrongly identifies the UPL date as "6/30/2016" — with no footnote. Embedded in 78 pages of notes is an identification of reported UPL as being "reported with a one year lag." Thus, reported UPL dates, in fact, covered the prior year.

In its 11/18/2016 release, the County CAFR 2016 covers five main pension plans. All responsible public entities have good fis-

cal data available within three months of the reporting period. Oddly, this CAFR 2016 did not report actual 6/30/2016 UPL data. At least, it should report correct dates for data in all its tables rather than explain actual reporting dates in separate notes.

Such misleading reporting impacts pension understandings. While the County reported UPL on 6/30/2016 as \$4.8 billion, they actually were \$5.6 billion according to five pension CAFRs. The FY 2016 increase in UPL was an unsustainable \$0.8 billion—instead of the County reported \$0.6 billion—despite 2016 cash contributions of \$0.5 billion.

One may ask County officials why reported dates for County UPL data were misleading. More importantly, all future County financial reports should identify—accurately and transparently—UPL at the end of reported years.

**Dr. David V. Pritchett**  
Concerned McLean parent

## March to Honor Earth Day

To the Editor:

For the past few decades, Earth Day has given most of us the opportunity to take time from our

busy lives and ponder about the many ways our planet sustains life. We celebrate the occasion in many ways: take on tree planting, clean up our streams and hold earth day fairs to raise awareness about taking care of the home we all share.

This Earth Day has special significance in light of the actions proposed by the current administration: massive budget cuts to the Environmental Protection Agency, the appointment of a fox in the hen house at the helm of EPA whose career is based on suing the agency; roll back of regulations designed to protect people in response to demands by polluting industries, to name a few. To top it all is the denial of scientific findings that climate change is happening and that it is caused by human activity.

If you have not made other plans to celebrate earth day, please join one or both marches taking place on the mall. March for truth and justice!

What better way to honor the earth? The Science March is on April 22 ([www.earthday.org/marchforscience/](http://www.earthday.org/marchforscience/)).

The Climate March is on April 29 ([peoplesclimate.org/](http://peoplesclimate.org/))

**Rekha Nadkarni**  
McLean

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## NEWS

# Combatting Domestic and Sexual Violence

County launches 'Make the Call' campaign.

BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE CONNECTION

“Everyone in this room knows someone who is the victim of domestic violence, whether you know it, or not,” said Braddock District Supervisor John Cook, “that’s how widespread this problem is.” Cook, who is the chair of the Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee, and recently appointed chair of the Domestic Violence Prevention Council, was speaking at a reception at the Fairfax County Government Center to launch the “Make the Call Campaign.”

The year-long initiative was designed by county staff and domestic violence prevention partners to encourage victims, offenders and bystanders to call the county’s 24-hour Domestic and Sexual Abuse Hotline at 703-360-7273.

Cook was joined by speakers from several county agencies, as well as his board colleagues Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) and Chair Sharon Bulova. Law enforcement was represented by Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid and Deputy Chief of Patrol Erin Schaible of the county police department.

The launch date of the campaign was chosen to coincide with the Board of Supervisors’ designation of April as the month for Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention.

Cook is not concerned that the messages might get mixed by putting the two issues together in one month, because he sees them as often interconnected, and frequently stemming from the same root causes. The departments represented at the launch often work together on individual cases and cross paths almost daily in the performance of their duties. Several of them, like SafeSpot, the child advocacy nonprofit that provides a family-friendly, centralized location for the investigation of child abuse and assistance in coordinating



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**Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) helps launch the “Make a Call” campaign to encourage use of the 24-7 Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline. Cook is holding the Spanish version of signage that says “Be part of the solution, use my voice for 703-360-7273.”**

services, and CASA, the court appointed special advocates program for abused, neglected and abandoned children and youth as they maneuver through the court system, have formed working collaborations to best serve their clients needs and provide the most coordinated of services.

Hotline operators receive about 240 calls per month. From those calls, about 64 per month seek family abuse protective orders and 13 families are placed in domestic violence shelters. There are about 160 domestic violence related arrests made each month in Fairfax County, and as law enforcement knows, and Cook noted, domestic violence is the leading cause of homicide in the jurisdiction.

“If you are the victim, make the call,” said Cook. “If you think you know someone who is being abused, make the call.” The hotline is staffed 24-hours a day and “they are the experts,” Cook added. “They will know how to help, what to do. Make the call. Maybe you can help save someone’s life.”

Parenting ADHD” lecture by Elaine Taylor-Klaus, CPCC, PCC, part of CHADD of Northern Virginia & DC Chapter’s “Understanding ADHD” Lecture series. Free. Call 703-655-8095 for more.

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### MONDAY/APRIL 24

**Reston Network Analysis Community Meeting.** 7 p.m. at the North County Governmental Center, 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston. Fairfax County Department of Transportation will host a community meeting on the Reston Network Analysis to discuss the project status, the results of the mid-buildout analysis, and roadway classifications for the Grid of Streets. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov) for more.

### WEDNESDAY/APRIL 26

**Parenting ADHD lecture.** 7-9 p.m. at Herndon High School Lecture Hall, 700 Bennett St., Herndon. “From Chaos to Calm: Keys of

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**Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout.** 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Reston District Station, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Drop off unused or expired medications at a Fairfax County Police district station (pills or liquids only, no pressurized canisters or needles). Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb) or email [wwwcsb@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:wwwcsb@fairfaxcounty.gov) for more.

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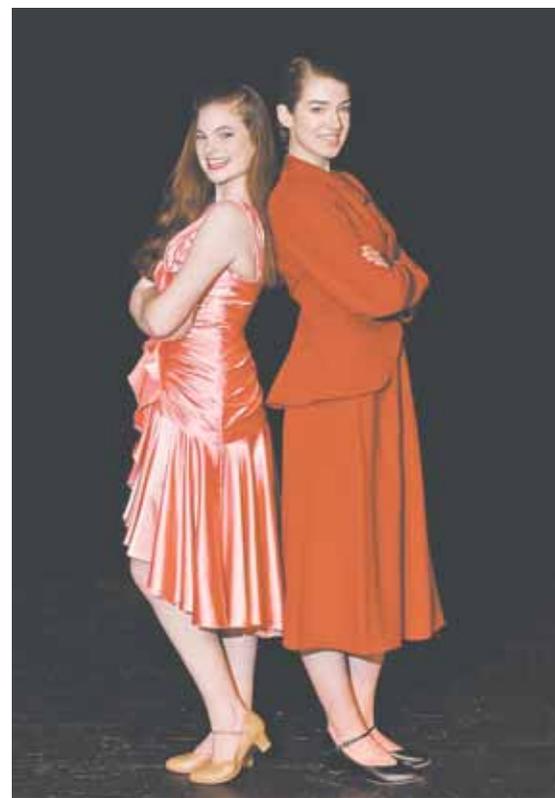
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Sarah Brown, played by sophomore Erin Maxwell, 16, and Sky Masterson, played by junior Kishan Rae, 16, exchange lines during rehearsal on Monday, April 17.



Although showgirl Miss Adelaide, played by junior Allie Lytle, 16 (left), and missionary Sarah Brown, played by sophomore Erin Maxwell, 16 (right), come from two very different worlds, they share something in common — falling in love with the wrong kind of guys.

PHOTO BY ROBERT MAXWELL

# Hilarities Ensurue at Herndon High

## The School presents “Guys and Dolls.”

BY FALLON FORBUSH  
THE CONNECTION

What happens when gangsters and missionaries collide in the illegal gambling underworld of Broadway in the 1920s?

“Hilarities ensue,” said Raphael Schklowsky, Herndon High School’s theater arts director.

The high school will be performing “Guys and Dolls” from Friday, April 21, through Sunday, April 23, at the Herndon High School Auditorium. The musical comedy is set in New York City and follows a ragtag gambler, his showgirl fiancée, a high-rolling heartthrob and a modest missionary.

“The essential story is about finding love in the most unexpected places,” said Schklowsky. “Love is the biggest gamble. It’s not a sure bet.”

The love story unfolds between the four leads of the show, with both couples marrying each other by the time the curtain closes, despite their unlikely pairings.

## Leading Credits

Sarah Brown: sophomore Erin Maxwell  
Nathan Detroit: senior Jordan Rees  
Miss Adelaide: junior Allie Lytle  
Sky Masterson: junior Kishan Rae  
Artistic Director: Raphael Schklowsky  
Director: Evan Hoffmann  
Music Director: Dana Van Slyke

Sarah Brown is a missionary who begins the show as “really rigid and then she starts to change around intermission,” said sophomore Erin Maxwell, 16, who plays the role. “It’s my favorite role I’ve ever played.”

Her character falls for Sky Masterson, who, at first, isn’t looking for love.

“He tries to get this girl for a bet, but then he realizes he has more feelings for her,” said junior Kishan Rae, 16, who plays the role.

Then there is the longtime engaged couple Nathan Detroit and Miss Adelaide.

“Nathan’s whole thing is that he’s running this underground crap game,” said senior Jordan Rees, 18, who plays the role. “He’s trying to make money for his fiancée, but she isn’t particularly fond that he’s doing it.”

This struggle creates a funny back-and-forth between the couple. But it’s also how

they show affection for each other, said Rees.

“She’s been engaged to Nathan for 14 years,” said junior Allie Lytle, 16, who plays the role of Miss Adelaide.

The comedy of their bickering is amplified by Miss Adelaide’s chronic cold, which Lytle conveys by employing sneezing throughout her performance.

“It’s a character role,” Lytle said. “Fun stuff.”

The musical was selected to bring a classic into the mix of a new direction for the school’s theater program, as this is the first school year Schklowsky took over the department. The first production he directed last fall was “Inspector General,” a play by Russian dramatist Nikolai Gogol.

“I wanted to balance that with something everyone’s heard of,” he said. “We also have the people to pull [‘Guys and Dolls’] off. We have a fantastic ensemble of singers and dancers and great leads to give the stage to.”

He is artistic director for this musical, only because a special guest has taken the director’s chair for this production: Evan Hoffmann.

Hoffmann is an alumnus of Herndon High School from the class of 2000 who moved

on to become a professional actor and director. He is now producing artistic director of the NextStop Theater Company in Herndon.

“I feel like I could remember imagining myself as the drama teacher [back when he was a student],” Hoffmann said. “I was just so ingrained in the program. I love this theater to death.”

One change he made was constructing a new and temporary proscenium arch to frame the opening between the stage and the auditorium in the theater.

“The theater is up for renovation soon, but it was looking pretty ratty,” he said. “That’s the first thing everyone sees.”

While Hoffmann is used to working with skilled actors who are set in their ways, he said it’s been different working with the cast of this musical.

“It’s a completely different thing to talk and see 50 sets of eyes zero in on me,” he said. “It’s a bunch of kids who love theater so much and are eager to learn and do it well. This is the biggest project of the year for them.”

Tickets are \$15 per person. More information can be found online at [www.herndondrama.org](http://www.herndondrama.org).

## South Lakes High Holds IB Showcase

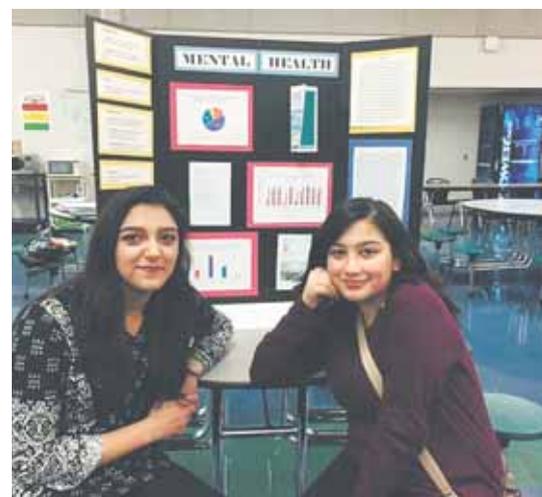
South Lakes High School held its annual IB Showcase on April 6, featuring IB MYP Personal Projects, IB CP Reflective Projects, and IB DP Visual Arts exhibits. Sophomores submitted International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program Personal Projects to their supervisors in mid-March. The project is one of the requirements for attaining the Fairfax County Public Schools MYP certificate.

Projects involve a process journal, a 1,500-3,000 word reflective report, and a product or outcome. Students chose topics that reflected their personal goals and interests.

South Lakes seniors enrolled in the IB Career-Related Program and those in IB Art classes displayed their work.

The event was planned by IB Coordinators Daina Lieberman, Susan Brownsword, and Marie Turner, and the South Lakes Art Department. Art teachers Matt Ravenstahl, Veronica Irrera, Amy Saylor and Marc Rando helped set up the event and English teachers Amy Allen and Tabitha Morrison and librarians Linda Frantz and Kathy Hawkins helped the event run smoothly.

— EMILY BURRELL



South Lakes High School 10th grade students with their MYP projects.

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# Weighing Long-Term Benefits of Summer Camp

**Camp experiences can enhance social and psychological development, say experts.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

**A**s the end of the school year draws near, so does the beginning of summer camp experiences. Child development experts say that summer camps offer more than just fun; they present opportunities for emotional, social and psychological growth and development.

“Summer camps provide children with a sense of community where they can feel safe and learn through first-hand experiences, said Stacie Gottlieb, director, Bullis Summer Programs at Bullis School in Potomac, Md. “Within this setting, campers develop a sense of independence as they try new adventures in an environment different from the norm.”

Children benefit from the nurturing structure of a summer camp in a way that is different from the structure they get during a school year, says Jim Supple, associate dean of students and director of Summer Programs at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria. “Summer camps allow children to be children,” he said. “They allow them to make new friends, try new things,

and learn how to be part of a group. These are attributes of camps that will promote not only healthy interaction among peers, but also building a healthy image of what type of child they want to be.”

A summer camp where children engage in new and memorable activities will sow seeds for learning during the upcoming academic year, said Shannon Melideo, Ph. D. associate dean of the School of Education & Human Services and associate professor of education at Marymount University. “For example, if your child's summer camp takes a field trip to a historical site that your son finds fascinating and then during the school year, the teacher introduces [the] same historical events and location, he has schema for the lessons. He is more likely to participate, learn more, be better prepared to read his social studies textbook, and even perform better on the exam.”

“Summer camp can be a terrific opportunity to grow your child's sense of competence and mastery over something that they love,” added Carolyn Lorente, Ph.D., professor of psychology, Northern Virginia Community College. “By picking a camp where your child has an interest, they can

be mentored in a passion in ways that a typical school day often can't.”

When selecting a camp, Melideo advises parents to consider a complete picture of their child. “For example, while your daughter, Sophia loves softball, find a summer camp where she can refine [her] batting and pitching skills and engage with books, perform in skits, play math games, and try something new,” she said.

A child's social skills can be boosted at camps which provide children with opportunities to make new friends or nurture existing friendships, says Colleen K. Vesely, Ph. D., assistant professor of Early Childhood Education and Human Development at George Mason University. “Developing new social and cognitive skills outside the physical walls and social boundaries of school can help promote healthy self-esteem in children, while spending time in nature can boost children's overall health and well-being.” Camps offer an opportunity for children to gain skills that lead to independence. “For older children, over 8-plus years old, typically, sleep away camp offers opportunities to develop independence and self-reliance by providing children with space to navigate daily life away from the directing of parents but under the guidance of trusted adults,” said Vesely.

For some parents, there are mixed emotions around enrolling a child in camp.

“Sometimes working parents feel guilty for enrolling their children in summer camps because of the need for child care during the work day,” said Ivy Beringer, Ed.D., professor of Early Childhood Education and Dean for Social and Professional Sciences at Northern Virginia Community College. “However, children are usually very excited to attend summer camps. This is especially true if the children have input into the camp selection.”

“Summer camps allow for continuous learning that extends beyond the regular school year [and] provide a relaxed atmosphere that stimulates their brains for creative learning without the assessment anxiety that often accompanies school classroom learning,” said Beringer. “[Summer camp] enhances self-esteem by offering special interest learning in small group situations and often with a lower adult-student ratio in school settings.”

“A mother recently called me with a concern that her son only wanted to attend soccer camps this summer and she felt this was too limited of an experience,” continued Beringer. “My response to her was that if he was interested in improving his soccer skills she should view this in a positive light. After all, he will be outdoors in the fresh air and sunshine everyday, exercising his body, and enhancing skills in a sport he loves. What's not good about that choice?”

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## Credit The Card



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I'm not a big spender, maybe a medium spender — on my best day. My brother is a big spender, my father was, too. My mother, probably who I most likely take after: 'medium' and judicious, again, like me (or is it me like her?). Nevertheless, the money got spent and if there was more of it, it likely would have got spent, too. It's not as if I was deprived growing up, I got the things that mattered — in the long run. I just didn't get everything money could buy.

But that was before credit cards. Well, before Visa, MasterCard, Discover and Capital One. Sure, there were department store cards: Filene's, Jordan Marsh, Kennedy's — in Boston, and off course there were gas cards: Esso, Amoco and Arco, and I suppose I recall knowing about American Express and Diner's Club, but they weren't used by everybody everywhere, certainly not by the Louries. Now, plastic is the currency by which many of us pay to play, and some of us use to merely stay in the game.

And for me, it sort of is a game: how long can I go without charging something and how much can I charge and still be able to pay the balance off when the next monthly credit card bill arrives? As I contemplate my daily/weekly/bi-weekly/monthly inflow and outgo, I associate my efforts at restraint and attempted control with that of a levee, if I understand their function correctly — which I might not: bend and not break? Like some NFL team defenses are often described.

The problem arises — for both me and the levee, when the levee/spending restraint breaks (quite the opposite of brakes/stops). That's when the damage occurs. That's when the balance overflows. That's when good, bad and indifferent money follows. In for a dime, in for dollars, some of which don't make sense. Once that resolve is weakened, and once that wallet is opened and that credit card is handed over, I feel very much the addict. Once I've started — and stopped denying myself the pleasure of the purchase, I find it extremely difficult to get off the spending bus. Invariably, it's taken me awhile to get on so whether it's sensory deprivation, deferred gratification or premature escalation, there are no more skid marks on that slippery slope. The race is on, so to speak and until I hit my imaginary financial wall, my credit card balance is going onward and upward.

Sure it feels good to spend money I don't have without considering the pay-back consequences. Presumably, the benefits derived from the purchase will help soothe the savage, impoverished beast as he jiggles and then juggles the dollars in order to find some cents. I imagine that's what makes the world go 'round: short term pain for long term gain. Still, it doesn't feel much like progress and progress is what feels good to me. Although, these new Rockport leather slip-ons with the "cushiony" soles and orthotic inserts are improving my disposition and lessening the pain in my feet and fatigue in my legs, it still costs me money not in my wallet.

I admit, I am enjoying the support and comfort my new shoes are providing. But I'm also keenly aware that I haven't received the credit card bill yet reflecting there and other slippery-slope purchases made that same weekend. And when the piper has to be paid, I may not like my new shoes — among other items, nearly as much as I do right now. Right now, the shoes are free. Soon they won't be.

Further complicating this spending-not spending dilemma is the fact that I'm a 62-year-old cancer patient; how do I deprive myself of any creature comforts when I have recurring highly stressful situations that give me, and my life-expectancy, pause. Naturally, I'd rather pay my way — and my share, but at what cost? I suppose cash in hand is still worth two in the bush, but if a credit card is all I have ... ? Either I use it or lose it. The pain and/or pleasure will likely follow regardless.

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## NEWS

### GRACE to Present 'Radcliffe Bailey: The Great Dismal Swamp'

The Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) will present Radcliffe Bailey: The Great Dismal Swamp, on view from April 21 through Aug. 18, 2017. Radcliffe Bailey (b. 1968, Bridgeton, New Jersey; lives and works in Atlanta) is a nationally-recognized painter, sculptor, and mixed-media artist who layers imagery, culturally resonant materials, and text to explore themes of ancestry, race, and memory. The Great Dismal Swamp is the artist's first solo exhibition in the D.C. metro area. He has previously participated in group exhibitions at the Smithsonian Institution, the Corcoran Gallery of Art, and the David C. Driskell Center at the University of Maryland.

Bailey received a BFA in 1991 from the Atlanta College of Art. His work is included in the collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York; the Smithsonian Museum of American Art, Washington, D.C.; the Art Institute of Chicago; the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston; the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, Missouri; the Denver Art Museum; and the High

Museum of Art, Atlanta; among many others. The artist is represented by Jack Shainman Gallery, New York.

#### Events:

Artist's Talk: Radcliffe Bailey

April 20, 7:30 p.m., free and open to the public

George Mason University, School of Art, Room 1007

Opening reception

April 22, 5-7 p.m., free and open to the public

Greater Reston Arts Center

Creative Responses

April 27, 6-7 p.m.: Boris Willis

Final Thursday of the month, April-July, free and open to the public

Creative professionals respond to the work on view in the gallery.

Greater Reston Arts Center

Curator's Talk: Holly McCullough

May 6, 4 p.m., free and open to the public

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For more information visit restonarts.org

## BULLETIN BOARD

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Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8 p.m. Monthly support group offers a safe place for family caregivers, to meet and develop a mutual support system and to exchange practical information and possible solutions. Learn about resources available in the community and how to manage caregiver related stress. Call 703-956-8930 or email Reston.ED@sunriseseniorliving.com to RSVP.

**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. Contact Natalie McCall at nmccall@onelifefitness.com or 703-904-7600.

**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.

**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.

**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/tombudsman/.

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://virginiavirus.virginia.gov/volunteering/governors-volunteerism-awards/>

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

**Respite Care** volunteers give family caregivers of a frail older adult a well-deserved break so they can go shopping, attend a doctor's appointment or just have coffee with a friend. Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Support and training are provided. Contact 703-324-7577, TTY 711, or Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov.

**Fairfax County's Meals on Wheels** urgently needs drivers in the Annandale, Franconia/Kingstowne, Reston, Mount Vernon and McLean areas. 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults).

**Habitat Heroes Project.** The fourth Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. - noon. Join the Habitat Heroes in protecting Reston's forests from aggressive plants and restoring them to their natural state. Wear long sleeves, long pants, and if possible, gardening gloves to protect from insects and dangerous plants. To volunteer and find more information, contact [habrock@reston.org](mailto:habrock@reston.org) or 703-435-7986.

**ARTSPACE HERNDON** - ArtSpace Herndon needs volunteer docents to greet guests, answer the phone and complete sales during normal gallery hours. Volunteers are also needed a few hours each month to assist with exhibit installation and special performing arts events. Training is provided. Flexible shifts are available. Visit [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com).

# ENTERTAINMENT

Send entertainment announcements to [www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/). The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

## ONGOING

**“First Blooms” Art Show.** through April 30 at Reston Art Gallery Studios, Lake Anne Village Center, 11400 Washington Plaza W # B, Reston. Dorothy Donahey presents her latest works in the show “First Blooms.” Visit [www.restonartgallery.com/](http://www.restonartgallery.com/) for more.

**Lake Anne Exhibit.** Deadline is June 2 to enter photographs for the Lake Anne show. The exhibit runs from June 5-July 2 and is free and open to the public 9 a.m.-8 p.m. throughout the week at the JoAnne Rose Gallery, Reston Community Center at Lake Anne, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Visit [www.leagueofrestonartists.org](http://www.leagueofrestonartists.org) for more.

**The Art of Resilience.** 10-noon through May 6 at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. An exhibit showcasing the artwork of Azriel and Irene Awret. Reception April 29, from 7-9 p.m. Visit [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com) or call 703-956-9560 for more.

**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](http://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](mailto:skeduman@aol.com) for more information.

**“A Bird in the Hand”** through spring 2017 Reston Town Square Park, 11990 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. 703-471-9242 [restonarts.org](http://restonarts.org)

**Teen and Adult Art Classes**  
**ArtSpace Herndon** Every Monday from 5:30-8:30 p.m. 750 Center Street, Herndon. Drawing and Mixed Media with Melanie Stanley - During Fall and Winter of 2016. Cost: \$45/class. The class will use a variety of techniques for drawing, painting, mark making, and collage using fine arts tools and materials. Students will be taken down a creative path to learn to use drawing tools and brushes more effectively. Register by emailing Melanie, and she will send you the supply list and payment options/information: [ridingfree2@gmail.com](mailto:ridingfree2@gmail.com). 703-956-9560. [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com).

## THURSDAY/APRIL 20

**Herndon Farmers’ Market Opens.** 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. every Thursday at Historic Downtown Herndon, Lynn St. Vendors will offer a seasonal abundance of plants, produce, baked goods, meats and more — all sold by local growers and producers. Visit [www.herndon-va.gov/FarmersMarket](http://www.herndon-va.gov/FarmersMarket) for more.

**Dollars and Sense Discussion.** 7 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive. Monthly book group discussion focuses on business leaders and markets. April’s book is “The Everything Store: Jeff Bezos and the Age of Amazon” by Brad Stone. For adults, free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library).



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## Get Moving

**The Reston Runners Women’s Training Program is taking place April 24-June 12, from 6:30-8 p.m. at South Lakes High School, Seahawks Drive, Reston. The course is designed by women for women. \$45. Email [wtp@restonrunners.org](mailto:wtp@restonrunners.org) for more.**

## FRIDAY/APRIL 21

**Learning Ally Celebration.** 9-10 a.m. at Herndon Middle School, 901 Locust St., Herndon. Presentations followed by cake and ice cream. Visit [www.fcps.edu/HerndonMS](http://www.fcps.edu/HerndonMS).

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 21-23

**Guys and Dolls.** Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m. at Herndon High School Auditorium, 700 Bennett St., Herndon. (Enter the school through Door #6.) Cast and crew from Herndon High put on a musical comedy following a ragtag gambler, his showgirl fiancée, a high-rolling heartthrob, and a modest missionary, as their lives intersect. \$15. Visit [www.herndonodrama.org](http://www.herndonodrama.org) for more.

## SATURDAY/APRIL 22

**Spring Fling Vendor Sale.** 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Herndon High School Cafeteria, 700 Bennett St., Herndon. Items for sale include arts & crafts, costume jewelry, clothing, books, cosmetics, household items and more. Call 703-810-2200 for more.

**Earth Day Gathering.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Greater Reston Arts Center, Reston Town Center, 12001 Market St #103, Reston. Celebrate Earth Day with free eco-friendly family art making and exploration in the gallery. Families will make art with upcycled and recycled materials, storytelling by Marcia Wines, and refreshments. Free. Visit [www.restontowncenter.com](http://www.restontowncenter.com) for more.

**Meet the Author.** 3-5 p.m. at Vinifera Wine Bar & Bistro, 11750 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Cerphe Colwell will be signing his new book, “Cerphe’s Up,” and meals will be discounted at 15 percent off with a signed book. Visit [www.viniferabistro.com/](http://www.viniferabistro.com/) for more.

## SUNDAY/APRIL 23

**Meet the New Draft Horses.** 1-3 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Welcome Jeff and Charlie, the park’s new team of Belgian Draft horses. Call 703-324-8662 for more.

**Love Maria.** 4-8 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Evening includes award nominated film “Woman in Gold.” Gregor Collins, author of “The Accidental Caregiver” will be present to speak about his experiences caring for Maria Altmann and to sign his book, available for purchase. Visit [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com) or call 703-956-9560 for more.

## APRIL 24-JUNE 12

**Women’s Training Program.** 6:30-8 p.m. at South Lakes High School, Seahawks Drive, Reston. Reston Runners Women’s Training Program. Runners, walkers, run/walk intervals and Fresh Start, for women who need a more gentle start to working out. Designed by women for women. \$45. Email [wtp@restonrunners.org](mailto:wtp@restonrunners.org).

## TUESDAY/APRIL 25

**Spring Flower Bouquets.** 7-9 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. This Tess Rollins workshop will teach participants to brighten up a space with paper flowers and the art of working with paper. A Design and Wine Event. If possible please bring a mini glue gun, otherwise all supplies are provided. \$35. Visit [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com).

## APRIL 26-30

**Gently Used Books and Media Sale.** 5-8 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. All proceeds go to support the Reston Regional Library and the Fairfax County Public Library system. Visit [www.RestonLibraryFriends.com](http://www.RestonLibraryFriends.com) for more.

## THURSDAY/APRIL 27

**Family Challah Bake.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emeth, 12523 Lawyers Road, Herndon. Evening of challah making, dinner and dancing. Enjoy kosher pizza, salad & dancing while the challah rises. Email [Office@bethemeth.org](mailto:Office@bethemeth.org) or call 703-860-4515x101.

## FRIDAY/APRIL 28

**Empty Bowls.** 5:30-8 p.m. at Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Road, Herndon. Food served in a handmade pottery bowl to keep as a reminder that there are those in the community with empty bowls. All proceeds will be donated to “Food for Others,” the largest distributor of free food directly to the hungry in Northern Virginia. \$25 for adults in advance/ \$30 adults at the door/ \$15 for children under 12. Visit [www.givingcircleofhope.org](http://www.givingcircleofhope.org).

## SATURDAY/APRIL 29

**Spring Fling.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Goddard School, 2400 Dulles Town Blvd., Herndon. Pony rides, face painting, balloon twisting, crafts, games, and food. Email [HerndonVA@goddardschools.com](mailto:HerndonVA@goddardschools.com) or call 703-653-0337 for more.

## FRIDAY/MAY 5

**Bike Event.** 6 p.m. at Trailside Park, 1022 Crestview Drive. Life is a Cycle is a group bike ride that teaches where to bike, commute and the need-to-know essentials of biking for transportation. Registration is \$1.50 before the event, or \$5 the day of the ride. Proceeds are donated to the American Heart Association. Visit [www.lifeisacycle.bike](http://www.lifeisacycle.bike) for more.

**Reston Community Players.** 8 p.m. at CenterStage, Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Last show of the 50th season, is the comedy, “Private Lives” by Noel Coward. Shows at various times through May 20. Visit [restonplayers.org](http://restonplayers.org) for more.



## ‘Guys and Dolls’

**The cast and crew from Herndon High School puts on “Guys and Dolls” April 21-24 on stage at Herndon High School Auditorium, 700 Bennett St., Herndon. Visit [www.herndonodrama.org](http://www.herndonodrama.org) for more.**

## SATURDAY/MAY 6

**Oak Hill Fun Run.** 6-10:30 a.m. Oak Hill Elementary School, 3210 Kinross Circle, Oak Hill. Support the school or earn service hours by running the annual Oak Hill 1K or 5K. Call 703-467-3535 or email [OakHillES.Attendance@fcps.edu](mailto:OakHillES.Attendance@fcps.edu) for more.

**Digital Photography Essentials.** 1-5 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. This introductory class is for people with a digital camera who are interested in learning how to successfully use their camera beyond automatic / program modes. Visit [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com) or call 703-956-9560 for more.

**TEDxHerndon Lecture.** 2-6 p.m. at Herndon Middle School, 901 Locust St. The theme of this year’s event is “Difficult Conversations.” Visit [www.tedxherndon.com](http://www.tedxherndon.com) for more.

**Curator’s Talk.** 4 p.m. at the Greater Reston Arts Center, Reston Town Center, 12001 Market St #103, Reston. Curator Holly McCullough talks on “Radcliffe Bailey: The Great Dismal Swamp.” Artworks on view from April 21 through Aug. 18 at George Mason University. Visit [www.restontowncenter.com](http://www.restontowncenter.com) for more.

**Derby for Mental Illness.** 5-8:30 p.m. at Hidden Creek Country Club, 1711 Clubhouse Drive, Reston. Guests in their Derby attire will watch the 143rd Run for the Roses, eating hors d’oeuvres, sipping mint juleps, bidding on auction items. The event will support PRS’ work that helps individuals and families affected by mental illness in the region recover their lives. \$150. Visit [www.prsinc.org/raising-the-stakes](http://www.prsinc.org/raising-the-stakes) for more.

## SUNDAY/MAY 7

**Artists Reception.** 3-7 p.m. at the Reston Community Center in Hunters Woods Village, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Meet artist Norman Krasnegor, and see his art exhibit which will be on display during the month of May. Visit [www.redmontart.net/the-collection](http://www.redmontart.net/the-collection) for more.

## MAY 9-20

**Mind, Heart, Vision Exhibit.** Various times at the ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. Exhibit showcasing extraordinary artworks of Herndon High School art students embarking upon their senior thesis. Call 703-956-9560 or visit [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com) for more.