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The mission of Volunteer Reston is to enhance Reston Association's services and programs by matching the varied talents of individuals and groups of all ages, interests and skills with a variety of engaging and challenging projects and endeavors.

Volunteering is the life-blood and backbone of the Reston community. Whether you are hoping to meet new people, spend time with friends, make a positive impact in your community or complete school service hours, Volunteer Reston has something for

everyone. We pride ourselves in creating a dynamic, diverse and unique volunteer experiences that are essential to maintaining our high quality services and programming.

RA volunteers consist of people of all ages with a variety of skill levels, including citizens, corporate teams, faith-based groups, families, college students, retirees, scouts and youth community service volunteers. Some of these volunteers have been involved in Reston for many years. They help at special events and community festivals, provide office and program support and participate in cleanup projects at Reston

lakes and along the pathways and natural areas. Some volunteers choose to participate in one-time events or programs, and they return to the same events each year. Others run for the RA Board of Directors or Design and Review Board, or they serve on advisory committees and working groups.

Reston Association volunteers all have one thing in common — they are all helping to make Reston a better place to live, work, play and get involved. See what volunteers are doing in the community by connecting with Volunteer Reston on social media. Following our accounts is a convenient

way to stay up-to-date on volunteer opportunities in the Reston community. Get the latest updates about our events, share your experiences and photos with us and see how volunteers are making Reston great!

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There are endless ways that you can help. To get started fill out an online volunteer application at <http://bit.ly/VolunteerRestonApplication> or contact Ha Brock, Volunteer Reston Manager, at habrock@reston.org or 703-435-7986.

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Loving Everything Reston

BY KAREN AND JIM CLEVELAND

We both feel incredibly blessed to have spent our entire adult lives here in Reston. Jim having worked for all master developers beginning with our founder Bob Simon and Karen launching into community work as the first CEO of the Reston Chamber of Commerce. It was our shared passion for making Reston the very best community it could be that brought us together. We put our passion into our jobs, or volunteer activities and into experiencing all that Reston has to offer.

The highlight of Jim's career was overseeing the planning and development of the first phase of Reston Town Center as President of Reston Land Corporation. When asked how he would know if Reston Town Center was a success, he simply said, "If I hear people all over town saying 'Meet me at the Fountain and we'll pick a restaurant or movie.' Then I will know we've made it." He also brims with pride when talking about the growth and prominence of the Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) of which he has played an instrumental part since nearly the beginning. Reston Town Center now joins Lake Anne Plaza, Hunters Woods Plaza, The Nature Center, Reston Community Center and the parks as gathering spaces that create the sense of place that Bob Simon believed would make Reston successful.

We are both avid YMCA members and volunteers, nature lovers, art enthusiasts and we love spending time with people who share our desire to live in a true community where all are welcome and positioned to thrive. We are grateful for organizations like the Y and Cornerstones who support our most vulnerable neighbors and we are proud of the citizens of Reston who come together to support one another and keep the dream alive.

Reston was founded on seven principles and the slogan was "Live, Work and Play." In recent years the words "and get involved" were added since volunteerism and activism have long been a mainstay of this community. A couple of years ago we presented the concept of the following new slogan to Bob Simon: "Planned, Proven and Connected."



Honoring Bill Bouie at the Best of Reston Awards. From left: The Robert E. Simon Fellows Joe Ritchey, Karen Cleveland, Bill Bouie, Chuck Veatch, Jim Cleveland and Bob Simon.

He asked "What's wrong with Live, Work and Play?" to which we responded "Nothing. It was such a success that it has become ubiquitous and Reston a model for how to develop a community."

If you are new to Reston, welcome. With the arrival of Metro we are growing and we are thrilled to have you here. It is important to us that we continue to live the ideals that were the foundation of Reston, so please find a passion and get involved and if you are on the plazas or walking on the RA pathways, please look up and say hi to your neighbors. If we know one another we will continue to support one another and preserve what is Reston for the next generation.

We love everything Reston and we hope you do to.

Jim and Karen Cleveland are community leaders and volunteers who were named Robert E. Simon Fellows in 2014 for their lifetime commitment to the people of Reston.



Karen Cleveland kayaking on Lake Newport.

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Top Ten Reston Places, Events (and Some More)

- ❖ Our very favorite place is sitting on our deck looking over Lake Newport watching the birds, turtles and people boating and paddle boarding enjoying all the lake has to offer.
- ❖ Sitting by the fountain at Reston Town Center greeting friends and people watching.
- ❖ Strolling through Browns Chapel Park listening to sounds of summer baseball or listening to all the critters at our other favorite park by the Nature House.
- ❖ Having a bite to eat at an outdoor

- restaurant at Lake Anne.
- ❖ Center Stage performances at Hunters Woods are always a welcome treat.
- ❖ Northern VA Fine Arts Festival is a must every May.
- ❖ Challenging our artistic sensibilities at regular GRACE art exhibits.
- ❖ Reston Home Tour is a fun fall outing good for home décor inspiration.
- ❖ Taking the tour of Reston's beautiful and fun public art all over Reston.

- ❖ The YMCA kids Tri is a great August event as is the brand new Lake Anne Cardboard Boat Regatta benefiting the Reston Museum.
- ❖ (We just couldn't narrow it to 10): Recognizing the unsung heroes, who give so much of their time, talent and treasure, at the Best of Reston Gala benefiting the programs of Cornerstones.
- ❖ Just one more...sitting outside having dinner at Clyde's or Kalypso's listening to a summer concert.



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Welcome to Fairfax County: 'Work Hard, Play Hard'

BY SHARON BULOVA
CHAIRMAN
FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS



Welcome to Fairfax County, one of the greatest places in the nation to live, work, play and raise a family. Fairfax County is home to a thriving business community, vibrant entertainment and shopping destinations, a world class university, beautiful parks and a diverse population of engaged residents. Whether you are a long time resident or new to the county, I hope you'll take some time to visit some of our most popular spots and enjoy what Fairfax County has to offer.

Tysons Corner Center, Fair Oaks Mall, Reston Town Center, Fairfax Corner, Springfield Town Center and the Mosaic District are great places to shop, eat and spend time with friends. For cultural destinations, George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate, Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts and the Warehouse Arts Center in Lorton are some of my favorites. For fresh air and exercise, I recommend our extensive network of trails, parks and RECenters.

While there are a lot of fun things to do in Fairfax County, our community is notorious for our "work hard, play hard" ethic. Time Magazine has described us as the epicenter of the Washington region's job boom and one of the great economic success stories of our time. Fairfax County is home to nine Fortune 500 company headquarters, approximately 9,000 tech businesses and over 116 million square feet of office space.

Fairfax County has one of the best public school systems nationwide with a graduation rate of nearly 93 percent. Fairfax County Public Schools is the third largest employer in Virginia and the 10th largest school system in the country with more than 189,000 students. After high school graduation, George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community Col-

lege are located just down the road for affordable higher education opportunities in many different subject fields. Our business-friendly economy offers a wide array of impressive career opportunities for both our older and younger residents.

On the local government level, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is constantly hard at work to ensure quality public services for our residents. Our 10-member Board of Supervisors strives to maintain positive community engagement, while strategically planning for the future with land use and infrastructure decisions.

Some recent Fairfax County accomplishments include updating many of our police policies, establishing a Diversion First program for people with mental illness who become involved with law enforcement, and successfully extending Metrorail to Tysons and Reston. Phase 2 of Metro's Silver Line is currently under construction and will extend all the way to Dulles Airport and into Loudoun County.

Fairfax County offers opportunity and quality services for residents of all ages. People from all over the globe have made Fairfax County their home, enriching our community with their diverse cultures and entrepreneurship. In Fairfax County, we believe we must all do our part to set a positive tone of acceptance, inclusiveness and kindness.

As chairman of the Board of Supervisors, I am elected at-large by Fairfax County residents. My office is here to serve you. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov or give my office a call at 703-324-2321. I hope you will sign up to receive my monthly Bulova Byline newsletter that will keep you up-to-date on what is happening in your new community. I also encourage you to visit fairfaxcounty.gov and fxva.com to see what Fairfax County has to offer you and your family every season and every day. Welcome to your new home.

Striving To Make Democracy Work

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) is a nonpartisan, volunteer organization composed of men and women who are dedicated to making democracy work. Since it is nonpartisan, it does not support or endorse candidates. It registers voters and provides them with unbiased information about the voting process, issues of interest, and elections. It encourages active participation of citizens

by holding candidate forums, so they can meet and ask questions of the candidates who are running for office. It conducts studies of important community issues, has monthly meetings during which members discuss these issues, and uses education and advocacy to influence local public policy in the interest of the public. To learn more about this organization or to join, go to www.lwv-fairfax.org.

Service for Seniors Who Want to Serve

RSVP is the region's largest volunteer network for people 55 and older, providing individualized support to seniors seeking service opportunities in and around Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria.

RSVP offers opportunities for volunteers including providing rides, support and meals to older neighbors, assisting local veterans in need and helping prepare communities for disasters. RSVP also recruits volunteers for community events throughout the year.

RSVP volunteers enjoy flexible schedules, free accident and liability insurance while serving, optional mileage and meal reimbursement and are invited to group projects and social gatherings with other RSVP volunteers.

To sign up for an upcoming RSVP orientation email Carly Hubicki at chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org or call RSVP at 703-403-5360. To learn more about RSVP, visit www.rsvpnova.org.

Back to FCPS

BY SCOTT S. BRABRAND,
Ed.D.
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



It is great to be back in the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) family! I am returning to FCPS after spending the past five years as superintendent of Lynchburg City Schools. My family is also very excited to be back; my two sons will be attending Fairfax High School this year, the same school where I once served as principal. I always dreamed of coming back to FCPS and it is an honor for me to have the opportunity to lead this amazing school system.

I was a career changer, after doing volunteer work in the schools, and began in FCPS as a social studies teacher in 1994. I also served

as an assistant principal at Herndon High and an associate principal at Lake Braddock Secondary School before being named principal at Fairfax High School in 2005. In 2009, I was named the cluster assistant superintendent for schools in the Hayfield, West Potomac and Mt. Vernon pyramids.

As your superintendent, I am making Fridays my school days. I want to visit our schools to understand the work and the challenges our teachers, administrators and employees face, to understand what is happening "on the ground" so I can be better informed when making decisions.

I am committed to following through on the work of my predecessor, Dr. Karen Garza, who established Portrait of a Graduate — the 21st century learning model that our system has embraced — that focuses on the skills necessary for our students to succeed in college and beyond. As a school division, we are committed to achieving this goal for every student, in every classroom, in every school. We can we make this vision happen through ...

Excellence: We need to make sure every student and family has an excellent experience during their time with us. This also requires our employees to be fully invested in the important work they do every day.

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**Scott S. Brabrand, Ed.D.,
Superintendent of Schools**

Equity: FCPS is a microcosm of the world with students and families who come from all backgrounds and cultures. We will ensure that all students reach Portrait of a Graduate outcomes by addressing opportunity, access and attainment gaps. Every child, by name and need, can succeed with the proper support.

Effectiveness: We need to ensure that FCPS is being effective and efficient. One step I am taking is to narrow down our strategic plan in order to focus our efforts on achievable priorities that we can do well this year as a school division. We will align our resources to these priorities.

Expectations: I want our employees to love kids. The personal connection that our students feel with their teachers and all of our employees is critical to their success. I want our employees to love teaching and learning which I know will positively impact a child every day, and I want our employees to be professional in their work and role models for our students.

All of the challenges we face as a community and a country can best be solved through public education and FCPS can and will lead the way.

I wish all students, teachers, and parents a very successful school year and I look forward to seeing you in your schools!

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The Best Things About Living in Reston

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

Reston might not be able to trace its roots to Colonial times like many of its neighbors, although it sits on land originally owned by Lord Fairfax, but the “New Town Experiment” of founder Robert E. Simon has its own unique story, having been purposely designed as a cluster of “villages” connected by walkable paths. Reston was also created to be an open and wel-

coming community for everyone, at a time when the nation was still struggling with Civil Rights issues and providing integrated housing for all. Simon wanted a community with opportunity for the fullest use of leisure time and somewhere that people could remain in one single place throughout their lives.

Beloved Bob Simon passed away in 2015 at the age of 101, still a resident of Reston. He lived to see much of his dream come true, and many of Reston’s inhabitants today are grateful for his vision.

VIEWPOINTS

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Ann Selnick, financial analyst. Reston resident for 30 years.

“The best thing about living in Reston is the abundance of nature and wild-life and the many walking paths through forests and parks. In the summer, I love the Reston Town Center concerts, the Lake Anne Farmers’ Market, and the beautiful swimming pools. All year round, there is a great selection of restaurants and friendly people everywhere.”



Kim Waite-Williams, owner The Pet Elf petsitting/walking. Resident for 34 years.

“I love the natural green spaces in Reston, especially the walking paths. I love that we’re a large, culturally diverse community and that we come together in the face of diversity and take care of one another. I have always felt very supported in my small business here.”



John Mooney, Retired, 1+ years in Reston.

John Mooney may be a relative newcomer to Reston, but he fell in love with the community so quickly and so fully, that he now serves as the North Point representative on the Reston Association Board of Directors. “I love the RA members’ devotion to its inclusive vision and its rich, complex harmony of natural areas, wooded residential neighborhoods, trails, and its urban town center.”



Dave Fulkerson, federal government employee. Reston resident for 20 years.

Fulkerson expresses his appreciation for Reston simply and succinctly. “The best things about living in Reston? That would include the visual appeal, the pathways and amenities.”



Terry Catasús Jennings, children’s book author. 39 years in Reston.

“I have lived in Reston, in the same house since 1978. The best thing about living in Reston is its people. It has been a wonderful place to raise our kids and I’m looking forward to sharing my life in Reston with my grandkids. The group of parents who volunteered at Sunrise Valley Elementary School has stayed together and provide each other with love and support. It is easy to see this spirit in all of Reston. I love the inclusiveness and diversity of our town.”



Ken Plum, State Delegate (D-36). Reston resident for 40 years.

“My list is long for what I like about living in Reston, but singling out the biggest reason for liking to live in Reston...I would say the people who live in Reston. There is a lot of strife in the world and in our country these days. Reston is an inclusive community with people living here from all over the country and the world. There are incidents among people in our community, but they pale in comparison with human relations in so many parts of the world. Reston residents have wonderful stories to tell of where they are from, how they got here, and what their aspirations are. Our schools are filled with beautiful children that are bright and talented. Our founder Robert E. Simon wanted Reston to be welcoming to all. Is it that the openness of the community to all people makes it a wonderful place to live or is it that the people who come here make it so wonderful? I am proud to call it a home that I love.”



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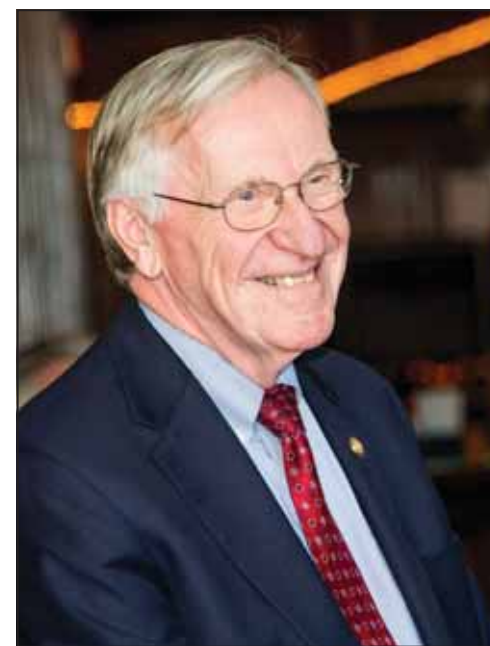
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About the Connection

As your local, weekly newspaper, the Connection's mission is to deliver the local news you need, to help make sense of what is happening in your community, to advocate for community good, to provide a forum for dialogue on local concerns, and to record achievements, milestones and events in the community and people's lives.

Here in our Newcomers and Community Guide, we report on the character of your community, we include details of how to vote in the upcoming elections, information on local government, nonprofits and business organizations, plus tips and tidbits from the community.

In 2016 alone, Connection papers won dozens of awards, including the top Virginia Press award — for Integrity and Community Service, for our coverage of police reform and related issues.

We invite newcomers and long-time residents alike to let us know how we're doing and let us know what is going on in your part of the community. If you have questions or ideas, send us an email. We invite you to send letters to the editor or to send an email with feedback about our coverage.

We want to know if someone in your family or your community published a book, started a business, became an Eagle Scout, raised money for a good cause, accomplished some feat like running a marathon, supporting a cause or having art included in an art show. We publish photos and notes about personal milestones and community events, including births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries.

We are also interested in events at your church, mosque, synagogue, community center, pool, school, club, etc. Email us a note about the event, being sure to include when and where the photo was taken and the names of all the people who are in a photo.



Local Media Connection writers and photographers won 37 Virginia Press Association awards for work in 2016, including the Virginia Press Association Award for Journalistic Integrity and Community Service. Pictured here from left: John Bordner, Mark Mogle, Mary Kimm, Shirley Ruhe, Tim Peterson, Vernon Miles, Eden Brown, Andrea Worker and Jeanne Theismann.

We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees and anniversaries are welcome. It is especially important to us to let people know about events ahead of time in our calendar of events. We appreciate

getting notice at least two weeks ahead of the event, and we encourage photos.

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Everyone Counts In Hunter Mill

BY SUPERVISOR
CATHERINE M. HUDGINS
(D-HUNTER MILL DISTRICT)



Every good community stems from those who work hard to make the community the best version of itself. From the youngest to oldest volunteers, to police officers and public officials, the Hunter Mill District is full of citizens contributing to the community in order to make it the best place to live. As a member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS), my job is to ensure the wellbeing of the community through listening and informing constituents on what affects them in our community. In doing so, I strive to reflect the community voice in making policy, creating a diverse, prosperous place with affordable housing and equal opportunity for all. The goal of the Hunter Mill District office is to keep everyone in the know by providing events for the public to become involved within the community: First Wednesday sessions with the Supervisor at the Reston Regional Library or Vienna's Patrick Henry Library, to the Frying Pan Park concert series "Hunter Mill Melodies" and children event.

The Hunter Mill District has something for everyone. It includes all unincorporated Reston, the northern portion of Tysons, the Town of Vienna and the communities of Herndon and Oak Hill, with top tier parks, trails, restaurants, retailers, businesses and employment opportunities. One can visit Frying Pan Park, a working farm since 1930, now home to farm animals, a carousel, nature center, and tractor rides. A Metro ride from Wiehle-Metro East Sta-

tion is Tysons, a bustling new city with shopping and restaurant area with a movie theatre and a skating rink in the winter. If you're feeling up for exercise, drop in for an outdoor soccer game at recently opened Southgate Community Center court or take a stroll through Lake Fairfax Park.

The soon arrival of Phase II Metro brings transit service to all sides of Hunter Mill District. The District is most proud to be part of one of the best public education systems in the country, including higher education opportunities at Northern Virginia Community College and Marymount University. Spring, fall, winter or summer, there is always something to do in the Hunter Mill District.

Opportunities for citizen involvement are numerous, serving on Boards, Authorities and Commission to the BOS or task force studies, internship placements at the Hunter Mill District office to volunteering at events, or creating art displays. You can even find meeting space by reserving the North County Government Center community room for personal use at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/communityroom.htm.

It is important to stay up to date on the news and events occurring in the Hunter Mill District. Whether upcoming events and news from the Supervisor, advisories, community updates or Snow Alerts, subscribe to the monthly Hunter Mill District Newsletter and get it all.

If you have any questions or want to enroll for the newsletter, contact huntermill@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-478-0283.



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Opening of Stream Crossing Bridge providing additional access to Lake Fairfax Park.

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Postcards from Reston

Reston loves its art! The annual Juried Art Festival in Reston Town Center.



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Cold weather doesn't mean there's no outdoor fun in Reston. Time to skate!



Reston celebrates its multicultural diversity.



Children and sports rule in Reston at the parade for the start of Little League season.



Enjoying Lake Anne by joining the Cardboard Boat Regatta.



Every Summer, the crowds come out for the Lake Anne Jazz Festival and concert series.

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What is Reston? Let Us Explain

Reston is a different kind of place. One of the many aspects that sets our community apart is how it was developed, and how it operates.

Reston is not a town in the conventional sense. Reston has no mayor, nor a “town hall” for centralized lines of communication and services. Without a traditional municipal government, it can be baffling to newcomers and confusing to long-term residents as well, as there is no “one place” for all information about the community.

When he purchased the land that is Reston in the early 1960s, Robert E. Simon, Jr. (c.1914-2015, Bob, our founder and the “R E S” in Reston,) established “Seven Goals for the New Town.” His vision for creating a community where people could live, work, and play was well ahead of its time, and today’s developers try to follow Bob’s success. Reston is fortunate to have a wide range of amenities, choices, and the opportunity to be involved through volunteerism, but with these privileges comes the obligation to be informed.

County of Fairfax: Reston’s Infrastructure

Reston is identified as a PRC – Planned Residential Community – within the County of Fairfax to which our property taxes are paid for standard needs. Police, public education, roads, water, sewers, and recycling/trash transfer are just some of the services funded by tax dollars paid by property owners and businesses everywhere in Fairfax County, which governs Reston, represented by the Hunter Mill District Supervisor.

Also under the auspices of Fairfax County is Reston Community Center (RCC) which offers two centers for indoor recreation and entertainment at Lake Anne and Hunters Woods, plus programming at other Reston venues. RCC is supported by additional county funding paid by every Reston property owner and business in Small Tax District #5.

Reston Association

In addition to annual county taxes, most Reston property owners pay annual dues to Reston Association (RA), the leadership organization that serves the majority of owners and renters within the approximate 6,800 acres of the community. RA manages 1,700 acres of Reston’s open spaces, lakes, forests, outdoor recreation areas including pools and tennis courts, and 55 miles of trails that are a treasured community amenity. RA produces a wonderful map, available in print and online, showing all the roads, trails, village centers, recreation facilities, public art, and more.

RA comprised its members, approximately 90 employees, and an elected, volunteer Board of Directors who oversee the administration. All owners and renters within RA can participate in the annual elections. RA also has a variety of volunteer advisory committees spanning a range of interests that provide meaningful participa-



Lake Anne.



Nature House in the fall.



Reston Association’s tennis courts.

tion and assist staff with ongoing and new directives.

RA operates with a Deed of Dedication. To maintain a spirit of cooperation that neighborhoods can rely on, the RA Deed has covenants adhering to values of sustainability and exterior property standards. For instance, the “Reston palette” ensures a cohesive appearance throughout

the community and makes choices easier for owners when refreshing their properties. For owners considering changes to their properties, RA’s Design Review Board provides guidance in its assessment of the plans.

RA also provides acclaimed summer day camps, year-round activities and events, programs for all ages, and more. RA’s ex-

tensive programs and services are on their website – which also lists all other government services and contacts – and you can also learn more by visiting Member Services during business hours, or e-mail member_services@reston.org, or call 703-435-6530.

Beyond Reston Association, There’s More

Within the jurisdiction of RA are clusters, which are delineated neighborhoods managed by volunteer boards who oversee their common areas, rules, and guidelines to uphold property standards. For services and maintenance, cluster residents pay annual fees in addition to RA dues.

Outside of the purview of RA is the urban core of Reston Town Center. It is part of the PRC, as planned, under Fairfax County governance, but it is managed separately by Reston Town Center Association.

Local News

The best way to stay in the know about the community is by reading Reston’s variety of print and online media sources, including the Reston Connection in print or online. News from Reston Association is distributed in various ways, such as the weekly RA News that is delivered to thousands of email addresses every Friday. To subscribe, “Join Our Mailing List” on the Home page of Reston.org. RA also publishes Reston Magazine, which includes articles about the community and the latest information on programs, recreation, and facilities, delivered to every RA household each quarter. Learn more about these and other special interest publications at Reston.org, or enquire at Member Services at the headquarters of Reston Association, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston.

Want to Know More?

See the “Local Organizations” page on Reston.org, and visit these websites that provide local information:

FairfaxCounty.gov: Public works and services

LINKinfo.org: Public transportation information for Reston

RestonChamber.org: Business community membership

Reston Citizens Association: Est. 1967 to promote and protect Reston’s planning ideals

Reston.org: Reston Association property owners and tenants

RestonCommunityCenter.com: County-operated indoor recreation and programming

RestonMuseum.org: Reston’s history

RestonTC.org: Urban core property management

RestonTownCenter.com: Urban core shopping, dining, events

VirginiaDOT.org: Reston’s public roads

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August 2017

WEDNESDAYS

Dog Days of Summer. Every Wednesday, Aug. 2 through Sept. 27, 4-7 p.m., Pavilion, 11900 Market St., Reston. Dogs and owners can frolic in the Pavilion as it is transformed weekly into an off-leash play area. Treats, toys, areas to cool off, pet friendly giveaways, and more. Free. Visit www.restontowncenter.com/

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 23

Senior Movie Day. 10 a.m. at Reston Town Center, Bow Tie Cinemas, 11940 Market St. Reston Association presents a feature film. Refreshments and door prizes provided prior to movie. Free to 55+. Email Ashleigh@reston.org, call 703-435-6530, or visit reston.org.

SATURDAY/AUG. 26

Storytime Live. 10 a.m.-noon at Kiddie Academy of Reston, 12320 Pinecrest Road, Reston. Stories and a visit from Curious George. Visit www.kastorytime.com/.

Reston Concerts on the Town. 7:30-10 p.m. at Reston Town Center Pavilion, 11900 Market St., Reston Town Center. David Akers and the Soul Shakers. Free. Visit restontowncenter.com.

SUNDAY/AUG. 27

Ice Cream Social. Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, 1441 Wiehle Ave., Reston. 3 p.m. Say goodbye to summer and hello to fall at an Ice Cream Social for new and prospective members as well as preschool and religious school families. Contact sara@nvhcreston.org to RSVP.

THURSDAY/AUG. 31

Dollars and Sense Book Club. 7 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive. Dollars and Sense Book Club will be discussing "Ponzi's Scheme: The True Story of a Financial Legend" by Mitchell Zuckoff. Free. Call 703-689-2700.

September 2017

SATURDAY/SEPT. 2

11th Annual Lake Anne Jazz & Blues Festival. 1-9 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza (Waterfront) 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. The free, family friendly event will feature a variety of acclaimed artists showcasing their talent and craft for jazz and blues. Visit lakeanneplaza.com/event/11th-annual-lake-anne-jazz-blues-festival/.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 10

34th Annual Reston Triathlon. The Reston Triathlon is one of Virginia's longest running races. In the past 33 years, the race has never been cancelled. The swim portion was cancelled only twice. There will be no fee increase for the 2017 race, and we will continue our tradition of great race premiums/swag. Registration is now \$140. Visit www.restontriathlon.org/tri/.

SEPT. 9-20

Northern Virginia Senior Olympics. Various venues around Northern Virginia. Events include badminton, volleyball, bocce, miniature golf, and many more. The basic registration fee is \$13. A fee of \$1 is required for each event. Additional fees may apply. Visit www.restontriathlon.org/tri/.

nvso.us/.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/SEPT. 15-16

ChalkFest at Reston Town Center. Pavilion and Market Street, 11900 Market St, Reston. Friday: Noon-11 p.m., professional artists and sponsors will create chalk drawings on the pavement. Spectators welcome. Rain or shine. Saturday: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Enjoy creating and seeing chalk art on the pavement. Participation is open to all - registration fee includes supplies; viewing is free. For more information email info@publicartreston.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 23

Reston Multicultural Festival. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. This signature Reston event honors the diversity that is one of our greatest strengths. Everyone is encouraged to dress in attire from their own cultural roots and share the stories that we gather on the pathways of our lives. The festival features a Naturalization Ceremony, International Book Fair, National Heritage Award Fellows, arts & crafts, entertainment, Art Mirrors Culture 2D and 3D exhibits, delicious food, and family activities from around the world. Free. Rain or shine. All ages. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com/.

2017 Dulles Day Festival and Plane Pull. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Dulles International Airport, 1 Saarin Circle, Dulles. The Dulles Day Festival & Plane Pull has grown into a full day of competition, food, and games raising over \$2,000,000 for athletes with intellectual disabilities in Virginia alone. Visit planepull.com/.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 24

Walk to End Alzheimer's. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Registration at 1:30 p.m., ceremony at 2:30 p.m., walk at 3 p.m. Visit act.alz.org.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 29

Pleine Aire Event. Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Designed in the spirit of a "day painting" competition, which challenges artists to create works of art in a short period of time. The event is open to all artists and all mediums. To be eligible for prizes, artists must meet all painting competition eligibility requirements. Multiple prizes totaling up to \$500 will be awarded. Check back soon for additional event info as the planning develops. Visit lakeanneplaza.com/event/plein-aire-event-lake-anne/.

October 2017

MONDAY/OCT. 2

3rd Annual Rescue Reston Golf Tournament and Nature Hike. Golf Tournament takes place at Reston National Golf Course, 11875 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. The golf starts with check-in at 1 p.m. and the hike is 3-5 p.m. Those attending the hike should meet at South Lakes Drive park, between Escalante Court and Olde Crafts Drive. Nature Hike provided by Reston Association's Walker Nature Center for Rescue Reston supporters. Visit www.rescuereston.org/golf/.

SUNDAY/OCT. 15

2017 Northern Virginia Take Steps for Crohn's and Colitis. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. 3 p.m. Check-in and Festival Start. 4 p.m. Walk Start. When you fundraise \$100, you will earn our



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Multicultural Festival

Members of Furia Flamenca perform Flamenco Dances from Southern Spain at the 2016 Reston Multicultural Festival at Lake Anne in Reston.

2017 Take Steps commemorative t-shirt. Fundraise even more money and win even more prizes. Visit online.ccfa.org/site/PageNavigator/take_steps_for_crohns_and_colitis.html.

welcome. Adults. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/rr/.

SATURDAY/OCT. 21

Halloween Family Fun Day. Noon-2pm. Come dressed in your favorite costume, and enjoy sensational performances perfect for the whole family. Peter McCory, a famed one-man band, will put children into the Halloween spirit at 12 p.m., followed by a wonderful performance at 1:15 p.m. by Bob Brown's Puppets in Monster Madness. Little ghosts and goblins up to the age of 8 will try their skill at winning candy while they play carnival games until 2 p.m. All children must be accompanied by an adult guardian, age 18 and older for the entire event. Infant-8 years. Free. Drop in. Please call 703-390-6163 or visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com/.

WEDNESDAY-MONDAY/OCT. 25-30

Washington West Film Festival. Screening events in Reston, Arlington and other local areas. Schedule to be released Sept. 25 and tickets will go on sale to the public on Sept. 28. Visit wwfilmfest.com/.

November 2017

TUESDAY/NOV. 7

Election Day. General and special elections. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/ecalendar.htm.

Spanchats. 7-8:30 p.m. Reston Regional Library 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join our ongoing Spanish conversation group. All levels from beginner to fluent are

dignitaries, special guest emcees, and much more. 11900 Market St., Reston. Visit www.restontowncenter.com/holiday/reston-holiday-parade/.

December 2017

SATURDAY/DEC. 2

Canoe Rides with Santa. 2-6 p.m. Sign up for a time slot. Fee \$10 per participant. Children age 3-14 can enjoy a special canoe ride with Santa and let him know what they would like him to bring this Christmas. Participants should wear a bathing suit and enjoy a swim open to you and your family from 2-6 p.m. Visit herndon-va.gov/recreation/special-events/canoe-rides-with-santa.

Herndon Homes Tour. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Herndon Homes Tour is a time-honored tradition that kicks off the holiday season and allows the public the opportunity to visit local homes decorated for the holidays. Tickets: \$15 through Nov.26; \$20 starting Nov. 27. Visit www.herndon-va.gov/.

SUNDAY/DEC. 3

Holiday Arts and Crafts Show. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave.. Wreaths, quilts, jewelry, Christmas ornaments, decorations, original artwork, photography, stained glass and more. Free admission and parking. Additional parking at the Herndon Centennial Golf Course. Visit herndon-va.gov/recreation/special-events/holiday-arts-and-crafts-show.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 9-10

Reston Friends Holiday Book Sale. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Saturday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday: 1-4 p.m. Start your shopping early. Come browse and buy - we have lots of gift-quality books. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/rr/.

SATURDAY/DEC. 17

A Storybook Holiday Celebration. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Bring your child to enjoy some holiday fun. Cost includes craft projects, a visit with Santa and a reading of a holiday story by a special guest. \$9/child. Visit herndon-va.gov/about-us/recreation/community-center.

2018

SATURDAY-SATURDAY/APRIL 21-28

Historic Garden Week. Visit www.vagardenweek.org/.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 8-10

37th Annual Celebrate Fairfax! 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Northern Virginia's largest community-wide celebration. Visit www.celebratefairfax.com or call 703-324-3247.

THURSDAY/MAY 31-SUNDAY/JUNE 3

Herndon Festival. Visit www.herndonfestival.net/.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 4

4th of July. 6:30 p.m. A family-fun event featuring games, patriotic arts and craft activities, live music, family games, bingo, food, balloon artists and more. Events take place in Bready Park softball field, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Visit herndon-va.gov/recreation/special-events/4th-of-july.

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Where to Give Locally List of Nonprofits in Fairfax County

- ❖ **Cornerstones**, 11150 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 210, Reston, serving Reston and Herndon. 571-323-9555, www.cornerstonesva.org. Nonprofit providing support and advocacy for those in need of food, shelter, affordable housing, quality childcare, and other human services. Programs and services include the Embry Rucker Community Shelter, Emergency Food Pantry, Hypothermia Prevention Program, Thanksgiving Food Drive, Gifts for Kids and annual Coat Drive. Alacia Earley at 571-323-9568 or alacia.earley@cornerstonesva.org.
- ❖ **SHARE** of McLean operates a food pantry; provides assistance to families to avoid eviction, keep utilities on and meet other needs in a crisis. Share of McLean will provide holiday assistance to more than 250 needy families (630-plus people) this year. Each family will receive a grocery gift card in November along with a bag filled with pantry staples and traditional items. In December, our families will be welcomed to a festive party, served a light meal, and Santa will travel all the way from the North Pole to take photographs with the children. Each person will receive a "wish" gift and families will be given a grocery gift card, a bag filled with toiletries, and a jug of laundry detergent. Help us help our neighbors in need by fulfilling a wish or donating Walmart, Target, Giant, or Safeway gift cards. Contact Chris Wilbur at ShareWishes@gmail.com for more information. Visit www.shareofmclean.org for more info about Share.
- ❖ **Herndon-Reston FISH** (Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help), 336 Victory Drive, Herndon, 703-391-0105 herndonrestonfish.org Herndon-Reston FISH has assisted local residents in short term crises by since 1969. FISH provides Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help by responding to emergency requests for rent, transportation, utilities, medical prescriptions and other needs. FISH operates The Bargain Loft, a thrift store, which needs donations of good quality saleable items, accepting and selling art, furniture, jewelry, household linens, dishes, pots and pans, books, women's designer clothing (clean and on hangers), puzzles, games, collectibles, small electronics and much more. If you have store questions, call 703-437-0600. Herndon-Reston FISH also provides Holiday Food & Gift Baskets during the November and December season.
- ❖ **LINK**, serving Herndon, Chantilly, Loudoun and more. Every year the goal is to provide each family with a week's worth of non-perishable food in November and again in December. When funds allow, grocery gift cards are also included. In November, clients also receive a voucher for coats and warm clothing. In December, children 16 and under receive gifts. holiday@linkagainsthunger.org. 703-437-1776 www.linkagainsthunger.org.
- ❖ **Committee for Helping Others** (CHO), Vienna, organized in 1969 by a group of churches and individuals in the Dunn Loring, Merrifield, Oakton, Vienna community to provide simple, loving charity to those in need. Last year 450 children had a special Christmas through the annual Christmas Store. 703-281-7614, www.cho-va.com
- ❖ **Northern Virginia Family Service**. Just \$50 provides a complete holiday meal to a family of four. Donate at give.nvfs.org/holidaydonation or via check payable to "NVFS" with "Operation Turkey" on the memo line, or send grocery store gift cards. Northern Virginia Family Service, attn: Holiday Initiatives, 10455 White Granite, Drive, Suite 100, Oakton, VA 22124.

- ❖ **Second Story** — Abused and Homeless Children's Refuge, 2100 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA 22182, 703-506-9191. Second Story (formerly Alternative House) provides shelter and services for homeless, runaway or abused teenagers, unaccompanied youth, and young mothers and their children. Requests for food and clothing are up more than 50 percent. second-story.org.
- ❖ **Shepherd's Center of Oakton Vienna** providing services, personal enrichment, volunteer opportunities for adults 50 and over. Currently serving 3,000+ mature adults in the region. 703-281-0538, www.scov.org
- ❖ **Touching Heart** in Herndon is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to educate children to have giving hearts. www.touchingheart.com, 703-901-7355.
- ❖ **Western Fairfax Christian Ministries** — food pantry at 13981 Metrotech Drive in Chantilly. For more information or to sponsor a family, call 703-988-9656, ext. 105. To mail gift cards or send donations by check, add a note saying "food basket program" and send them to: WFCM, P.O. Box 220802, Chantilly, VA 20153. 703-988-9656.
- ❖ **HomeAid** builds and renovates facilities that house the homeless, and partners with many local organizations to do so. 3684 Centerview Drive, Suite 110B, Chantilly, VA 20151. www.homeaidnova.org/
- ❖ **FACETS** helps parents, their children and individuals who suffer the effects of poverty in the Fairfax area, a partner in efforts to end homelessness in Fairfax County. FACETS is always in need of volunteers, and offers a variety of one-time and ongoing opportunities. 703-865-4251 or volunteer@facetscares.org. www.facetscares.org. 10640 Page Ave., Suite 300, Fairfax VA 22030
- ❖ **Britepaths** will have 3,000 individuals and families in need of holiday assistance list this fall. Sponsor a family or donate to provide a family with a Thanksgiving meal, December holiday meal and/or gifts for their children. Join Britepaths at Wine & Wonderment, Nov. 15, at 2941 Restaurant britepaths.org
- ❖ **Fairfax City Area FISH** (For Immediate Sympathetic Help) helps local people who are in temporary need of life's basic necessities such as food, clothing, and financial assistance for rent, mortgage payments, utilities, and medical treatments. FISH also provides limited transportation for doctor appointments and food delivery. 703-222-0880 fairfaxfish.org/
- ❖ **Lamb Center**, www.thelambcenter.org, day center for homeless, Fairfax 703-691-3178.
- ❖ **Food for Others** provides a safety net for people who suddenly face unforeseen emergencies such as a family illness or the loss of a job or a spouse. Located at 2938 Prosperity Ave., Fairfax, VA 22031, 703-207-9173. 2938 Prosperity Ave. info@foodforothers.org Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. www.foodforothers.org
- ❖ **Ecumenical Community Helping Others** (ECHO), 703-569-9160. Open to receive donations at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Provides food and financial assistance to those in short-term emergencies, and provides clothing and household goods to low income families, helping more than 5,000 people last year. www.echo-inc.org.
- ❖ **Lorton Community Action Center** (LCAC) will provide Thanksgiving and Holiday assistance to more than 450 families this year. Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets along with fulfilling gift wishes for more than 1,000

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How To Vote

Every year is election year in Virginia; mechanics and details of voting require attention to detail.

Voting early if you qualify is a good choice.

There are 19 valid reasons to vote absentee in Virginia, including working and commuting to and from home for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day. Check the Virginia Department of Elections list to see if you are eligible: elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/index.html

There are two ways to vote absentee, in-person and by mail. To do either, you should first check your voter registration status to make sure it is up-to-date. Then you will need to apply for an absentee ballot. Note: If you vote absentee in-person you will fill out the application when you arrive at the in-person absentee location (see locations below). Voting absentee by mail? Read below for the process of applying for your mail-in ballot.

You can now apply for an absentee ballot online with the state's new Citizen Portal. You will need your Social Security Number and information on your Virginia Driver's License to complete the application. Information is also provided on how to apply if you do not have a driver's license.

Virginia Voter ID

Virginia has voter identification requirements, plan to bring photo identification with you to vote, whether that is absentee or on Election Day.

Among accepted ID: valid Virginia Driver's License or Identification Card; valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran's ID card; valid U.S. Passport; other government-issued photo identification cards issued by the U.S. Government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth; valid college or university student photo identification card from an institution of higher education located in Virginia; valid student ID issued by a public school or private school in Virginia displaying a photo; employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an

employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business.

Any registered voter who does not have one of the required forms of identification can apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID complete the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application, have their picture taken, and sign the digital signature pad. Once the application is processed, the card will be mailed directly to the voter.

A voter who does not bring an acceptable photo ID to the polls will be offered a provisional ballot.

Provisional Ballot Process for Voters Who Arrive Without ID

If you arrive at your polling place on Election Day without an acceptable form of photo identification, don't panic or give up. You will be given the opportunity to vote a provisional ballot. After completing the provisional ballot, the individual voting will be given written instructions from the election officials on how to submit a copy of his/her identification so that his/her vote can be counted.

A voter will have until noon on the Friday following the election to deliver a copy of the identification to the local electoral board or to appear in person to apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. Voters may submit a copy of their ID via fax, email, in-person submission, or through USPS or commercial delivery service. Please note that the copy of the ID must be delivered to the electoral board by noon on Friday, or the provisional ballot cannot be counted.

Also by noon on Friday following the election, the voter may appear in-person in the office of the general registrar, in the locality in which the provisional ballot was cast, and apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. At the completion of the application process, the voter may request a Temporary Identification Document. This document may be provided to the electoral board to suffice the identification requirement.

General Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 7

On Election Day Polls are open from 6 a.m.-7 p.m., Nov. 7.

To determine whether eligible and registered to vote in this election, visit the Virginia Department of Elections website at elections.virginia.gov/ or call Fairfax Elections office at 703-222-0776.

To vote on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 6 a.m.-7 p.m. (General Election)

❖ Register/update address by: Monday, Oct. 16.

❖ Request absentee ballot by mail by: 5

p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31.

❖ Vote early (in-person absentee ballot by appearing in person by 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4.

For more information on voting in Fairfax County:

Voter Registration: 703-222-0776, TTY 711

Absentee Fax: 703-324-3725

Email: voting@fairfaxcounty.gov

Election Officer Info: 703-324-4735,

TTY 711

School Bonds on Ballot

There is a \$315 million public school bonds referendum on the Nov. 7 general election ballot. If approved by voters, the Fairfax County Public Schools' current plans to use this bond money are to:

❖ Plan and/or construct two new elementary schools, one in Fairfax/Oakton area and another in the Northwest county area.

❖ Relocate one modular building

❖ Plan additions at three existing high schools to add capacity at Madison, Stuart and West Potomac.

❖ Plan and/or construct renovations of 10 elementary schools, three middle schools and two high schools.

See www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/facilities-planning-future/2017-school-bond-referendum.

Special Election

Aug. 29, 2017 Special Election, School Board At-Large

All county polling places will be open on Aug. 29 to fill a vacancy for member, School Board At-Large for the remainder of the present term of office which expires Dec. 31, 2019.

In-Person Absentee voting is underway until Aug. 26

❖ Aug 26: Final Day In-Person Absentee Voting

❖ Aug 29: Absentee Ballot Return Deadline, 7 p.m.

Four candidates are on the ballot:

Chris S. Grisafe

Sandra D. Allen

Karen A. Keys-Gamarra

Michael H. Owens

For more on the school board race, see www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2017/jul/31/low-turnout-high-stakes-special-election-school-bo/

ON THE BALLOT in Fairfax County:

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42nd District

Kathy Tran (D)

Lolita Mancheno-Smoak (R)

Lieutenant Governor

Justin E. Fairfax (D)

Jill H. Vogel (R)

43rd District

Mark Sickles (D) incumbent, unopposed

Attorney General

Mark R. Herring (D)*

John D. Adams (R)

44th District

Paul Krizek (D) incumbent, unopposed

House of Delegates (100) (2-year term)

34th District

Kathleen Murphy (D) incumbent

Cheryl Buford (R)

45th District

Mark Levine (D) incumbent, unopposed

46th District

Charniele Herring (D) incumbent, unopposed

35th District

Mark Keam (D) incumbent, unopposed

47th District

Patrick Hope (D) incumbent, unopposed

36th District

Ken Plum (D) incumbent, unopposed

48th District

Rip Sullivan (D) incumbent, unopposed

37th District

David Bulova (D) incumbent, unopposed

49th District

Alfonso Lopez (D) incumbent
Adam Roosevelt (R)

38th District

Kay Kory (D) incumbent

Paul Haring (R)

53rd District

Marcus Simon (D) incumbent
Mike Case (I)

39th District

Vivian Watts (D) incumbent, unopposed

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'Mutual Understanding/Mutual Respect' by m.l.duffy at the North County Government Center.



Reston Rondo by Mary Ann Mears at Hyatt Park in Reston Town Center.

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Inspiring Public Art Public Art Reston to celebrate 10th anniversary.

Public Art Reston (formerly known as the Initiative for Public Art – Reston or IPAR) seeks to inspire an ongoing commitment to public art and create a new generation of artworks in Reston. Its mission is to imagine public art throughout Reston that inspires the community and engages the mind and senses. Public Art Reston represents the lasting commitment to public art by the Reston community. In 2007, Reston's civic and community organizations convened leaders in visual arts, urban planning, architecture, business, and government to envision new public art works. Consensus emerged for incorporating a nonprofit organization dedicated to the creation of new public art in Reston. In 2008, Public Art Reston's Board of Directors adopted the *Public Art Master Plan for Reston*. The plan prioritizes sites and types of public art and specifies procedures to initiate projects, facilitate funding, select artists, review design concepts, and manage programs. Since then, six permanent artworks and eight temporary installations have been realized through the organizations' review process.

Public Art Reston works in collaboration with multiple community and civic partners

ChalkFest at Reston Town Center in 2016.

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as well as schools and private entities to commission public art projects, present outreach and educational programs. The most recent temporary public artwork unveiled is "Althea" realized by the South Lakes High

School STEAM Team Public Art Club. This is the fourth temporary public artworks realized by STEAM Team for the Lake Thoreau spillway.

Public Art Reston produces public art-

making activities such as *Chalk on the Water* in collaboration with Lake Anne Village Center (June) and *ChalkFest at Reston Town Center* in collaboration with Reston Town Center (September 16).

Public Art Reston has produced three documentary films, a traveling exhibition Reston: The Art of Community supported by a catalogue and documentary film, a public art inventory with map, informational signage for each new public artwork, and included Reston's public art collection to the national database Public Art Archive.

In addition, Public Art Reston has also published a public art guide and checklist for developers and organized two informational events for developers about the integration of public art into new developments.

To celebrate its 10th anniversary, Public Art Reston is hosting several events including public art walking tours, film screenings, artist talks, unveiling of new artworks, and an annual reception that boasts a silent auction and public art activity. Visit www.publicartreston.org to learn more about programs, view Reston's public art collection and for opportunities to volunteer, support Public Art Reston, and sign up to receive e-newsletter.

Reston Community Center Welcomes Newcomers

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Being diagnosed with cancer; then having cancer/living with cancer, is like having a second job. A job that unlike many, requires and/or imposes a 'round the clock-type 24/7 adherence to protocol, policy, procedure, presumptions and principle. To live not like you're dying takes more than scoffing at a country music song that twangs an alternative vision. Believing in what routines you're following and any lifestyle changes you've made allows (I didn't say enables) a cancer survivor to thrive under the most difficult and demanding of circumstances.

Unfortunately for those reading this column looking for answers/guarantees, there aren't any other than: if you abuse the privilege of post-cancer-diagnosis survival, the ends will likely justify the means; meaning, you are responsible for your own actions and "inactions." The prognosis one is given at diagnosis is a reasonably thought out prediction. However, as grim as those words sound and seem at that moment, that prediction is not cast in stone. I'm living proof of that. The words you hear are based on the past. Your ensuing treatment is more about the present and future and what you decide to do living forward. Being open and unassuming, and by 'unassuming' I mean: not taking anything for granted, presuming facts not in evidence, considering that which has happened to somebody else - either good or bad, could happen to you and of course, asking as many questions in as many ways as necessary to get the answers you need, will help you co-exist with this terrible burden. Being diagnosed with a heretofore "terminal" disease presents one with innumerable challenges but not the slim pickin's (choices not the actor) of yesteryear.

Integrating/assimilating all of the facts, fiction and philosophy into one's daily cancer conundrum is a task often complicated by one's day job/intention to remain on that job. The thinking being, at least in my mind/experience: living as normal a life as possible and staying as true to one's usual and customary self as well as to one's wishes, desires, hopes, prayers, etc., will enable (not 'allow' this time) you potentially to live longer and prosper more and trek "where no man has gone before." For us cancer survivors/patients, where we hope to 'trek' is beyond the prognosis given to us by our oncologist.

I can boast of such an accomplishment, but I'd rather write it quietly and consistently as encouragement to others similarly diagnosed and "prognosed" than brag about it loudly. However, the changes/choices I've made might not suit another's personality. I regularly receive suggestions about additional anti-cancer pursuits. Some I embrace, some I don't. Some are conventional (Western), some are alternative (Non-Western). Many sound reasonable and "integratable" into my lifestyle. Many others don't. But given that my life is at stake, how can a suggestion's incompatibility with my personality matter? We're talking life versus premature death here; not sit-down Italian versus take-out Chinese. And though food certainly matters, it is of course to no comparison to living versus dying. Still, I don't always say "yes."

This is the yin and yang of my life and probably the lives of many other survivors of serious/terminal-type diseases. I want to feel like I'm winning. But I'm deathly afraid of losing.

Moreover, I want to live my life as normally as possible, but not if it has adverse consequence. And how would I know anyway? Symptoms can be misleading and scans are quarterly. And though I remain positive about my very negative circumstances, occasionally the reality of those circumstances interfere with that normalcy. When that happens, I usually put pen to paper and try to write myself out of it.

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