(From left) Charlene Wheeless, Best of Reston Co-Chair, Bechtel (2016 Best of Reston Honoree), 2018 Best of Reston Presenting Sponsor, Marybeth Haneline, Honoree and Leila Gordon (2016 Honoree), Reston Community Center, 2018 Best of Reston.
April is Financial Literacy Month.

By Marilyn Campbell

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n an era when consumers can purchase merchandise and deposit money into a bank account using a smartphone, teaching money smarts to children can be fraught with complications. April is Financial Literacy Month and local financial advisors say teaching children how to manage their money responsibly is a necessary part of becoming a financially responsible adult.

“How a parent treats cash is the way their kids will treat cash; lead by example,” said Andrea Foster, professor and department chair of Business, Economics, Accounting, Computer Applications and Paralegal Studies (BEACAPS) at Montgomery College. “If your kid sees you cutting coupons and budgeting, when they grow up they will do the same. They will see the benefits and the value of your shrewdness.”

One of the most important financial lessons that a parent can teach is how to save, advises Foster. “Teach them how to budget so that they can learn how to save for what they want,” she said.

Children pay attention to and learn from the ways in which their parents manage money and it’s critical that they learn financial literacy at home, suggests Victoria G. Henry, assistant vice president at West Financial Services, Inc. in McLean.

“Explaining the concept of savings early to children is key,” added Henry. “It is natural to want to spend everything right away, so it may be hard to understand why it is important to set a little aside for future expenses.”

An ideal time to offer a lesson in saving is when a child receives money as a present for a birthday or other occasion, says Henry. “It is a good practice to have them save even 10 or 20 percent of the gift, and let them have the rest to spend how they want,” she said. “If they decide to spend their fun money on something and then quickly return asking for money for something else, it is a good to remind them that maybe they should think more carefully about how they want to spend their money in the future. This will help them get into the practice of making wise choices with spending and saving down the road when they start earning money as well.”

Foster also suggests helping children develop savings goals. “[Whether] by piggy bank, envelope, can, or jar, a vessel is an important tool for teaching kids how to save for major milestones,” said Foster. “Identify a goal for the savings and have them save towards that goal.”

Transparency builds enthusiasm, adds Foster. “Using a clear jar for saving creates enthusiasm and motivation as the kids see it fill up with the coins,” she said. “[Sav- ing] also teaches them self-reliance and not counting on their parents to help them for everything. By giving a reward, kids can learn the value of money and how to spend money.”

Foster also suggests encouraging children to keep a spending diary and limiting the amount of money they can spend or the number of items they can purchase when shopping for themselves. “Show them that stuff costs money,” she said. “Have them keep track of all the money that mom and dad spend on them in one month, from food to clothing and other things. They will realize how much it costs to maintain them and how much all the stuff that they want costs.”

Involve children in a family’s charitable donations, advises Henry. “Ask your children to think about what kinds of charitable efforts the family should support,” she said. “Have them research and pick a charity and then make a small contribution to that organization on their behalf.”

“Have children earn their allowance and let children experience the pain of not having enough money if they don’t budget correctly,” said Dr. Brian Hollar assistant professor of Accounting, Economics & Finance at Marymount University. “Experi- ence is a good teacher and learning when the stakes are low is invaluable.”

Hollar underscores the importance of teaching solid math skills. “It’s hard to develop strong financial literacy without understanding exponential growth,” he said.
Two Sides to Two and a Half Cents

Supervisors to vote on proposed budget, possible real estate tax increase on May 1.

By Ken Moore

James Parmeele was the seventh speaker before the Board of Supervisors allotted to hear from the public on the FY 2019 budget and proposed tax rate. The public comments lasted more than 11 hours and 20 minutes.

Advocates voiced passion on topics ranging from the environment, health and human services, people with disabilities and who are aging, early childhood education, fire and rescue services, pay for public safety personnel, the opioid epidemic, affordable housing, diversity, mental health treatment, school bonds and capital improvements, the triple A bond rating, the arts, libraries, competitive pay for teachers, and more.

But the issue for the board to decide on May 1 is whether to support County Executive Bryan Hill’s proposed budget including a two and a half cent real estate tax increase. The board can accept the real estate tax increase or vote for a smaller amount but can not raise Hill’s suggested increase.

“When the voters in Fairfax County have had an opportunity to vote on tax increases, you saw what happened last time,” said Parmeele. “The voters of Fairfax County, on the very same day that they overwhelmingly voted for Hillary Clinton, they also overwhelmingly voted against the tax hike.”

If the Board of Supervisors were to adopt the full two and a half cent tax rate increase, it would amount to an additional $268 on the average homeowner’s annual tax bill.

More than 150 speakers testified, 158 signed up to speak, during the three days the Board of Supervisors allotted to hear from the public on the FY 2019 budget.

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crease in spending and the apparent lack of cost
savings, I’m deeply afraid each budget should
include new efficiency, in operations particu-
larly in budgets of $4.3 billion…”

Louise Epstein, chair, McLean Citizens
Association “We really support teacher raises” while also expressing concern about allotting millions for raises for administrators in the school system.

Kay Larmeer, McLean, Commission on Aging “We applaud your commitment to making Fairfax a livable community for people of all ages.

Current in Fairfax County, about one in seven residents are older than 65. By 2020, the proportion will nearly be one in five. We will need more affordable and accessible housing, improved and more creative transportation services, increased home based and community based services, new communications technology, programs that promote ethnic and cultural diversity.”

Leann Alberts, Springfield, Disability Services Board “Working age people with disabilities make up nearly 15 percent of the Virginia’s popula-
tion and are far more likely to be unemployed and to live in poverty than people without dis-
abilities. Supports for people with disabilities are vital to the fabric of our community. They are every bit as essential to Fairfax County as our roads, emergency first responders, schools and environmental services. They are value added services that empower people with dis-
abilities to live and prosper in the community.”

Enrique Carrero, Fairfax County employee “I am proud to be the first one in my family to graduate from college, and I feel it’s impor-
tant to give back to the community through my job as a public employee. I help families in need
get heating in the winter and air conditioning in
the summer. I’ve heard some people say millennial workers don’t care about retirement. So, let me clear that up. As a 23-year-old from Prince William County
I support Divest First, gun preven-
tion, the opioid task force, the South County
police station and the Office of Elections.

The Proposed $4.29-Billion bud-
got would transfer 54 percent of the total
to the school system to fully fund FCPS’s
budget request. It would also fund pay
increases for teachers and county employees.

Adams spoke to many others when she
addressed quality of life.

“Like so many here, I am happy to have
amazing schools, fire and rescue profession-
als, human services, parks and libraries
within my reach. It is why my family lives
here,” she said, in the three minutes given
to each individual speaker.

“All residents deserve an equitable oppor-
tunity to succeed if they work hard, but families that cannot afford homes in this area are a growing group. Many families are working hard but there are not enough good-paying jobs, not enough affordable care options, and certainly not enough af-
fordable homes in this area…” I appreciate it when you spend my tax dollars to sup-
port many who live in need alongside those of us who are doing well. We are Fairfax County residents and we are all here want an inclusive and welcoming community for all.”

Because of Virginia Law, Fairfax County depends almost entirely on real es-
tate taxes for revenue, putting a burden on homeowners in particular, whose increas-
ning property values don’t always demon-
strate an ability to pay more.

“For nearly 20 years, this board has been raising real estate taxes two or three times faster than household income,” said Arthur Purves, of Vienna.

“This goes on year after year,” said Charles McAndrew, of Oak Hill.

Phil Niedzielski-Eichner is the Providence District Planning Commissioner and former school board member. But last week, Niedzielski-Eichner spoke as an individual from Oakton and was the 23rd speaker.

“The key, of course, is attracting and re-
taining high-quality personnel to both (schools and county).” This budget begins
to recover our competitiveness in relation to compensation offered by other govern-
mental jurisdictions. I also support the $25
million allocated to the FCPS bond
authority to expedite its school renovation
and support new construction that will al-
leviate severe overcrowding in some of the

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Send in Mother’s Day Photos

Mother’s Day is Sunday, May 13 this year, and as every year at this time, this newspaper calls for submissions to our Mother’s Day photo gallery.

Send photos of mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, or children without children in the photos. Please name everyone in the photo, the approximate date taken, 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 or email to editors@connectionnewspapers.com.

Mother’s Day is just one of many occasions throughout the year that we would love to receive photos from our readers. Send us photos and notes when anything of note is happening in your family, neighborhood, school, club … Be sure to include basic information: Name everyone in the photo, the approximate date taken, 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. Send to editors@connectionnewspapers.com.

Soon after we publish our Mother’s Day photo galleries, we will begin to ask for submissions for our Father’s Day galleries. Father’s Day is June 17 this year.

Each year we seem to receive many more photos for Father’s Day. We’re curious whether that is because the second of the set so greatly so more aware or because mothers are more likely to send in images of the Dads.

Twice a year we ask you to send photos and tell us stories about your pets and how they have come into, touched and left your lives, publishing the last week in July and the last week in February.

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 an amazing display of student talent.

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.

Please start by sending in photos for Mother’s Day, preferably by May 1. Send to www.connectionnewspapers.com/mothersday.

Virginia Press Association Winners

Connection writers and photographers garnered awards at the Virginia Press Association annual award banquet. Here is the list of our winners, with more details to come in the future:

First Place, Michael Lee Pope, Business and Financial Writing, Great Falls Connection
First Place, Bonnie Hobbe, Public Safety Writing, Chantilly Connection
First Place, Mark Mogle, Pictorial Photo, Great Falls Connection
First Place, Mark Mogle, General News Photo, Arlington Connection
First Place, Eden Brown, Public Safety Writing, Arlington Connection
Second Place, Dan Breden, Government Writing, Alexandria Gazette Packet
Second Place, Weston Miles, Feature Series or Continuing Story, Alexandria Gazette Packet
Second Place, Fallon Forbush, Breaking News Writing, McLean Connection
Second Place, Fallon Forbush, General News Writing, Reston Connection
Second Place, Bonnie Hobbe, General News Writing, Fairfax Connection
Second Place, Marilyn Campbell, Education Writing, Great Falls Connection
Third Place, Shirley Buhe, Personality or Portrait Photo, Arlington Connection
Third Place, Fallon Forbush, Education Writing, Great Falls Connection
Third Place, Mary Kimm, Editorial Writing, Great Falls Connection

It's Time to Give Volunteers the Credit They Deserve

To the Editor:

This week, April 15-21, is National Volunteer Week, an opportunity for organizations across the country to pause and recognize the importance and impact of the millions of selfless individuals who volunteer in our communities. Governor Northam recently honored some of Virginia’s most remarkable individuals and organizations that have committed to service across the Commonwealth at the 2018 Virginia Governor’s Volunteerism and Community Service Awards. Their stories of service were touching, uplifting, and an inspiration for all of us to do more for others. I encourage you to read more about these remarkable volunteers at VirginiaService.virginia.gov.

And yet, this amazing group of volunteers are just a fraction of the more than 2 million who serve annually in Virginia. Each day, individuals give their time and talents to make our communities safer, healthier and stronger. Whether it is the parents and grandparents volunteering in our schools, community members collecting and donating food to our food banks, or busy professionals utilizing their skills to help individuals and organizations in times of need — volunteers are the force behind addressing our greatest challenges.

On behalf of the Governor’s Advisory Board on Service and Volunteerism, I would like to thank these fantastic volunteers. Thank you for caring, Thank you for committing. Thank you for understanding the power of service. We want you to know that we see you and we hear stories of how you are changing communities for the better. You provide hope to so many and inspire others to follow your lead to serve.

Jessica Bowser
Governor’s Advisory Board on Service and Volunteerism

Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival. At Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Greater Reston Art Center’s (GRACE) annual fundraiser. Draws up to 30,000 visitors and there is free garage parking all weekend. Over 50 volunteers are needed. Volunteers perform a variety of roles including setting up with the logistics crew, welcoming and booth sitting for partnering arts and cultural entities. Volunteers also assist the Art Hospitality entourage, welcoming visitors and accepting donations for GRACE as a Festival Ambassador, or helping young artists with their creations in the Family Art Park. Visit restonarts.org/ fineartsfestival.

The Herndon High School PTSA is in need of a treasurer, but anyone interested in serving on the board is welcome. The HHS PTSA works to provide connections between students, teacher and parents. They offer mini-grants to teachers, scholarships and achievement awards to students as well as appreciation events for staff. Email: treaworker@connectionnewspapers.com

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The Other Branch of Government

By Kenneth R. “Ken” Plum
State Delegate (D-36)

Legislators who are in Richmond on April 13 for the Special Session to complete work on the biennial budget will interrupt their work on April 18 for the Constitutionally required Reenconvened Session commonly referred to as the “veto session.” In 1980 the state Constitution was amended to provide that on the sixth Wednesday after the adjournment of a regular session the General Assembly is to reconvene “for the purpose of considering bills which may have been returned by the Governor with recommendations for their amendment and bills and items of appropriation bills which may have been returned by the Governor with his objections.” Prior to the establishment of a reconvened session, a Governor could veto bills without concern that the vetoes would be over-ridden.

Governor Terry McAuliffe set a record with nearly a hundred vetoes all of which were sustained by the General Assembly even if by the narrowest margin. Governor Ralph Northam has exercised his veto powers on eight measures that are highly unlikely to be challenged with the almost even distribution of partisan representation in both the House and Senate. A two-thirds vote is required to pass legislation without the Governor’s approval. In the case of Governor McAuliffe and now Governor Northam, vetoes by the other branch of government, the executive branch, have kept the General Assembly from enacting some of the more divisive laws on social issues proposed by extremely conservative legislators.

Two of the bills Governor Northam vetoed related to voter registration records that would unnecessarily burden the registration and voting process under guise of preventing fraud and abuse. Virginia has not had a problem with voting irregularities; the state’s problem has been to get more people to vote since Virginia has among the lowest levels of participation in the nation. Efforts to make it easier to vote such as “no excuse” absentee voting have been defeated in the General Assembly.

The Governor vetoed three bills that would limit the powers of local government when the local governments are in the best position to know what would best serve the people of a locality. One bill would have prohibited local governments from requiring contractors to pay more than minimum wage for work for the locality and another would interefere on local governments establishing property tax rates for country clubs. A bill that would prohibit “sanctuary cities” of which there are none in Virginia was also vetoed.

The Governor vetoed a bill that would have prohibited state participation in adopting regulations on carbon dioxide cap-and-trade programs thereby limiting Virginia’s ability to deal with climate change. He also vetoed a bill that would have allowed legislators to change legislative district lines between the federal census dates.

In considering bills passed by the legislature, all of which must be signed by the Governor to become law, the Governor can propose amendments. Of the dozens of amendments proposed by Governor Northam, most are technical corrections in language passed in the fast pace of the legislative session.

After the likely one-day Reenconvened Session is adjourned, the General Assembly will return to the Special Session to complete the budget. I believe there will be good news to report on the budget very soon!

Registration Opens for Bike to Work Day 2018

On Friday, May 18 from 6:30-9:30 a.m., Comstock Partners and Reston Association will host more than 500 local commuters at the Wiehle-Reston East Metro Station as part of one of the nation’s largest Bike to Work Day events, one organized at the regional level by Commuter Connections and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA).

The Reston pit stop will be one of 100 pit stops throughout the District of Columbia, suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia. All stops have the same goal according to event organizers: “to increase awareness and participation in bicycling as a method of transportation to work instead of driving alone.”

Celebrating its 17th anniversary this year, Bike to Work Day is expected to once again break registration records as more and more commuters embrace bicycling as a clean, fun, and healthy way to get to work.

The event page states: “Be one of the first 20,000 to register and attend this free event, then bike to your choice of 100 pit stops in D.C., MD, and VA and receive a free T-shirt, refreshments, and be entered into a raffle for a new bicycle.” For more information and to register, visit www.biketoworkmetrodc.org

—Mercia Hobson

Unattended Charcoal Grill Causes Reston House Fire

On Saturday, April 14 at 9:04 p.m., units were dispatched for a reported house fire in the 11900 block of Gray Squirrel Lane in the Reston section of Fairfax County.

According to Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department—units arrived on the scene of a two-story, single family house to find a significant volume of fire showing from the rear of the home on all three levels. Crews quickly used fire hose lines to knock the fire down from the outside. This was immediately followed by an interior attack to extinguish the fire.

Three occupants were home at time of the fire. The fire was discovered by a juvenile occupant prior to the sounding of any smoke alarm.

All occupants safely evacuated the home prior to fire department arrival. There were no reported firefighter or civilian injuries.

Fire Investigators determined that the fire was accidental in nature and started under the deck in the rear of the home. The fire was caused by an unattended charcoal grill located under the deck in the rear of the home.

Two adults and one juvenile occupants were displaced as a result of the fire. Red Cross assistance was offered and declined by the occupants. Damages as a result of the fire are approximately $202,500.

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July Cornerstones of our Community: Best of Reston Awards for Community Service, took place at the Hyatt Regency in Reston Town Center on April 12, 2018, just a few days before the start of National Volunteer Week.

The award gala and fundraiser was presented in partnership with Cornerstones and the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce. The two organizations created Best of Reston in 1997 to celebrate the individuals, businesses, civic and community organizations that maintain the shared vision of a strong and dynamic community built on the guiding principles of Reston founder, Robert E. Simon.

Tom Ward, president of the newly planted United Methodist Church, “Restonians” in Reston gave the invocation. Ward asked for a moment of silence and said, “We pray for those in great need. We come together as a larger community.”

Touched another singer, Beverly Cosham started the evening off with her rendition of “God Bless America.” Later in the evening, Cosham was the recipient of the Robert E. Simon Lifetime Achievement Award.

Charlene Wheeless, principal vice president of Global Corporate Affairs, Bechtel, and Andy Sigle,Reston organization and civic groups. From his service on the Reston Association Board to Financial Coach to Cornerstones financial and multi-faceted approach.

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2018 Best of Reston, Marybeth Haneline - Engineering Inclusion and Making an Impact. Haneline, now an engineer, continues a different life, devoted to young people. She is now President of NOVA Labs, where she runs a robotics program teaching young women, empowering them. “It’s the millions to build Cornerstone’s capacity to love and one another are core components of the giving life, she said.” — Award Profile.

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2018 Best of Reston was awarded to SoSi - Serving Those Who Serve, bend for monthly lunches that will be prepared and served by credit union employees; transportation for a youth field trip, reducing the overall appearance of the Embry Ruckler Shelter, and other needs of the shelter. — Award Profile.

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<p>A Show with a Big Heart</p><h2>Where and When</h2><p>NextStop Theatre presents “Once Upon a Mattress” performing at 269 Sunset Park Drive, (inside the Sunnys Business Park), Herndon, Performances, Friday, April 27 at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 28 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday April 29 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Friday, May 4 at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 5 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 6 at 1 p.m. Tickets: $25. Call 703-437-9101 or visit www.nextstoptheatre.org. Note: “Once Upon a Mattress” is appropriate for all ages. All those entering the theatre must have a ticket, regardless of age.</p><p>The story will appeal to parents, even grandparents.” This production is a cast of two dozen young performers working alongside artists from the professional NextStop company. Kevin Place directs “Once Upon a Mattress.” Place said, “The play begins with a kingdom on hold: the queen, dominating the mute king, refuses to let her son marry unless the inquiring princess passes a series of impossible tests. So that he can marry his lady love, young knight Sir Harry brings a different kind of princess; this one named Frederick (from Winifred), who scandalizes and excites the young people of the court.” Surprising developments then transform the original “The Princess and the Pea” for contemporary audiences. “Once Upon a Mattress” feels incredibly relevant and relatable in the way that it challenges stereotypes of how young people should behave based on their gender and social status,” said Place. Professional actor Jen Bevan plays Queen Agravain. “I didn’t hesitate at all to say ‘yes’ when asked to be part of the production.”</p><h2>Why and Where</h2><p>Jen Bevan, who plays Queen Agravain in Herndon’s Tech CenterStage’s “Once Upon a Mattress.” “Once Upon a Mattress” is a classic show with many wonderful opportunities to feature our young performers.”</p><h2>By David Siegel</h2><h2>The Connection</h2><h2>A Show with a Big Heart</h2><h2>Where and When</h2><p>NextStop Theatre presents “Once Upon a Mattress” performing at 269 Sunset Park Drive, (inside the Sunnys Business Park), Herndon, Performances, Friday, April 27 at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 28 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday April 29 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Friday, May 4 at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 5 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 6 at 1 p.m. Tickets: $25. Call 703-437-9101 or visit www.nextstoptheatre.org. Note: “Once Upon a Mattress” is appropriate for all ages. All those entering the theatre must have a ticket, regardless of age. The story will appeal to parents, even grandparents.” This production is a cast of two dozen young performers working alongside artists from the professional NextStop company. Kevin Place directs “Once Upon a Mattress.” Place said, “The play begins with a kingdom on hold: the queen, dominating the mute king, refuses to let her son marry unless the inquiring princess passes a series of impossible tests. So that he can marry his lady love, young knight Sir Harry brings a different kind of princess; this one named Frederick (from Winifred), who scandalizes and excites the young people of the court.” Surprising developments then transform the original “The Princess and the Pea” for contemporary audiences. “Once Upon a Mattress” feels incredibly relevant and relatable in the way that it challenges stereotypes of how young people should behave based on their gender and social status,” said Place. Professional actor Jen Bevan plays Queen Agravain. “I didn’t hesitate at all to say ‘yes’ when asked to be part of the production.”</p>
Enjoying an Afternoon of Jazz

National Council of Negro Women, Reston-Dulles Section hosted an Afternoon of Jazz performances by the Earl Ivey Ensemble and an inspirational spoken word given by local artist Cheryl Robinson. Door prizes and silent auction items were provided by Bertucci’s, Stones Cove Kibar, Bluemont Winery, Coopers Hawk-Reston, Giant Food, Bowl America, and Woolly Mammoth Theater, among others. Catering for the event was provided by Atrium Catering at the ASCE-Bechtel Conference Center.

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**STEM Symposium Held in Herndon**

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On Saturday, April 14, WashingtonExec hosted its fifth annual K-12 STEM Symposium at The Nysmith School in Herndon. The event attracted nearly 4,000 students, parents, industry leaders, government officials, non-profit executives and educators.

Attendees enjoyed Altamira’s “Girls in STEM” interactive wing, Vencore’s flight simulator and a variety of other interactive exhibits. Among the biggest hits were the virtual reality showcase, 3D printers and slime creation stations. In addition to the displays, attendees had the opportunity to hear from former NASA astronaut Cady Coleman, NASA Chief Information Officer (CIO) Renee Wynn and other STEM Superheroes.

New to the Symposium’s programming this year, WashingtonExec presented several awards. The STEM Rising Star award was presented to Kavya Kopparapu and Kirthi Kumar, students at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology. Anne Swanson, U.S. education and workforce development coordinator at CGI Federal was named Most Inspiring STEM Executive of 2018. Boolean Girls, a nonprofit dedicated to educating girls to code, build, invent and animate took home STEM Non-Profit of the Year, while Business Women’s Giving Circle and Northrop Grumman were awarded Best STEM-Supporting Businesses of the Year.

This year’s WashingtonExec K-12 STEM Symposium brought together key players in the STEM field to enthral students with the science and technology they learn in their classrooms. Elevating STEM education through events like WashingtonExec’s K-12 STEM Symposium spurs the national conversation among leaders, parents and students about STEM’s increasing importance to the future.
Volunteer Adult Mentors Needed.

To reverse the trend of educational disparity, we must identify and address the causes of this disparity, so we can begin to develop a plan to close it.

County NAACP expressed concern that the county is underfunding services to low-income families, especially those of African Americans, who only make up about a third of this revenue, $28 million, from the meals tax was projected to generate approximately $25 million in revenue, the real estate tax rate will generate about $62.5 million. The meals tax was projected to generate a $100 million per annum, with almost three quarters of this revenue, $28 million, to be paid by tourists and visitors to Fairfax. Niedzielski-Eichner.

Volunteer ‘Victims’ Needed.

“Victims” need to be able to crawl in and out of rubble piles, capable of sitting or lying in place for extended periods of time, and not mind getting dirty. Contact Christopher Yorly at christopher.yorly@fairfaxcounty.gov for more information.

Your Budget on May 1

In order to close this opportunity gap of low Pre-K education rates in needy families, the Fairfax County NAACP called for increased underfunding of services to low-income families, especially those of African Americans, who only make up about a third of this revenue, $28 million, to be paid by tourists and visitors to Fairfax.

From Tony the Tiger, "Not just good, but GREAT!"
What are your thoughts on Founder’s Day?

Sebila Raubacher of Reston with her mother, Grisa Rustempasic.

“I’m here with my mother. My son Ben is in the chorus at Terraset Elementary School. He’s performing today for Founder’s Day. I’m from Phoenix. This is the first time I’m going to hear him sing.”

Johnathan Andert, Terraset Chorus Co-Director stands with Ben Raubacher of Terraset Elementary School Chorus

“It was an honor to be invited to have the fifth and sixth graders from Terraset perform today at Founder’s Day as they are the future of this bright community.”

Laurie and Matt Flood of Herndon with Daily, the Dog

“We were looking up events online and came here on a walk for Founder’s Day. We wanted to be outside.”

Bonnie Haukness, Board Member Reston Historic Trust.

“We moved here when I was five. The lake was being filled. They brought pump trucks daily because the tributaries did not feed fast enough. My brother and I spent hours a day on the lake whether on the ice or swimming. My father used to swim to the dam and back.”

—Mercia Hobson

So Many Ways to Celebrate Founder’s Day 2018

Reston turns out to live, work and play in the sun.

By Mercia Hobson
The Connection

Fifty-four years ago, there was no Lake Anne and no Reston Town Center. No shopping and no villages. Yet, today there is a vibrant, diversified, and welcoming community. It is still thriving, and one can see the seven guiding principles of Founder Robert E. Simon in action: leisure time, housing for all, diversity, a live-work-and-play community, cultural and recreational amenities, beauty, and financial success.

On Saturday, April 14, the citizens of Reston turned out for the 2018 Founder’s Day Celebration at Lake Anne Plaza. The day celebrated the 54th Anniversary of Reston’s founding by Robert E. Simon Jr. Historically, Founder’s Day is celebrated on a Saturday on or around Founder Robert E. Simon’s birthday, April 10.

A full day of scheduled events began with musical performances and remarks by elected officials and well-known community members. Later in the afternoon, people strolled the public art walk around Lake Anne led by art historian Phoebe Avery.

In the community center, oral histories were being recorded, so those new to Reston would be able to learn how the schools, churches, and communities rose up and took form.

In the Jo Ann Rose Gallery, patrons heard Reston authors LaVerne Gill, Donna Andrews and Samantha Mina tell about their books and offered to sign copies.

As the event wound down, there was still plenty to do including the viewing of a short film about Robert E. Simon. It included interview footage with him around Reston taken before he died in 2015. For the children, there were painted rock hunts, crafts and activities, face painting and a moon bounce.

But perhaps what people seem to gravitate to most was the lake. There, a dozen or so radio-controlled model sailboats skimmed the water’s surface, racing one another. Children and families sat on the boardwalk enjoying the cool mist blowing from the fountain. Others sat outside at Lake Anne Brew House, enjoying a drink and watching the day slip by.

Music is always good on a beautiful afternoon at Lake Anne, especially on Founder’s Day.

Children enjoy the afternoon watching sailboats and time go by during the 2018 Founder’s Day Celebration at Lake Anne Plaza, Reston.

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