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NEWS

Promoting Joy of Reading At Reston Library

Reston Regional Library offers varied summer programs.

BY CARLYN KRANKING
THE CONNECTION

Sally Carter, Youth Services Librarian at Reston Regional Library, has a dream of being a children's book illustrator.

"I think that children's art is just amazing – what you find in picture books," Carter said. "I very often wish adults would come and take a look at them, because they're just incredible."

Though Carter became a librarian instead of an illustrator, she holds onto her dream and love of picture books through running children's programs at the library. On June 18, she held an event where school-age children could vote on their favorite picture book illustrators.

This event is just one of the many programs that the Fairfax County Public Libraries have throughout the summer. There are also scheduled programs each week that range from adult book clubs to family yoga. All of these programs are free of charge.

Between June 15 and Sept. 1, children and teens can participate in the libraries' summer reading program to earn a coupon booklet as a prize. Babies through third graders must read or have read to them 15 books, fourth and fifth graders must read 10, and sixth through twelfth graders must read five theoretically longer books to earn the prize.

"We encourage children of all ages to participate in our program," said Dorota Rodgers, Youth Services Manager at Reston Regional Library. "They can read many books and enjoy the joy of reading with parents or their siblings."

The Fairfax County Public Libraries, as part of a national program, also offer an incentivized reading challenge for younger children called 1,000 Before Kindergarten. This is an initiative that encourages parents to read to their children and to have their children read on their own in hopes that they may reach 1,000 books by the time they begin kindergarten. If one book is read multiple times, it can be counted more than once toward the grand total. The children can earn prizes at different milestones on the way to 1,000 books.



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Youth Services Manager Dorota Rodgers gives summer reading logs to Alina Brusgul, 4, and Nico Brusgul, 8, at Reston Regional Library.



Nine-year-old Frieda Doernen reads a book in the library.



Youth Services Librarian Sally Carter displays children's books by her favorite illustrators.

Through programs like these, Fairfax County librarians hope to instill a joy of reading in children.

"I always tell the kids when I'm doing a program that the books are just waiting on the shelves for them to be picked so that they can carry the kids off on one adventure after another like a magic carpet, which is what I've always felt," Carter said.

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Jason Miller, Corporate Executive Chef at Balducci's, slices a bit of Iberico ham for a customer to sample. Describing how tender and delicious it is, Miller said, "It's meat butter."



Daniel and Jennifer Griffin and Vincent Grady and Barrett Tucker prepare to have a little fun at the Grand Opening of Balducci's Food Lover's Market in Reston held June 22.

Balducci's in Reston Town Center Grand Opening

Gourmet market offers "the finest, the freshest, the most flavorful foods in the world."

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

With a gilded touch of gourmet delight, Balducci's Food Lover's Market opened the doors to their newest location at 1871 Fountain Drive, Reston on June 22. Earlier that morning, individuals, couples and parents with small children had begun lining up on the sidewalks outside the market, ready to experience for themselves the first day of the week-long Grand Opening celebration with food tastings, chef demonstrations, wine pairings, the infamous beer crawler bar and 10 percent off total purchases

When the doors opened, patrons happily crowded Balducci's market creating a party-like atmosphere. While most shoppers took a quick culinary tour before putting anything in their small carts, the staff talked quality, taste and memorable dining experiences when asked about given products.

The bubbly flowed as staff sabered a bottle of Champagne, and chefs created dishes that showcased the best of the season to be enjoyed in the Balducci café or carried home as an effortless meal.

Later in the evening, Daniel and Jennifer Griffin and Vincent Grady and Barrett Tucker prepared to have a little fun in the market. Tucker said, "Nothing could have stopped me from coming to the Grand Opening of Balducci's Reston because I knew that they would offer culinary delicacies not currently offered in Reston."

Griffin said, "We wanted to have a drink and check out what they had to offer." Tucker said he wanted to sample and then purchase a quarter pound of what he termed, "To die for," gourmet Iberico ham. "It's from acorn-fed hogs."



Jason Miller is the Corporate Executive Chef at Balducci's. He described the sought-after Iberico ham. "It's Black Label, the highest grade," Miller said. "This is a labor of love... It's meat butter." When Joshua Heit of Reston tried the ham, he declared, "That's a WOW one."

Rick Michener is the seafood buyer for Balducci's, committed to sustainability and offers both farm-raised fish and wild fish. "Our Wild Blue Catfish tastes eighteen times

better than farm-raised," Michener said. "We are inspired to keep our bay alive." The Blue Catfish is an invasive species in the Chesapeake Bay, producing a high number of eggs and eating blue crabs and other fish. Michener pointed out that there is no better way to control the invasive fish than to eat it. "It's one of tastiest catfish one can ever eat," Michener declared.

Adrienne Wyman of Reston stopped in the wine aisle. "My first stop is the wine shelf,"



When Joshua Heit of Reston tried the Iberico ham, he exclaimed, "That is really, really, really good ... A wow number one."

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MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

"We wanted to get the ambiance and to see if this [Balducci's in Reston] could be a destination," said Adrienne Wyman of Reston as she stopped in the wine aisle during the Opening Celebration for Balducci's Food Lover's Market.

Wyman said as she pushed her small cart. "We wanted to get the ambiance and to see if this could be a destination."

Balducci's is strategically located on the ground floor of the Signature Luxury Residences at Reston Town Center.

THROUGH JULY 1, and as part of their Grand Opening celebration, Balducci's guests will receive 10 percent off their total purchase.

OPINION

When the Dangerous Unknown Is Preferable

We must recommit ourselves to being steadfast in our compassion for and dedication to assisting those fleeing violence, terror, and oppression.

BY KATHY TRAN
STATE DELEGATE (D-42)



COMMENTARY

Many reports in the last several weeks have brought to light instances of inhumane treatment of immigrants and asylum seekers in our country. National outcry about families being torn apart and children kept in jails, tents, and cages at our southern border led to the end of Trump's "Zero Tolerance" policy. A report from the Associated Press highlighted allegations of abuse at a facility in Staunton, Va.

In 1979, my parents and I were refugees, escaping from Vietnam on a rickety boat for several days. My mother remembers that on the night we left our homeland, there were no stars in the sky; it was so dark that she could not tell where the ocean ended and the sky began. As we left the shores into this watery abyss, she wondered how we would survive.

My parents' decision to leave their family and country was heart wrenching for them. Yet, the unknown of the dangerous, open sea was a

preferable alternative to the oppressive regime at home. My family's journey in search of hope, opportunity, and freedom is similar to ones taken by others before and after us.

Today, there are 65 million displaced people worldwide. Whether on the Mediterranean Sea or at our southern border, people, desperate for a better life for themselves and their children, are risking their lives.

I am outraged by the Trump Administration's "zero tolerance" immigration policy. This inhumane approach is tearing apart families seeking refuge at our southern border, leaving parents frantically searching for their children and children alone and terrified. We must not separate families, and we must not rest until separated families are reunited.

We must not indefinitely detain people seeking refuge in jails, tents, or cages. In 1998, I taught ESL to adult asylum seekers at Elizabeth Detention Center in N.J. These jails are

no place for adults fleeing terror or persecution let alone children or families.

This week, Virginia demonstrated its commitment to compassion and justice. Governor Northam's decisive decision to recall Virginia National Guard members who had been deployed to the southwest border sent a clear message: Virginia will not participate in activities that enable family separation.

I also applaud the Governor's swift leadership to investigate reports of abuse of immigrant children held by the U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement at a juvenile detention facility in Staunton, Va. We need to ensure the safety of every person — adult or child, native-born or immigrant — held in custody in Virginia.

Poignantly, on World Refugee Day, the rising tide of public demand for the humane treatment of families seeking refuge from persecution brought an end to the "Zero Tolerance" policy. We must recommit ourselves to being steadfast in our compassion for and dedication to assisting those fleeing violence, terror, and oppression. For generations, the United States has been a beacon of hope for many, and immigrants and refugees have strengthened the social, economic, and cultural fabric of our country since its founding. Now more than ever, we must continue to demand moral clarity and leadership from our political leaders.

Kathy KL Tran represents the 42nd District in the Virginia House of Delegates.

Keep Families Together

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

Last week I joined with nearly fifty of my colleagues in the House of Delegates in signing a joint letter to all the Virginia senators and representatives in the United States Congress about "our outrage at the cruel and systematic separation of immigrant children and their families at the U.S.

border with Mexico." While immigration issues are mainly federal responsibility, the actions on the part of the current administration have been so horrendous that we felt an obligation to speak out. We asked our Virginia delegation to intercede with the administration to cease the policy and to reunite the children involved with their families without delay.

Since our letter there have been some pronouncements from the administration about changes in the policy, but it remains entirely unclear what will happen with the thousands of children who have already been separated from their families and are being held in mass

facilities that seem more like prisons than homes. It is equally unclear as to whether a continuation of a zero-tolerance policy on border entry will simply replace prisons for children with adult prisons. I am pleased that Governor Ralph Northam has withdrawn the use of any Virginia National Guard forces from being involved in implementing this inhumane program.

The politics of building fear of immigrants to further political goals stinks as does the attempted use of children as pawns to bargain for a disastrously conceived wall with our neighbors. Beyond the politics are the long-term human rights issues that many thought and most hoped America was beyond. The negative long-term impact on the children involved cannot be overlooked or not addressed. Nor can the impact be underestimated of sending people back to a country from which they were seeking asylum in fear for their lives.

Earlier this month, the National



Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) along with 540 other organizations wrote to the administration as part of the Protecting Immigrant Families Campaign stating their opposition to actions that would separate children from their parents. As NAEYC stated it, "There are no ends that justify these means."

The organization that is well respected for its research on the education of young children went on to state, "The research is clear, and so are our core values. ... We have an obligation to create and advance policy solutions that support child well-being and strengthen

the bonds between all children and their families."

Part of that research has found the traumatic impact of separation on young children can negatively impact them for the rest of their lives. As NAEYC said, "You don't have to be either a parent or an educator to understand that separating children from their families — and putting them in a place where they cannot be hugged, touched, or loved — causes harm. And not the kind of harm that is easily repaired. This is the kind of harm that is significant and long-lasting, interfering with positive child development and well-being." Please take some time and join me in expressing to the administration our opposition to their policies and actions on immigration.

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Attending the Annual Meeting of the Reston Community Center to make the presentation and answer residents' questions were, from left: Executive Dir. Leila Gordon, Board of Governors members Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt, Gerald Zavala, Chair Beverly Cosham, Paul Thomas, Bill Keefe, Vicky Wingert and Michelle Moyer.

Reston Community Center Holds Annual Public Meeting

Aquatics renovation and financials top agenda.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

The turnout for the Reston Community Center's (RCC) June 18 Annual Public Meeting for Programs and Budget may have been small, but that did not deter Executive Director Leila Gordon or the attending members of the Board of Governors from offering a detailed presentation of RCC's financials, highlights from 2017, an overview of the current year's activities and a look ahead at what's planned for the future.

Attendees received copies of the RCC's Strategic Plan, the evening's presentation, and a copy of a comprehensive Annual Report. Each of the Center's four lines of programming – Arts and Events, Aquatics, Leisure and Learning, and Facility Rentals - as well as sections on the Board of Governors and Administration were included in the Annual Report, with the information divided into the categories of "Challenges," "Successes," and "Looking Ahead."

A review of the RCC's budget and the much anticipated renovation of the aquatics venue were acknowledged by Gordon to be the topics most questioned and commented on by residents, but before steering the presentation in that direction, she outlined the highlights from the previous year.

All in all, it was a good year for the RCC and the residents they serve. Their Center Stage performances were all sold out. The Summer Concert series at Wiehle-Reston Stations was expanded, and gifts from the HeART within the Artists in Community saw their best year ever.

"That's great news," said Gordon, since part of the proceeds of these events benefit Reston non-profit Cornerstones.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES were also highlighted. Several staff members received Outstanding Performance Awards. Board of Governors member Bill Keefe received the 2017 Best of Reston Award, and Vicky Wingert was honored with the 2017 Robert E. Simon Award.

2018 looks to continue in that vein, with Board of Governors Chair Bev Cosham being this year's Robert E. Simon Award recipient.

Total program participation topped 256,000, enjoying activities at both the Hunters Woods facilities and Lake Anne, and around Reston in partnership with dozens of organizations like ArtsFairfax, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Reston Association and the Reston Town Center Association, and NoVA Maker Faire, to name just a few of the 40 community partners and 21 sponsors who help RCC fulfil their mission to "create positive leisure, cultural and educational experiences which enhance the quality of life for all people living and working in Reston."

In the previous year, the RCC has also moved more fully into outreach efforts with the launch of

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'Good News' from RCC

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"Creative Connections" to "bring these resources to residents who may have difficulty coming to us," said Gordon. Through this initiative, the RCC and partners bring programs directly into neighborhoods, schools, the Town Center and elsewhere in our area.

Moving to present day, Gordon and the RCC Treasurer, Gerald Zavala presented the organization's financials, including the Capital Project projections for the aquatics center and other facilities improvement. Audience member Bob Petrine asked several questions, both on his own behalf, and as a member of the Coalition for a Planned Reston, several of which questioned the driving factors behind the aquatic renovation. Gordon answered all of his queries, and he indicated satisfaction with the responses.

Now, about that major re-do of the pool, which will see one pool become two, designed for multiple uses. There's good and less-than-good news. Part of the former is that, so far, the project is holding to the forecasted timeline with a delivery date of late October 2019, after starting the undertaking in January of next year. Also to the positive, studies to date have shown no call for asbestos abatements, despite the age of the pool.

A few pre-start cost additions, including a replacement of the roof and the hot water heater, as well as negative impacts from last year's hurricanes on the local construction scene, weigh in on the less-than-good side of the project equation.

"Also," added Gordon, "as of yet, we can't determine any potential negative impact from President Trump's proposed tariffs."

Still, the "good side" is winning. Due to years of fiscally conservative operational policies and a dedication to building "reserves" at the end of each fiscal year, Gordon and RCC Treasurer Gerald Zavala are confident that the project can be completed within the budget and finances of the organization – while preserving the "broadest possible accessibility to RCC programs and services." Gordon and company want to "continue cost recovery" where they can, but keep fees "rational and reasonable," maintaining their generous "waiver fees" policies and offering services like the RCC Rides, which provides transportation to older patrons.

That was particularly good news for attendee B.J. Thomas, who during the Q&A session asked about the impact of the project on the RCC's ability to offer fee waivers to those less able to otherwise afford participation in their services.

Another check mark on the positive side is the partnership that has been forged with the Town of Herndon's Community Center. Restonians will be able to utilize their aquatics facilities during the renovation at a very reasonable price.

THE UPCOMING RCC SUMMER PROGRAM of-

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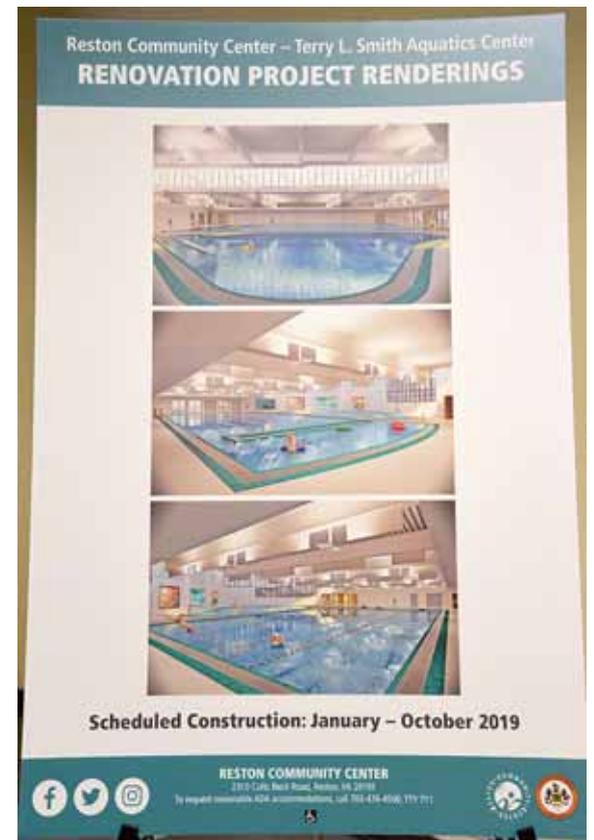
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Renderings of the Aquatics area renovation at the Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods were on display at the organization's Annual Public Meeting on June 18.

offerings are too numerous to detail here, but music, arts, and kid-friendly activities are all represented.

Just a sampling:

- ❖ Friday nights free Concert Series on the Plaza at the Wiehle-Reston Station, now until Aug. 31, with free parking from 6:30 – 9:30.
- ❖ Thursday night music until Aug. 30 at Lake Anne on the Plaza
- ❖ The Lake Anne Blues Festival on Sept. 1
- ❖ Art in the Park Sundays in Reston Town Square Park – a musical mix from 7 – 8 pm, through Aug. 19
- ❖ Family activities on Saturday mornings in Reston Town Square Park

The list can go on – and on! But it's best to check out the RCC website at restoncommunitycenter.com, and review the Summer Guide 2018 publication for more information.

The Reston Community Center also urges residents to keep up and keep in touch.

"This is a collaborative effort to best serve all our residents," said Leila Gordon. "Your thoughts are important."

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WEDNESDAY/JUNE 27

Business Education Series. 8:30-10 a.m. at Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, 1886 Metro Center Drive, Suite 230, Reston. Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce presents "Strategic Selling - How to Land Enterprise Clients." Even if your clients are not all fortune 500, Nema Semnani of Precision Sales Consulting, will show you selling techniques to help optimize your sales initiatives. Free, members; \$15, non-members/guests. Visit www.restonchamber.org.

Networking Night. 5:30-7 p.m. at Tavern64 at the Reston Hyatt, 1800 Presidents St., Reston. Join the Rotary Club of Reston for Networking Night. Learn about Rotary and the good things they are doing in the community. \$20. Call 703-863-7629 or visit www.RestonRotary.org for more.

Airport Aircraft Noise Contour Map Update. 6-8 p.m. at Washington Dulles International Airport Office Building, 45045 Aviation Drive, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Sterling. The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority will hold a public workshop regarding the Washington Dulles International Airport Aircraft noise contour map update. Workshop will provide an overview of the study, including airfield plans, existing airport operations and basic information regarding aircraft noise and noise modeling standards. Free parking available in front of the building. Visit www.FlyDulles.com for more.

THURSDAY/JUNE 28

Annual Meeting and ACE Luncheon. 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Sheraton Reston Hotel, 11810 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Join Reston Chamber friends, members and guests at the Annual Meeting and Awards for Chamber Excellence Luncheon. Visit www.restonchamber.org for more.

JULY 2-AUG. 3

Public Comment Period. The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority is hosting three public hearings to inform and solicit comments from the community about proposed toll rate increases along the Dulles Toll Road. An "online open house" will be available at www.dullestollroad.com/toll/toll-setting-process throughout the comment period. It will contain an explanation of the informational exhibits and a comment form. Comments may also be submitted at the public hearings, via email to dtrcomments@hntb.com or mailed during the comment period to: MWA Public Comment Period, c/o HNTB, 2900 South Quincy St., Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22206.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 4

Free Sober Rides. Wednesday, July 4, 7 p.m. through Thursday, July 5, 4 a.m. Area residents, 21 and older, may download Lyft to their phones, then enter a code in the app's "Promo" section to receive a no cost (up to \$15) safe ride home. WRAP's Independence Day SoberRide promo code will be posted at 5 p.m. on July 4 on www.SoberRide.com. The SoberRide code is valid for the first 1,500 Lyft users who enter the code.

TUESDAY/JULY 10

Story Time: Focus and Self-Control. 10-11 a.m. at The Parent Resource Center Library, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 105, Dunn Loring. This Story Time will highlight books and activities to support focus and self-control in young children. Focus and self-control is an evidence-based executive functioning skill that involves paying attention, following the rules, thinking flexibly, and exercising self control. Registration is limited and required for children ages 4-6 and their parents. Visit www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center for more.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 11

Staying Focused and Finishing 2018 Strong. 8:30-10 a.m. at Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, 886 Metro Center Drive, Suite 230, Reston. Gretchen Richards of Dynamic Business Capabilities will show participants how to improve productivity and stay focused on what's important to close out 2018 strong. Visit www.restonchamber.org for more.

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What Are Friends For (Not a Question)



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Other than my wife, Dina, and my brother, Richard, there are few people with whom I regularly discuss – in more excruciating detail than weekly I do so with you, the world in which yours truly, a non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV “diagnossee” inhabits.

It just so happens that in this past week, I interacted with three of the other most main confidants, a rarity: my oldest, best friend from high school, Cary, with whom I spoke on the phone for nearly an hour (he lives in Massachusetts), a bi-weekly occurrence generally; my oldest, best friend from college, Rita, who I finally met for lunch (even though she lives in Alexandria and has been local ever since college), a much rarer occurrence (though we email regularly), a lunch that lasted four hours; and Veronica, my hair stylist, who I see every eight to 12 weeks – as I have for almost 20 years, whether I need to or not. (That’s a joke. I have a full head of hair so needing a haircut is never the question, needing it is the answer.)

Over these many years, these three have heard everything I have to say; good, bad or indifferent, and yet despite having heard it all, still remain interested in hearing more and judging less. Together, we share stories and confidences, laughter and sorrow. Their support and encouragement has been above and beyond the call of duty.

Interacting with all three in the course of one night and two days reminded me of the actor George Peppard because this is my “A” Team.” When I want to, they’re who I go to, whenever the need arises or when the opportunity presents itself. And though they may not solve every problem, listening to as many of them as they have certainly has provided the kind of comfort and joy that has helped sustain me through thick and thin (not talking about my weight) and most importantly, during the past nine-plus years as a cancer survivor. There’s not a “B.A.” (bad attitude) among them, though they all wear jewelry. I hope I’m not speaking out of turn here but, there are some subjects which are best left for friends – and the professionals, more so than family. Some topics which might betray a confidence or touch a nerve that when spoken of aloud might exacerbate a familial situation rarely discussed.

Sometimes, sorting through these pros and cons with friends, who likely suffer no consequences in the outcome, might present options that otherwise might not be heard. From the mouths of babes, so to speak. A fresh, unbiased perspective can be a welcome addition to any discussion of facts, especially when feelings are involved; and as often concerns family-oriented subjects, feelings are most definitely involved.

Not that there aren’t feelings involved with friends; of course there are, it’s more that old friends knew you when and know you now, and the passage of that much time, separate and apart from family, can often enlighten and inspire. Who wouldn’t benefit from friends who’ve been there and seen you do that?

It’s particularly important to have independent forces in your corner because like so many cancer patients, myself included, occasionally you exhibit signs of “chemotherapy-related cognitive impairment,” otherwise known as “chemo brain,” a side effect/condition of treatment which can blur a memory or two – or more. You may not even realize it when it disappears, and you may need someone to remind you of it. Hopefully it’s not a memory gone forever, but just one gone until a friend helps retrieve it for you. And who better to retrieve these foggy memories than friends you’ve known for 49, 45 and 20 years, respectively?

And I do respect them, and appreciate them, and cherish them, as they are three of my pillars. Without them, the foundation of who I am and what I know, would likely crumble.

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

ENTERTAINMENT

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

Twitterpat: Animated Adoration at ArtInsights. Through June 30 at ArtInsights, 11921 Freedom Drive, Reston. ArtInsights celebrates Devoted Couples of Disney, with images of Lady and Tramp, Pongo and Perdita, Mickey and Minnie, Thumper and Miss Bunny, Belle and The Beast, and more, including new releases by official Disney concept and production artists. Call 703-478-0778 or visit artinsights.com.

Art Exhibit – Mike Cloud: Figure Studies. Through July 7, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at GRACE, 12001 Market St., Suite 103, Reston. Mike Cloud: Figure Studies presents a selection of works by Brooklyn-based artist Mike Cloud (b. 1974, Chicago) that consider language, symbolism, metaphor, history, and identity through the examination of the figure. Based around a single monumental painting, *Cycle and Stable* (2015), the exhibition includes the artist's series of collages based on the work of photographer Annie Leibovitz and new paintings. Call 703-471-9242 or visit restonarts.org.

Art Exhibit: Paris Parks. Through July 14 at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. In his exhibit, Michael Kolster, is partly inspired by the work of Eugene Atget, he photographed in four Parisian Parks: St. Cloud, Parc de Sceaux, Montsouris, and Bois de Boulogne. Visit www.artspaceherndon.org or call 703-956-6590.

SUMMER CAMP

Reston Community Center is gearing up for an exciting 2018 summer camp season, with selections that offer something for everyone. Want to play chess, kick a soccer ball or practice tae kwon do? Want to make jewelry, play paintball or design a video game? Find all that and more through RCC. Registration is ongoing, but camps are filling quickly. Call 703-476-4500 or visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 27

Jacks Are Wild. 10:30 a.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Jack Russell Terriers, Mario and Bella, perform tricks. Cosponsored by the Friends of the George Mason Regional Library. Age 6-12. No registration required. Call 703-689-2700 or visit librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Drawing with Pastels. 1-4 p.m. at the Art studio of Carol Berman, 1721 Wainwright Drive, Reston. Learn to master the art of drawing with pastels with award winning artist, Carol Berman, while also improving drawing skills. \$20 per three hour class. Ongoing classes held Tuesdays and Wednesdays. No need to sign up for classes in advance, just come when you can. Call 703-437-9068.

Busia Bear's 12th Annual Film Festival. 7 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Enjoy an hour of Busia Bear's favorite 16mm classic children's films. All ages. Register at librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-689-2700.

Author Event: LM Elliott. 7 p.m. at Scrawl Books, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston Town Center. Just days after the Kennedy Center premiere of *Hamilton the Musical*, historical novelist and author of "Peggy and Hamilton!" LM Elliott, offers an in-depth look at several of the characters who make up the play's



FILE PHOTO BY MERCIA HOBSON

Patrons arrived early in the evening, well before dark and the start of the annual fireworks display to enjoy the live music and festivities offered free by the Town of Herndon as part of the 2017 4th of July Celebration.

Celebrate Independence Day

SATURDAY/JUNE 30

Celebrate Independence Day. 7 a.m.-fireworks finale at Lake Fairfax Park, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Gates open at 7 a.m. Beginning at 10 a.m., splash and slide at the Water Mine water park. From 11 a.m.-3 p.m., rent a boat on Lake Fairfax. Look for food vendors near the park's main office. Fireworks begin when the sun goes down. Fireworks rain date: Sunday, July 1. Parking: \$10 per car. Call 703-471-5414 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-fairfax for more.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 4

Town of Herndon 4th of July Celebration. 6:30-10 p.m. around the Herndon Community Center and Bready Park Softball Field, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Arts and crafts, bingo, games, and additional activities. At 7:15 p.m., live entertainment featuring E3 begins. Starting at 9:30 p.m., there will be a fireworks display choreographed to music. There will be a variety of food for purchase. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Alcohol, glass containers, grills, and personal fireworks are prohibited. Leave pets at home. Food will not be allowed on the turf field. Please note traffic will be rerouted. Rain date: July 5th for fireworks display only. Visit herndon-va.gov or call 703-787-7300.

"supporting cast." Free. Visit www.scrawlbooks.com or call 703-966-2111.

THURSDAY/JUNE 28

Stem Challenge: Bristle Bots. 4 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Make a "bristle bot." Recycling, crafting and robotics all rolled into one. Cosponsored by FRRL. Age 6-10. Register at librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-689-2700.

Summer Kick-off. 6-8 p.m. at Franklin Farm Village, 13348 Franklin Farm Road, Herndon. The whole family is invited to enjoy an interactive photo booth, a blender bike that will allow participants to create a piece of custom artwork and a chance to be chosen by the Prize Patrol, who will randomly select shoppers and provide merchant give-a-ways. Visit www.facebook.com/FranklinFarmVillage.

Dollars and Sense. 7 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Monthly group discussion focuses on business leaders and markets. We will be discussing "The Millionaire Next Door" by Thomas Stanley. Free and

open to the public. Visit librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-689-2700.

Creative Response: Tim Doud. 7 p.m. at Greater Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market St., Suite 103, Reston. Join the Greater Reston Arts Center one Thursday of each month to hear creative professionals respond to the work on view in the gallery. The short presentation will be followed by open conversation. Free and open to the public. Call 703-471-9242 or visit restonarts.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 29

DIY Electric Sound Machine. 2 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Create one-button sound machines, using programmable microchips that record and play back your voice. All projects go home. Cosponsored by FRRL. Age 6-12. Register at librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-689-2700.

Summerbration Concerts. 7-9 p.m. at Reston Station, in the open-air plaza atop Wiehle-Reston East Metro. Don't just watch, get up and learn dance steps from a pro at Reston Community Center's Summerbration featuring Elikeh with African dancers

(dancing and instruction). Parking is free in the ParkX parking garage from 6:30-9:30 p.m. during the concerts. Visit restoncommunitycenter.com or call 703-390-6166.

Art Exhibit: Entry Deadline. The League of Reston Artists invites artists to enter work in the upcoming show at the US Geological Survey, National Gallery. Eligible works are paintings, mixed media, and two-dimensional works suitable for wall hanging (no photography). The exhibit will be on display from July 2-30, 2018. Artwork that reflects USGS's environmental mission is encouraged. Enter at www.leagueofrestonartists.org.

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Train Your Brain. 11 a.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Play chess, Sudoku, puzzles and other games to sharpen your brain. Bring your chess set and challenge another player. Earn a door prize. Refreshments provided. Co-sponsored by FRRL. Age 10-18. No registration required. Visit librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-689-2700.

Polo in the Park. 5:30-10:30 p.m. Let RA do the driving and head out to the Morven Park International Equestrian Center in Leesburg to enjoy an evening of arena polo. Bring a picnic basket, to include dinner and beverages, a blanket, and chairs. Music in the pavilion tent will immediately follow the final polo match. Food trucks and dessert vendors will also be onsite. Bus pick-up at RA headquarters. Ages: 21+. RA Members, \$30; non-members, \$40. Visit www.reston.org.

Concerts on the Town: Beleza. 7:30-10 p.m. (rain or shine) at Reston Town Center. These family-friendly concerts include a wide range of musical styles including Motown, swing, blues, jazz, Latin fusion, Celtic, bluegrass and zydeco and take place every Saturday night through Aug. 25. Free. Visit www.restontowncenter.com.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 4

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FRIDAY/JULY 6

Summerbration Concerts. 7-9 p.m. at Reston Station, in the open-air plaza atop Wiehle-Reston East Metro. Don't just watch, get up and learn dance steps from a pro at Reston Community Center's Summerbration featuring Four Star Combo with sock

hop dancers (dancing and instruction). Parking is free in the ParkX parking garage from 6:30-9:30 p.m. during the concerts. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com or call 703-390-6166.

SATURDAY/JULY 7

Music at Arrowbrook Park. 7:30 p.m. at 2351 Field Point Road, Herndon. Roomful of Blues, the jumping, swinging, rocking band, will perform. Free admission. Call 703-324-7469 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

Concerts on the Town: Good Shot Judy. 7:30-10 p.m. (rain or shine) at Reston Town Center. These family-friendly concerts include a wide range of musical styles including Motown, swing, blues, jazz, Latin fusion, Celtic, bluegrass and zydeco and take place every Saturday night through Aug. 25. Free. Visit www.restontowncenter.com.

FRIDAY/JULY 13

Summerbration Concerts. 7-9 p.m. at Reston Station, in the open-air plaza atop Wiehle-Reston East Metro. Reston Community Center's Summerbration featuring Oasis Island Sounds. Parking is free in the ParkX parking garage from 6:30-9:30 p.m. during the concerts. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com or call 703-390-6166.

FRIDAY/JULY 20

Summerbration Concerts. 7-9 p.m. at Reston Station, in the open-air plaza atop Wiehle-Reston East Metro. Reston Community Center's Summerbration featuring Jason Masi Band. Parking is free in the ParkX parking garage from 6:30-9:30 p.m. during the concerts. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com or call 703-390-6166.

Art Exhibit: Entry Deadline. The League of Reston Artists and the Reston Photographic Society invite artists and photographers to enter work in the upcoming show at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reston. Paintings and photos will be on display from July 23-Aug. 26, 2018. Enter at www.leagueofrestonartists.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 14

Concerts on the Town: Scythian. 7:30-10 p.m. (rain or shine) at Reston Town Center. These family-friendly concerts include a wide range of musical styles including Motown, swing, blues, jazz, Latin fusion, Celtic, bluegrass and zydeco and take place every Saturday night through Aug. 25. Free. Visit www.restontowncenter.com.

SATURDAY/JULY 21

Concerts on the Town: Entrain. 7:30-10 p.m. (rain or shine) at Reston Town Center. These family-friendly concerts include a wide range of musical styles including Motown, swing, blues, jazz, Latin fusion, Celtic, bluegrass and zydeco and take place every Saturday night through Aug. 25. Free. Visit www.restontowncenter.com.

SUNDAY/JULY 22

Vegetable Plant Clinics. 4-6 p.m. at Baron Cameron Park, 11300 Baron Cameron Ave., Reston. Focus will be on planning a fall vegetable garden. Fairfax County Master Gardeners will add a focus on vegetable gardening to their Plant Clinic program. Sponsored by Virginia Cooperative Extension. Contact the VCE Fairfax County Master Gardener Help Desk at 703-324-8556.