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## SOBER-RIDE FOR HALLOWEEN

**Free Sober Rides.** Saturday, Oct. 27, 10 p.m. through Sunday, Oct. 28, 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 Halloween SoberRide promo code will be posted at 5 p.m. on Oct. 27 on [www.SoberRide.com](http://www.SoberRide.com). The SoberRide code is valid for the first 1,500 Lyft users who enter the code.

## THROUGH DECEMBER

**White House Ornaments.** Assistance League of Northern Virginia has begun its annual fundraising sale of White House Ornaments. The 2018 ornament honors Harry S. Truman, highlighting changes made to the White House during his administration. One side features the Truman Balcony and the reverse features the Blue Room. Assistance League is an all volunteer, non-profit organization. Proceeds benefit our community-based programs that support local low income children. \$22 (+ shipping if mail delivery required). Email [burgessgl@verizon.net](mailto:burgessgl@verizon.net) or visit [www.alnv.org](http://www.alnv.org).

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 10

**Walk to School.** Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) will participate in International Walk to School Day in an effort to promote physical activity and reduce traffic congestion and pollution near schools. Students and employees are encouraged to bike or walk to school and work. Parents are encouraged to accompany their children to school, and to work with their school and PTA or PTO to assemble bike trains or walking groups for the event. FCPS has compiled information on walking and biking to school, including information on applying for grants and safety tips at [www.fcps.edu/](http://www.fcps.edu/)

resources/safety-and-transportation/transportation-services/safe-routes-school-srts. Motorists are urged to be vigilant of bikers and pedestrians on Bike to School Day.

## THURSDAY/OCT. 11

**Post-Secondary Education Options - Coffee and Conversation.** 10 a.m.-noon at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 100, Dunn Loring. In this workshop hosted by FCPS Career and Transition Services, find information on post-secondary education options for students with disabilities. Visit [www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/](http://www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/)

parent-resource-center to register. **The Dulles Corridor Advisory Committee Meeting.** 2:30 p.m. at The Center for Innovative Technology, Daniel R. Bannister Auditorium (Level 1), 2214 Rock Hill Road, Herndon. An eight-member committee that advises the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority on issues related to the management, improvement and expansion of the Dulles Corridor, as well as changes to toll rates on the Dulles Toll Road to fund roadway improvements and the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project (Silver Line). Open to the public. Visit [www.dullestollroad.com/toll/dulles-corridor-advisory-committee](http://www.dullestollroad.com/toll/dulles-corridor-advisory-committee).

## TUESDAY/OCT. 16

**Public Information Meeting.** 7 p.m. at Armstrong Elementary School, 11900 Lake Newport Road, Reston. The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) will hold a public information meeting on the Fairfax County & Franconia-Springfield Parkways Alternatives Analysis and Long Term Planning Study. Presentation at 7 p.m., followed by a question and answer period at 7:30 p.m., and time for public input activities at 8 p.m. Visit the study page at [fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/study/fairfax-county-parkway](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/study/fairfax-county-parkway).

## THURSDAY/OCT. 18

**Women's Club of Greater Reston.** 10 a.m.-noon at Reston Community Center, Lake Anne. On October 18, 2018, the Women's Club of Greater Reston is presenting a demonstration of the Heimlich maneuver, a technique to help a choking person expel the object in their airway. Free. Email [vakerics@yahoo.com](mailto:vakerics@yahoo.com) or call 703-620-9163.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 20

**FACEing the Future Together.** 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, 6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria. Family and community engagement (FACE) is at the center of everything that PTAs accomplish. Join the launch of a new effort to welcome and encourage all families throughout Fairfax County to become active participants in their school community. \$10 (includes continental breakfast, lunch and snacks). Scholarships are available for the conference and can be requested on the registration form. Interpreters will be available. Go to [www.fcpcpta.org](http://www.fcpcpta.org) to register.

**Fall Stream Cleanup (Call for Volunteers).** 10 a.m.-noon in various Reston locations: Hunters Woods Village Center, Soapstone Drive and Southgate Community Center. Clearing out litter from area watersheds has significant impact in restoring Reston's streams. Register by completing a one-time volunteer application on Volgistics and confirm a shift on VicNet. Instructions can be found at [www.reston.org](http://www.reston.org). Email [habrock@reston.org](mailto:habrock@reston.org) or call 703-435-7986.

## SUNDAY/OCT. 21

**Membership Meeting.** 3-5 p.m. at Reston Community Center-Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Reston-Dulles NCNW, Inc., is hosting a membership meeting. This meeting is open to the community. Visit [www.ncnwrestondulles.org](http://www.ncnwrestondulles.org) or email [info@ncnwrestondulles.org](mailto:info@ncnwrestondulles.org).

## MONDAY/OCT. 22

**NARFE Dulles Chapter Meeting.**

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY  
COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC., FOR  
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE RATES AND TO REVISE  
THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO  
GAS SERVICE  
CASE NO. PUR-2018-00131

- Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("CVA") has applied for authority to increase rates and to revise the terms and conditions applicable to gas service.
- CVA requests an increase to its total revenue requirement of \$22.2 million.
- A Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will hear the case on April 23, 2019, at 10 a.m.
- Further information about this case is available on the State Corporation Commission's website at: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

On August 28, 2018, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("CVA" or "Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to Chapter 10 of Title 56 (§ 56-232 *et seq.*) of the Code of Virginia ("Code") and the Commission's Rules Governing Utility Rate Applications and Annual Informational Filings, requesting authority to increase its rates and charges, effective for the first billing unit of February 2019, and to revise other terms and conditions applicable to gas service ("Application"). In its Application, CVA indicates that the proposed rates and charges are designed to increase the Company's non-gas base revenues by approximately \$22.2 million per year, which includes approximately \$8 million currently being collected by the Company outside of base rates in a surcharge associated with its Steps to Advance Virginia's Energy ("SAVE") plan ("SAVE Plan") pursuant to Code § 56-603 *et seq.* ("SAVE Act"). CVA states that it is proposing to include recovery of the costs associated with approximately \$67.5 million of net rate base SAVE investments as of December 31, 2018, in base rates, as permitted by the SAVE Act. Further, the Company indicates that its proposed revenue requirement incorporates the income tax savings from the federal Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017, which reduced the federal corporate income tax from 35% to 21% effective January 1, 2018. CVA asserts that its Application is in compliance with the Commission's Order dated April 25, 2018, in Case No. PUR-2018-00005.

CVA states that the requested increase in annual non-gas base revenues reflects its costs and revenues for the test year ended December 31, 2017; the increase in the Company's rate base since its last base rate increase in 2016; an updated capital structure and requested return on equity of 10.95%; and certain rate year adjustments that "reasonably can be predicted to occur" during the 12 months ending January 31, 2020 ("Rate Year"), as permitted by Code § 56-235.2; as well as certain customer benefits described in the Application.

In the Application, CVA represents that in the time since it was last authorized to increase its rates and charges in the 2016 Rate Case, the Company has made significant capital investments to improve the overall safety, reliability, and integrity of its natural gas system for the benefit of customers and to accommodate steady customer growth. CVA states it will have invested more than \$300 million in capital expenditures on behalf of its customers from the beginning of 2017 through the end of 2019. The Company asserts that, of this amount, it will invest over \$110 million in modernization through its SAVE Plan and approximately \$130 million to support growth on the CVA system.

In its Application CVA states that, in the time since the 2016 Rate Case, the Company has also continued to enhance pipeline safety and reliability through its formal integrity management program for its distribution system ("DIMP") by identifying, prioritizing, and reducing gas distribution pipeline integrity risks. CVA indicates that, apart from DIMP initiatives, the Company conducts other operations and maintenance activities focused on further enhancing the safety of CVA's infrastructure, its employees, and the communities it serves. CVA asserts that, during the Rate Year, it expects to continue safety-related initiatives including (i) implementation of a Pipeline Safety Management System; (ii) remediation of post-1971 shallow transmission mains and remediation of unplanned exposures on distribution mains; (iii) maintenance and repair of measurement and regulation stations; (iv) enhanced emergency response; and (v) enhanced right-of-way maintenance.

According to the Company, the proposed rate increase would increase the average monthly bill of a typical residential customer using 5.4 dekatherms from approximately \$74.32 to approximately \$79.93, or by 7.55%.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the Application and supporting documents for the details of these and other proposals.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Application and supporting documents and thus may adopt rates that differ from those appearing in the Company's Application and supporting documents.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing that, among other things, scheduled a public hearing on April 23, 2019, at 10 a.m., in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, to receive testimony from members of the public and evidence related to the Application from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission's Staff. Any person desiring to testify as a public witness at this hearing should appear fifteen (15) minutes prior to the starting time of the hearing and contact the Commission's Bailiff.

The public version of the Company's Application, as well as the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, are available for public inspection during regular business hours at each of the Company's business offices in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Copies also may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, Vishwa B. Link, Esquire, McGuireWoods LLP, Gateway Plaza, 800 East Canal Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219. If acceptable to the requesting party, the Company may provide the documents by electronic means.

Copies of the public version of the Application and other documents filed in this case also are available for interested persons to review in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

On or before April 16, 2019, any interested person wishing to comment on the Company's Application shall file written comments on the Application with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Any interested person desiring to file comments electronically may do so on or before April 16, 2019, by following the instructions on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. Compact discs or any other form of electronic storage medium may not be filed with the comments. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2018-00131.

On or before January 15, 2019, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the notice of participation shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission at the address above. A copy of the notice of participation as a respondent also must be sent to counsel for the Company at the address set forth above. Pursuant to Rule 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"), any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by Rule 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2018-00131.

On or before February 26, 2019, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, and serve on the Commission's Staff, the Company, and all other respondents, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case, and each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of such testimony and exhibits shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission at the address above. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, including 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2018-00131.

All documents filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

The Commission's Rules of Practice may be viewed at <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. A printed copy of the Commission's Rules of Practice and an official copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding may be obtained from the Clerk of the Commission at the address above.

COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC.



**Crowds packed Reston Town Center for Flavors of Fall produced by the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018.**



**Jared Hawkins tries out a brew at Flavors of Fall produced by the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce at Reston Town Center.**



**The Barney family of McLean: Kelley, James and daughter Isabel, enjoy family time together at Flavors of Fall on Saturday, Oct. 6.**

## Reston Celebrates 'Flavors of Fall'

**Family-friendly festival features craft beers, ciders and local cuisines.**

**F**lavors of Fall, produced by Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce featured beer and wine, food, live music and a craft alley street festival on Saturday, Oct. 6 at Reston Town Center.

"We view this event as a way to give back to the community and highlight the businesses in and around Reston," said Mark Ingrao, President and CEO of the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce. A Kids' Alley with exhibit booths and games, Cornhole Experience Charity Tournament and live music guaranteed fun for everyone.

The annual one-day, family-friendly event showcased the best in autumn brews, sixteen regional craft beers and hard cider complemented by some of the finest local cuisines in the area, many with traditional Oktoberfest fare such as Clyde's of Reston.

"We stick to the classic," said Jay Allen of Clyde's. "We've been doing it right for a long time. Why change it?" Asked what his bratwurst secret was, Jay confided, "I braise the sausages with Sam Adams; grill them; then drop them back into the beer again."

Some booths offered non-traditional Bavarian food. Indian restaurant 5 Tara provided samosas

and chickpeas, buttered chicken and mango lassi. Timesha Carroll of the Town of Herndon held out her dish to be served, "I'm having a little bit of everything today. And now I'm trying the samosas."

As a bonus to Flavors of Fall, on Sunday, Oct. 7, hundreds of people took off from the Reston Pavilion to race in the Reston Pumpkin 5K & Kids' Pumpkin Dash also produced by the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce.

Caleb Hess, 22 of Reston, placed first in the men's division with a time of 18:18.

Jessica Ingham, 32 of Herndon, placed first in the women's division with a time of 21:49. "This is the first time I've run since being a mom. Three kids in three years. This was a good fun race, and it's good to be back out there," said Ingham.

Partial proceeds from Flavors of Fall and Reston Pumpkin 5K & Kids' Pumpkin Dash will help fund the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce 501(c)(3) education foundation.

"It provides mentorship and education for emerging and start-up companies from all over the region," said Ingrao. Visit [www.restonchamber.org](http://www.restonchamber.org).

— MERCIA HOBSON



**Uday Singh of locally based, Indian restaurant, 5 Tara, serves Town of Herndon resident Timesha Carroll her samosas during the Flavors of Fall produced by the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018.**



**During Flavors of Fall produced by the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, Oct. 6, Jay Allen from Clyde's of Reston said, "We stick to the classics. We've been doing it right for a long time. Why change it?"**



**Caleb Hess, 22 of Reston places first in the men's division with a time of 18:18 in the Greater Reston Chamber Commerce "Reston Pumpkin 5K" held Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018**



**Jessica Ingham, 32, of Herndon crosses the finish line and places first in the women's division with a time of 21:49 in the Greater Reston Chamber Commerce "Reston Pumpkin 5K" held Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018.**

# OPINION

## Check Voter Registration

Confirm your voter registration before Oct. 15; vote early if you qualify.

If you plan to vote in Virginia, you should hop online now to check that you are still registered to vote at your current address. Nevermind that the last time you went to the polls, you were able to vote. You should check again. Monday, Oct. 15 is the deadline. Go to [elections.virginia.gov](http://elections.virginia.gov) or call your local Elections Office. The Fairfax County Elections office at 703-222-0776.

If for any reason you didn't vote on the last Election Day or the one before that, and you might have missed a possible postcard asking you to confirm your residence, it's important to check that you are registered to vote. A Supreme Court decision specifically

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allows states to move forward with purging voters under some relatively common circumstances. Whenever names are purged from a list, the likelihood of mistakes is present. Voting is so important, no matter what your inclinations, this year. Check your registration now.

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

To vote on Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018, 6 a.m.-7 p.m. (General Election)

❖ Register/update address by: Monday, Oct. 15. Or ...

❖ Request absentee ballot by mail by: 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30. Or ...

❖ Vote early, in-person absentee, by appearing in person by 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3

Really, if you qualify for any of about 20 reasons to vote absentee, there is no reason to wait until Election Day Nov. 6 to vote.

Early voting is already well underway.

One of the 20 reasons is if you might be 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: <https://www.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. If you vote absentee in-person you will fill out the application when you arrive at the in-person absentee location.

### Early Voting Locations, Dates and Hours

Through Saturday, Nov. 3 at the government center, and Oct. 13-Nov. 3 at the satellite locations.

Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Conference Room 2/3, Fairfax, VA, 22035

Until Oct. 12:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Oct. 15-Nov. 3, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturdays, Oct. 6-Nov. 3, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Satellite Locations are open Oct. 13 - Nov. 3

Weekdays: Monday thru Friday, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturdays: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sundays: Closed

❖ Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310

❖ Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton, VA 22079

❖ Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

❖ McLean Governmental Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean, VA 22101

❖ Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306

❖ North County Governmental Center, 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston, VA 20190

❖ Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax, VA 22031

❖ Sully Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151

❖ West Springfield Governmental Center, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152

### Virginia Voter ID

You must show identification to vote. Acceptable forms of valid identification: Virginia driver's license, Virginia DMV-issued photo ID, United States passport, Employer-issued photo ID, Student photo ID issued by a school, college, or university located in Virginia, Other U.S. or Virginia government-issued photo ID, Tribal enrollment or other tribal photo ID, or Virginia Voter Photo ID card

### Need a Photo ID?

If you don't have an ID, go to your voter registration office to get a free Voter Photo ID, even on Election Day. You will be required to complete a photo ID application, have your photo taken and to sign a digital signature pad.

### Forgot your photo ID on Election Day?

If you get to your polling place without acceptable photo ID, you can vote a provisional ballot. You will be given instructions on what to do so your vote can count. 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.

### For more information on voting in Fairfax County:

Fairfax County Office of Elections  
12000 Government Center Parkway Suite 323, Fairfax, VA, 22035

Voter Registration: 703-222-0776, TTY 711  
Absentee Fax: 703-324-3725

Email: [voting@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:voting@fairfaxcounty.gov)  
Election Officer Info: 703-324-4735, TTY 711

For 24-hour recorded information call 703-324-4700

## Virginia's Energy Future

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



Governor Ralph Northam took two significant steps last week related to Virginia's energy future. In a word, both could be summed up as "conserving." One action of the Governor was to announce the 2018 Virginia Energy Plan. Later in the week he announced his signing of an executive order establishing a conservation cabinet.

The Virginia Plan makes recommendations in five areas: solar, onshore and offshore wind, energy efficiency, energy storage, and electric vehicles and advanced transportation. The goals within each of these areas are ambitious, but they are essential in shifting energy use in Virginia to a more environment-friendly direction. In a press release on Oct. 2, the Governor is quoted as saying that "the clean energy sector has the power to create new business opportunities, expand cus-

tomers access to renewable energy, and spark the high-demand jobs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century."

Among the goals of the plan are achieving at least 3,000 megawatts of solar and wind energy by 2022, expanding net metering and community solar programs, and doubling the state's renewable energy procurement target to 16 percent by 2022. The plan recommends that the state support Dominion Energy's planned 12-megawatt offshore wind turbine demonstration project with a target of 2,000 megawatts of offshore wind energy by 2028.

The plan also recommends that

the state-sponsored efficiency programs and financing set a 16 percent renewable procurement target and a 20 percent energy efficiency target for state agencies, moving state agencies in the direction of greater efficiencies and the use of renewable energy in a lead-by-example approach. The plan seeks also to increase the annual dollars of investments by utilities in energy efficiency programs. Recommendations also call for action to promote alternative-fuel vehicles with the development of an Advanced Clean Cars program

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**Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41),** elected in 2010, has sponsored bills dealing with campus sexual assault and getting the Commonwealth's Attorney involved to be sure each case is investigated thoroughly.



**Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34),** shared, for the first time, that she is a survivor of sexual assault. "I want you to know in this Sexual Assault and Domestic Abuse Awareness Month, there are a lot of stories out there that have never been told. That doesn't mean they didn't happen."

# 'Make the Call' for Domestic Violence

**"Stop domestic violence and sexual assault for your friend, your neighbor, yourself."**

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
 THE CONNECTION

**D**el. Kathleen Murphy (D-34) shared her personal story: "It's taken me a long time to stand here and say that I am a survivor. I was a victim of sexual assault in college, so I understand what Dr. Blasey has been saying. This is the first time in public I've ever said this. You are the first people I've ever admitted this to. I know what it's like to hide. I know what it's like to know that people probably won't believe you if you tell them."

She was speaking at the Fairfax County presentation "Make the Call" in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2018. The Thursday, Oct. 4 presentation offered personal perspectives from five Fairfax County leaders at the hour-long event.

Presenters addressed domestic violence in their own way, either as moderate Tom Goodwin said, "by telling a story because it is in the interest of advancing understanding of the dangers and challenges posed by domestic violence, or whether it is to advance public policy."

The county's 2017 campaign "Look Again" helped the public recognize that domestic violence occurs between people of all ages, races, ethnicities, creeds and status, Goodwin said.

The 2018 campaign, "Make the Call" was a "logical continuation which would feature not only the 24-hour hotline number 703-360-7273 but also information on how victims react and who has become sufficiently engaged and involved."

The presentation was planned by the county's Domestic and Sexual Violence Services and Domestic Violence Prevention, Policy & Coordinating Council.

**BRADDOCK DISTRICT** Supervisor John Cook emphasized domestic violence is not someone else's issue. It impacts a significant portion of the population.

One in four women and one in seven men are victims of abuse, and "then there are the children," Cook said. Whenever there is a victim of domestic violence, Cook noted, there is also a perpetrator. A quarter of the population is impacted by domestic violence.

"Children, even if they're not directly the recipient of violence, by being in a home where there is violence, by observing violence, because they are young, even infants have been proven to have lifelong impacts," said Cook. "If we don't help early and now, we will see them again in the criminal justice system; we'll see them in the human services system."

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In a coastal home, interior designer Anne Walker chose Capiz shell chandeliers over the dining table and Capiz shell pendants over the kitchen counters. "The result was beautiful and the cost was effective," she said.

## Holiday-Ready Kitchen

Minor changes deliver big impact in time for holiday gatherings.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

Though Halloween is still three weeks away, the holidays are not far behind the ghosts and goblins. Thanksgiving ushers in the start of a season of festive entertaining for family and friends. As the kitchen is often a gathering place and command central for celebratory gatherings, this is the time to give your eating space a pre-holiday spruce-up. Local design aficionados say there is still time to make upgrades to make a kitchen welcoming for guests and functional for the chef.

A refrigerator that is functional, spacious and stylish is at the top of the must-do list of Reston-based interior designer Rachel Grandin's holiday kitchen spruce-up list. "With all of the delicious food that we make during the holidays, it's critical that we have a space to store it safely," she said. "If your refrigerator doesn't seem reliable, this is the perfect time to replace it. A stainless steel French double-door refrigerator can hold a large turkey and all of the sides, but more importantly it's eye-catching and chic and will probably be one of the first things guests notice when they enter your kitchen. It's a quick way to give your kitchen and updated look."

Lighting is a critical element in any kitchen, advises Potomac-based Anne Walker, "Changing a light fixture might be the easiest and quickest way to make a big design statement before the holidays," she said. "In a Potomac kitchen I designed, sea glass beaded pendant lights, which reference not only the shimmering aqua glass backplash tiles, but also the custom Willem Smith bar stools with aqua leather seats."

New flooring can take the design of a kitchen to

the next level, says Alexandria-based interior designer Courtney Grace, "Right now, I see hardwood and ceramic tile flooring as being on trend," she said. "I just finished a kitchen for a client and we installed ceramic tile that was actually made to look like wood. So she was able to get the look she wanted, but with a material that was more durable. New flooring can really transform a space without the expense and the time of total kitchen remodel. Choose something durable, for the holidays and beyond."

If you're on a budget, consider a new kitchen rug, advises Grace. "Rugs can add color and warmth to a kitchen, and an indoor-outdoor rug can stand up to high-traffic and things like spills."

Cabinets are usually the biggest part of any kitchen design and renovation project, advises Walker "If your cabinets are structurally sound, you can save a lot of money, but make a huge impact by having the cabinets professionally painted."

Gray is still the most popular color for kitchen cabinets, followed closely by white, suggests Walker. "I recently renovated a small, charming home for resale, and did just this: had the kitchen cabinets painted a soft shade of gray," she said. "What a difference. You will want to have a professional paint the cabinets for you. This is not the time for DIY. With all of the heat, grease, and daily use, paint can easily chip if not applied professionally."

**"Changing a light fixture might be the easiest and quickest way to make a big design statement before the holidays."**

— Anne Walker, Anne Walker Design LLC

Walker also recommends new cabinet hardware. "Soft brass and bronze has made a resurgence in popularity lately, so if the other elements of your kitchen, [such as] paint color and light fixtures would support it, warm brass hardware would add an elegant, updated look to your kitchen," she said.

A new coat of paint is a simple change that can make a big impact, advises Walker. "Walls and trim get so much wear and tear in a kitchen" she said. "It's the room we use most, and it takes a beating. Make sure to use a medium sheen so it will be wipeable. I most often use Farrow & Ball's Modern Emulsion in kitchens. Their colors are sublime and the paint holds up well in high traffic areas."

# Citizens Encouraged to 'Make the Call'

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tiative to help children recover from domestic violence. Cook said if children involved are not supported, the economy is impacted. Later in life, Cook said, "They're not able to be a full participant in our society, our neighborhoods, in our community." If such a large portion of our population is so negatively impacted, then all of us are feeling that impact whether we know it or not."

**DEL. EILEEN FILLER-CORN** (D-41) sponsored bills dealing with campus sexual assault, and even though earlier versions did not pass, the last bill became a driving force in the passage of a Memorandum of Understanding between campus law officials and law enforcement agencies.

Filler-Corn said she helped sponsor HB 1343 dealing with campus sexual assaults and requiring reporting to the local Commonwealth Attorney. According to Filler-Corn, although that bill and the language were rolled into another bill, "the entire language was actually incorporated and signed into law."

Bill HB 659, which Filler-Corn sponsored did not focus on punishment but rather prevention through Family Life Education. The curriculum incorporated age-appropriate, evidence-based learning centered on domestic violence, healthy relationships, sexual assault, and the meaning of the word "consent." Although Bill HB 659 passed, Filler-Corn said the words "meaning of consent" were stripped out. However, in 2017 she introduced a bill, one of the first in the county to pass which actually codified teaching the meaning of consent in a family life education.

**MURPHY SAID**, before sharing her personal story, that much of her focus in the legislature had been on guns and getting guns out of the hands of domestic abusers: "Statistics are too clear that guns in their hands mean victims can be killed."

Murphy sponsored a bill to make the second conviction for domestic abuse a felony. However, it failed she said because it would have cost the Commonwealth \$15 million. "Why is that possible? Because there were over 11,000 men or people convicted for the second time of violent domestic

abuse," Murphy said.

In sharing that she is survivor of sexual assault, Murphy said her experience echoed other victims of domestic and sexual assault: the fear of not being believed; wanting to hide; social attitudes as the abuser is seen as charming by others; and the fact that assault can happen to anyone.

"I'm here because of the bravery of that woman [Dr. Christine Blasey Ford]. It's contagious ... I believe when we stand together, side by side; when we look at our past and can acknowledge what happened, and we can say it, out loud, 'We are victims of abuse, domestic violence ... we demonstrate bravery. We also demonstrate we can move forward and win ... And that is why I strongly support all of the efforts to prevent gun violence toward victims of domestic abuse and why I want to support Eileen's many bills for keeping our campuses safe for our children. And why I want people to understand that you don't have to be poor. ... I want you to know in this Sexual Assault and Domestic Abuse Awareness Month, there are a lot of stories out there that have never been told. That doesn't mean they didn't happen."

**DEL. MARK LEVINE** (D- 45) said that since he had been involved in Domestic Violence Awareness Month, dozens of people have come forward and told him their stories. He also explained how he had seen first hand how two factors, shame and stigma, perpetuate victim blaming and under-reporting of domestic violence and sexual assault.

During the panel presentation, Levine recounted how rape victims themselves are questioned: "Why were you out with that person? Why were you alone? Why were you wearing that dress? The anger isn't at the bastard who did the crime; the anger is at the victim. I don't know of any other crime where that happens," Levine said.

Levine recalled how 22 years ago his sister confided to him that her husband threatened to kill her. "To my everlasting shame, I didn't think he would do it ... She didn't think he'd do it either. She died because she was ashamed to be with a man who abused her ... We should all be ashamed of a culture that gives women that blame."

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"I encourage everyone here to make the call," said Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey A. Kincaid during the Fairfax County panel presentation in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2018. "I was a witness; I was a victim; I am a survivor. It happened to me, it could happen to you."

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## ONGOING

**Art Exhibit: "Peace and Identity."** Through Oct. 23, gallery hours at the Waddell Gallery, Northern Virginia Community College Loudoun Campus, 21200 Campus Drive, Sterling. This League of Reston Artists exhibit of two-dimensional art and photography runs Sept. 23-Oct. 23 with an opening reception Wednesday, Sept. 26, 6 p.m. This is Phase II of a two-part project that began in the spring of 2018. Free admission. Visit [www.leagueofrestonartists.org](http://www.leagueofrestonartists.org).

**10th Annual Expressions Portrait Competition.** Through Oct. 27, gallery hours at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. This exhibit attempts to take the audience away from photography, the everyday accessible selfie to a time when painting, drawing and sculpting a person's likeness was done over time and with training and skill. Call 703-956-6590 or visit [artspaceherndon.com](http://artspaceherndon.com).

## THROUGH SATURDAY/OCT. 13

**2018 Herndon's Arts Week** – celebrating the arts in Herndon. With an event every day of the week and something for everyone it promises to be special. Bring the family out for the Children's Literary Festival or Kids Day at Frying Pan Farm Park. Have a night out with friends at a Jazz Concert, take a Swirladelic Design & Wine class or find out the winners of the 10th Annual Expressions Portrait Competition. Visit [www.artspaceherndon.org](http://www.artspaceherndon.org).

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 10

**Watercolor & Wine Dessert Reception.** 6:30 p.m. at Hunters Woods at Trails Edge Showroom, 2254B Hunters Woods Plaza, Reston. "Young At Art" is a collection of watercolor works created by local artists who are 55+. Meet the artists, and enjoy local wines paired with desserts. RSVP at [cnickel@integracare.com](mailto:cnickel@integracare.com) or 703-708-4047.

## THURSDAY/OCT. 11

**Meet the Artists.** 2:15-3:40 p.m. at Reston Community Center – Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Enjoy a free concert with Peter Fraize, celebrated saxophonist, and The New Peter Fraize Quintet perform. Includes DC luminaries Paul Pieper (guitar), Jon Zment (piano), Nathan Kawaller (bass), and Leland Nakamura (drums). Free. Call 703-503-3384 or visit [olli.gmu.edu](http://olli.gmu.edu).

**Girl Power! Book Club.** 7 p.m. at Scrawl Books, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. Girl Power! Book Club members will read, explore and have fun with books that are by and/or about strong women, and written for middle grade readers (ages 10-12) to inspire confidence, positive conflict resolution and leadership. All are welcome to join at any time. October book is The Friendship Experiment, by Erin Teagan, who will talk with members at the meeting. Free. Visit [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com).

**Creative Response: M.J. Rymza-Pawlowska.** 7 p.m. at Greater Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market St., Suite #103, Reston. M.J. Rymza-Pawlowska, assistant professor Department of History and associate director Graduate Program in Public History at American University responds to the work on view. Visit [restonarts.org](http://restonarts.org).



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## FRIDAY/OCT. 12

**Walking Art Tour at Lake Anne Plaza.** 9:30-11 a.m. Meet in front of the Lake Anne Coffee House. Join a walking tour and learn more about the pieces of art around the area. This tour will be led by art historian Phoebe Avery, presented in collaboration with Public Art Reston. Ages: 55+. 407220703. \$5/RA members, \$8/non-members. Visit [www.reston.org](http://www.reston.org).

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 12-14

**Carnival & Harvest Fun.** Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Carnival games and rides will be open from Friday, 5-9 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Carnival-goers of all ages will enjoy "Fall Carnival Fun" with games, rides and fair foods and beverages. Tickets are \$1 each or 24 for \$20. Rides take three to five tickets. In addition to the Fall Carnival, Frying Pan is hosting "Farm Harvest Days" on Saturday and Sunday. Fall is a busy and exciting time at the park. Watch the cider press in action, milk a goat, shell corn, peel apples, meet the farm animals and see traditional farm demonstrations from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For a fee, you can also take a wagon ride around the park or a spin on the carousel. Admission and parking are free. Call 703-437-9101 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/fall-carnival-harvest-days](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/fall-carnival-harvest-days).

## SATURDAY/OCT. 13

**Family Fitness & Fun Fest.** 9 a.m.-noon at Town Hall Square, 730 Elden St., Herndon. Bring friends and family for a superhero themed event to include fitness and nutrition stations, interactive themed games, fitness class demonstrations, and an inflatable obstacle course. Put down the electronics, get outside to move and have fun. Free admission and free parking. Visit [herndon-va.gov/recreation](http://herndon-va.gov/recreation) or call 703-787-7300.

**Walk Like MADD.** 9 a.m.-noon at Herndon Police Station, 397 Herndon County Parkway #300, Herndon. Walk Like MADD is Mothers Against Drunk Drivings signature fundraiser. This is a non-competitive 5k Walk/Dash to provide awareness and funds

needed to prevent drunk driving. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Go to [www.walklikemadd.org/northernvirginia](http://www.walklikemadd.org/northernvirginia) to register.

**LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at all Fairfax County Fire Stations. In celebration of Fire Prevention Week, all Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Stations will be hosting an Open House. Stop by a local station that day to meet firefighters, see the fire trucks, join in the activities and learn about fire safety. Find a local Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department Fire Station at [bit.ly/2ReXaHk](http://bit.ly/2ReXaHk).

**Reston Home Tour.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in Reston. The Reston Historic Trust & Museum's 17th Annual Reston Home Tour focuses on six homes that have undergone major redesign in the form of renovations, additions, complete remodels, extensive landscaping, hardscaping and interior decor. Travel in architectural time from a South Reston 1968 Dutch Colonial to Reston's newest luxury apartments, Signature, at Reston Town Center where a "taste of autumn," catered by Balducci's, will be offered. Tour these homes at your own pace, in any order during the tour. \$30. Call 703-709-7700 or visit [restonmuseum.org/hometour](http://restonmuseum.org/hometour).

**DogFest Walk 'n Roll DC.** 11:30 a.m. at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Last year, hundreds joined in the biggest celebration yet with an agility course, demonstrations, treats, freebies, raffles, and best of all, stories of graduate teams who live and work in and around D.C. Admission is free, parking is free and our event is accessible. Create a fundraising page and share the story of a family pet. Visit [cci.org](http://cci.org) or call 1-800-572-BARK.

**Prose and Poetry.** 2-3 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Author Alfredo Del Arroyo will present his novel *Martes de Infamia: y Otros dias fatales*, and poet Fernando Gudiel will share his poetry in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Adults, teens. Free. Call 703-397-0412 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events).

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reception. Call 703-956-6590 or visit [artspaceherndon.com](http://artspaceherndon.com).

## SUNDAY/OCT. 14

**Reston Chorale Concert.** 4 p.m. at Saint Luke's Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Reston Chorale "Out of the Shadows" concert highlights 900 years of music composed by women. Guest artists are Ysaye Barnwell, composer and former member of Sweet Honey in the Rock and P. Lucy McVeigh, soprano. Tickets are \$20-\$25 on line; \$25-\$30 at door. Active military and youth under 17 free. Visit [www.RestonChorale.org](http://www.RestonChorale.org).

## MONDAY/OCT. 15

**Reston Photographic Society.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. in Room 6 at the Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. The Reston Photographic Society invites photography enthusiasts of all skill levels to attend meetings. RPS is a special-interest group of the League of Reston Artists. Share information and enjoy guest speakers, workshops and group critiques. Nonmembers are welcome. Visit [www.leagueofrestonartists.org](http://www.leagueofrestonartists.org).

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 17

**Dinner with a Cop.** 6-7:30 p.m. at Dranesville United Methodist Church, 1089 Liberty Meeting Court, Great Falls. Enjoy visiting with our special guest, Officer Horita from Fairfax County Police who will host a "no-agenda" discussion about crime concerns in our area. All are welcome. Free. Dinner provided. Desserts to share are welcomed. RSVP to help plan food to [wendy@dranesvilleumc.org](mailto:wendy@dranesvilleumc.org). Walk-ins also welcome. Call 703-430-3137 or visit [www.dranesvilleumc.org](http://www.dranesvilleumc.org).

## THURSDAY/OCT. 18

**Weekend Food for Kids.** 10-11:30 a.m. at Dominion Energy, 3072 Centreville Road, Herndon. Assistance League of Northern Virginia, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, invites community members to help pack food for its Weekend Food for Kids Program, which provides nonperishable food

for low income children at several Title I schools in Fairfax and Prince William Counties and the City of Alexandria. Free. Visit [www.alnv.org](http://www.alnv.org).

**Meet the Artists.** 2:15-3:40 at Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Enjoy a free concert with Fairfax Symphony's first cellist, Curtis Institute-trained Marion Baker, and piano collaborator Ruth Locker, who return to celebrate the beautiful music of cello and piano. Free. Call 703-503-3384 or visit [olli.gmu.edu](http://olli.gmu.edu).

## FRIDAY/OCT. 19

**Accidental Red Jazz.** 6-9 p.m. at Cafe Montmartre, 1625 Washington Plaza Lake Anne, Reston. Live jazz from the '30s to today. Piano, sax, flute, bass, and drums. Introducing new vocalist Kathy Farmer. \$10 cover. Call 703-982-1215 or visit [cafemontmartre.com/index.html](http://cafemontmartre.com/index.html).

## SATURDAY/OCT. 20

**Community Media Day.** 4:30-7 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Herndon Community Television is offering non-profits free personalized coaching session on using video to strengthen their community impact. Video can outreach to those in need and support grant funding. Free. Call 703-689-2323 or visit [www.hctv.org/cmd](http://www.hctv.org/cmd).

## THURSDAY/OCT. 25

**Meet the Artists.** 2:15-3:40 at Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Enjoy a free concert with Dr. Anna Balakerskaia and students from George Mason University perform pieces from the classical piano repertoire. Free. Call 703-503-3384 or visit [olli.gmu.edu](http://olli.gmu.edu).

**Distinguished Speaker Series.** 7:30 p.m. at Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, 1441 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Amir Tibon's talk will be: "An Israeli Reporter in Trump's Washington." Tibon is the Washington correspondent for Haaretz newspaper. His writing on Israel and the Middle East has been published in The Atlantic, Foreign Affairs, The New Yorker, Politico Magazine, Tablet Magazine and other leading U.S. publications. The NVHC Speaker Series is free and open to the public. Call 703-437-7733 or email [RabbiWainer@nvhcreston.org](mailto:RabbiWainer@nvhcreston.org).

## THURSDAY-MONDAY/OCT. 25-29

**Washington West Film Festival.** At Bow Tie Cinemas, 11940 Market St., Reston. Independent films presented at Bow Tie Cinemas over five days. Visit [wwfilmfest.com](http://wwfilmfest.com).

## SATURDAY/OCT. 27

**UCP Craft Fair.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at United Christian Parish, 11508 North Shore Drive, Reston. This juried fair showcases handcrafted products from area artists and crafters just in time for the holiday season. A bake sale and lunch will be available for purchase. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Herndon-Reston FISH, a local non-profit. Ample parking. Free. Email [suemayn@msn.com](mailto:suemayn@msn.com).

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 27-28

**Boo at the Zoo.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Roer's Zoofari, 1228 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna. Roer's Zoofari is hosting its annual Boo at the Zoo Halloween event. Local businesses will be sponsoring trick-or-treat booths. \$20 (first come first served) and must be purchased online at [www.roerszoofari.com/boo-at-the-zoo/](http://www.roerszoofari.com/boo-at-the-zoo/).

# Author Armistead Maupin Comes to CenterStage

Master storyteller and award-winning author to speak about his life.

BY DAVID SIEGEL  
THE CONNECTION

Continuing its long standing commitment to bring renowned, world class entertainment to its intimate theatre venue, master storyteller, and award-winning author Armistead Maupin will be appearing at CenterStage to speak about his trailblazing life.

Over the past four decades, Maupin has taken his own life's journey and turned it into the groundbreaking "Tales of the City" series as well as numerous novels and award-winning television miniseries. Coming to Northern Virginia, Maupin will read from his memoir titled "Logical Family." He will also participate in an on-stage conversation with Paul Michnewicz, arts and events director, Reston Community Center.

"Armistead Maupin wrote a weekly series for the San Francisco Chronicle beginning in 1976 which delighted readers," said Michnewicz. "The story revolved around a mysterious and beloved mother-figure, 'Anna Madrigal,' who nurtured her ragtag tenants. When the mystery was finally revealed, the public discovered it had been sympathetic to a leading character who was transgender. Armistead Maupin had America hooked.

"Before we used the alphabet to identify them, Armistead Maupin brought us a full range of three-dimensional LGBTQ characters," added Michnewicz. "His books were then turned into an award-winning television mini-series starring Olympia Dukakis and Laura Linney. America has grown up on his stories and now it is time to hear the story behind the author himself."

Michnewicz indicate he "will be interviewing Maupin from the stage during which we will hear

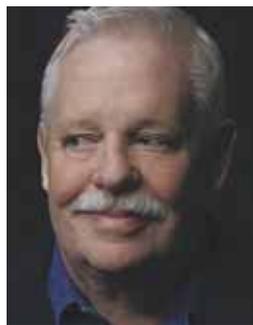


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**Armistead Maupin, author and master storyteller.**



**Paul Michnewicz, Reston Community Center, Arts and Events Director**

many great stories about his life. He will read passages from his book "Logical Family." Afterwards, the CenterStage audience will be able to buy his book and have it signed by the author.

"Maupin used his razor sharp storytelling skills to reveal the complicated and fascinating lives of the full spectrum of the LGBTQ community and to reinforce the fundamentally human commonalities we all share. His entertaining and uncompromising stories helped change the course of our country," said Michnewicz.

"Last year, Danica Roem became the first openly transgender person to be elected to the Virginia General Assembly. I see clear lines from Maupin's Anna Madrigal character to the success of Roem," noted Michnewicz. "Maupin opened the doors through which Danica Roem and others have fully entered American life; to serve, to contribute, to take part in their communities."

Adding to the timelessness of Maupin's visit, Netflix has announced development of a re-make of Maupin's "Tales of the City" books with Dukakis and Linney re-creating their roles and with Ellen Page.

*Reston Community Center presents Armistead Maupin at CenterStage, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Hunters Woods, Reston. Sunday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20 (Reston), \$30 (Non-Reston). Call 703-476-4500 or visit restoncommunitycenter.com.*

## Discussing Religious Freedom In the Current Political Context

The Unitarian Universalist Church in Reston will welcome the Rev. Dr. Barry W. Lynn, former executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, to the Minister's Salon on Oct. 17, from 7:30 - 9 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Reston (1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston). Rev. Lynn will share his perspectives on religious freedom and the current political context in the United States.



**Rev. Barry W. Lynn**

From 1992 until his retirement in 2017, Rev. Lynn served as Executive Director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. In addition to his work as a long-time activist and lawyer in the civil liberties field, Rev. Lynn is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, offering him a unique viewpoint on church-state issues.

An accomplished speaker and lecturer, Rev. Lynn has appeared frequently on radio broadcasts and television to debate and discuss First Amendment issues. Rev. Lynn writes frequently on religious liberty issues and has had essays published in outlets such as USA To-

day, The Los Angeles Times, The Wall Street Journal and The Nation.

In 2006, Rev. Lynn authored Piety & Politics: The Right-Wing Assault On

Religious Freedom (Harmony Books). In 2008 he coauthored (with C. Welton Gaddy) First Freedom First: A Citizen's Guide to Protecting Religious Liberty and the Separation of Church and State (Beacon Press). His latest book is God & Government: Twenty-Five Years of Fighting for Equality, Secularism, and Freedom of Conscience (Prometheus Books), published in 2015.

Members of the public are invited to attend this interesting and thought-provoking event. Advance registration requested by Friday, Oct. 12. To learn more about Rev. Lynn and to register, visit UUReston.org/salon.

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with targets for charging stations and the state's vehicle fleet.

The Commonwealth and utilities in the state have started efforts in many of these areas as a result of legislation passed by the General Assembly earlier this year. The plan reflects an underlying goal that the strategy not unfairly impact low-income and minority communities. Review the plan at <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/secretary-of-commerce-and-trade/2018-Virginia-Energy-Plan.pdf>

In a separate action Governor Northam issued an Executive Or-

der establishing the Governor's Conservation Cabinet, a new initiative "to better protect Virginia's vulnerable natural resources and improve environmental quality across the Commonwealth." The Governor stated that "this effort will strengthen our interagency coordination and allow us to bring all of our resources to bear in addressing environmental threats and ensuring best practices across state-driven conservation initiatives." The initiative will seek to work with state agencies, localities, nonprofit land trusts, and willing landowners as well as partners in both public and private sectors, according to the press release announcing the Governor's action.

Members of the Conservation Cabinet include the Secretaries of Agriculture and Forestry, Commerce and Trade, Finance, Natural Resources and Transportation. The full text of the Governor's announcement can be found at <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/executive-actions/EO-22-Establishment-of-the-Governors-Conservation-Cabinet--A-United-Effort-to-Protect-and-Conserve-Virginias-Natural-Resources.pdf>

While some will criticize state government for moving too slowly and not being bold enough in the areas of energy and the environment, I am pleased that we are at least moving in the right direction as it relates to Virginia's energy future.

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**NEWS**

**Attendees at the "Make the Call" panel presentation in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2018 applaud Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34) after she tells her story publicly for the first time: "I am a survivor. I was a victim of sexual assault in college. ... I believe when we stand together, side by side ... and we can say it, out loud, 'We are victims of abuse' ... we demonstrate we can move forward and win."**



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**'Make the Call'**

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After his sister's murder, Levine's niece and nephew, then ages 6 and 2 where taken care of by his parents, their grandparents, immediately after his sister's death. "But he came back for his kids and literally ripped my niece, then age two from his grandmother's arms crying and screaming ... They would eventually end up in Mexico ... it was the closest place to run to ..."

Levine recalled how it took them 10 years to get the children back. "We had to get those kids back home. She was gone, but we had to save their lives ... it took us 10 long years to get justice." Levine said eventually his brother-in-law faced murder charges, and the court found him guilty; he is now serving 56 years in a Tennessee penitentiary.

However, it was not considered child abuse if one killed the mother of a child, Levine said, adding he became the primary lawyer for the case in Tennessee arguing the children should come back to his parents. Contradicting then Tennessee law, Levine maintained to the courts, "If you kill a mother of the child, that counts. That's child abuse and should be considered in custody decisions. Eventually, Levine pushed a bill to reflect such. "The law passed unanimously in Tennessee, every Republican, every Democrat voted for it," said Levine. Levine's current goal is for a similar law to pass in Virginia.

**VALISHA JACKSON**, secretary, Shelter House, said, "As I stand here today, in October 2018, I am happy to say ... there is a month dedicated to awareness, resources, support and countless individuals and organizations resisting domestic abuse of any kind."

In 1981, Jackson and her mother survived domestic abuse at a time when there were no laws to protect them, no collective effort to create an escape plan, only



**Valisha Jackson, secretary, Shelter House at the Fairfax County panel presentation "Make the Call" held Thursday, Oct. 4, said, "I am happy to say ... there is a month dedicated to awareness, resources, support and countless individuals and organizations resisting domestic abuse of any kind." But, "We must do more."**

as she acknowledged to the audience, "Friends and neighbors willing to be the lookout while my mother attempted to sleep."

In 2018, Fairfax County offers a shelter, a network of safe houses, resources dedicated to those surviving domestic violence, a bipartisan push by elected officials to the people of Fairfax County to "Make the Call."

"We must do more," Jackson said. Congregations are silent when church leaders tell them their salvation is in jeopardy if they divorce their abuser. Women who defend themselves against their abusers are incarcerated due to mandatory minimums and inflexible sentencing guidelines. Resources are taken away from health and human services, "To make the rich richer, keeping women financially dependent on the abusers, rather than structuring our system to be the safety net and community that we promised to be," Jackson said.

Jackson pointed out, "We say make the call, but we make the pragmatic fear of police brutality a subject for political debate, with a side to pick, rather than ensuring that nobody hesitates when dialing 911 for fear they or their loved ones will be killed at the



**"Domestic Violence affects people from all walks of life," said Supervisor John C. Cook (R-Braddock) after the panel presentation. "I admire the courage of these elected officials who shared their very personal experiences in an effort to help others through awareness and reducing stigma."**

hands of those who are sworn to protect them. We say make the call, but we interrogate the victim of abuse."

**FAIRFAX COUNTY** Sheriff Stacey A. Kincaid said, "I was a witness; I was a victim; I am a survivor. It happened to me, it could happen to you."

Kincaid told her story as a means to advance the understanding of the dangers and challenges posed by domestic violence. Kincaid shared that after her mother divorced and remarried, all seemed fine. No one knew though what went on behind closed doors.

"The man she married beat her, my brother and he beat me. He blamed and shamed her to the point she actually believed it.

"This went on for seven years," said Kincaid. She revealed how they escaped one night, found themselves homeless, and although it took a long time, they rebuilt their lives. Kincaid revealed she first told her story two years ago and was helped through the process.

"This is not the society we expect to have, where people think it's OK to put your hands on anyone, especially a child. People do not come forward due to fear, embarrassment, and humiliation. And of course, they believe no one will believe them ... I believe you, we believe you, there are people that believe you," said Kincaid.

## Hosting Event for Neighbors in Need

The Resurrection Baptist Church, Reston, is holding a community event to support the homeless, veterans, children and families in need of supplies, outdoor items and services. This free event, supported by churches, community organizations, businesses and neighbors, will be held on Oct. 13 at the Reston Community Center—Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road in Reston, 1 — 4 p.m.

Those who want to donate or volunteer for the event could reach out to organizers or come by 12-12:45 p.m. If you have the ability to use your vehicle to shuttle those in need to the Reston Community Center that is also helpful.

For more information, call Winnie K. Burns at 571-331-8009 or etak3825@msn.com

## Exhibit Complements Reston Home Tour

The Reston Historic Trust & Museum has installed a new temporary exhibit in their gift shop, "A Modern Design," to correspond with the annual Reston Home Tour on Oct. 13, 2018. The exhibit explores how values of Restonians in the 1960s shaped how the interiors of their homes look. The exhibit is also meant to spark conversation. How do 1960s Reston home interiors compare to today's homes? Visitors can decide for themselves by seeing the exhibit and going on this year's Reston Home Tour. The exhibit will be on display through the end of October. Those interested in the Reston Home Tour can find more information and purchase tickets online at <https://restonmuseum.org/hometour>.

## Reston Association Listening Sessions

Reston Association announced their final two Board of Directors' listening sessions, hosted by the RA board member representing each specific district, are this week.

❖ The Oct 10, 7-9 p.m session is for the Hunters Woods/Dogwood District and will be held at the Southgate Community Center, 12125 Pinecrest Road.

❖ The Oct. 17, 7-9 p.m session for the Lake Anne District will be held at the Reston Community Center-Lake Anne, 1609 Washington Plaza.

According to RA, each voting district residents will have an opportunity to provide feedback and hear updates on a variety of district and community-related topics.

### BULLETIN BOARD

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11:30 a.m. at Amphora Diner, 1151 Elden St., Herndon. A summary of 2018 changes to Virginia laws, prepared by the staff of the Division of Legislative Services, will be available for Dulles Chapter 1241 members in attendance at the October 2018 Dulles Chapter luncheon meeting. The cost of the luncheon is \$18 which includes tax and a small gratuity. Call your reservation and choice of entree to Shirley at 571-442-8910 no later than Thursday, Oct. 18.

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## News I Know Now - And You Do, Too



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Stay the course. Meaning, to write short a long story: same three week chemotherapy interval, same medicine/dosage, same quarterly scan to be followed up by usual and customary same post-scan appointment nine days later with my same diagnosis-to-date oncologist.

The reason being, to lengthen a short paragraph: the tumors that had slowly progressed - which at some point, generally speaking, was not totally unexpected, given the underlying diagnosis, and which had precipitated the most recent series of columns exploring my anxiety concerning tumor growth after five-plus years of mostly "stable" CT scan results - have once again been stabilized.

My doctor's thinking/hope is that returning me to the more aggressive/frequent treatment interval: three weeks between chemotherapy infusions versus the previous seven-week infusion intervals, might have nipped the previous growth in the bud; not enough medicine and too infrequently administered. However, just a theory because I did have a tumor, previously noted radiologically but mostly off the radar that has grown significantly.

But the doctors can't say with any certainty if this 'significant' growth occurred during the preceding months when my treatment interval had been extended to seven weeks or had it grown during the most recent seven weeks when I had three separate infusions and thus had actually stopped the growth as compared to the October 2017 scan referenced by the radiologist.

Not knowing definitively which scenario was correct, and rather than switch off the horse that we rode in on so successfully, we decided to commit to another familiar quarter of alimta every three weeks, etc., and re-assess in 12 weeks when my next typically/regularly scheduled CT scan will occur. Then we can re-evaluate our options.

If in the interim however, I feel this newly acknowledged tumor growing, and given its location directly under my Adam's Apple, it's likely I will feel/see something unlike I would with any of the other tumors located throughout my lungs, I will, as they say, alert the authorities.

To be clear - as clear as layman Kenny can be after hearing an oncologist's answer to one of Kenny's muddled what-if cancer questions - this currently focused-on tumor does not represent "spread:" movement in non-medical terms. And movement/"spread" in the cancer-patient's world is not good. So far as I understand anyway.

However thankful I am that this tumor's appearance doesn't indicate 'spread,' its growth is nonetheless concerning. Unfortunately, for our sanity, the best course of action, all things considered, per Friday's appointment/discussion/agreed-on strategy going forward, is to wait and see.

Hardly ideal. But in the cancer treatment business, there is some reactive rather than proactive pursuits.

As much as I want and expect my oncologist to know answers/outcomes in advance, he doesn't/just can't. Cancer is in control and what it decides to do is anybody's guess. For my oncologist, it's an educated guess. For the patient (yours truly, anyway), it's not a guess, it's a hope and a prayer.

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