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My Last Welcome Letter For Connection Newcomers

By Sharon Bulova
Chairman
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

When I was first elected to the Board of Supervisors in 1987 the Braddock District was called Annandale. Fairfax County’s population (now 1.15 million) was approximately 746,600. There was no VRE (Virginia Railway Express Commuter Rail System) nor was there a Springfield Franconia Metro Station or a Fairfax County Parkway. When I took office as a freshman Supervisor in January 1988, Fairfax County was, for the most part, a rapidly growing suburban bedroom community. Tysons was still just a shopping mall.

During the past decade while I have had the honor to serve you as Chairman, Fairfax County has:
❖ Navigated the financial crises caused by the Great Recession with the County’s covered triple A bond rating by all three rating agencies still intact;
❖ Welcomed Metro’s Silver Line to Tysons and Reston, with a station at Dulles Airport to open next year;
❖ Ushered in new land use plans for Tysons and other aging commercial and industrial areas of the County in need of revitalization;
❖ Reengineered our police policies to include more transparency and de-escalation tactics with a focus on the sanctity of life;
❖ Created Diversion First, a program for people with mental illness or developmental disabilities, experiencing an encounter with law enforcement to receive treatment instead of incarceration;
❖ Updated the County’s Environmental Vision to include a new focus on Energy Efficiency and Climate;
❖ Strengthened collaboration between the Board of Supervisors and the School Board in the areas of budget development, land use planning and joint environmental initiatives;
❖ Reduced homelessness by nearly 50% employing a Housing First strategy to put a roof over homeless individuals’ heads and connecting them to resources needed to help them get back on their feet;
❖ Lastly, and most importantly, our Board, in partnership with the School Board, established One Fairfax, a social and racial equity compact, to ensure that ALL residents of Fairfax County have access to equitable opportunities for success.

I have been deeply honored to serve the residents of Fairfax County for these many years. I will really miss this job! Jurisdictions throughout the country look to Fairfax County as a leader and innovator, and I am proud, working with my colleagues on the Board and our excellent County staff, to have led our county to where it is today. Fairfax County is an awesome place, with a culture of engagement, acceptance of different cultures and backgrounds and a willingness to work together to resolve conflicts.

Fairfax County is poised for many exciting opportunities ahead. I am confident the next Board of Supervisors, in partnership with members of the community, will continue the positive momentum we are known for.

Rich Heritage and Strong Sense of Community
Supervisor welcomes newcomers to Dranesville District.

By Supervisor John W. Foust
Dranesville District

The Dranesville District includes McLean, Great Falls, Herndon and some areas of Vienna and Falls Church and has about 125,000 residents. It runs from the Arlington County border to the Loudoun County border along the beautiful Potomac River. Herndon is a quintessential small American town with a rich heritage and strong sense of community. It also has a vibrant transit area developing around a new Metro station that will open soon.

McLean is an active community with some of the most beautiful neighborhoods in the Metropolitan region. Only a few miles from Tysons and the Dulles Corridor, Great Falls is a semi-rural community where residents actively participate in preserving its history and protecting its environment.

Dranesville includes some of the best County and National parks in the region including Riverbend Park, Great Falls Park, and Scotts Run Nature Preserve. The District is also home to numerous excellent public schools including the high achieving and highly regarded Langley, McLean, and Herndon High Schools. Throughout the District, there are excellent libraries and active arts communities. All three communities have outdoor summer concert series and old-fashioned farmers’ markets. The introduction of Metro’s Silver Line has provided an alternative to the automobile for Dranesville residents. Expansion of the Silver Line to Dulles Airport and into Loudoun, scheduled to open in 2020, will make traveling that much easier. The excellent schools, parks and libraries, lovely neighborhodors, active youth sports and arts programs, and its active, interesting, and friendly residents make Dranesville an excellent place to live, raise a family, and do business.

Fairfax County, and especially Tysons and Dranesville District is home to numerous excellent public schools including Langley, McLean, and Herndon High Schools: The Hendon High School Senior Class Council, Cristian Lainez, Sari Levine, Angelina Margraf, Joseph Parodi, Kelsey Rogers, Sebastien Roy (not pictured), Alison Stern, Amberly Silva-Arriaga, Ellie Wichman and Michelle Tran celebrate the Class of 2019 graduation.

There are many projects, studies, and programs underway throughout the Dranesville District. Below, I have highlighted a few that are nearing completion or that will be getting started next year.
❖ Balls Hill/Georgetown Pike Intersection
Work is well underway on a project to improve the intersection of Georgetown Pike and Balls Hill Road in McLean, one of the most congested areas in the Dranesville District. Following requests from community members, and advocacy from local and state elected officials, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) began work this summer on a project that will add a much-needed left-turn lane to northbound Balls Hill Road at its intersection with Georgetown Pike. Adding the left-turn lane will allow residents traveling north across Georgetown Pike to do so in their own through lane.

Although not expected to their homes without mixing with the Beltway-bound traffic turning left at the intersection. This project includes pavement widening and minor signal, striping, drainage, and signage changes. Work on this project will

See Dranesville Challenge...
‘I’ll be There For You’

McNair Elementary welcomes parents and Kindergarten to sixth graders back to school.

By Mercia Hobson
The Connection

When McNair Elementary School in Herndon opened its doors for the first day of the 2019-2020 school year on Monday, Aug. 26, it marked the final year students in kindergarten through sixth-grade would all run together with “McNair Mustang Pride.”

According to Melissa Goddin, Principal of McNair Elementary, construction was underway on the existing campus for the new Northwest County area elementary school designated to serve fourth-sixth grade students with an anticipated completion in Fall 2020. Fairfax County taxpayers supported the 2017 School Bond Referendum to build a new place to learn due to rising enrollment and overcrowding.

With the realization that this could be the final year together under one roof, the school announced it adopted as its theme for the year, “I’ll Be There for You,” the theme song to the sitcom “Friends” recorded by duo, “The Rembrandts.”

Being there for one another is what it is all about at McNair. On opening day, teachers donned their gray McNair Mustang Pride t-shirts and prepared to open the double doors and allow parents, just this time, to walk children to their classrooms, to be there for them, especially the kindergartners.

Peter Conteh arrived early with his 5-year old son, his first child to send off to kindergarten and also named Peter. Together they stood in front of the school, a dad there for his son snapping pictures to mark the day. When the doors opened, Conteh and his son filed in with the crowd.

Families living nearby walk their children to McNair Elementary in Herndon for the first day of classes.

Peter Conteh arrives early with his 5-year old son, also named Peter for his first day of school as a kindergartner at McNair Elementary School in Herndon.

Hand in hand, family members and friends make their way to classrooms on the first day of the school year 2019-2020 at McNair Elementary in Herndon.
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What Do You Love Most About Herndon?
— Mercia Hobson

James Bourne of 1690 Farm, Town of Herndon, Farmers Market Vendor:
“I love the Herndon Farmers Market. I love all the people because I’ve met incredible people here and developed great friendships. I feel part of the community.”

Simon Fall of Falls Church:
“I travel a lot on my job and Herndon was always a signpost on the way to Dulles. My wife said, ‘Go into Herndon.’ One of my first times, I was at the first Farmers Market of the season. I was impressed with the cleanliness and community spirit. John, the Farmers Market Manager, defines the community spirit. He even sets up the tents, and as a reporter, you are helping the residents.”

Amanda Jasper of Herndon:
“I love it. It’s a real community. Everything here we can walk to.”

Wendy Newman of Rye, England:
“The store owners and the shopkeepers are very generous. They even give you free samples.”

Tom Spence, 15, of Reston:
“I really like the food here. You have so many great restaurants featuring different types of food.”

Maryellen Leister of Reston:
“I’ve been working the Herndon Farmers Market for over ten years. I’m very impressed with the whole community spirit. They do story hours for the Children’s Festival.”

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

Here in our Newcomers and Community Guide, we include details of how to vote in the upcoming elections, information on local and regional fairs and festivals, plus tips and tidbits from the community.

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

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

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

We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees and anniversaries are welcome. It is especially important to us to let people know about events ahead of time in our calendar of events. We appreciate getting notice at least two weeks ahead of the event, and we encourage photos.

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- **Committee for Helping Others (CHO), Vienna, organized in 1969 by a group of churches and individuals in the Dunn Loring, Merrifield, Oakton, Vienna community to provide simple, losing charity to those in need. Last year 450 children had a special Christmas through the annual Christmas Shop. 703-281-7014, www.cho-va.com**

- **Northern Virginia Family Service.** Just $50 provides a complete holiday meal to a family of four. Donate at give.nvfs.org/holidaydonation or via check payable to “NVFS” with “Operation Turkey” on the memo line, or send grocery store gift cards. Northern Virginia Family Service, attn: Holiday Initiatives, 10455 White Granite Drive, Suite 100, Oakton, VA 22124.

- **Second Story — Abused and Homeless Children’s Refuge, 2100 Galloway Road, Vienna, VA 22182, 703-506-9191. Second Story (formerly Alternative House) provides shelter and services for homeless, runaway or abused teenagers, unaccompanied youth, and young women and their children. Requests for food and clothing are up more than 50 percent. second-story.org.**

- **Touching Heart — Nepotism organization whose mission is to educate children to have giving hearts. www.touchingheart.com, 703-901-7355.**

- **Western Fairfax Christian Ministries — food pantry at 13381 Metrotech Drive in Chantilly. For more information or to sponsor a family, call 703-988-9656, ext. 105. To mail gift cards or send donations by check, add a note saying “food basket program” and send them to: WFCM, P.O. Box 22802, Chantilly, VA 20153. 703-988-9656.**

- **Assistance League of Northern Virginia is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that feeds, clothes and educates children in need. Assistance League's philanthropic programs touch the lives of thousands of children at 11 Title I schools in Northern Virginia, serving children most in need at selected schools in Fairfax and Prince William counties and the City of Alexandria. To learn more about volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, contact sherinrewaal@gmail.com or visit www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org**

- **Shelter House provides crisis intervention, safe housing and supportive services to promote self-sufficiency for homeless families and victims of domestic violence in Fairfax County. www.shelterhouse.org/get-involved/**

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be completed before school begins this fall.

**Georgetown Pike Trail and Dolley Madison Sidewalk**
Several important sidewalk and trail connections are underway or have been completed in the last year.

In Great Falls, two projects will add asphalt trail along Georgetown Pike, between Falls Chase Court and Seneca Road. With the completion of these segments later this year, pedestrians and bicyclists will be able to walk/ride safely along Georgetown Pike from the Village Centre to Route 7.

Proximity to the Metro is an important benefit of living in McLean. However, it is not always easy or safe to walk to a station. Fairfax County is helping to address this challenge with a project to construct a sidewalk along Rt. 123/Dolley Madison Blvd. from the Great Falls Street/Lewinsville Road intersection to the McLean Metro station. The project is expected to be completed in spring 2020.

**Jones Branch Connector**
The Jones Branch Connector is being completed by VDOT in cooperation with Fairfax County. It will provide an important new link from Route 123, over the Capital Beltway (I-495), to Jones Branch Drive in Tysons. The new connection will improve local traffic and access for drivers, in addition to offering a great option for area bicyclists and pedestrians. By providing an alternate route across the Beltway and linking the Tysons East and Central areas, the Connector is expected to relieve traffic along Route 123, at the I-495 interchange, and at other congested intersections. One travel lane in each direction opened last December. The project is expected to be fully completed in fall 2019. It will include two travel lanes and on-street bike lanes in each direction, 8- to 12-foot-wide lighted sidewalks, landscaping and other streetscape amenities, and a wide, raised median to accommodate future transit options, such as a circulator-bus route.

**Hutchison Elementary Crosswalk and Pedestrian Refuge**
Following conversations with community members, Hutchison Elementary school staff, and neighbors, and advocacy from Supervisor’s office, the Fairfax County Department of Transportation will relocate and improve the crosswalk on Parcher Avenue near Hutchison Elementary School’s entrance. The crosswalk will be moved to the other side of the driveway where visibility is better and a pedestrian refuge median will be added. The project will be completed this fall.

**Revitalization of McLean Community Business Center (CBC)**
Downtown McLean has seen some revitalization in recent years (the undergrounding of utilities, landscape and streetscape improvements, construction of a few development projects). However, the last significant review of the Comprehensive Plan recommendations for the area occurred over 20 years ago. In 2018, the County initiated a study of the CBC to look at revitalization opportunities, gather community input, and review recommendations for future land uses, development intensities, transportation, public facilities, and urban design within the Community Business Center.

As part of this process, the County and its consultant hosted several community workshops and open houses during the second half of 2018 to better define the vision for a revitalized downtown area based in economic realities and community priorities. Last December, a final vision plan was presented to the community. Since then, Supervisor Foust formed a task force comprising McLean area residents and civic group representatives. It has been working with County staff to translate community input into recommendations for changes to the Comprehensive Plan. The task force has been meeting monthly to discuss a variety of topics, including transportation, environment, and public facilities. Recommendations will be based on the community’s vision and will consider the submitted suggestions for land use changes. All Task Force meetings are open to the public.

These recommendations will be presented to the community at a meeting later this year or in early 2020. Conversations with residents and stakeholders will continue as the planning effort proceeds. Within the next year, the recommendations will be fully vetted by the community and then go to the Board of Supervisors for approval.
Must-see Places in Dranesville District

We are fortunate to have many wonderful parks, historical features, and community events in the Dranesville District. The following are some of my favorites.

Clemmyjontri Park: Since opening in 2006, more than 200,000 visitors have enjoyed this unique playground where children of all abilities can play side-by-side. Equipment allows children who have physical, sensory, or developmental disabilities to have a parallel playground experience of fun and exploration. The park also includes a carousel, picnic pavilion, and new trackless train. The parking lot has recently been expanded so more visitors can enjoy the park.

6317 Georgetown Pike, McLean

Riverbend Park: This park offers more than 400 acres of forests, meadows, and ponds. Trails include a 2.5-mile portion of the Potomac Heritage Trail that links national and regional parkland. Kayaking, canoeing, and fishing are all available on the Potomac River. Another reason to visit Riverbend Park is to take advantage of the recently completed Outdoor Education Classroom/Picnic Shelter that opened this spring.

8700 Potomac Hills, Great Falls

Colvin Run Mill Historic Site: Colvin Run Mill offers visitors a chance to step back in time. There are tours of the restored mill, which was built around 1811. A general store offers stone ground cornmeal, wheat flour, grits, “penny candy,” snacks, and drinks. Trails are available for quiet walks. Live music, craft demonstrations, ice cream making, and seasonal activities are offered from February through December.

10017 Colvin Run, Great Falls

Turner Farm: Originally the site of a dairy farm, the 52-acre park offers a unique mix of educational and recreational facilities. Observatory Park offers the public a chance to see the night sky from one of Fairfax County’s darkest spots through permanently mounted telescopes. The Analemma Society partners with the Park Authority to provide astronomy programs at the observatory. Equestrians can enjoy a cross country course and a large multi-purpose arena with stadium jumps and dressage markers. Small children can enjoy a tot lot. Under the Park Authority’s Resident Curator Program, the historic Turner Farmhouse has been restored and is now occupied by the Turner Farmhouse Foundation, under the direction of Sarah Kirk.

925 Springvale Road, Great Falls

Runnymede Park: The Town of Herndon owns and maintains this 58-acre park. It is the site for many community nature-related events such as the annual NatureFest, the Spring Native Plant Sale, and the Fall Native Plant Sale. Situated near the Sugarland Run Stream, the park attracts more than 100 species of bird, deer, fox, and other wildlife. Guided walks are offered to highlight the wildlife on the trails. Two park shelters are available for rent.

196 Herndon Parkway, Herndon

MPAartfest: Every October, the McLean Project for the Arts converts McLean Central Park into a free, one-day festival of the arts. Thousands of area residents attend. Vendor tents display the works of numerous juried artists, which are complemented by the exhibitions of children’s and seniors’ artwork, an Open Studio demonstration, and performances by local musicians.

McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean

McLean Day: Sponsored by the McLean Community Center, McLean Day is held on the third Saturday in May. The festival features live entertainment, carnival rides, exhibitions, and delicious foods for visitors of all ages. The event also includes booths where artisans, local businesses, civic organizations, nonprofit groups, and local officials showcase their wares.

1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean

Herndon Festival: Held in late May, the Herndon Festival offers something for the whole family. The festival features two entertainment stages, 10K and 5K races, carnival rides, hands-on arts and activities, food vendors, fireworks, and more. Enjoy four days of fun-filled activities and entertainment.

200 Spring Street, Herndon

Great Falls Freedom Memorial: The Great Falls Freedom Memorial was created in 2004 to honor all who have served our country. The Freedom Memorial hosts annual ceremonies, on Memorial Day, September 11, and Veterans’ Day, as well as a 5K race on July 4. It is a special place to pay respects to and remember those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

9830 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls (Behind the Great Falls Library)

Herndon Friday Night Live!: Friday nights during the summer, Friday Night Live concerts are held on the Herndon Town Green. Concerts are free and feature popular local and regional acts. Most featured bands play rock and roll covers from classic to modern rock, but country and original music are also included for good measure.

Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn Street, Herndon

Friday Night Live is about families, music, fun and food.

—Supervisor John Foust

Oak Hill/Herndon Connection ♦ August 28 - September 3, 2019 ♦ 9

Newcomers
What’s on Horizon for Herndon

Reflections: The future of the Town of Herndon and unincorporated Herndon.

By Mercia Hobson
The Connection

The Town of Herndon, just two miles east of Washington Dulles International Airport and 22 miles west of downtown Washington, D.C., is at the hub of the region’s high-tech corridor. Billed as the “Next Generation Small Town,” its Mayor, Lisa C. Merkel, is committed to retaining the town’s community spirit even as current significant projects including the Herndon Downtown Redevelopment Project, Metro Silver Line, sidewalk widening, and others move forward.

“Herndon is certainly growing, and there will be new developments in the downtown and at the Metro station in the coming years, but it won’t change who we are as a town. The people who live here are the heart of the community, and Herndonians love where they live! We know our neighbors. We take care of each other, and I am excited to welcome new neighbors to Town as we grow.”

John Boylan, President and CEO of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, concurred with Merkel on many points.

“Over the next 5-10 years, Herndon will experience change through the Downtown Revitalization, South Elden Street Development and the Herndon Transit-Oriented Core (HTOC) around the new Metro station. The opening of the Silver Line Phase 2 will find two new stations within the Town of Herndon’s reach by bus, bicycle, scooter or a short walk. The mobility of the Town will adjust to these options and attract more business and residents.”

The Town Council recently approved its first Bicycle Master Plan, which highlights mixed-use trails, cycle tracks, bicycle lanes, and sharrow and future connections.

Boylan discussed the continuing growth in Herndon on the economic level. “Record-setting commercial real estate deals in Arlington and Falls Church will find more federal government agencies and associated contractors moving west with a welcoming environment to live, work and play in the Town of Herndon and surrounding area.”

Herndon will continue to add value to the community through its current annual events, Parks & Recreation activities, Entertainment and Arts as well as introduce new ones. “We continue to offer value to the community whether the 25th anniversary of Friday Night Live or new events like WinterMarkt to celebrate December. There are many opportunities to explore the Arts, Entertainment and Exercise,” said Boylan.

In Greater Herndon and Oak Hill, not part of the Town of Herndon, significant numbers of townhomes are under construction including MetroPark at Arrowbrook and a new upper elementary school is being built.

Current Development Projects

Herndon Metrorail Station, Town of Herndon
Developer: Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Use: Metro Station and access facilities, Silver Line Phase 2, Amenities: Pedestrian walkway to Herndon Parkway, Bicycle Racks at North Entrance Pavilion, Status: Under Construction

Town of Herndon DowntownProperties
Developer: Public/Private partnership between Comstock and Town of Herndon, Use: Mixed Use to include multi-family residential, retail/restaurant, an art center, and structured parking, Design: 3-4 story buildings with architecture compatible with the Heritage Preservation District, Amenities: Off-street private and public garage parking, Streetscape improvements, Art Center, Outdoor public spaces

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Newcomers

What's on Horizon for Herndon

Status: Site Plan Approved. HPRB Application submitted.

1 of 2 Metro area-555 Herndon Parkway, Town of Herndon
Case Name: 555 Herndon Parkway
Description: Retail, Office, and Residential, mixed-use project with a 4.3 FAR, to include one mid-rise building and two high-rise buildings atop podium parking garages lined with ground floor retail and amenity spaces. The plan comprises Private Street with urban streetscapes and public open spaces.
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Status: HTOC Development Plan Approved by Town Council April 9, 2019

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Residences at the Station, Town of Herndon
Developer: Doll Homes, Use: 8 single-family homes,
Design: Historic styling with front porches and detached garages,
Amenities: Improved streetscape, off-street parking, paver driveways
Status - Under Construction

Innovation Center Metrorail Station, Herndon
Developer: Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Use: Metro Station and access facilities,
Silver Line Phase 2, Location: In the median Dulles Toll Road/Airport Access Highway near intersection of Route 28,
Amenities: Seven bike racks, five lockers-north side, 45 racks in garage on south side and five lockers
Status: Under Construction

Floris Conservatory of Fine Arts, Hendon
Applicant: Scimores Academy, LLC, 48,000 square foot conservatory; classes in music, dance, creative and visual arts to students 4-18, 300-seat auditorium, 120-seat conference room
Status - Project anticipated to break ground September 2019

Bike Rodeo in Herndon
Big Truck Day, Town of Herndon
Holiday Homes Tour, Town of Herndon
Memorial Day - Rolling Thunder Leaves Town of Herndon

Photos by Mercia Hobson/The Connection
Fairs & Festivals

September 2019

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Herndon Labor Day Festival, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Great music, a craft show, food, 12 wineries and micro-brews and culinary demonstrations. Visit herndonva.gov/ recreation/special-events/labor-day-festival for more.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7-8

Burke Centre Festival, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m at Burke Centre Conservancy, 4600 Burke Centre Parkway Burke. Festival includes an Arts & Craft Fair, festival food vendors, amusement rides, pony rides, musical entertainment provided by locally and nationally recognized performers, photos, and wine tour. Visit www.burkecentreweb.com or call 703-988-0710 for more.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Dulles Day Plane Pull, At Dulles International Airport, Dulles. The 2019 Dulles Day Family Festival & Plane Pull is a full day of excitement with airplane and auto shows, the children’s zone and bus pull, varied displays and activities, vendors, food and live music. Visit www.planepull.com for more.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Reston Multicultural Festival, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Lake Anne Plaza, Reston, The Reston Multicultural Festival celebrates all the entertainment, dress, food, and cultural treasures from all over the world that are all here in Reston. Rain or shine. Free. Visit www.restonmulticulturalfestival.com for more.

October 2019

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10-12

Fairfax’s Fall for the Book Festival, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy literature and hear authors give readings at the Fall for the Book Festival. Visit www.fallforthebook.org for more.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Taste of Annandale, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tom Davis Drive in central Annandale, between Columbia Pike and John Marr Drive. The 58th annual Taste of Annandale will showcase local restaurants during a daylong family-friendly event provides visitors with a unique introduction to live entertainment; a chili cook-off; and much more. Visit www.tasteofannandale.com for more.

THURSDAY-MONDAY, OCTOBER 24-28

Taste of Reston. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 11900 Market Street, Reston. The Taste of Reston celebrates multicultural music, dance, and other live performances/entertainment stages, two fireworks displays, horse and livestock shows. Visit www.tastofreston.com for more.

November 2019

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29


December 2019

SUNDAY, DEC. 1

Great Falls Celebration of Lights at Village Field, 3401 Broadwater Plaza, Great Falls. At the begin of the season with a Christmas Tree Lighting. Enjoy hot chocolate and seasonal music. Visit celebrategreatfalls.org/event/celebration-of-lights for more info.

The whirl and twirl of rides by Cole Shows Amusement Company attracted crowds during the Fairfax County 71st 4-H Fair and Carnival held at Frying Pan Park in Herndon.

Fairfax County 4-H Fair and Carnival

Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with carnival games, rides and tempting foods. Friday features the free Big Truck Night event from 5:30-7:30 p.m. “No Horn” hour is from 5:30-7 p.m. Tractor Pull at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Stop by the 4-H Fair throughout the weekend as exhibitors display their winning entries and get their farm animals ready to show. Try a turn at farm chores, watch stage entertainment and enjoy horse and livestock shows. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/arts-in-the-parks for more.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Lavender’s Holiday Bazaar at 5500 Ox Road Fairfax Station. Event is 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. This is a family event with free admission. Shop a variety of vendors including small business and homemade arts and crafts. There will also be a Silent Auction with proceeds benefiting local hypothermia shelters this winter. Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/living-sessions-third-annual-holiday-bazaar-tickets-64259195985 for more.

April 2020

APRIL 18-25

Historic Garden Week. This eight-day statewide event provides visitors with a unique opportunity to see elaborate gardens with more than 2,000 flower arrangements created by the Garden Club of Virginia Members. Visit www.va.garden.org for more.

May 2020

Great Falls Artfest on the Green. On the Great Falls Village Green. Great Falls Spring Art Show and Sale under the big tent and a few little tents, too. This annual event is a show and sale highlighting Great Falls Studios members both at Great Falls Grange & Schoolhouse and in the working studios in Great Falls Village Centre. Visit www.greatfallsart.org/artfest/great-falls-annual-charity-golf-tournament.html for more.

June 2020

THURSDAYS, MAY-AUGUST

Take a Break Concert Series. 7-9 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 11404 Washington Plaza W., Reston. On Thursdays, take a break with this outdoor concert series. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com/take-a-break for more.

FRIYDAYS, MAY-AUGUST

Herndon Friday Night Live. 6:30 p.m. 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Listen to great music on Friday nights during the summer. Visit herndonrocks.com/schedule.php for more.

June 2020

Springfield Days, South Run Park, 7500 Reservation Drive, Springfield. Springfield Days is a community-wide celebration that includes a 5K run, “Pet Fest” and car show. Visit www.springfielddays.com for more.

Cardboard Regatta. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Watch the cardboard boat creations race along Lake Accotink’s shoreline at 2 p.m. $4 vehicle fee. Call 703-369-0285 or email julie.tahan@fairfaxcounty.gov for more.

May 2020


JUNE 2020


Great Falls 4th of July Celebration & Parade. 8 a.m. Walk Run, Black Dog Road, Little Patriot Parade, and floats, horses, antique cars and pets making a loop in the Main Parade. Fireworks. Great fun! Visit www.fairfaxCounty.gov/4th-of-july-celebration for more.


JULY 2020

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**Children's Chalk Contest**

Young artists up to age 17 may work on their own creative pieces in designated spaces within our parking lot. Chalk will be provided. We recommend parents bring their own seating. Event will be canceled if rain is forecast or ground is wet. Saturday, Sept. 7, 2-4 p.m. at Hidden Street Studio, 761 A Monroe St., Herndon. Free. Visit www.moonnestreetstudio.com for more.

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**Reston Chorale Auditions**

The Reston Chorale is auditioning all voice parts for the 2019-20 Season. Tuesday, Sept. 3, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. 

The mission is to provide an excellent and accessible arts education and performance opportunity for all adults. 55 and over, regardless of experience or ability, who seek arts education and performance opportunities under a professional artist. No auditions are required to sing. Singers learn vocal technique, proper breathing and posture, and music literacy. All concerts are free and open to the public. The fee is $175 for weekly rehearsals, sheet music, practice tracks, and performances. The Reston Chorale repertoire includes musical and secular works from around the world. Visit www.encorecreativity.org or call 301-261-7547 for more information.

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**MONDAY/SEPT. 2**

**Herndon Labor Day Festival.** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. in Downtown Herndon and Herndon Municipal Center, 777 Lee St., Herndon. An annual one-day outdoor street festival featuring live music all-day. Virginia wineries, local craft beers, a craft show, sponsorship gallery, and a variety of food vendors. The Town of Herndon Parks and Recreation Department produces the event in conjunction with the Herndon Woman’s Club. Partial proceeds go to scholarship programs. Admission with wine tasting or craft beer tastings (four craft beer tickets), $25, entrance only/designated driver (no alcohol), $5, children 12 and under free; no pets allowed. Visit herndon-va.gov/recreation or call 703-787-7300.

**TUESDAY/SEPT. 3**

**Encore Chorale of Reston.** Weekly rehearsals, Tuesdays, 2:30-4 p.m. at Fellowship Church, 2550 Fox Mill Road, Herndon. Encore’s mission is to provide an excellent and accessible arts education and performance opportunity for all adults. 55 and over, regardless of experience or ability, who seek arts education and performance opportunities under a professional artist. No auditions are required to sing. Singers learn vocal technique, proper breathing and posture, and music literacy. All concerts are free and open to the public. The fee is $175 for weekly rehearsals, sheet music, practice tracks, and performances. The Reston Chorale repertoire includes musical and secular works from around the world. Visit www.encorecreativity.org or call 301-261-7547.

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**FRIDAY/SEPT. 6**

**The Storytime Social Hour.** 11 a.m. at Scrawl Books, 1191 Freedom Drive, Reston. Every Friday, moms, dads, caregivers and kids are invited to join a Storytime Social Hour. Scrawl will provide coffee and treats for the adults; stories and fun for the little ones. Make new friends or meet up with neighbors. Visit www.scrawlbooks.com or call 703-966-2111.

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**SATURDAY/SEPT. 7**

**The Bookworms Club.** 11 a.m. at Scrawl Books, 1191 Freedom Drive, Reston. The Storytime Social Hour. Scrawl will provide coffee and treats for the adults; stories and fun for the little ones. Make new friends or meet up with neighbors. Visit www.scrawlbooks.com or call 703-966-2111.
The Closet Of The Greater Herndon Area awards grant.

Representing Herndon throughout the United States in national and regional championship Triathlon, Duathlon and Road Running competitions, attorney Doug Landau of the Herndon law firm Abrams Landau, Ltd. has again qualified to represent the entire country as a member of TeamUSA at next year’s World Championships. Lawyer Landau, just returned from the Mid-Atlantic Sprint Triathlon Championships in Cleveland, Ohio, has competed at prior sprint Duathlon World Championships in Adelaide Australia and Pentiston, Canada. Landau focuses his athletic training on sprint triathlons, which require athletes to swim, bike and then run, as well as duathlons, which usually follow a “run-bike-run” format. The Abrams Landau law firm’s location, just off the 20-mile marker of the W&OD Trail by the Herndon caboose and Municipal Center, makes it an ideal location from which to bike on the paved path and run on the cinder horse trail or nearby turf fields.

“When we bought our buildings here on the corner of Station and Center Streets in the Historic District of Herndon, we knew about the trails, but the Green Lizard Bike Shop was not there, nor did we know that the Reston Bike Club rides would leave from the municipal lot down the block. Our law office building’s Herndon location is perfect for training for multisport competition.”

The 2020 ITU Sprint Distance Duathlon World Championships will be contested in Almere-Amsterdam in the Netherlands. Landau has raced successfully in a number of countries and half of the states in the USA so far. Because he is licensed in a number of countries and half of the states in the USA so far. Because he is licensed to practice law in states from Florida to Connecticut, he is often able to combine helping injured clients, teaching and racing when he is on the road. Landau quips, “Wherever I travel, it’s cases, races, places and faces (of friends, family, clients, counsel). Once I know I am going somewhere for a race or a case, I try to see what place I want to visit and who I may already know or want to meet there.”

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Landau’s Fall multisport calendar includes races at the Quantico Marine Corps Base, Bethany Beach Delaware, Lake Anna, Williamsburg, Sposylvania and Rock Hall Maryland.
TUESDAY/SEPT. 10
Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group.
7-8 p.m. Fairfax County’s Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group meets by phone. This month’s topic is an open discussion on advance care planning and end of life decisions. Call 703-324-5848, TTY 711 to register.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 11
Preference Poll Candidate Forum, 6:30 p.m. at RCC Hunters Woods, in the CenterStage, located at 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. The Reston Community Center (RCC) Board of Governors announces five candidates to fill three-year positions. This year’s candidates are incumbents Beverly Gosham, Michelle Moyer and Paul Thomas, and first-time candidate Laurie DeEd and Robert Fertitta. Voting begins on Sept. 6, 2019. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com or call 703-476-4500.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 17
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MONDAY & WEDNESDAY/ SEPT. 30- OCT. 23
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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

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By Mercia Hobson
The Connection

The first day of school is a critical time in the lives of children. An opportunity to shop and choose new back-to-school clothes and shoes excited Yuri Duncan, 7, and Malachi Nealy, 10. On Wednesday, Aug. 21, the Fairfax County Sheriff’s Office took Yuri, Malachi and thirty-eight other children shopping for back-to-school items, but not before a complimentary pizza lunch by Paisano’s Pizza.

These children live right now at the Katherine K. Hanley and Patrick Henry family shelters operated by Shelter House, and the Next Steps family shelter run by Facets. Now in its 28th year, the 2019 Shop with the Sheriff Program allowed local shelter children the opportunity to select and purchase clothing they liked, suited to their individual personalities, while interacting in a positive experience with law enforcement. “Together, we truly are changing lives,” said Joe Myer Execuctive Director and CEO of Shelter House.

“I'd like some Jojo shoes because I wear dresses,” said Yuri Duncan as she and Sheriff's Deputy J. M. Smith, Field Training Officer, ate their pizza and got to know each other.

FOR MALACHI NEALY, it was all about being cool. “I'm looking for stylish, cool clothes in teal and light blue.” Shiah Allen, 8, who sat with Sheriff's Deputy L. R. Favetti said he wanted a hoodie with a 100 on it, and Noah Mathews, 10, knew exactly what clothing and shoes he wanted to get to dominate the game on the school courts. “I'd like themed t-shirts, shorts, and new Nike James LeBron shoes.”

“I love the interaction between our kids and our Sheriff's deputies,” said Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey A. Kincaid. “These children are living in family shelters. Helping them prepare for the start of the school year with new clothes is something we can see and appreciate. Less obvious, but just as important, is the relationship building. We are law enforcement officers ... we are regular people who can tell jokes and stories. We want the children to engage with us today and in the future.”

According to Sheriff Kincaid, since the program was not county-funded, the Office relied on contributions from individuals and corporate donations such as Target, Paisano's Pizza and new partner this year, Oracle in Reston.

"Each child is paired up with a Deputy Sheriff or civilian staff member and given $250 gift cards so they can purchase items such as clothing, accessories, things that they need...on the first day and beyond, so they are able to walk in with a sense of pride and can focus on their studies.”

For many of the deputies, the event was a repeat performance. “I love helping out ... This is my third or fourth time,” said Deputy Sheriff J.M. Smith as she sat coloring with Yuri Duncan and eating pizza. For Deputy L. R. Favetti, it was his first time volunteering, which momentarily concerned his shopping partner, Shiah Allen, 8. That is until Favetti added: "I have lots of nieces and nephews, so I know how to shop.”

Shiah Bulova, Chairman Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Supervisor John W. Cook (R-Braddock District) waited at Target for the children, Kincaid and the deputies to arrive. Before the children came, Bulova said, “This is one of my favorite events of the year. It’s heartwarming to see the interaction between the Sheriff’s deputies and these children. It changes the children’s opinion of law enforcement.”

When the children arrived, Cook spoke to the group. “You just show our deputies what you need, and they will be happy to get it for you. ... School is really important. ... We want you ready to learn and have fun with your fellow classmates.”

IN A FILMED INTERVIEW, Kincaid explained while Shop with the Sheriff provided the tangible benefit of new clothes and shoes, it also provided intangible benefits. The experience gave the children a sense of control as they selected and excitedly tried on the clothing they picked out. The new clothes also gave the children a sense of pride, which would allow them to focus on their education. It also allowed positive interaction between deputies and the children.

“This is a great program, and I wish we could have it every single day. We love to interact and be the role models for the children,” said Kincaid.