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# NEWCOMERS



## My Last Welcome Letter For Connection Newcomers

BY SHARON BULOVA, CHAIRMAN  
FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**W**hen 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.

I will be retiring at the end of December, after serving 31 years on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors — 11 years as Chairman and 20 years before that as the Braddock District Supervisor. What I have come to understand over these many years is that the one thing you can be certain of is that things will change. Indeed, a lot has changed over that span of time.

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 coveted 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.

### VIEWPOINTS

## What Do You Love Most About Reston?

—MERCIA HOBSON

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### Connor Witt, 18, of Reston:

"I live on Lake Anne, and I really enjoy being on the water. I'm happy Reston has so many activities, trails, lakes and tennis courts. There's something for everyone."



### Marie Dauenheimer of Reston:

"The Farmers Market, trails and Metro accessibility. We can have guests take the train to D.C."



### Garrett Johnston, a new resident of Reston:

"What I really love about Reston is the trees. They remind me of where I grew up, in old Virginia. You don't see that in many suburbs of D.C."



### Chelsea Graves, of Reston:

"I moved out of Reston when I was six, and I've returned as a Reston Farmers Market vendor. I think the way they organized and planned Reston is one of the best, aesthetically pleasing communities. I feel that the intentional design cultivates a real beautiful sense of community I can feel here."



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# OPINION

## New Direction for Reston Association

BY JOHN LOVAAS  
RESTON IMPACT PRODUCER/HOST



Last Thursday, curiosity drove me to the Reston Association to hear an initial discussion of next year's RA budget, the first to be prepared and managed by Hank Lynch who took the reins as RA's CEO in January 2019. Lynch was to introduce his vision for RA's future and the resources needed to take us there.

Before the Board of Directors and Fiscal Advisory Committee members could get to the agenda, however, about 25 residents demanded to speak about the "rumor" that RA was going to close Lake Thoreau swimming pool. It seems the RA South Lakes Director, in a monumental gaffe, let it slip the Board was considering doing so. For over an hour, the group demanded the pool be saved, tearing into RA's evil plan and various past sins as well — despite being assured by the Board President that no such decision had been made. Most were unconvinced.

Welcome to Reston, Mr. Lynch. Please begin your presentation.

Lynch smoothly used the community upset to segway into his plans to repair the "obviously damaged" RA brand. He reported that Brand Consultancy is already surveying our region to develop a basis for repairing the brand. This six-figure contract is an initial step towards Lynch's two new goals for RA: 1) striving for 100 percent customer satisfaction; and, 2) striving to increase the value of all Reston properties. He sees RA in years ahead as having two fundamental roles — a profit-making

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business and member customer service.

Profit-making will be essential to help fund the budget growth needed to achieve the stated goals because, as he rightly pointed out, it is unlikely that assessment increases at the funding levels he wants will be feasible. He sees the

budget reaching stable levels in 3-4 years, after which increases will be needed only to cover inflation, i.e., 2 to 3 percent per annum. David Kerr, Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, challenged Lynch's underlying budgetary constraint premise. Kerr pointed out that for the last five years, RA had in fact ended every budget year with uncommitted balances between \$300,000 and \$800,000. Lynch said he could be counted on to spend every bit of approved budgets.

He said the Lake House was an excellent acquisition, an example of an asset that could pull in corporate bucks, after some redesign and improvements. He suggested staff morale is a problem, perhaps pay related. When a Fiscal Committee member countered that he thought staff was well paid (e.g., generous health plan and six folks making over \$120K?), Lynch said he has a compensation study in process "which says the opposite." Besides increases in pay and benefits, growth is planned in new personnel, e.g. corporate relations and social marketing as well as capital costs for profit-making infrastructure. To start, a net of 10 new staff are proposed next year, enough to pose a space problem in RA HQ.

"You have to spend money to make money," said President Baum, more than once. What potential new money-making activities are under consideration? Here are some intended to bring in money from visitors, not just residents: tour boats to take visitors around Reston lakes, more boat rentals on lakes, concession stands by lakes and other facilities; tour bikes or electric scooter rentals; airport shuttles; wellness center with spa and massage, meditation classes, state-of-the-art fitness center; adventure park w/climbing ropes, upscale water park, outdoor theatre like Shakespeare in the woods; "Celebrate Reston" events around lakes with food trucks, music, booths. These are preliminary ideas only, reminded Lynch.

By evening's end, I had a lot of new material to process, including some promising ideas from Lynch. I, too, think we might want to consider new recreational infrastructure, facilities. And, it may be time for Pickleball courts.

However, I was troubled by some of his premises. I agree with Kerr and Iyer that he has not demonstrated there is a structural shortfall in the budget. While I applaud his customer service satisfaction goal, I was disappointed that there was no mention of the totally depleted support to Reston's 150 or so cluster and condo associations, and for welcoming/introducing the many thousands of newcomers in our future. Perhaps Lynch should expand his introductory listening tour beyond the narrow confines of the RA HQ.

What do you think? Send comments/letters to [editors@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:editors@connectionnewspapers.com)

## Learning from 1619

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



Local and national news media have given broad coverage of the events last week commemorating the first African enslaved people being brought to the Virginia colony in 1619. Certainly the historic research that has been done in recent years has given a truer picture of the struggling colony at Jamestown that had been founded in 1607 and that saw significant changes 400 years ago this month with the meeting of the first elected representative assembly and with the arrival of the first women and enslaved Africans. As a history buff I read every version of the 1619 story I could find and found the speeches at the commemorative event at Old Point Comfort at Hampton last week to be enthralling.

The real story did not take place in 1619 however but in the 400 years since when slavery lasted for nearly 250 more years and racism, inequality, and injustice continue to today. Slavery was a horrid institution that reminds us just how cruel some can be to others. Following onto slavery was Reconstruction,

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Jim Crow, segregation, and white supremacy that continued the cruelty in other forms.

I am pleased that speakers at the Commemoration were honest and forthright in pointing out the evils of slavery and its aftermath. I could not have been more proud of our two Senators Kaine and Warner, two Congresspersons Bobby Scott and Elaine Luria, and Congressional Black Caucus Chair Karen Bass for their honesty and directness about our past and for our need to make amends and stand against any form of evils in the future.

Our Gov. Ralph Northam was no less critical of our past. He said about the enslaved Africans, "government did not represent them during the 246 years of slavery. It did not represent them through nearly 100 years of Reconstruction and Jim Crow and discrimination. And in many ways, it struggles to represent them today."

The Governor said, "if we are going to begin to truly right the wrongs of our four centuries of history, if we are going to turn the light of

## Pointing out the evils of slavery and its aftermath.

truth upon them, we have to start with ourselves." And the Governor is showing that with his personal experiences he is willing to provide the leadership to move forward.

As the Governor explained, "Virginia is a place of contradictions and complexity. ... We are a state that for too long has told a false story of ourselves. ... The story we tell is insufficient and inadequate, especially when it comes to black history that is American history."

By Executive Order the Governor established a Commission on African American History Education in the Commonwealth with the purpose of ensuring that the history we teach is true and complete. Earlier he had established a Commission to examine the racial inequities in Virginia laws, and there are many that the General Assembly needs to amend out of the Code.

He has directed his staff to ensure that programs and services in the state do not discriminate against anyone because of race or the color of their skin among other areas where discrimination has occurred.

The events of 1619 can remind us that there is much work to be done, and we have a Governor who is willing to provide the leadership to accomplish it.

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### Wendy Martinez, Lake Anne Deli in Reston:

"It's very diverse ethnically. The businesses welcome everyone. It was easy to set up a business in Reston. I've been here for nine years, and the other businesses at Lake Anne welcomed me and my husband, Rogelio."



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### Adrienne Leo, Reston Regional Library, Librarian:

"It's a place for everybody. You see every slice of life here. A library is a good place where you see a sample of that."



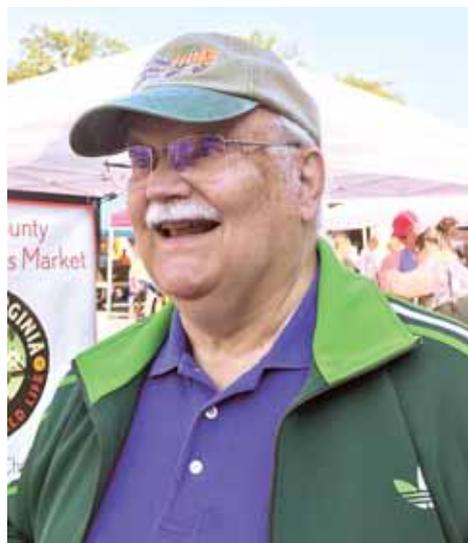
### Kathleen McCarthy of "Live work in Reston," Reston Regional Library, Librarian:

"It's a welcoming place to grow up. I went to Forest Edge Elementary School in Reston, the Gifted Program. In other areas, I heard about gifted kids being bullied. It never happened to me here."



### Eugene W. Overton, MD:

"There are a lot of good neighbors here. One saved my life. When our house was on fire, my neighbor called and asked if I was grilling in the garage. I wasn't. Good neighbors save lives; they enrich our lives as well. A lot of places where neighbors see something, they don't do anything. Here in Reston, they do."



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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

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  - ❖ **Pathway Homes** focuses on providing housing and support services to individuals with serious mental illnesses, with the mission to help these individuals reach their full potential and lead stable lives. They offer both in-home programs, semi-independent houses and assisted living facilities. 10201 Fairfax Boulevard, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA 22030. 703-876-0390 info@pathwayhomes.org www.pathwayhomes.org www.pathwayhomes.org/support-pathway/
  - ❖ **Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services**, 8305-17B Richmond Highway, PO Box 15096, Alexandria, VA, 22039. 703-768-9419, www.goodhousing.org/ The mission of Good Shepherd Housing (GSH) is to reduce homelessness, increase community support, and promote self-sufficiency. GSH housing manages more than 70 housing units.
  - ❖ **Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington Fairfax Area** operates clubs in two of the neediest areas of the county, Culmore and Mount Vernon/ Route 1 corridor, focusing on character and academic success. www.bgcgw.org/fairfax
  - ❖ **Christian Relief Services**, 8301 Richmond Highway, Suite 900, Alexandria, VA 22309, 703-317-9086, 703-317-9690 christianrelief.org/
  - ❖ **Friends of Guest House Northern Virginia** offers structure, supervision, support and assistance to female ex-offenders who want to improve their lives and break the cycle of incarceration. Friends of Guest House offers the only program for women of its kind in Northern Virginia. One East Luray Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301-2025, 703-549-8072, info@friendsofguesthouse.org, friendsofguesthouse.org/

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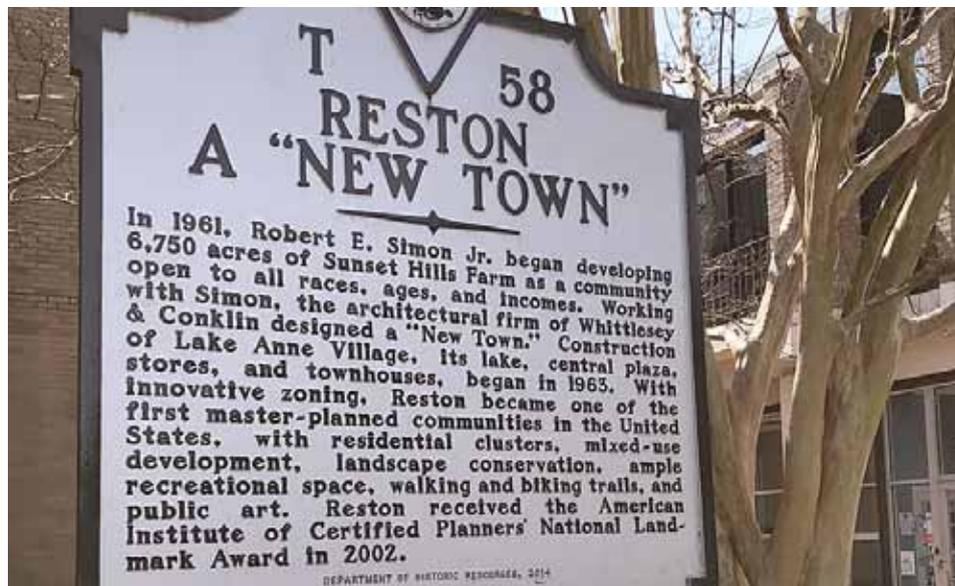
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**R**eston is an unincorporated area in Fairfax County, approximately six miles from Washington Dulles International Airport and 17 miles from downtown Washington, D.C. In 2018, Money magazine ranked it as the Best Place to Live in Virginia due to its many parks, lakes, golf courses and bridle paths and noted the shopping, dining and entertainment opportunities in Reston Town Center. Reston is also home to many large corporations such as Google, Oracle, Bechtel, Leidos, Deloitte and others. Reston's development and its future within the hub of the region's high-tech corridor are at a significant moment.

Concern about high-density commercial and residential developments along the Dulles Toll Road Corridor and areas of the two transit stations, Reston Town Center and Wiehle-Reston East areas ignited concern in some residents about infrastructure keeping pace with construction and density. Fairfax County Planning Commission seeks to transform the areas surrounding the Metro stations into a transit-oriented development, a mixed-use, dense neighborhood connected to Reston Town Center.



Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival, Reston



Sign telling Reston's history located at Lake Anne.

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The Planning Commission delineated an area bounded by New Dominion Parkway, Reston Parkway, Sunset Hills Road, Sunrise Valley Drive and Fairfax County Parkway for transit-oriented development. Reston's first Metro station opened at Wiehle-Reston East in 2014. Reston Station is reportedly delayed to possibly mid to end of 2020 due to ongoing problems.

Being an unincorporated area, Fairfax County governs Reston, and any development includes other stakeholders in the discussion, such as Reston Association (RA) if the land is legally under its jurisdiction and if in Reston Town Center, Boston Properties. Built as a planned community, Reston was founded on the principle of its people being able to live, work and play together. Reston Association is responsible for managing the community's assets. According to RA, it created a "suite of resources" and documents for developers, seeking to work together, as reported in "Welcome to Reston."

John Boylan, President and CEO of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, stated, "Record-setting commercial real estate deals in Arlington and Falls Church will find more federal government agencies and associated contractors moving west."

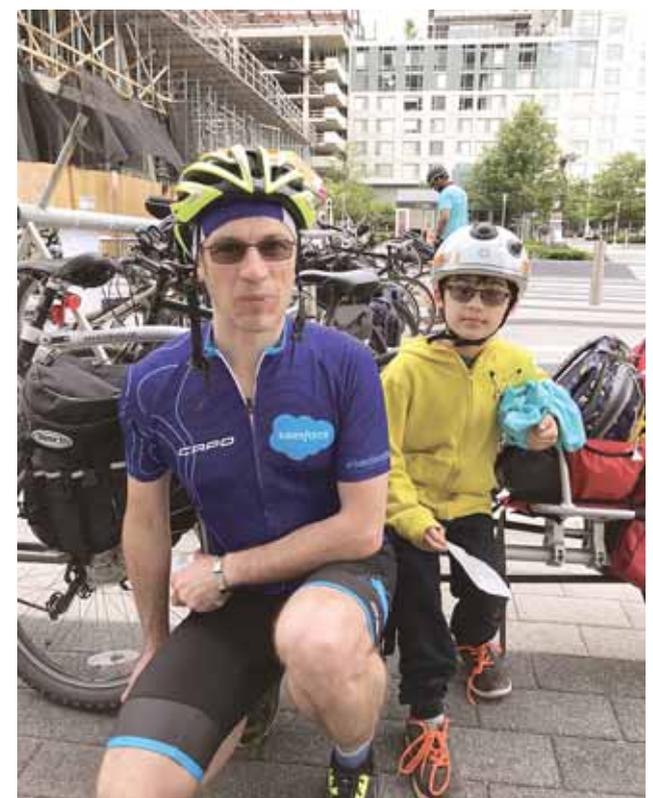
Reston Association, Reston Community Center, Reston Association and others will continue to offer programs to the community and add new ones helping Reston thrive.



Reston Farmers Market, awarded Best Farmers Market in Northern Virginia by "Virginia Living" magazine.



Easter egg hunt, Reston.



Bike to Work Day at the Wiehle-Metro Station.

# NEWCOMERS



Fire Cracker 5K for the Troops, Reston Town Center.



Reston Association's Kids Trout Fishing Day, Reston



Aimee Monticchio, Principal of Langston Hughes Middle School, greets a new student, Natnal Erko, 12, of Reston on the first day back to school 2019.

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## The Year of Panther Power

Langston Hughes Middle School "One Community, One Family" during construction.

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More than 1100 students walked into Langston Hughes Middle School in Reston shortly after 7 a.m., Monday, Aug. 26. Principal Aimee Monticchio stood near the Main Office trailer. She welcomed the seventh and eighth graders as they exited buses and walked down a pathway rimmed with orange and white jersey barriers and tall chain link fencing. Even with the construction noise and the rumbling of cement mixers nearby, no one missed Monticchio's cheerful greetings. "Good morning, glad to see you," she called out.

Natnal Erko, 12, of Reston arrived with family members. New to the school, he expressed enthusiasm about the day and year ahead. "I'm excited to meet my new teachers, and I'd like to join an art club," he said. He took a moment to introduce himself to Monticchio, who told him about the art club.

Monticchio cautioned Erko and other students to walk carefully beside the construction site as renovation continued at Hughes. Over the next three years, a roughly \$40+ million improvement done in five phases would reconfigure the interior substantially. The result would be a new, modern and larger school with among other things, a two-floor addition to the front of the school housing administration offices on the first floor and a library and science classrooms on the second.

A kiss-and-ride in the rear of the school would be added and meet requirements of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

Monticchio directed students to go around the



On the first day of the 2019-2020 school year, Langston Hughes Middle School students offload from buses alongside the construction site for the new roughly \$40+ million renovation project.

Main Office trailer and into the gymnasium. There she would fill the children in about the two sections of the school that were closed off and share the theme for 2019-2020 school year, "Panther Power."

"We want to greet the students and tell them that they belong here. We are welcoming them, and they can be who they are here because we believe they can be successful," said Monticchio, principal of Langston Hughes since 2007.

"We are giving them not only academics but life skills and community skills. We are now one family, and we want them to feel a part of it. We want them to consider others as they're moving throughout our community. And we want them to represent us well, not only in their academic success but beyond these walls, this building and in the community."

## NEWCOMERS AND COMMUNITY GUIDE

# Dates and Deadlines for Election Day

- ❖ On or About Sept. 20: Absentee Voting begins at the Office of Elections, 12000 Government Center Pkwy., Conference Rooms 2/3, Fairfax
- ❖ Oct. 15: Voter Registration Deadline. In-person: 5 p.m., online: 11:59 p.m.
- ❖ Oct. 29: Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail, 5 p.m.
- ❖ Nov. 2 Final day to vote absentee in-person, 5 p.m.
- ❖ Nov. 5: Deadline to return your ballot to the Office of Elections, 7 p.m.
- ❖ Nov. 5: Election Day, Polling Places open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Fairfax County Office of Elections,  
Hours: Monday-Wednesday, Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.  
12000 Government Center Parkway Suite 323  
Fairfax, VA 22035  
703-222-0776 TTY 711  
voting@fairfaxcounty.gov  
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/

When you register to vote in Virginia, you DO NOT register to vote by party. Virginia is an Open Primary state which means that any registered voter in Virginia can vote in either a Democratic or Republican primary. When both parties are holding a primary election, you will be asked which primary you want to vote in when you check in to vote with your photo ID. Note, you may only vote in one primary.

## Voter ID Requirements:

Per Virginia law effective July 1, 2014, all residents must provide valid photo identification when they vote in-person. Please consult the VA Department of Elections for the most up to date information regarding acceptable forms of voter photo ID.

Many types of photo ID are acceptable for voting in Virginia. You only need to show ONE acceptable photo ID to vote. Photo IDs can be used to vote up to one year after the ID has expired. 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, Virginia Voter Photo ID card

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.

## OFFICES ON THE BALLOT, Fairfax County

- ❖ Member Virginia Senate, vote for one in your district
- ❖ Member House of Delegates, vote for one in your district
- ❖ Commonwealth's Attorney, vote for one
- ❖ Sheriff, vote for one
- ❖ Chairman Board of Supervisors, vote for one
- ❖ Member School Board at Large
- ❖ Member Board of Supervisors. vote for one in your district



### Nov. 2 Final day to vote absentee in-person, 5 p.m.

- ❖ Member School Board. vote for one in your district
- ❖ Soil and Water Conservation Director Northern Virginia District
- ❖ School Bonds Referenda

## Voter Registration and Voter Photo ID Opportunities

The Office of Elections is open during normal business hours to provide residents the opportunity to register to vote or obtain a free voter photo ID if needed. The Office of Elections also provides residents opportunities to attend offsite events throughout the year.

## Upcoming Voter Photo ID Events

- ❖ Sept. 7 and Oct. 5, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306
- ❖ Aug. 27, 3 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., Burke Lake Gardens, Thursday, 9608 Old Keene Mill Rd., Burke, VA 22015
- ❖ Sept. 10, 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., Leewood Healthcare Center, Tuesday, 7120 Braddock Rd., Annandale, VA 22003
- ❖ Sept. 11, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., Arleigh Burke Pavilion, Wednesday, 1739 Kirby Rd., McLean, VA 22101
- ❖ Sept. 16, 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m., Chesterbrook Residences, Monday, 2030 Westmoreland St., Falls Church, VA 22043
- ❖ Sept. 20, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., The Virginian, Friday, 9229 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA 22031
- ❖ Sept. 23, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads, Monday, 3440 South Jefferson St., Falls Church, VA 22041
- ❖ Sept. 24, 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., Sunrise at Reston Town Center, Tuesday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., 1778 Fountain Dr., Reston, VA 20190
- ❖ Sept. 24, 2:30 p.m. until 5 p.m., Hunters Woods at Trails Edge, Tuesday, 2222 Colt Necks Rd., Reston, VA 20191
- ❖ Sept. 25, 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., Tall Oaks Assisted Living, Wednesday, 12052 North Shore Dr., Reston, VA 20192
- ❖ Sept. 26, 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., The Crossings at Chantilly, Thursday, 2980 Centreville Rd., Herndon, VA 20171
- ❖ Sept. 28, Noon until 4 p.m., Reston Multicultural Festival - Lake Anne Plaza, Saturday, 2310 Colt Necks Rd., Reston, VA 20191
- ❖ Oct. 1, 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., The Woodlands Retirement Community, Tuesday, 4320 Forest Hill Dr., Fairfax, VA 22030
- ❖ Oct. 5, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., 2019 First Baptist Church of Merrifield Harvest Festival, Saturday, 8122 Ransell Rd., Falls Church, VA 22042
- ❖ Oct. 5, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306
- ❖ Oct. 7, 10:30 a.m. until Noon, Heatherwood/Burke Health Care, Monday, 9642 Burke Lake Rd., Burke, VA 22015

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## Candidates, Fairfax County

### Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Jeffrey C. McKay (D)  
Joseph F. Galdo (R)

### Commonwealth's Attorney

Steve T. Descano (D)  
Jonathan L. Fahey (I)

### Sheriff

Stacey Ann Kincaid (D)  
Christopher F. De Carlo (I)

### Board of Supervisors, District Representatives

Braddock District  
James R. Walkinshaw (D)  
S. Jason Remer (R)  
Carey Chet Campbell (I)

### Dranesville District

John W. Foust (D) incumbent  
Ed. R. Martin (R)

### Hunter Mill District

Walter L. Acorn (D) unopposed

### Lee District

Rodney L. Lusk (D) unopposed

### Mason District

Penelope A. "Penny" Gross (D) incumbent  
Gary N. Aiken (R)

### Mount Vernon District

Daniel G. "Dan" Storck (D) incumbent, unopposed

### Providence District

Dalia A. Palchik (D)

### Springfield District

Linda D. Sperling (D)  
Patrick S. "Pat" Herryty (R) incumbent

### Sully District

Kathy L. Smith (D), incumbent  
Srilekha R. Palle (R)

## School Board

### School Board At-Large (vote for three)

Abrar E. Omeish  
Cheryl A. Buford  
Priscilla M. DeStefano  
Rachna Sizemore Heizer  
Vinson Palathingal  
Ilryong Moon, incumbent  
Karen A. Keys-Gamarra, incumbent

### Braddock District, School Board

Zia Tompkins  
Megan O. McLaughlin, incumbent

### Dranesville District, School Board

Anastasia S. Karloutsos  
Ardavan Mobasheri  
Elaine V. Tholen

### Hunter Mill District, School Board

Laura Ramirez Drain  
Melanie K. Meren

### Lee District, School Board

Tamara J. Derenak Kaufax, incumbent

### Mason District, School Board

Ricardy J. Anderson  
Tom L. Pafford

### Mount Vernon District, School Board

Pamela C. Ononiwu  
Steven D. Mosley  
Karen L. Corbett Sanders, incumbent

### Providence District, School Board

Andrea L. "Andi" Bayer  
Jung Byun  
Karl V. Frisch

### Springfield District, School Board

Laura Jane H. Cohen  
R. Kyle McDaniel  
Elizabeth L. Schultz, incumbent

### Sully District, School Board

Stella G. Pekarsky  
Tom A. Wilson, incumbent

### Soil and Water Conservation Director Northern Virginia District

*Vote for Three*  
C. Jane Dudik  
Chris E. Koerner  
Christopher A. Bowen  
Edward F. McGovern  
Jonah E. "Jet" Thomas  
Monica A. Billger  
Gerald Owen "Jerry" Peters Jr., incumbent

## School Bond Ballot Question

This is the text of the public school bond question that will be on the Nov. 5, 2019, general election ballot: Shall Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money, and issue capital improvement bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$360,000,000 for the purposes of providing funds, in addition to funds from school bonds previously authorized, to finance, including reimbursement to the County for temporary financing for, the costs of school improvements, including acquiring, building, expanding and renovating properties, including new sites, new buildings or additions, renovations and improvements to existing buildings, and furnishing and equipment, for the Fairfax County public school system?

## NEWCOMERS

### Reston USE (Useful Services Exchange) – Neighbors Helping Neighbors

**N**eed help moving some furniture in your house, weeding your garden, getting to the airport, feeding your cat while you're away, or getting handyman help? There may be a neighbor who can help.

Reston USE is essentially a timebank, one of more than 800 around the country. Established in 1975, we are a community organization where Reston area members exchange hours of service for time credits they can then use with another member.

No money changes hands – repayment is in kind, by performing services for other USE members. The accounts of members are kept in a central database in hours of USE credit, thus the description as a “time bank.” USE brings people together to help each other with various needs by providing a way to request and offer services. Often lasting friendships blossom as a result of these exchanges.

As a neighbor-to-neighbor service exchange, USE does not expect a professional plumber or electrician to volunteer services for which they need compensation. Services are limited to those that can be done in a few hours and that would not have a large monetary value if provided commercially. The atmosphere of exchanges is one of small friendly exchanges.

To get to know one another and make exchanges easier to transact, we hold an annual potluck picnic at one of Reston’s picnic pavilions in the fall. We also have occasional Lunch Bunch get-togethers in local restaurants and small informal gatherings hosted by



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**USE member Norbert Pink repairs a screen for another member.**

members in their homes. And we hold an annual meeting and potluck supper in March. Not only about service, we are also about getting better acquainted with our neighbors and thus strengthening our community.

Check out our website <https://restonuse.org/> for more information about joining and our activities.

#### BULLETIN BOARD

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

#### 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 3-year positions. This year’s candidates are incumbents Beverly Cosham, Michelle Moyer and Paul Thomas, and first-time candidates Laurie Dodd and Robert Petrine. Voting begins on Sept. 6, 2019. Visit [www.restoncommunitycenter.com](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com) or call 703-476-4500.

#### TUESDAY/SEPT. 17

**DMV2GO at the Library.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. The wireless office on wheels offers all DMV services: driver’s license and ID card applications and renewals, driving records, vehicle titles, license plates, decals, order disabled plates, and more. Information on all services available at [dmv.virginia.gov/general/#dmv\\_2go](http://dmv.virginia.gov/general/#dmv_2go).

#### MONDAY & WEDNESDAY/

#### SEPT. 30-OCT. 23

**Community Emergency Response Team Training.** 7-

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#### DONATIONS NEEDED

**School Supply and Backpack Drive.** 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Parent Resource Center, 2334 Gallows Road, Room 105, Dunn Loring. For the nearly 56,000 students in Fairfax County Public Schools living at the poverty line, obtaining school supplies can be difficult. FCPS is partnering with roughly 20 nonprofits and businesses to ensure that students will have the supplies they need this fall for its “Collect for Kids” campaign. A \$25 donation will fill a backpack with FCPS approved supplies for a student. Organize a collection drive of new backpacks in your community and bring to one of the Collect for Kids drop off locations. Visit [www.collectforkids.org/get-involved](http://www.collectforkids.org/get-involved) or call 703-204-3941.

#### 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 703-324-5484, TTY 711 to register.

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# FAIRS & FESTIVALS

## September 2019

### MONDAY/SEPT. 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 [herndon-va.gov/recreation/special-events/labor-day-festival](http://herndon-va.gov/recreation/special-events/labor-day-festival) for more.

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 7-8

**Burke Centre Festival.** 9:30 am-5 pm at Burke Centre Conservancy  
6060 Burke Centre Parkway Burke. Festival includes an Arts & Craft Fair, festival food vendors, amusement rides, pony rides, musical entertainment provided by local and nationally recognized performers, nature shows, after-hours Wine Garden. Visit [www.burkecentreweb.com/sub\\_category\\_list.asp?category=19&title=Burke+Centre+Festival](http://www.burkecentreweb.com/sub_category_list.asp?category=19&title=Burke+Centre+Festival) for more.

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 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 exhibits, the children's zone and bus pull, varied displays and activities, vendors, food and entertainment. Visit [www.planepull.com](http://www.planepull.com) for more.

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 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.restoncommunitycenter.com/attend-shows-events-exhibits/reston-multicultural-festival](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com/attend-shows-events-exhibits/reston-multicultural-festival) for more.

## October 2019

### THURSDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 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](http://www.fallforthebook.org) for more.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 5

**Taste of Annandale.** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tom Davis Drive in central Annandale, between Columbia Pike and John Marr Drive. The fifth annual Taste of Annandale will showcase local restaurants during a daylong family-friendly celebration aimed at building community spirit, engaging young people, and promoting local businesses. Other activities include a 5K; multicultural music, dance, and other live entertainment; a chili cook-off; and much more. Visit [tasteofannandale.com](http://tasteofannandale.com) for more

### THURSDAY-MONDAY/OCT. 24-28

**Washington West Film Festival.** Screening events in Reston, Arlington and other local areas. For tickets and schedule visit [wwfilmfest.com](http://wwfilmfest.com).

## November 2019

### FRIDAY/NOV. 29

**Reston Holiday Parade** at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St. Reston. Holiday parade with tree lighting, sing along, and more. Visit [www.fxva.com/event/reston-holiday-parade-tree-lighting-sing-along-%26-more/22348/](http://www.fxva.com/event/reston-holiday-parade-tree-lighting-sing-along-%26-more/22348/) for more.

## December 2019

### SUNDAY/DEC. 1

**Great Falls Celebration of Lights** at Village Field. 3:45-6:30 p.m. Celebrate the beginning of the season with a Christmas Tree Lighting. Enjoy hot chocolate and seasonal music. Visit [celebrategreatfalls.org/event/celebration-of-lights/](http://celebrategreatfalls.org/event/celebration-of-lights/) for more info.



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**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 5-7:30 p.m. "No Horn" hour is from 5-6 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. In August at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Admission to the 4-H Fair and Carnival is free; \$10 per car parking fee on Saturday and Sunday. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/4-h-fair](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/4-h-fair) for details.

### SATURDAY/DEC. 7

**Living Saviour'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-saviors-third-annual-holiday-bazaar-tickets-64259195985?aff=ebdssbdestsearch](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/living-saviors-third-annual-holiday-bazaar-tickets-64259195985?aff=ebdssbdestsearch) 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.gardenweek.org](http://www.va.gardenweek.org) for more.

## May 2020

**Great Falls Artfest on the Green.** On the Great Falls Village Green. Great Falls Studios 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/](http://www.greatfallsart.org/artfest/)

**Great Falls Annual Charity Golf Tournament.** Hidden Creek Country Club. 1711 Club House Road, Reston. Join for a morning or afternoon round of golf and support three Great Falls elementary schools. Opportunities for sponsorships and volunteering are available. Visit [www.celebrategreatfalls.org](http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org).

### THURSDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 28-31

**Herndon Festival 2020.** Thursday, 6-10 p.m.; Friday, 5-11 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-11 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Northwest Federal Credit Union, 200 Spring St., Herndon. Four day outdoor festival with three entertainment stages, two fireworks displays, Kid's Alley with children's art area, arts and craft show and more. All ages. Visit [www.herndonfestival.net](http://www.herndonfestival.net) for more.

### 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](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com/take-a-break) for a weekly lineup.

### FRIDAYS/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](http://herndonrocks.com/schedule.php) for more.

## June 2020

**Springfield Days.** South Run Park, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. Springfield Days is a community-wide celebration that includes a 5K run, "Pet Fest" and car show. Visit [www.springfielddays.com](http://www.springfielddays.com) for more.

**Cardboard Regatta.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Featured during Springfield Days, witness the cardboard boat creations race along Lake Accotink's shoreline at 2 p.m. \$4 vehicle fee. Call 703-569-0285 or email [julie.tahan@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:julie.tahan@fairfaxcounty.gov). Visit [www.springfielddays.com](http://www.springfielddays.com) for more.

**Vintage Virginia Wine and Food Festival.** 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. A fun-filled day with food, musical entertainment and more. Visit [www.vintagevirginia.com](http://www.vintagevirginia.com) for more.

**Lake Anne Chalk on the Water Festival.** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Chalk on the Water is a two-day street-painting festival where participants will create street art. Festival goers can purchase a "plot" of brick space on the plaza and paint to their hearts delight whatever flows from their imagination. Visit [www.chalkonthewater.com](http://www.chalkonthewater.com).

**Taste of Reston.** Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Carnival games and rides with a family fun zone. Visit [www.restontaste.com](http://www.restontaste.com) for more.

**Love Your Body Yoga Festival.** Yoga studios and wellness centers of Northern Virginia will be offering classes, services, and information on ways to care for your body, along with live entertainment and activities for children. Donations to participate in classes benefit

Cornerstones. Presented by Beloved Yoga. [www.belovedyoga.com](http://www.belovedyoga.com).

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 5-7

**Celebrate Fairfax! Festival.** Friday, 6 p.m.-midnight; Saturday, 10 a.m.-midnight; and Sunday, 11 a.m.-7p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Musical performances, rides, games and food. Call 703-324-3247 or visit [www.celebratefairfax.com/](http://www.celebratefairfax.com/).

### JUNE-AUGUST

**Reston Concerts on the Town.** Fridays, 7:30-10 p.m. Reston Town Center Pavilion. Bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets and enjoy live music in the Pavilion Saturday nights. Free. Rain or shine. Presented by Reston Town Center, Boston Properties, and Reston Town Center Association. Alcohol permitted at restaurants only. 11900 Market Street, Reston. Visit [www.restontowncenter.com/concerts](http://www.restontowncenter.com/concerts).

**Great Falls Concerts on the Green.** Sundays, 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre Green. Come out with your picnic baskets and chairs for an entertaining evening of free, live music! 776 Walker Road, Great Falls. Visit [www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-green/](http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-green/).

**Arts in the Parks.** Wednesdays & Saturdays, 10 a.m. Performance venues include Burke Lake Park Amphitheater, E.C. Lawrence Park Amphitheater, Mason District Park Amphitheater, and Frying Pan Farm Park Visitor Center. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid-friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/arts-in-the-parks](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/arts-in-the-parks) for more.

## July 2020

**Herndon 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.** Bready Park at the Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. A family-fun event featuring games, arts and craft activities, bingo, food face painting, balloon artists, and fireworks. Visit [www.herndon-va.gov/recreation/special-events/4th-of-july](http://www.herndon-va.gov/recreation/special-events/4th-of-july) for more.

**Great Falls 4th of July Celebration & Parade.** 5K Walk Run, Blood Drive, Little Patriot Parade, and floats, horses, antique cars and pets making a loop in the Main Parade. Fireworks start after dusk. [www.celebrategreatfalls.org/4th-of-july-celebration-parade/](http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/4th-of-july-celebration-parade/)

**Vienna 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival and Fireworks Show.** Live musical entertainment, arts and crafts for kids, antique and classic car show and fireworks. Visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) for more.

**Fairfax's Independence Day Celebration.** In the Downtown Fairfax Historic District. Independence day parade, historical tours, games, entertainment and fireworks. Visit [www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration)

**Obon Festival.** Highlighting Japanese culture at Ekoji Buddhist Temple, 6500 Lakehaven Lane, Fairfax Station. Visit [www.ekoji.org](http://www.ekoji.org) for more.

### JULY-AUGUST

**Braddock Nights Concert Series.** Fridays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield or Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Listen to musical performances in the great outdoors. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/braddock-nights](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/braddock-nights) for location and schedule.

## August 2020

**Fairfax County 4-H Fair and Carnival.** At Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with carnival games, rides and tempting foods. Friday features the free Big Truck Night event from 5-7:30 p.m. "No Horn" hour is from 5-6 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. Thursday and Friday – free parking and discount tickets for unlimited rides. Admission to the 4-H Fair and Carnival is free; \$10 per car parking fee on Saturday and Sunday. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/4-h-fair](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/4-h-fair) for details.

# CALENDAR

Submit entertainment announcements at [www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/). The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

## ONGOING

**Art Exhibit: A Purposeful Manner Towards a Vague Destination.** Through Aug. 27, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at The Signature at Reston Town Center, 11850 Freedom Drive, Reston. Gallery hours at Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) presents A Purposeful Manner Towards a Vague Destination, a solo exhibition featuring work by painter Douglas Moulden. Maryland based painter Moulden exhibits a series of large-scale acrylic on panel paintings developed from photographs and memory inspired by exploration of the woods near his home. Visit [restonarts.org](http://restonarts.org) for more.

**Art Exhibit: Overlooked.** Through Aug. 31, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Greater Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market St., Suite 103, Reston. Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) presents Overlooked, a group exhibition featuring nine artists who are seeking to bring awareness to issues that are often unnoticed, ignored, or otherwise not part of "polite conversation." Visit [restonarts.org](http://restonarts.org) for more.

**Summer Reading for Teens and Adults.** Through Aug. 31 at Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Read, log the books and win a prize! The Summer Reading Program is not just for children. Call or stop by the Herndon branch for more information. Call 703-437-8855.

**Jean-Paul Sartre's "No Exit."** Through Aug. 31 at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Sartre's classic existentialist play consists of two women and one man locked up together for eternity in one hideous room in Hell. The windows are bricked up, there are no mirrors, the electric lights can never be turned off, and there is no exit. Featuring Scott Pafumi as Garcin, Skye Lindberg as Valet, Jane Steffen as Inez, and Arianne Warner as Estelle. Recommended for audience members 14 and up. Call 703-956-6590 or visit [www.artspaceherndon.org](http://www.artspaceherndon.org).

**Selected Works by John Charles Koebert.** Through Sept. 7 at Artspace Gallery & Studio, 750 Center St., Herndon. John Charles Koebert is holding open Studios at Arts Herndon on Tuesday and Thursday, 2-4 p.m. and Saturdays, Aug. 17 and 24, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for the duration of his show. Call 703-956-6590 or visit [www.artspaceherndon.org](http://www.artspaceherndon.org).

**Registration Open: NVSO.** The Northern Virginia Senior Olympics features more than 60 events that challenge the mind as well as the body. New games this year: jigsaw puzzle and line-dancing. The games run Sept. 14-28. There will be no on-site registration. Paper registrations, available at most local recreation and senior centers, must be postmarked by Aug. 24. Online registrations must be completed by Aug. 31 at [www.nvso.us](http://www.nvso.us).

**Herndon Farmers Market.** Thursdays, through mid-November, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Historic Downtown Herndon, Lynn Street. Vendors will offer seasonal plants, produce, baked goods, meats and more; all sold by local growers and producers. Additional enhancements to the market include seasonal events and entertainment, including "Farmers' Market Fun Days," free performances for the whole family. Visit [www.herndon-va.gov/FarmersMarket](http://www.herndon-va.gov/FarmersMarket) for more.

**Reston Farmers Market.** Saturdays, through Dec. 7, 8 a.m.-noon at Lake Anne Village Center, 1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston. The largest of the Fairfax County Farmers Markets. SNAP accepted, bonus dollar program. Closed Saturday, Sept. 28 for the Reston Multicultural Festival. For list of vendors and more information, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/reston](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/reston).

## FRIDAY/AUG. 30

**The Storytime Social Hour.** 11 a.m. at Scrawl Books, 11911 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 people. Make new friends or meet up with neighbors. Visit [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com) or call 703-966-2111.

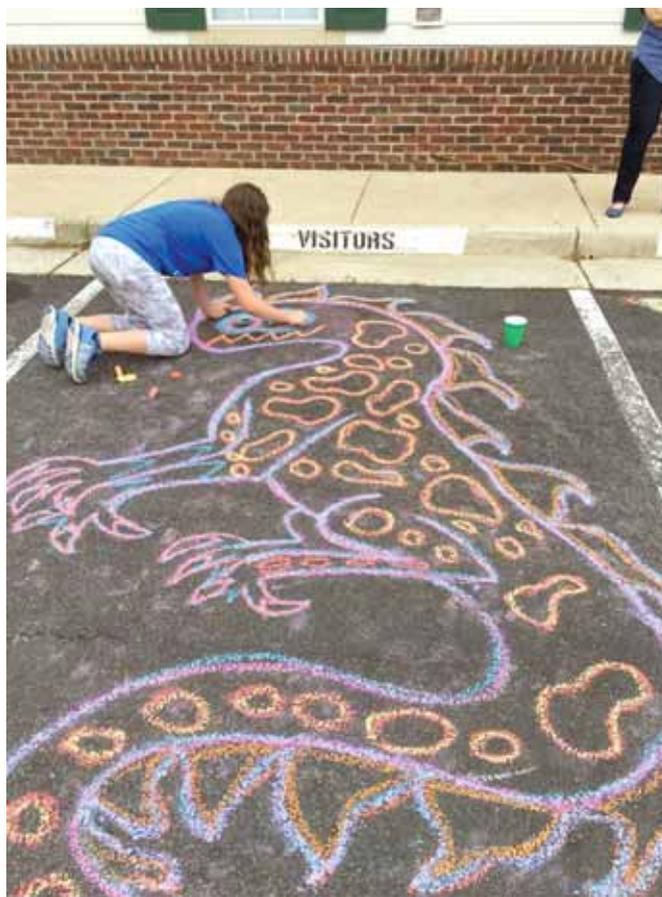
**Indian Cooking.** 6-7:30 p.m. at RCC Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Ages 18 and older. Learn to cook healthy vegetarian food

## 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 Monroe Street Studio, 761 A Monroe St., Herndon. Free. Visit [www.monroestreetstudio.com](http://www.monroestreetstudio.com) for more.

### At work during the 2017 Children's Chalk Contest.

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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 Reston Community Center, Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Visit [www.RestonChorale.org](http://www.RestonChorale.org) and click on "Join Us" for more information. To schedule an audition, email [RCAuditions@restonchorale.org](mailto:RCAuditions@restonchorale.org) or call 703-834-0079.

from the Rava Upuma and Chutney regions in India. This will be a demonstration with some hands-on opportunities. \$20, \$16 (55+) with registration; \$30 at the door. Visit [www.restoncommunitycenter.net/](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.net/) for more.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 31

**The Bookworms Club.** 11 a.m. at Scrawl Books, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. Young readers are invited to join Scrawl's all-new and completely free Bookworms Club. Explore a new theme each week with picture books, special guests and most often, authors. Readers are welcome to join or participate any time. Visit [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com) or call 703-966-2111.

**Jazz & Blues Music Festival.** 2-8 p.m. at Lake Anne Plaza, Reston. Visit the 13th annual Jazz & Blues Music Festival and enjoy a Plaza-wide beer and wine garden. Music by BIG Whitson, Shacara Rogers and the Vaughan Ambrose Octet, Jamal A. Brown, Feedel Band, Michael Pavone, and VMC. Enjoy beer by Orner Beer Company and tacos by Lake Anne Deli. Visit [lakeanneplaza.com](http://lakeanneplaza.com).

the historic mill. Grinding demonstrations will be taking place, if conditions permit. Call the site to confirm. \$8 for adults; \$7 for students age 16 and older with ID; and \$6 for children and seniors. No reservations are required. Call 703-759-2771 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvin-run-mill](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvin-run-mill).

## MONDAY/SEPT. 2

**Herndon Labor Day Festival.** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. in Downtown Herndon and Herndon Municipal Center Town Green, 777 Lynn 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 brew tastings (four craft brew tickets), \$25; entrance only/designated driver (no alcohol), \$5; children 12 and under free; no pets allowed. Visit [herndon-va.gov/recreation](http://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 Heritage Fellowship Church, 2501 Fox Mill Road, Reston. Encore's mission is to provide an excellent and accessible artistic environment for older 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. Fee is \$175 for weekly rehearsals, sheet music, practice CD, and performances. The Encore Chorale repertoire includes traditional and secular holiday music. Visit [www.encorecreativity.org](http://www.encorecreativity.org) or call 301-261-5747.

**Reston Chorale Auditions.** 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Reston Community Center, Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. The Reston Chorale is auditioning all voice parts for the 2019-20 Season. Visit [www.RestonChorale.org](http://www.RestonChorale.org) and click on "Join Us" for more information. To schedule an audition, email [RCAuditions@restonchorale.org](mailto:RCAuditions@restonchorale.org) or call 703-834-0079.

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 4

**Dog Days of Summer.** 5-7:30 p.m. at the Pavilion at Reston Town Center. Every Wednesday through Sept. 4, dogs and owners can frolic in the Pavilion when it is transformed into an off-leash play area each week. Treats, toys, areas to cool off, pet friendly giveaways, and more. Free. Operated by Healthy Hound Playground and Isy's Ways. Visit [restontowncenter.com](http://restontowncenter.com) for more.

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 6

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## SATURDAY/SEPT. 7

**Dog Daze.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Water Mine at Lake Fairfax Park, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. The Water Mine is going to the dogs as it closes out the swimming season. The water park is open for canine-only swimming. Stop by the Canine Resource Fair and visit with a host of dog-centric vendors. Take advantage of the low-cost rabies clinic from noon-2 p.m. Suggested donation is \$10 per dog. Proceeds benefit the Fairfax County Animal Shelter and the Fairfax County Park Foundation. Dog food donations will be collected. Call 703-471-5415 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-fairfax/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-fairfax/).

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## Obituary

### Michelle "Shelly" Kaplan of Ashburn, VA



Michelle Kaplan, known to all family and friends as Shelly, passed away on July 23 in a tragic car accident on Rte. 495 in Maryland. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and dear friend to anyone and everyone she met throughout her amazing life. Born in New Orleans in 1948, she spent her teen years in California and Scranton, PA., which is where she met her husband of 51 years, Mark Kaplan. They settled in Reston, VA in 1971, where they lived for 42 years, before moving to Ashburn, VA in 2013.

Their two children, Leslie Thurman and Jeffrey Kaplan, were raised in Northern Virginia, where they continue to live with their spouses, Richard Thurman and Erin Moss Kaplan. Shelly adored her five grandchildren: Jake and Tyler Kaplan, and Hope, Madison and Kate Thurman. Shelly never missed an opportunity to watch her grandchildren enjoy the things they loved: sports, arts and music, and religious milestones. Shelly was the rock of her family's life, serving as a source of unconditional love and universal acceptance. She loved her family, and they loved her.

Shelly retired after 25 years with United Airlines and, along with Mark, was a founding member of Congregation Beth Emeth in Herndon, VA, where she and Mark both served as past presidents.

Shelly and Mark shared a love for travel and were fortunate to have visited countries all over world with their friends. Her favorite place was Maui, HI, where she and Mark spent many winters. In the later years of her life, her passion shifted to painting and devoting her time and energy to causes close to her heart.

There was so much more to Shelly than facts and years, and the following excerpt from the poem, The Dash, by Linda Ellis speaks to that:

"I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning to the end. He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years. For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth. and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth..."

For all who knew her, Shelly's dash was full of love, laughter and a life lived to the fullest. "Shelly's Fund for a Beautiful Tomorrow" has been established in her honor to continue what she spent her life doing, enriching people's lives through personal connections, her deep love of the arts, and her strong bond with her Jewish faith. Contributions can be made at <https://communityfoundationif.org/shellysfund/>

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### House of Delegates

- District 34  
Kathleen J. Murphy (D), incumbent,  
Gary G. Pan (R)
- District 35  
Mark L. Keam (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 36  
Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum, incumbent, unopposed
- District 37  
David L. Bulova (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 38  
L. Kaye Kory (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 39  
Nick O. Bell (R)  
Vivian E. Watts (D), incumbent
- District 40  
Dan I. Helmer (D)  
Timothy D. "Tim" Hugo (R), incumbent
- District 41  
Eileen Filler-Corn (D), incumbent
- John M. Wolfe (I)  
Rachel D. Mace (L)
- District 42  
Kathy K. L. Tran (D), incumbent  
Steve P. Adragna (R)
- District 43  
Mark D. Sickles (D), incumbent  
Richard T. Hayden (R)
- District 44  
Paul E. Krizek (D), incumbent,  
Richard T. Hayden (R)
- District 45  
Mark H. Levine (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 46  
Charniele L. Herring (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 47  
Patrick A. Hope (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 48  
Richard C. "Rip" Sullivan (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 49  
Alfonso H. Lopez (D), incumbent  
Terry W. Modglin (I)
- District 53  
Marcus B. Simon (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 67  
Karrie K. Delaney (D), incumbent, unopposed



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Nov. 5: Election Day, Polling Places open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- District 86  
Ibraheem S. Samirah (D), incumbent, unopposed

### Virginia State Senate

- District 30  
Adam P. Ebbin (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 31  
Barbara A. Favola (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 32  
Janet D. Howell (D), incumbent  
Arthur G. Purves (R)
- District 33  
Jennifer B. Boysko (D), incumbent  
Suzanne D. Fox (R)
- District 34  
J. C. "Chap" Petersen (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 35  
Richard L. "Dick" Saslaw (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 36  
Scott A. Surovell (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 37  
Dave W. Marsden (D), incumbent, unopposed
- District 39  
George L. Barker (D), incumbent  
S. W. "Dutch" Hillenburg (R)

# BULLETIN

FROM PAGE 11

11 p.m. at the Fire and Rescue Academy, 4600 West Ox Road, Fairfax. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program trains county residents in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. Emphasis on hands-on skill development and Fairfax County protocols and procedures. Instructor will provide syllabus with class schedule at first session. This training does not require any special physical strength or agility. Visit [volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/#/opp\\_details/184991](http://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/#/opp_details/184991) to register.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

**Parent Support Partners**, a service of the Healthy Minds Fairfax initiative, are all parents who have received training and are qualified to offer education, support and assistance at no cost to families or caregivers. They provide reliable information that families can use in decision-making and are familiar with services and resources that can help families in distress. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/healthymindsfairfax](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/healthymindsfairfax) or [www.northernvirginia.org/parent-peer-support.html](http://www.northernvirginia.org/parent-peer-support.html).

## ONGOING

**STEM Professionals Needed.** Volunteers are needed to assist K-12 STEM teachers in northern Virginia as part of the American Association for the Advancement of Science's STEM Volunteer Program, [stemvolunteers.org](http://stemvolunteers.org), during the 2019-20 school year, beginning in September. Please contact Don Rea at 571-551-2488 or [donaldrea@aol.com](mailto:donaldrea@aol.com).

**Assistance League of Northern Virginia**, a volunteer nonprofit, invites community members to join the organization to participate in its Reading Express program. Volunteers provide one-on-one tutoring to first grade students during the school year. To learn more contact VP Membership Mary Gronlund at [gronbiz@aol.com](mailto:gronbiz@aol.com) or Program Coordinator Lynn Barron at [lynnieb517@verizon.net](mailto:lynnieb517@verizon.net).

**Volunteer Adult Mentors Needed.** Help assist the Department of Family Services' BeFriendA-Child mentoring program. The mentors provide opportunities for companionship, guidance and support to children who have been abused and neglected, or who are at risk of abuse and neglect. Contact Ibrahim Khalil at [Ibrahim.khalil@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Ibrahim.khalil@fairfaxcounty.gov) or 703-324-4547.

**Herndon High School Library** needs volunteers. Training available to help with re-shelving books, pulling books for teacher use, helping to check passes, or other special projects. To learn more, email [hhs\\_library@fcps.edu](mailto:hhs_library@fcps.edu).

**RSVP**, a volunteer network for seniors seeking service opportunities in and around Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria, offers a wide array of opportunities for volunteers 55 and older. RSVP volunteers enjoy flexible schedules, free accident and liability insurance while serving, optional mileage and meal reimbursement and are invited to volunteer group projects and social gatherings. To sign up for an upcoming orientation, email Carly Hubicki at [chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org](mailto:chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org) or call RSVP at 703-403-5360. To learn more about RSVP, visit [www.rsvpnova.org](http://www.rsvpnova.org).

**Sunrise at Reston Town Center** offers a monthly Caregiver Support Group on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8 p.m. Monthly support group offers a safe place for family caregivers, to meet and develop a mutual support system and to exchange practical information and possible solutions. Learn about resources available in the community and how to manage caregiver related stress. Call 703-956-8930 or email [Reston.ED@sunriseseniorliving.com](mailto:Reston.ED@sunriseseniorliving.com) to RSVP.

**Exercise for Parkinson's.** Every Monday, 1:15-2:15 p.m. Reston Sport&Health, 11445 Isaac Newton Square, Reston. This program brings together people impacted by Parkinson's Disease to participate in various physical exercises aimed at improving posture, balance and circulation and increasing strength, muscle control and mobility. Free. [parkinsonsfoundation.org](http://parkinsonsfoundation.org). Call Natalie McCall [nmccall@onelifitness.com](mailto:nmccall@onelifitness.com) 703-904-7600 for more.

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## Side-Splitting But Not Very Funny



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

The most recent near-having-to-think-about-death experience I wrote about last week ("Barbosoul") was quite a shock to my system.

In spite of all the ups and downs and all-arounds I've experienced over the past 10 and a half not-filled cancer years, I had never gone emotionally to the place I went to last week. Certainly I've thought about death and dying before: heck, I'm a cancer patient having been given a "terminal" diagnosis.

Nevertheless, I had never really put two and two together to equal four. It had always equaled three and a half, if you know what I mean? (Maybe you don't. Sometimes I'm not sure what I mean.) But last week's column was different. I went there.

It's not as if I haven't experienced pain before. I have. Most notably in the area of my lungs (the mediastinum) where my non-small-cell-lung-cancer-stage-IV tumors take up primary residence. Sometimes, the pain I felt was that of the tumors growing. Other times, the pain was that of scar tissue which had grown over tumors.

Any of which I would never know until my oncologist discussed with Team Lourie the radiologist's report from the preceding CT scan. Moreover, these assessments were never given with any kind of arithmetical-type certainty. Still, if it could have been worse, I was happy and if it could have been better, I was hopeful. Never too high and never too low.

As you regular readers know, I roll with the punches, wherever they land.

For the past week, those punches (pain) were in the identical (so far as I knew) place where my non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV symptoms first manifested in late December 2008. As such, I was rolling like I had never rolled before - and without any kind of mat to soften the fall.

Aside from experiencing headaches/pain in my head (which I haven't), which might indicate progression (in 30 percent of lung cancer patients the cancer moves to the brain), a recurrence in the same area as 10 and a half years ago likewise scares out the daylight living inside of me.

And, just like when a little knowledge in the wrong hands can be a dangerous thing, so too does zero knowledge in the right hands (mine) become a dangerous thing. Why else would I be experiencing pain in my left side by my rib cage if it wasn't the cancer, only worse? But that wasn't the case.

As those of you who read to the end of last week's column know, I have survived to fight another day, or I should say, fight another two months because that's when my next CT scan is scheduled. At present, that's my cycle: bi-weekly immunotherapy followed by bi-monthly scans of my neck down to my lower abdomen, followed by an office visit with my oncologist to discuss the findings and plan for the immediate future.

Might that be palliative care? Apparently, if the inference/suggestion made by my oncologist in our last face-to-face meeting had any basis in fact? I suppose that's the problem with inferences/suggestions made in the medical "whirlwind."

I'm sure there are facts and figures and years of research supporting recommendations upon which one's treatments/protocols are based. Moreover, they're unlikely "made up of whole cloth," to quote the late Washington Redskins' owner Jack Kent Cooke commenting on some football rumor I can't remember.

Nevertheless, it's not exactly a straight line from the oncologist's mouth to the patient's estate planner. It's more like a roller coaster - without the safety bar (I wish it were more like the merry-go-round, but it's not). Often times, it's more like whack-a-mole.

Now that the pain and discomfort has subsided, I feel like I've dodged a bullet. It reminds me of my elementary school gym classes when we played a game called "Bombardment" where dodge balls were thrown across the gym from one half of the class at the other. As random as it was, it was only a matter of time until you couldn't dodge any more, and then you were out.

I realize that was only a game and this is life, but cancer has a way of intertwining fact and fiction with the past, present and future whether you like it or not.

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# Shopping Spree for Children in Homeless Shelters

Pride and positive interaction with law enforcement as students get needed gear.

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 Executive 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 ...



**Reservist, K. R. Gulich and Margo Reimers-Ray, Management Analyst II of Fairfax County Sheriff's Office assist a youth during the 2019 Shop with the Sheriff Program at Target in Burke.**



**Checkout time is show and tell for Yuri Duncan, 7. She holds up one of her back-to-school-purchases that Sheriff's Deputy J. M. Smith helped her choose during the 2019 Shop with the Sheriff Program.**



**Shiah Allen, 8, gets to know his shopping partner, Fairfax County Sheriff's Deputy L. R. Favetti before they head out to Target in Burke for the 2019 Shop with the Sheriff Program.**



**Two cool dudes, Sergeant C. M. Loftis, Public Information Officer for Fairfax County Sheriff's Office and Christian Gatling don their shades as they go back to school shopping together at Target in Burke during the 2019 Shop with the Sheriff Program.**

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."

Sharon 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 pro-

vided 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.