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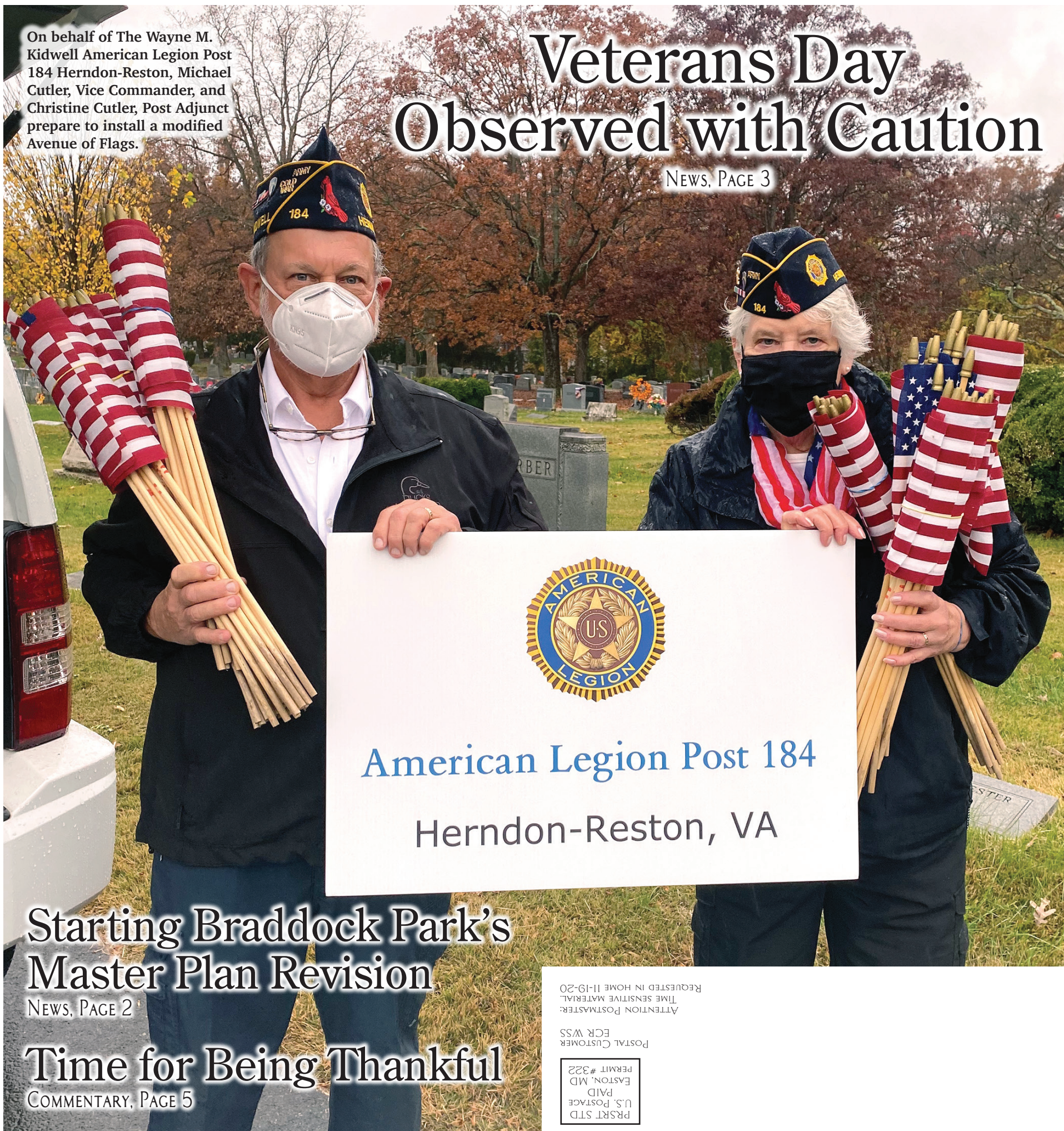
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**NOTICE OF WATER RATES AND BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

December 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2020, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its Proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges. The hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA. The meeting will also be available online for remote attendance. For more information, visit [fairfaxwater.org/meeting-schedule](http://fairfaxwater.org/meeting-schedule).

The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2021, include the following:

- An increase in the Availability Charge from \$4,320 to \$4,400†.
- An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from \$18,030 to \$19,610.
- An increase in the Service Connection Charge from \$1,370 to \$1,430†.
- An increase in the Quarterly Billing Service Charge from \$14.40 to \$14.85†.
- An increase in the base Commodity Charge from \$3.20 to \$3.33 per 1,000 gallons of water.
- An increase in the Peak Use Charge from \$3.85 to \$3.90.
- An increase in the Turn Off / Turn On Charge from \$49 to \$50.
- An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge and the Peak Use Charge.
- A decrease in the Overhead Charge for Labor from 104% to 102%.
- An increase in the Installation of Sewer Use Meter Charge from \$39 to \$40.

†Charges reflect fees associated with a standard 5/8" residential meter. Changes in charges for larger residential and commercial meters are reflected in the Proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges.

Fairfax Water is also proposing a \$196 million budget for calendar year 2021\*. Water sales are expected to provide \$168.9 million and the remaining \$27.1 million is expected from connection charges, investment income and other sources.

The major areas of operation and maintenance expense are:

Category	-- \$1,000s --	
	2020	2021
Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$59,083	\$61,352
Power and Utilities	10,730	10,815
Chemicals	7,869	7,928
Purchased Water	5,014	8,364
Supplies and Materials	5,507	5,784
Insurance	1,230	1,100
Fuel	535	700
Postage	586	620
Contractual Services	13,779	14,102
Professional Services	1,336	1,298
Other	2,296	2,452
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>107,965</b>	<b>114,515</b>
Transfer to Improvement Fund	(10,313)	(10,763)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$97,652</b>	<b>\$103,752</b>

Net revenues are expected to be appropriated as follows:

Debt Payment	\$42,358,365
Improvement Fund	\$11,000,000
General Fund	\$38,409,000

\* Fairfax Water's Board will continue to monitor economic factors and review revenues and expenditures at mid-year to determine if additional action is needed.

A copy of the proposed changes can be viewed on our website at [fairfaxwater.org/rates](http://fairfaxwater.org/rates).

Those wishing to speak at this hearing (in person or remotely) or desiring a copy of the proposed changes should call Ms. Karen Barnette at 703-289-6029. Interested parties may submit written comments to [PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org](mailto:PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org) or mail written comments to:

Fairfax Water  
Public Hearing Comments  
8570 Executive Park Avenue  
Fairfax, VA 22031

All written comments must be received by close of business on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, to be included in the record of the public hearing.



A map of the current uses at Braddock Park. The yellow areas are undeveloped.

# Starting Braddock Park's Master Plan Revision

## Park Authority holds public-information meeting.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County Park Authority is updating its master plan for Braddock Park at 13451 Braddock Road, bordering both Centreville High and Twin Lakes Golf Course. The 61-acre, district park contains six natural-turf softball diamonds; one synthetic-turf rectangular field; a batting-cage area, picnic pavilion and restroom.

The Park Authority is exploring what improvements are needed, so it recently held an online, public-information meeting. Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) welcomed attendees, saying, "We want to hear your comments and thoughts about the park."

The original goals of Braddock Park's 1981 Master Plan were to incorporate both passive and active recreational opportunities, while preserving the site's natural resources. Today, the park is primarily an athletic facility, and the Park Authority seeks to learn how well Braddock's met the community's needs and determine what improvements are needed for future users.

Park Authority Project Manager and senior landscape architect Doug Tipsword said this park was built between 1983-84. All seven of its fields are lit, as are the batting cages and the western parking lot. There are 345 parking spaces total, 13 which are ADA-compliant.

THE 1981 MASTER PLAN also contained a social plaza, tot lot, volleyball courts, an area for table games, plus trails for walking and running. But these elements were never built, and 5.32 acres of the park are still undeveloped. Mini golf and an open-play space were added in 1997, but the mini golf was removed in 2018.

So Tipsword interviewed people who use

the park to find out what else they'd like to see there. "The most popular items were trails, a playground, a dog park and a pickleball court,"

he said.

Other future possibilities to improve park users' experiences, noted Tipsword, could be a paved, centrally located plaza for gatherings; better ADA accessibility; more parking and easier vehicle circulation; additional sidewalks; an outdoor fitness area; concession stands with an outdoor, dining area; more seating; increased natural-habitat areas; pollinator gardens; shade trees; and covered pavilions for picnics, parties and social functions.

Furthermore, he said, the Park Authority wants to know who's using Braddock Park, for what purposes, where they live, when they come to this park, how they're getting to it and how long it takes them.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS then asked questions. A resident named Bill said, "It would be great to upgrade those [existing] fields to synthetic turf for extended use."

Agreeing, resident Doug, who plays softball, said, "The ballfields certainly need improvement, whether it's synthetic turf or natural grass."

"But none of these things are funded, yet," added Springfield District Park Authority Board member Mike Thompson. "There can be a time lag between the Master Plan approval and the funding approval."

Afterward, written comments were accepted for 30 days and are now being reviewed. Park design concepts will then be developed and presented publicly in late January 2021, followed by a public meeting on the draft Master Plan in June 2021 and adoption by the Park Authority Board, the next month.

For more information, go to the Braddock Park Master Plan Revision project Webpage, <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/planning-development/braddock-park-master-plan-revision>, call 703-324-8662 or email [Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov).



# NEWS



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The Cutlers' help on Veterans Day 2020 is not complete until days later when they dry all flags and the wreath outside in the sun in their backyard to prevent them from mildewing before carefully storing them away.



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On behalf of The Wayne M. Kidwell American Legion Post 184 Herndon-Reston, Michael Cutler, Vice Commander, and Christine Cutler, Post Adjunct prepare to install a modified Avenue of Flags.

## Veterans Day Observed with Caution

### American Legion Post 184 Herndon-Reston installs modified Avenue of Flags.

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

Due to COVID restrictions, the Town of Herndon canceled its public recognition program on the Town Green for its Veterans Day Observance sponsored annually by The Wayne M. Kidwell American Legion Post 184 Herndon-Reston. In a repeat performance of their Memorial Day 2020 service when the Northern Virginia region remained under Governor Ralph Northam's stay-at-home restrictions, Post 184 continued to "make the extra effort to remember our veterans despite all of the restrictions in place," according to Post Commander David Womack. "Veterans still adapt and adjust to meet the needs of family and community during this pandemic," he said.

According to Christine Cutler, Post 184 Adjunct, the Post remained equally concerned about the safety of its members and dedicated volunteers from the Herndon-Reston community. In the past these volunteers, Herndon High School Navy Junior ROTC, the Reston Chorale, Herndon Woman's Club, Boy Scout Troop #1570 and community businesses proved vital in the program's production and the Post's installation of the Avenue of Flags at Chestnut Grove Cemetery in the Town of Herndon.

With COVID precautions in mind, Post 184 planned a modified version of the "Avenue of Flags." It consisted of the installation of sixty-six 8" by 12" United States cemetery flags, each mounted on a wooden dowel with a gilded spear head at the top end, and the identification cards listing the names of the honored veterans. The small flags represented the burial flags in the Post's care, donated by family members of interred veterans. To limit social contact only two people would install the flags.

Early on Veterans Day morning, Cutler



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Michael Cutler, Vice Commander of The Wayne M. Kidwell American Legion Post 184 Herndon-Reston adds a remembrance wreath and Christine Cutler, Post Adjunct, places a small flag at the final resting place for Sgt. Wayne M. Kidwell United States Army of Herndon who was killed in combat on March 8, 1968, in the Thua Thien Province of Vietnam. The Post is named after Kidwell.

and her husband Michael Cutler, Vice Commander of the Post and Avenue of Flags coordinator drove to Chestnut Grove Cemetery. In the drenching rain, they placed a remembrance wreath and small flag at the final resting place for the Post's namesake, Sgt. Wayne M. Kidwell. In a quiet voice, Mike Cutler said, "Thank you," to the Vietnam War Era casualty on March 8, 1968, recognizing his service with honor in the United States Army.



PHOTO BY MERCIA HOBSON/THE CONNECTION

Early Veterans Day morning 2020, at Chestnut Grove Cemetery in the Town of Herndon, Michael Cutler, Vice Commander of The Wayne M. Kidwell American Legion Post 184 Herndon-Reston and Christine Cutler, Post Adjunct begin placing small flags representing the burial flags in the Post's care and their name cards to create a modified Avenue of Flags.

Next, the Cutlers installed the small flags and name cards, flanking both sides of the entry road into the cemetery. According to Christine Cutler, post members and volunteers in the community would have put up the tall flag poles the day before, sinking them into marked in-ground sleeves. Then, on Veterans Day, shortly after sunup, teams of two composed of Post and community members would have raised the large casket flags to honor the veterans. The bold and

proud display of flags would have soared majestically throughout the day. At sunset more community teams, this time in sets of three, would have lowered the flags, carefully folded them, removed the poles and returned all safely to storage.

"The Post really misses the interaction with the community organizations...I'm honored to do this, truly honored. That's why we're the American Legion, to support our veterans," said Christine Cutler.




  
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## NEWS

# A Godsend for The Closet of the Greater Herndon Area

Together they made it happen.

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
 THE CONNECTION

In reality the project Chantilly-based non-profit organization HomeAid Northern Virginia recently completed for The Closet of Greater Herndon, proved different than its typical work, but was a game-changer for the non-profit thrift shop located in a 100-year old building in the heart of the town's historic downtown district.

HomeAid is best known for its collaborative construction and upgrade projects serving the regional homeless populations. HomeAid connects its non-profit partners with its vetted "Builder Captains" and housing industry trade partners who donate their time and resources at reduced costs. One example is the full renovation of a townhome owned by Cornerstones Housing Corporation, part of its 60-home scattered-site program which provides housing

for very low-income individuals and families in Reston, Herndon and Centreville.

For The Closet's project, HomeAid and Builder Captain Richmond American Homes kicked off the construction of a climate-controlled structure for the thrift shop's donation intake and processing area and an ADA access ramp in the winter of 2019.

On Oct. 28, 2020, HomeAid, Richmond American Homes and 23 trade partners, celebrated their completion of the 600 square-foot structure with a Dedication Ceremony. "The new addition has been a godsend for sheltering our staff and volunteers as they accept and process the many donations we receive," said Gene Wiley, President of The Closet of The Greater Herndon Area, Inc.

FOR YEARS, staff and volunteers worked outdoors at the rear of the building where they accepted donations from the public then sorted, tagged and processed them before bringing them in the shop. Pat Rhoads, manager at The Closet called work conditions in the rain, ice, heat and bitter cold, "deplorable." With the pandemic's great decluttering, an average of 60 cars drop off items each day from 8 a.m. through noon. Work conditions changed with the new donation intake shelter equipped with overhead heaters, ceiling fans and custom fabricated doors to help regulate the temperature. "We are very appreciative of HomeAid Northern Virginia for assembling the construction crew led by Richmond American Homes," said Wiley.

Jack Gallagher, Regional President for Richmond American Homes, said, "By providing the enhanced shelter to the rear of The Closet's facility, we're ensuring that donations from the greater community are being preserved." Previously items risked ruin from rain and snow. Richmond American Homes also replaced a stairwell and added a handicapped ramp, so the retail area is now ADA compliant.

Patrons visiting adjacent businesses and the Herndon Municipal Center located in the sightline of The Closet's new shelter also benefit. Piles of donations are out of sight



PHOTO BY MERCIA HOBSON/THE CONNECTION  
**Gene Wiley, President of The Closet of The Greater Herndon Area, Inc.; Kristyn Burr, Executive Director & CEO HomeAid Northern Virginia; Sam Harahan, Board Member of The Closet of The Greater Herndon Area, Inc. and Brooke Robinson, Owner Principal at David Robinson Architectural Workshop (DRAW).**

and the simple structure pays homage to historic references purposefully configured in its facade. The shelter evokes the industrial and commercial buildings that rose up in the town after the Great Fire of 1917 ravaged most of the downtown's wooden buildings. Architect Brooke Robinson, owner and principal at DRAW, David Robinson Architectural Workshop, pulled inspiration for the industrial boxcar-red structure with corrugated siding from the town's iconic little red caboose on Lynn Street. The Closet's addition is a nod to the town's roots, a symbol of the railroad history that was its heart from the 1850s to 1968.

**KRISTYN BURR**, Executive Director & CEO of HomeAid Northern Virginia, saw the structure's build as supporting its mission. While housing is a critical element to help the homeless, beds alone are not the magic bullet. "Support services such as mental health, counseling, and job training are also needed to help people rebuild their lives and move forward to healing and self-sufficiency. The Closet of the Greater Herndon Area's support of housing organizations, food banks, health clinics and more supports our mission, impacts lives and improves our local communities." She added: "By building The Closet's structure using professional builders and trade partners, not only did it make sure the project was done correctly and timely but also saved 60 percent of the project's retail cost. The full retail cost would have been \$120K, but thanks to the generosity of all participants, final expenses for The Closet were significantly reduced."


  
 Virginia Department of Transportation


  
 Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

## Public Meetings

### Funding the Right Transportation Projects

You are invited to share comments on transportation projects that have been recommended for funding in the FY2021-2026 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP). Additionally, pursuant to §33.2-202, comments will be accepted for new projects valued in excess of \$25 million. The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will consider your comments as it develops the FY2021-2026 Six-Year Improvement Program. The program allocates public funds to highway, road, bridge, rail, bicycle, pedestrian, and public transportation projects. All federally eligible projects in the SYIP will be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program to document how Virginia will obligate its federal funds. Meeting materials were made available on Nov. 13, 2020 and continue to be at <http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/planning/fallmeetings/default.asp>.

The public is able to provide feedback on the FY2021-2026 Six-Year Improvement Program Update at the virtual fall meeting on Nov. 24, 2020, which is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and will be conducted using electronic communications in accordance with Item 4-0.01.g. of Chapter 1289 (2020 Acts of Assembly), as the COVID-19 emergency makes it impracticable or unsafe to assemble in a single location.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss or transact the business statutorily required or necessary to continue operation of the CTB and the discharge of its

lawful purposes, duties and responsibilities. All board members will be participating remotely. The public may view the meeting via live stream by clicking the "View stream" button at the following link: [http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/public\\_meetings/live\\_stream/default.asp](http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/public_meetings/live_stream/default.asp). There will be opportunity for public comment. When announced, public comment can be made by calling 470-285-4495, followed by PIN 392 182 855#. Callers will be placed on hold until others in queue ahead of them have had the opportunity to speak. In the event there is an interruption in the meeting broadcast, call 804-729-6495.

The public is invited to share feedback on transportation projects that have been recommended for funding through participation in this virtual public meeting or by submitting comments through the online form, by email, or by posted mail by Dec. 3, 2020.

For information on roads and highways projects: Six-YearProgram@VDOT.Virginia.gov, or Infrastructure Investment Director, Virginia Department of Transportation, 1401 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219 or online form found at <http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/planning/fallmeetings/default.asp>.

For information on rail and public transportation projects: DRPTPR@drpt.virginia.gov, Public Information Office, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, 600 East Main Street, Suite 2102, Richmond, VA 23219.

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COMMENTARY

# Time for Being Thankful

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



**N**ext week is the formal day set aside for thanksgiving. For many that means food, and I love the foods associated with the holiday of Thanksgiving. It is a time of generosity as many people and groups make sure that everyone has something to eat at least on that day. For others the meaning of Thanksgiving may be the sales that come with unique bargains that are offered on "Black Friday" although I do not know how those sales will be accommodated during a pandemic. Certainly the crowds pressed against the front doors of stores about to open would not be safe nor would the rush to the best bargains be a good idea.

Some believe that the first Thanksgiving occurred on December 4, 1619, when Captain John Woodlief and 35 Englishmen landed at what is now known as Berkeley Plantation. They immediately fell to their knees as the charter under which they were sailing required giving thanks to the good Lord for their safe passage from what had been a rough voyage and for the thousands of acres of pristine lands on which they were going to settle. There was no mention of the indigenous people who had occupied the land for as many as 15,000 years before their arrival. More than a year later at Plymouth Settlement a festival occurred that included settlers and indigenous people in what is more often referred as the first Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving as a holiday on the fourth Thursday of November dates to a proclamation issued by President

Abraham Lincoln on October 3, 1863. Even in the midst of a civil war, Lincoln reminded the Nation of "the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies" under the "providence of Almighty God." Lincoln found that "a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity" had not "arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship" and "the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase in freedom...the gracious gifts of the Most High God."

The spirit of Lincoln should be with us as we celebrate Thanksgiving this year. Our institutions of government have been tested over the last nearly four years as seldom before. The voters have largely dispersed those who showed little respect for our values and traditions. It will soon be less painful to read the morning newspaper or to listen to the evening news. There will be fewer times of looking at social media with disbelief at the actions of our national leaders. We will have lively debates as we always do in our democratic republic, but those debates can lead to greater freedoms from inequalities, hunger and health threats.

The pandemic is testing our patience as few other events in our lives have, but we can remind ourselves and others that face masks, social distancing, and no crowds will help to preserve our health as well as that of others. And we can remind ourselves and others that the blessings we ultimately enjoy are not simply of our own making but are as Lincoln reminded us "the gracious gifts of the Most High God"—by whatever name we may call that spirit!

Enjoy your Thanksgiving next week!

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**-Werner Heisenberg**

**NEWS**

**Food For Neighbors Receives \$5,000 Sprouts Grant to Fight Hunger**

On Wednesday, Oct. 14, Bryan Daniell, Assistant Manager of Sprouts Farmers Market in Herndon, presented Food For Neighbors with a \$5,000 Neighborhood Grant from the Sprouts Healthy Communities Foundation. The healthy grocer's annual grant program supports non-profits working to advance nutrition education and fresh food access.

During the presentation, Daniell reminded his employees of the many times that he and others have provided hands-on support to Food For Neighbors, and Food For Neighbors volunteer, Renee Maxwell, agreed, "I have seen many of you at our local Red Bag Program food collection and sorting events, and you are always doing the 'heavy lifting,' literally, in the heat and the cold, with enthusiasm. This is a testament to your work ethic and community spirit."

Maxwell of Herndon, with fellow Food For Neighbors volunteers Romy Nathan of Reston and Liz Campbell of Sterling, thanked the Sprouts team members for their partnership and for the generous donation.

Karen and Mark Joseph launched Food For Neighbors to address teen hunger at schools where many



PHOTO COURTESY OF LIZ CAMPBELL

**Bryan Daniell (right), Assistant Manager of Sprouts Farmers Market in Herndon, presents Food For Neighbors volunteers Romy Nathan (middle) and Renee Maxwell (left) with \$5,000 to support Food For Neighbors in its grassroots effort to end child hunger.**

then provided to approximately 1,200 students from 22 participating middle and high schools in Northern Virginia.

Since Nov 2016, Food For Neighbors has collected more than 112,300 pounds of food. The nonprofit now has more than 1,200 households donating red bags filled with shelf-stable foods plus more than 650 drivers and volunteers variously participating in the food collection and sorting events.

To learn more, visit <https://www.foodforneighbors.org/>.

**Obituary**



**Hon. William B. Tirrell, Sr.** CDR USN Ret. born in Norwich, CT May 14, 1946 died November 09, 2020 in Cape May, NJ after a short-lived battle with cancer. He is predeceased in death by his father William Harding Tirrell, his mother Frances Susannah (Jackson) Tirrell., his mom Gunhild Garina (Gunhild Marjorie) (Naess) Johnson, his sister Marjorie Lynne (Brundage) Padilla, and his eldest granddaughter Alexandra Harding Tirrell. He is survived by his bride of 52 years Jan, his daughter JJ Lee Snellbaker (Jeff) his son William Barclay Jr. (Dawn), his brothers Richard Harding Tirrell (Carolyn), Lee Jarvis Brundage (Sue), Robert Young Brundage, his sister Laura Lee Tirrell (Mering), his grandchildren Jeremy William Thomas Reynolds, Jacob Colton Snellbaker, Caitlyn Nicole Colwell, Bryce William Tirrell, Joshua Barclay Snellbaker, William Barclay Tirrell III, and Thomas Walker Tirrell

After graduating from the US Naval Academy, he served his country as a Naval Officer for over 20 years (recipient of 2 Meritorious Service Medals, Navy Achievement Medal with Combat V and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry) a contractor for the Defense Department, an Operations & Budget lead for the Spina Bifida Association of America, employee of the General Services Administration helping write the Travel and Transportation regulations for most of the civilian employees of the Executive Branch of the Federal Government, a branch chief in Transportation for the U.S. Coast Guard, a branch chief for the Travel & Transportation Branch (recipient of the Vice Presidential "Hammer" Award for reducing paperwork in government), a baseball umpire (Little League through junior college for 21 years) He led an active civic life (Jaycees 1978 until his death [received Virginia Life membership and Jaycees International Senatorship], Sister Cities of Herndon (paired with the Borough of Runnymede, England) as a member, treasurer, and president, Optimist Club of Herndon (assistant coach and baseball umpire), Camp Virginia Jaycee (for developmentally challenged persons) as Secretary-Treasurer for several years [received Hall of Fame induction], Dare to Care (umbrella group for Camp Virginia Jaycee), served as District Chairman for 3 years (9 years on the District Committee) of the Powhatan District of the National Capital Area Boy Scouts of America (recipient of the James E West Fellowship and Silver Beaver Award), served on the board and as secretary treasurer/board chairman of the Spina Bifida Association of America, he served on various Town of Herndon boards and commissions and was elected to 8 non-sequential terms on the Town of Herndon Council (90-92, 94-00, 06-12) He sang with various choirs and groups and was an avid guitar player and even picked up the banjo and ukulele on occasion. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA at a later date. The family has asked that donations be made in his memory to the US Naval Academy Foundation or to St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, Wildwood, NJ. Condolences can be shared at [www.EvouneralHome.com](http://www.EvouneralHome.com)

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# CALENDAR

## NOW THRU NOV. 23

Operation Christmas Child. More than 4,000 locations will now offer a curbside drop-off option for the Samaritan's Purse project, Operation Christmas Child. Volunteers are preparing to collect shoebox gifts during National Collection Week, Nov. 16 – 23. Operation Christmas Child has been collecting and delivering shoebox gifts—filled with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys—to children worldwide for more than two decades. For the nearest drop-off location, visit [samaritanpurse.org/occ](http://samaritanpurse.org/occ) and clicking on “drop-off locations”.

## NOW THRU THE HOLIDAYS

Santa at Springfield Town Center. Santa and his reindeer will be arriving at Springfield Town Center on Nov. 6 to kick-off the holiday season. In an effort to create touchless experiences and accommodate varying levels of visitor comfort, Santa will be available at Springfield Town Center via numerous experiences and offerings: Picture with Santa; Virtual Experience; Family Pet Photos on Mondays; Family Photos and Visits with Santa. Reservations are required for all Santa and photo offerings.

## NOW THRU DEC. 6

Nature's Palette. At The Loft Gallery of Occoquan, 313 Mill Street, Occoquan. Featuring work by Patricia Hafkemeyer and wood artist, George Jones III. Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, Noon-5 p.m. Artist's Reception: See Facebook Live Reception on Saturday, November 7 at 3:30 p.m. at <https://www.facebook.com/loftgalleryoccoquan>

## WEDNESDAY/NOV. 18

The Unruly Theatre Project's Virtual Improv Show. 7 p.m. Join us for (the) Unruly Theatre Project's virtual fall improv shows from the comfort of your couch! You can register for one show or as many as you like, but you need to register at least two hours in advance of a show to see it. A Zoom link and password for the show will only be emailed to participants. Visit the website, [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org).

## WEDNESDAY/NOV. 18

Nuts About Felting. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. At Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Register for the “Nuts About Felting” program at Sully Historic Site and learn to create acorns using the wet felt technique. No needles are involved in this technique, and you'll take home three or four felted acorns that will never spoil. Cost is \$30 per family. Call 703-437-1794.

## FRIDAY/NOV. 20

Virtual Family Fun Trivia Night. 7-9 p.m. Gather the whole family around the computer or tablet and get ready for some socially distant trivia. Prizes for winning teams. \$5 per

family; preregistration is required. Visit the website, [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org).

## SATURDAY/NOV. 21

Scotch Whisky Tasting. At 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Colvin Run Mill hosts a “Scotch Whisky Tasting” on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020. Enjoy a sampling of fine Scottish single malts from different whisky-producing regions. Budding connoisseurs will learn about the ancient history of Scotch whisky and the fine art of making and tasting it. Delicious Scottish accompaniments will be served as you assess the unique characteristics of the water of life of the Highlands. This program runs from 3 to 5 p.m. The cost is \$45 per person, and participants must be age 21 or older. Call 703-759-2771.

## SATURDAY/NOV. 21

Snack and Paint. 1-3 p.m. At The Old Firehouse, McLean. Snack and Paint is an instructor-led painting class. This event is great if your teen has been painting for years or has never painted before. Painting is a great way to express your creativity! Snack and Paint gives your teen an opportunity to socialize safely. Participants will be painting a fall-themed picture. Visit [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org).

## SATURDAY/NOV. 21

Mystery Authors Extravaganza. 1-2:30 p.m. Reston Regional Library Zoom. Come to this Zoom event and hear authors from the Chesapeake Chapter of Sisters in Crime present their 2020 novels and short stories. See attachment below for a list of participating authors. Books are available for purchase through Scrawl Books. Visit the website: <https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/7216614>.

## SATURDAY/NOV. 21

Vogue: Return to the 90s. The Congressional Chorus will premiere its very first, full-length virtual concert, Vogue: Return to the 90s, available to stream on YouTube channel beginning Saturday, November 21 at 8 p.m. In a 30-minute virtual cabaret of song and dance, the Congressional Chorus revisits the energetic decade that brought us Madonna's iconic “Vogue,” and other hits such as “Circle of Life” and “River of Dreams,” and more. Visit the Website: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-concert-congressional-chorus-presents-vogue-return-to-the-90s-tickets-128428512137>

## SUNDAY/NOV. 22

Trout Fishing in America. 3 p.m. At Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, CenterStage, Reston. Cost is \$10 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston. This Grammy-nominated music act returns to Reston to entertain audiences of all ages. Part of the Professional Touring Artist Series. Visit the website [www.restoncommunitycenter.com/ptas](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com/ptas).

## Cornerstones Thanksgiving Food Drive and Gifts for Kids Drive Need Volunteer Support

### DISTRIBUTION AND COLLECTION SITE

St. John Neumann Catholic Church  
11900 Lawyers Road, Reston VA 20191

### FOOD DISTRIBUTORS

Thursday, Nov. 19 from 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Friday, Nov. 20 from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Transporters will meet at St. John Neumann Catholic Church to help load boxes of donated food into our truck and then caravan to local neighborhoods to deliver boxes. All volunteers should wear comfortable, weather appropriate clothing and masks. Volunteers will be lifting and carrying numerous boxes. Please note: this effort may not take the full allotted time.

### FOOD BOX PACKERS

Thursday, Nov. 19 and Friday, Nov. 20 from 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Food Box Packers are needed at St. John Neumann Catholic Church to pack boxes of Thanksgiving Food for distribution.

### GENERAL VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

Saturday, Nov. 21 from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. (multiple shifts)  
Volunteers are needed to help direct parking lot traffic, deliver food boxes to shut-in residents, load vehicles with food boxes, and assist with sorting leftover boxes of food at St. John Neumann Catholic Church and satellite community locations at Cedar Ridge Apartments, Crescent Apartments, Stonegate Village Apartments, and the Westglade Apartments in Reston.

To volunteer, please contact Susan Alger, Director of Volunteer and Community Engagement at [susan.alger@cornerstonesva.org](mailto:susan.alger@cornerstonesva.org) or call 571-323-1383.

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## I'm Here to Report



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As my brother, Richard, has often said: “If the oncologist is happy then I’m happy.” Let me update that sentiment slightly: If the endocrinologist is happy then I’m happy.” And so we should all be happy. Yesterday, I had my post CT scan telephone appointment with my endocrinologist to discuss the previous day’s lab work and the two days previous scan. She was “very encouraged.” “News,” as I told her, “with which I can live.” And more than just the words she spoke, it’s the manner in which she spoke them. Her tone was positive, uplifting; she was very pleased. I could almost see her smiling. After hearing it all, she didn’t need to tell me to have a nice weekend. I was well on my way. Oddly enough, I have learned to take good news in stride. It’s the bad news that has a tendency to knock me off my gait.

Prior to this Friday morning call, I had received, electronically, as I usually do, the automated releases of both my lab work and the radiologist’s report. Having been down this road for nearly 12 years now, I am not unaware of discouraging results. The words I read and the numbers I see always tell a story. And even though I’m somewhat experienced, the interpretation and meaning of it all doesn’t automatically jump out at me. Oh sure, I’m familiar enough and certainly know what lab results (levels) generally speaking are problematic (creatinine and bilirubin particularly). But there’s so much more that I don’t know. Moreover, there is no real breakdown-type summary to clarify beyond all my reasonable doubts as to what is happening in/to my body. I’m sort of left to my own devices. Devices which have proven to be unreliable - and certainly ones not very educated on the matter at hand. If this were about baseball, I wouldn’t be clueless at all. But it’s cancer and science and medicine; all the subjects I know very little about.

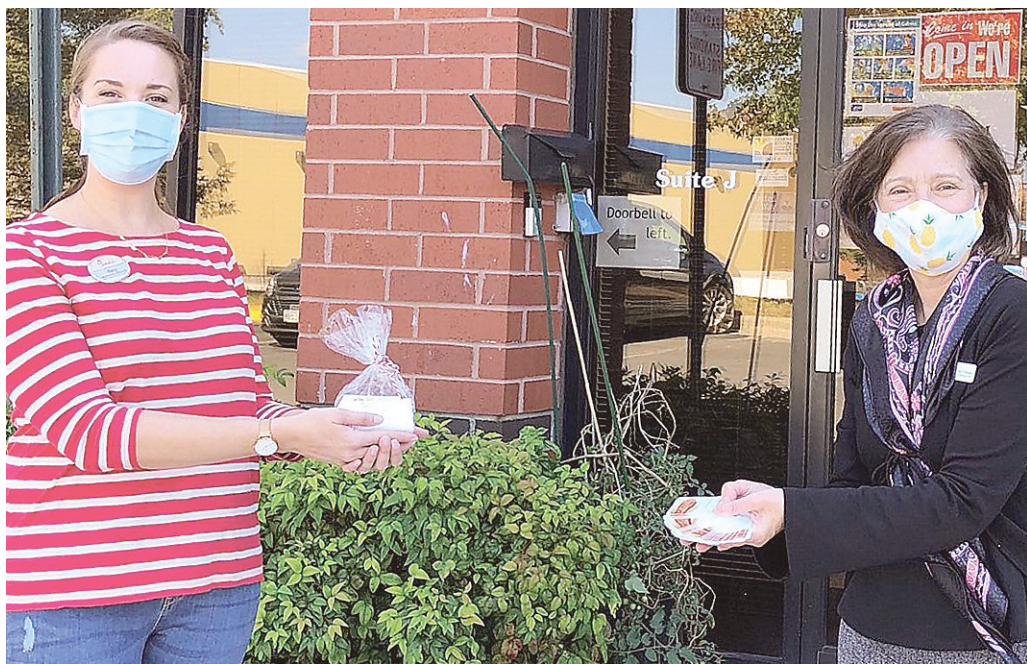
Released automatically, I receive the same document that the doctors do. That means what I’m reading is the actual report, written by a doctor for a doctor. The report is full of medical jargon. And though there are “impressions,” provided as well as an organ-by-organ characterization, until I speak with one of my doctors and have them review the report with me, I’m never quite sure if what I think I understand is wishful thinking or whether my worst nightmare is happening during the day.

As a result, there are lots of words and medical assessments that are lost on me. It’s not like reading a baseball box score when I know what everything means and its significance. Sure, there are many familiar words, but there are more that are not. Obviously “no new sites of metastatic disease I can understand and appreciate, literally. But “aortic atherosclerotic calcification” and intrathoracic and axillary lymphadenopathy” I don’t. Understand them? I can barely pronounce them, let alone spell them. And as much information is provided in these reports, I feel as if I need a scorecard to identify all the players and determine what it all means.

Now when I have that follow-up phone call with the endocrinologist/oncologist, the report is explained. However, the explanations are not chapter and verse, they are more like sentence and paragraph. They’re short and hopefully, as it was time, sweet. Of course, I could ask more questions but as the comedian Dennis Miller once joked on the radio: “I don’t care how the popcorn is popped, I just want it to pop.” So too am I less concerned with the popping (details). I want to know if I’m going to live or die. Unfortunately, the reports - and the conversations don’t really offer a glimpse into the future as much as they attempt to clarify the present - which apparently is as good as it is likely to get. If 11 years - and nine months as a cancer patient has taught me anything, it has taught me to be grateful for any good news, however indeterminate.

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





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(From left) Chick-fil-A Marketing Director Amy Allen hands gift cards to WFCM Development Director Mary Ellen D'Andrea.

# Free Flu Shots, Food for People in Need

Continuing to serve the community in every way it can, Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) recently held a free food-distribution and flu-vaccination clinic at Grace Covenant Church in Chantilly. It did so in partnership with the Fairfax County Health Department.

After being vaccinated, 110 clients and their families received boxes of non-perishable food donated by the Capital Area Food Bank. They were also given gift cards from Chick-fil-A in Chantilly, plus bread, milk and other perishable items from WFCM's food pantry. And the Health Department distributed face coverings to them.

Grace Covenant Church provided lunch for the Health Department employees, and Supervisor Kathy Smith (D-Sully) and her legislative aide, Dan Dolan, brought doughnuts and coffee for the Health Department employees, who were on site for six hours.

— BONNIE HOBBS



(From left) WFCM Director of Operations Pamela Montenos and Executive Director Harmonie Taddeo distributed food, face coverings and gift cards to clients receiving vaccines.



(From left) Dan Dolan and Kathy Smith give snacks to George Sweat, assistant director of Health Services-Clinics and TB, Fairfax County Health Department.



A refreshment table available to golfers courtesy of Bronze Sponsor Northwest Financial Advisors

## NWFCU Foundation Raises \$100K for Scholarship Program at Golf Tournament

NWFCU Foundation, the charitable arm of Northwest Federal Credit Union, held its fifth annual Drive for the Driven Golf Tournament on Oct. 19, 2020. The money raised from the event will benefit the NWFCU Foundation Scholarship Fund, which has awarded scholarships to college-bound students since 2005, totaling more than \$1.5 million.

"We are deeply grateful for our sponsors and golfers who, in the midst of this year's challenges, helped make this the

most successful Drive for the Driven golf tournament ever," said Executive Director of the Northwest Federal Credit Union Foundation, Kaycee Childress. "Proceeds from this year's event will help us expand the program in years to come, awarding even more scholarships to talented, hard-working recipients, as well as continuing to build our community college Helping Hands and Lifeline grant programs."

For more information, visit [www.nwfcufoundation.org](http://www.nwfcufoundation.org).

## Fairfax Social Security Office Moving to Reston

The Fairfax Social Security office will relocate to its new location at 10800 Parkridge Blvd Suite 100, Reston, on Monday, Nov. 23, 2020. Business operations at 11212 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, will end at close of business Friday, Nov. 20.

Social Security employees continue to work remotely to provide the vital services the public relies on through online services and phone services, and offices are not able to accept in-person visitors at this time, except by appointment for dire need situations, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Visit [www.ssa.gov/coronavirus](http://www.ssa.gov/coronavirus) for more information about services during the pandemic.

Most Social Security services do not require the public to take time to visit an office. People may create their my Social Security account, a personalized online service, at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount).

Through their personal my Social Security account, people can check personal information and conduct business with Social Security.

If they already receive Social Security benefits, they can start or change direct deposit online, request a replacement SSA-1099, and if they need proof of their benefits, they can print or download a current Benefit Verification Letter from their account.

People not yet receiving benefits can use their online account to get a personalized Social Security Statement, which provides earnings information as well as estimates of future benefits. Virginia residents may request a replacement Social Security card online if they meet certain requirements.

The portal also includes a retirement calculator and links to information about other online services, such as applications for retirement, disability and Medicare benefits.

Many Social Security services are also conveniently available by dialing toll-free, 1-800-772-1213. People who are deaf or hard of hearing may call Social Security's TTY number, 1-800-325-0778.