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This family is decked out in patriotic colors for last year's Centreville Day parade. This year's celebration is Saturday, Oct. 15, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., in Historic Centreville Park.

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Hail to the Queen

BY DELEGATE KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM

Hail to the Queen has been a familiar refrain in Virginia for in the 70-year reign of Queen Elizabeth II she visited the Commonwealth of Virginia more than any other state. After all, the designation of Virginia as a Common-

wealth stems from the fact that the Virginia colony was part of the British Empire before declaring its independence in 1776. And Virginia was named for Queen Elizabeth I who was known as the Virgin Queen.

Two of the four trips that brought the Queen to the Commonwealth stemmed from her appreciation of the 1607 landing of Englishmen at

Jamestown. In October 1957 she came to Jamestown for the 350th anniversary of the English landing at Jamestown Island. In addition to visiting Jamestown, she visited the College of William and Mary whose name is of course taken from British royalty. She stayed overnight at the Williamsburg Inn located in Colonial Williamsburg which was the capital of the royal

colony of Virginia.

Fifty years later she returned to Virginia for the Jamestown 400th anniversary. On this trip, she stopped first in Richmond where she visited the Capitol and spoke to a Joint Session of the General Assembly. I was honored to be present in the audience for that speech. While her presence was truly impressive with all that goes

with royalty, I was most impressed with what she had to say. While she talked about the white English settlers, she gave equal time to the legacy of Jamestown that included the enslaved people and the indigent people in the colony. You can view her speech at <https://youtu.be/ohBwWM-Yue0>.

In July 1976 Queen Elizabeth II visited Virginia on her trip to celebrate the U.S. Bicentennial. Among her stops in the Commonwealth were Monticello and the University of Virginia, the home of and the university founded by the brash Virginian Thomas Jefferson who in the Declaration of Independence had some not-very-nice things to say about one of her predecessors, George III. Queen Elizabeth's grandmother, Queen Mary, was royal by birth; her great-grandfather was King George III. In May 1991 Queen Elizabeth II visited the White House and on that trip set foot back in Virginia by visiting Arlington National Cemetery.

Those who study the history of the Commonwealth of Virginia will miss her periodic appearances in our midst and her keen observations of the meaning of our joint history even until her death. Her steady presence, calm demeanor and unflappable manner were sources of inspiration and hope throughout the world. King Charles III has an incredibly big role to step into. He will not be able to match her style, but hopefully he has learned from her good sense. No one would design a government with a constitutional monarchy; only a reading of history can help one understand why they continue to exist. Those who hold positions that replaced the monarchy could do well to learn from Elizabeth II on bringing people together. She earned the respectful salutation, Hail to the Queen!

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC. FOR APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT A 2023 SAVE RIDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 20 OF ITS GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS CASE NO. PUR-2022-00126

On August 15, 2022, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("CVA" or the "Company"), filed an application ("Application") in accordance with Section 20 of its General Terms and Conditions, as contemplated in the Commission's November 28, 2011 Order Approving Steps to Advance Virginia's Energy Plan ("SAVE") Act SAVE Plan and Rider in Case No. PUE-2011-00049 and as most recently modified in Case No. PUR-2021-00145, for approval to implement a SAVE Rider for calendar year 2023.

In its Application, CVA states that its SAVE Plan is a program designed to accelerate the replacement of certain components of its gas distribution system infrastructure to enhance system safety and reliability. CVA has proposed a 2021 True-Up Factor of (\$452,523) and a 2023 Projected Factor of \$5,067,295, for a total proposed SAVE revenue requirement of \$4,614,772. As proposed, the 2023 SAVE Rider would decrease residential customers' bills by \$2.62 per month, for a total proposed monthly SAVE Rider rate of \$1.09.

The Company asserts that in its pending base rate filing (Case No. PUR-2022-00036) ("2022 Rate Case"), CVA requested Commission authorization to implement its proposed rates in that case, on an interim basis, for service rendered on and after the first billing unit of October 2022. According to the Company, the rates and charges proposed in the 2022 Rate Case will include recovery of costs associated with all SAVE in-service plant made through September 30, 2022, and excludes anticipated SAVE-related expenditures from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. Consistent with the Company's 2022 Rate Case filing, CVA requests recovery in this proceeding of SAVE-related costs post September 30, 2022, including SAVE-related investment, the SAVE-related CWIP balance at September 30, 2022, and any SAVE related revenue requirement not recovered in base rates in the SAVE Rider proposed to be effective the first billing unit of January 2023. The Projected Factor will be set to zero concurrent with the implementation of CVA's rate case interim base rates effective the first billing unit of October 2022.

The details of these and other proposals are set forth in the Company's Application. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Company's Application and supporting exhibits for the details of these proposals.

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

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Comment that, among other things, directed the Company to provide notice to the public and provides interested persons an opportunity to comment on the Company's Application.

The Commission has taken judicial notice of the ongoing public health issues related to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19. In accordance therewith, all pleadings, briefs, or other documents required to be served in this matter should be submitted electronically to the extent authorized by 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"). Confidential and Extraordinarily Sensitive Information shall not be submitted electronically and should comply with 5 VAC 5-20-170, *Confidential information*, of the Rules of Practice. Any person seeking to hand deliver and physically file or submit any pleading or other document shall contact the Clerk's Office Document Control Center at (804) 371-9838 to arrange the delivery.

Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Rules of Practice, the Commission has directed that service on parties and the Commission's Staff in this matter shall be accomplished by electronic means. Please refer to the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment for further instructions concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information.

An electronic copy of the Application may be viewed on the Commission's website or obtained, at no charge, by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: T. Borden Ellis, Assistant General Counsel, and Katherine C. Creel, Senior Counsel, NiSource Corporate Services Company, 1809 Coyote Drive Chester, Virginia, 23836, or tbellis@nisource.com and kcreel@nisource.com.

On or before October 4, 2022, any interested person wishing to comment on the Company's Application may file comments with the Clerk of the Commission by following the instructions on the Commission's website: www.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00126.

On or before October 4, 2022, any person or entity may participate as a respondent in this proceeding by filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the Commission at: www.virginia.gov/clk/efiling/. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00126.

On or before October 4, 2022, any interested person or entity may file a written request for a hearing with the Clerk of the Commission at the address above or at www.virginia.gov/clk/efiling/, and the interested person simultaneously shall serve a copy of the hearing request on counsel to the Company. Requests for a hearing shall include: (i) a precise statement of the filing party's interest in the proceeding; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; (iii) a statement of the legal basis for such action; and (iv) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in this matter. All requests for a hearing shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00126.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Rules of Practice.

The Company's Application, the Commission's Rules of Practice, and the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment may be viewed at: www.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

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It is our mission, set out in the first amendment of the U.S. Constitution, to press local government every day for transparency. Your local paper can be your window into the workings of schools, police, transportation, zoning, stormwater management, services, and a nearly infinite number of other functions. These are the things that impact our lives at home and work. The public has a right to expect transparency from such local institutions, more so when they are publicly funded. The constitution clearly anticipated the ongoing need for the press to help in this role.

It is still our mission to deliver the local news you need, to help make sense of what is happening in your community, to advocate for community good, to provide a forum for dialogue on local concerns, and to record achievements, milestones and events in the community and people's lives. It is still our mission to cover the normal news of the local communities.

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We publish photos and notes about personal milestones and community events, including births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries.

We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees and anniversaries are welcome.

For many months blending into a year, there were no calendar listings in our papers. Everything was canceled. Now there is a return of many face-to-face events. If you are planning an event, we appreciate getting notice at least two weeks ahead of the event, and we encourage photos.

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This year, 2022 in the time of the pandemic, we struggle to keep going.

Local newspapers, including the Connection Newspapers, are facing an existential threat from the combination of nationwide downturn in newspaper advertising that has been worsening over several years, compounded by the economic crisis of coronavirus.

We turned to GoFundMe at a critical point, and our readers answered, raising nearly \$50,000 to get us through a terrible time. We thank all who gave, as well as all who wished us well.

Now, we are back to great difficulty. Revenue has not nearly rebounded to pre-pandemic levels, and we are going to need more help to keep going. We will renew calls for contributions shortly to try to carry on. Here is the link to our current GoFundMe. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-keep-your-newspaper-printing>

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Hidden Gems?

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

For this year's Newcomers & Community Guide, we wanted to share hidden gems, those must-see places or events unknown to many. They could be forgotten, overlooked, or hidden in plain sight. Members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, their staff, mayors and others provided some of their favorites.

This reporter compiled photos to illustrate the points of interest, venues, festivals, architecture, and more. Because of these gems, hidden or not, your community is more than a collection of buildings and businesses. The gems, gathered in your community newspaper, enhance your hometown's identity by creating a sense of place, fostering relationships, facilitating action, and even stimulating the economy.

How about a life-size replica of Stonehenge that is made entirely of Styrofoam, an out-of-place Air Force radar dome, or a creepy one-lane concrete tunnel in Clifton, known as the Bunny Man Bridge?

For a regional perspective in Fairfax,



VIA ATLASOBSCURA.COM

A Nike Missile site in Fairfax County in preparation for defense against enemy aircraft during the Cold War—Great Falls, Fairfax County

Arlington, Alexandria, VA, and Potomac, MD, visit The Connection's website to view our other Newcomers & Community Guides by neighborhoods.

Lesser-known Favorites Around the County

Plus favorites from the chairman's staff.

BY CHAIRMAN JEFF MCKAY
(AND STAFF)

Huntley Meadows in Winter: Chairman McKay was raised on the Route One corridor, and Huntley Meadows Park has been his favorite since he was young. While it is most popular from Spring through Fall, the colder months are a wonderful time to visit, providing quiet solitude and ample space to reflect or enjoy the season's stillness, offering a minimalist beauty uniquely Winter. <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows>



Nalls Produce in Autumn: While known to locals, Nalls is worthy of a drive from anywhere in the county, especially during Autumn when Pumpkin Hill opens, and you can select your ideal gourd while also getting the perfect seasonal picture. Farm- and orchard-fresh produce plus gourmet foods

from the region round out the truly Franconia experience. <https://nallsproduce.com/>

Historic Huntley and Gunston Hall: While everyone rightly knows about Mount

Vernon, Fairfax is home to several preserved historic homes, and often overlooked are Historic Huntley and Gunston Hall. Historic Huntley is almost 200 years old and was built for the grandson of George Mason and former Alexandria Mayor Thomas Francis Mason. It has served in multiple roles over its history, including as a Civil War encampment. And speaking of George Mason, ensconced right by Gunston Cove abutting Pohick Bay Regional Park, is beautiful via telling the story of the author of the Virginia Declaration of Rights and Virginia Constitution, his family, and the 100+ enslaved people who lived and worked there. <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/historic-huntley> <https://gunstonhall.org/>

Workhouse Arts Center: While not hidden per se, any newcomer to Fairfax County

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Construction work is progressing inside the Route 28 median.



BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION

Bumper-to-bumper traffic en route from Centreville toward Manassas during the afternoon rush on Route 28.

What's on the Travel Horizon for Centreville, Chantilly

Several transportation projects are planned for the area.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Cared toward making life easier for commuters, several transportation projects are in the works in Centreville and Chantilly. Below are details about some of them:

Route 28 Widening

Rush hour on Route 28 in Centreville is often a bumper-to-bumper affair. But a multimillion-dollar widening project is aimed at easing this gridlock. It's slated to be completed next year, and workers have been busy for a long time to make it happen.

Route 28 is being widened from four lanes to six, for about 2.3 miles, between the bridge over Bull Run (south of Compton Road) and the Route 29 Interchange. Besides adding more through lanes to Route 28, the project will provide additional lanes on side streets to improve traffic flow.

It will also improve intersection operations, upgrade existing traffic signals and improve bicycle and pedestrian crossings. In addition, new, 10-foot-wide, shared-use paths will be created on both sides of Route 28.

A Fairfax County project, it's being done in cooperation with VDOT and the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. Total cost estimate is nearly \$79 million. Shirley Contracting Co. is the design-builder, and the county's Department of Transportation is doing the construction.

The road-widening began last summer and is expected to reach substantial completion in fall 2023. Noise walls are currently being built, and that work will continue



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Weekday-afternoon, rush-hour traffic on Route 29 heading from Fairfax to Centreville. These drivers are approaching the Clifton/Stringfellow roads intersection.

through the end of this year. Final construction of the entire road project is anticipated to be finished by late 2023/early 2024.

As construction at each intersection is finished, workers will focus on the side streets, tying in and facilitating new turn lanes to move traffic more smoothly along Route 28. Meanwhile, work will continue in the Route 28 median, in both directions.

Route 29 Widening

During the afternoon rush hours, Route 29 between Buckley's Gate Drive and Union Mill Road is 1.5 miles of slow and tedious traffic. That's when residents are heading home to Centreville, or points west, trying to avoid I-66 west's gridlock at the same time.

There's also a bottleneck there during the morning rush, with long backups at the in-

“There's no magic bullet for this [Route 50] corridor. It's very congested because of all the commercial development and commuters.”

— VDOT engineer Andy Beacher

tersection of Clifton and Stringfellow roads. But VDOT has a plan to widen that stretch of Route 29 from four to six lanes.

The goal is to reduce congestion, while improving safety, operations and access. The project will also add and improve 10-foot-wide, shared-use paths along both sides of Route 29 to provide better bicycle and pedestrian access to the trails at the Fairfax

County Parkway/West Ox Road Interchange. Planned, as well, are crosswalk improvements for pedestrians at major intersections, with modified signals to accommodate them.

There'll be intersection improvements at Centreville Farms and Union Mill roads, Clifton and Stringfellow Roads, Meadow Estates Drive and Hampton Forest Way, and Buckley's Gate and Summit drives.

Estimated project cost is \$85.9 million, with \$19 million of that amount yet to be funded. Construction is anticipated to start late this year and take approximately two-and-a-half years to finish.

Route 50 Improvements

Under normal traffic conditions, the two-mile segment of Route 50 between Route 28 and Stringfellow Road in Chantilly is clogged during the morning and evening rush. It also averages 71,000 vehicles a day and has a high number of crashes.

So VDOT's doing a STARS (Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions) study to assess how to make this stretch of road function better and safer. According to VDOT engineer Andy Beacher, STARS is used to develop low-cost solutions to traffic problems.

Toward that end, he said, “We studied all the intersections on Route 50 between Stringfellow and Route 28 and are making recommendations.

However, there's no magic bullet for this corridor. It's very congested because of all the commercial development and commuters.”

VDOT collected traffic and accident data on seven, signalized intersections in the study area and then examined both short-term solutions that would help immediate-

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GrandInvolve Seeks Volunteers. Would you like a unique and interesting volunteer experience to make a difference in a school, classroom, or in one child's life? GrandInvolve.org facilitates rewarding, flexible adult volunteer opportunities at Fairfax County Title I elementary schools, providing classroom assistance with math, reading, and other simple educational tasks. Visit www.GrandInvolve.org/volunteer-with-us for details and to complete an interest form. Or email info@grandinvolve.org.

GIANT FOOD ANNOUNCES LOCAL PRODUCE BOXES

Giant Food announces the relaunch of its Local Produce Boxes featuring locally sourced, in-season produce sold exclusively through Giant Delivers. Available throughout the summer without a subscription or commitment, the boxes retail for \$20.00 and contain six or more items from local farms in Maryland, Virginia and Delaware. For more information and to purchase a local produce box, visit <https://giantfood.com/pages/giants-local-best>.

METRO TRANSIT POLICE TO USE BODY WORN CAMERAS

The Metro Transit Police Department will equip officers with body worn cameras (BWC), adding a new tool to MTPD's crime fighting initiatives. The program is designed to create an additional layer of transparency for sworn officers who protect Metro customers and employees. MTPD is in the initial stages of

developing the program, supported by a grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) of approximately \$905,000.

VIRGINIA ABC EXTENDS CLOSING HOURS IN 31 STORES

To provide greater customer convenience, the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (ABC) has extended Monday through Saturday closing hours from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in 31 stores. Customers are encouraged to visit Virginia ABC's website at www.abc.virginia.gov to search for stores and view operating hours, as well as order spirits online for in-store or curbside pickup, or home delivery in select areas.

WALKING/RUNNING PROGRAM

Calling women – need a fun program to start or restart your walking and/or running program? Check out the Women's Training Program with Reston Runners <https://restonrunners.redpodium.com/2022-womens-training-program>. It is an 8-week program meeting each Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. at South Lakes High School to complete a 3 mile course by walking, walk/run or running. All coached by a great group of women.

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 or www.nami-northernvirginia.org/parent-peer-support.html.

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PHOTO VIA FRIENDS OF RUNNYMEDE PARK

Runnymede Park's 58 acres are important for watershed education. The park offers a microcosm of natural environments such as a woodland marsh, stream, swamp, wet meadow, and deciduous and coniferous forests.

Hidden Gem in the Town of Herndon

BY MAYOR SHEILA OLEM
TOWN OF HERNDON

A walk in Runnymede Park, located at 195 Herndon Parkway, Herndon, is always a place to calm your thoughts and enjoy the beauties of nature. There are a variety of trees and plants for you to enjoy. You might even see some beautiful wildlife such as deer, squirrels, or various birds. Even if you don't see the wildlife, the sound of birds and squirrels or insects will help

you take a breath and forget your worries, if even for a few minutes.

Now that it's almost fall, you can enjoy the changing of the colors. Walking there after a light snow in winter, the prints in the snow can tell you what critters were just there before you. Spring and summer will bring new growth and beautiful new colors.

The walk is never the same. The relaxing feeling you get if you just turn off your phone will last for hours.



Herndon Mayor Sheila Olem



PHOTO VIA FRIENDS OF RUNNYMEDE PARK

Thicket, grass meadows, sedges, and wildflowers provide habitat for deer, butterflies, birds, and woodchucks. There are two picnic shelters and a paved trail for hiking, birdwatching, and nature study.



TRANSPORTATION



Map of the Route 50 intersections involved in VDOT's STARS study.



This map shows how the Compton Road Path will connect to other trails.

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ly, plus mid-term solutions that would provide relief into 2030. The estimated cost range for these improvements is \$8 million to \$11 million.

"Right now, we have no funding [to build this project]," said Beacher. "Once we finish the study and choose alternatives, we'll have cost studies done and then work with Fairfax County to identify funding opportunities."

Compton Road Shared-Use Path

Fairfax County and VDOT plan to build the Compton Road Shared-Use Path in Centreville. This 10-foot-wide trail will benefit local residents, connect the Bull Run Special Events Center and the Cub Run Trail System, and will also become part of the I-66 Trail Network.

The goal is to improve mobility and travel choices for pedestrians and bicyclists. The work will include a bridge over Cub Run to safely facilitate the shared-use path over the stream. It'll connect, as well, to the existing Bull Run Loop Trail, Sully Loop Trail and West County Trail, as well as to future trails.

Design approval is expected this fall, with right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation anticipated to begin in spring 2023. Start of

construction is currently planned for summer 2024 and is expected to take approximately 20 months. Total project cost is estimated at \$7.9 million.

Cub Run Bridge Rehab

Work began in May to rehabilitate the northbound Route 29 bridge over Cub Run in Centreville to improve driver and pedestrian safety and extend the overall life of the bridge. It was built in 1954, and Route 29 carries an average of 26,000, combined northbound and southbound vehicles a day at Cub Run. So VDOT is giving this bridge some much-needed upgrades and repairs.

The improvements include removing and replacing the concrete deck and bridge rails, installing steel beams, rebuilding the concrete pedestals, replacing the bridge bearings, and repairing cracks on the underside of the bridge deck and in the pedestals supporting the bridge. Furthermore, a walkway with a barrier will be added and connected to the existing sidewalk just north of the bridge.

The work area runs from just east of White Post Road (near Gate Post Estates) to just west of Paddington Lane (near London Towne). Total project cost is an estimated \$3.8 million, and work is expected to be completed in spring 2023.

NEWS



#NeverForget by Julie and Kiera Weatherton, Dranesville Elementary. On Sept. 10, Dranesville Elementary in Herndon held its second annual Chalk4Peace. According to Jamie Gadley, principal, the event honored “the victims, families, heroes, and survivors of 9/11 and the courage and determination of our nation’s first responders.”



Sisters Julie and Kiera Weatherton, students at Dranesville ES, collaboratively create during Chalk4Peace.

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Chalk4Peace participants at Dranesville Elementary.
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This family is displaying its patriotism during last year’s Centreville Day parade. This year’s celebration is Saturday, Oct. 15, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., in Historic Centreville Park.

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Vienna's Chilln' on Church Street (and on the Town Green) with live music, food trucks, beer and wine for sale, and more.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

A recent event at Lake Anne, the Reggae Festival, Sept. 10. It is the biggest crowd seen in ten years, according to Reston resident John Lovaas. "Filled the whole Plaza all the way down to the quay to Heron House tower," he says.

Hidden Gems in Vienna and Reston

BY SUPERVISOR WALTER ALCORN
HUNTER MILL

Church Street in the Town of Vienna – More than 20 years ago, the Vienna Town Council adopted an ordinance to enhance the appearance and economic vitality of businesses in the historic Church Street commercial corridor. Today, Church Street and the neighboring Town Green are constantly bustling with events, including storytelling for children, holiday strolls, parades, and festivals. Stop by any of the busy small businesses, and you'll find neighbors gathering for coffee and a book club meeting, stretching at a yoga class, or enjoying a fantastic meal (why there's a Vienna Foodies Facebook page). One of its greatest assets is the proximity to the regional W&OD trail, which offers walkers, runners, and cyclists a historic path through nature. While some may argue that the whole town is a gem, I think we all agree Church Street is a special place.

Reston Association's Network of Five Trails – These Reston gems come in five colors – blue, green, pink, red, and turquoise. The Reston Association has marked five color-coded trails so you can enjoy the beauty and green, open space on foot or a bike. I encourage you to try all of them to really see Reston!

Blue Trail – 3.44 miles, Tall Oaks to Lake Anne to North Point Trail

Green – 1.43 miles, Reston Town Center to Lake Anne

Pink – 4.07 miles, North Point Parks Loop Trail

Red – 2.1 miles, Lake Thoreau Loop Trail

Turquoise – 4.74 miles, South Lakes Village Center to Hunters Woods Center

The trail guides can be found here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/4ynbnoyvh-qkv81t/AADwoXNEXzmJ20aDw09LwXnqa?dl=0>

Lake Anne – Lake Anne and its Village Center are often referred to as the heart and soul of Reston. This is the first of Res-



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ton founder Robert Simon's planned villages where people could live, work, play, shop, go to school, and age in place. The surrounding Village Center was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 2017. More importantly, it is a gathering place for old and young alike. There are benches for contem-



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Reston's Lake Anne, where all are welcome, including witches paddleboarding toward the dock for Halloween fun.

plating (one with a statue of Robert Simon to sit next to), public art, waterfront dining, paddleboarding, concerts and events, a farmers market every Saturday, and the Reston Museum. What you won't find is a chain store, only unique small businesses. This is a gem everyone in Fairfax County should visit.

Hidden Gems in the Dranesville District

BY SUPERVISOR JOHN W. FOUST

Equestrian Facilities at Turner Farm Park: Many people are familiar with the astronomy programs offered by the Analemma Society at the 52-acre park, but the property also hosts superb equestrian facilities. Equestrians can enjoy 40 acres of open fields for riding; a cross-country course with water, ditch, and bank complexes; a round pen; stadium jumps; and dressage markers in the large, multi-purpose outdoor arena. Throughout the year, horse shows and other activities are put on by Turner Farm Events, a non-profit group. -925 Springvale Road, Great Falls, Virginia 22066

Laughlin Avenue Plaza in McLean is a great place if you are looking to grab a cup of coffee and chat or are just looking for a spot to rest in downtown McLean. This



Equestrian Facilities, Turner Farm Park, 925 Springvale Road, Great Falls, VA 22066



Runnymede Park, 196 Herndon Parkway, Herndon, Va. 20170

unique, terraced park features a water-integrated sculpture with a seating area and is within walking distance of downtown shops, restaurants, and parks. It is located adjacent to the Palladium in McLean and is an ideal gathering place for community residents. -1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean, VA 22101

Runnymede Park: The Town of Herndon owns and maintains this 58-acre park. It is the site for many community nature-related events, such as the annual NatureFest, the Spring Native Plant Sale, and the Fall Native Plant Sale. Situated near the Sugarland Run Stream, the park attracts over 100 species of birds, deer, foxes, and other wildlife. Guided walks are offered to highlight the wildlife on the trails. Two park shelters are available for rent. The park is great for hiking, birdwatching, picnicking, and studying nature. -196 Herndon Parkway, Herndon.

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It's Fall, and that means love a pumpkin at Nalls Produce



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Gardens at Gunston Hall

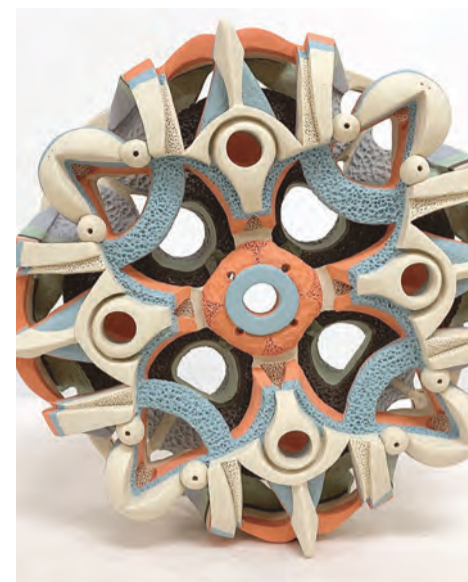


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The 12th Annual Clay International exhibition at Workhouse Art Center, on view through Oct. 9, 2022, features contemporary functional and sculptural ceramic artwork.

Chairman McKay's Lesser-known Favorites

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would be well advised to check out all the amazing cultural and entertainment offerings at the Workhouse Arts Center. Beyond its remarkable story as a former prison transformed into a destination for artists and learners, history buffs (the Lucy Burns Museum is on site), and those looking for theater, a concert, or a laugh at one of its dozens of shows should be regular visitors. This is a can't-miss venue for everyone who lives in the area. <https://www.workhousearts.org/>

From the Chairman's Staff:

Frying Pan Park backcountry: While most people know about the wonderful Kidwell Farm and historic house on the property, there are beautiful hiking trails throughout the 130 acres of this amazing park. Suggest starting at the parking lot, walking to the historic Frying Pan Meeting House (where seeds of the Revolutionary War were sown and later served as a field hospital and final resting place for Confederate soldiers), and then through the forest to a waterfall before emerging on a farm road before arriving at protected wetlands with bountiful songbirds on the park's northeast side.

Highs & Lows: A locally-owned gift shop filled with the quirky, the wacky, and the downright weird, with something for everyone. With stores on Richmond Highway and Springfield Town Center loaded with items from pop culture, movies, music, toys, exotic food and drink, you are sure to find something you've never seen before and never knew you needed until the

See Kathy Smith's Hidden Gems of Sully on page 16

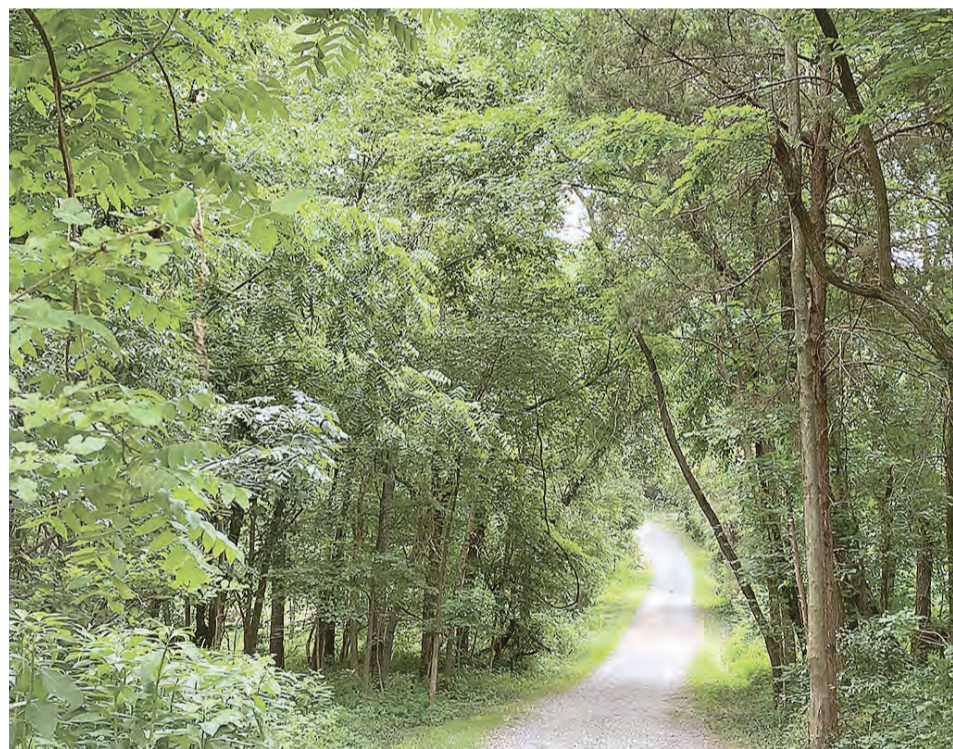


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Backcountry at Frying Pan Park in Herndon

moment you saw it! www.connection-newspapers.com/news/2022/sep/11/highs-and-lows-hits-high-new-store-springfield/

Chairman McKay's lesser-known favorites in Fairfax :

JV's Restaurant: This Fairfax County institution at 6666 Arlington Blvd is one of the few places in the County where you can hear live music seven days a week. It will mark its 75th anniversary in November 2022.

Fairfax Small Businesses: During the holiday season, watch for notices from Celebrate Fairfax for markets featuring Fairfax County artisans and crafters from the county and the local area. These amazingly talented makers will be a primary stop for your seasonal shopping. This is a won-

"Work hard, Play at JV's"	
SEPT 16 - Fri.	SHARTEL & HUME DUO - 4PM YOUNG RELICS RETURN
SEPT 17 - Sat.	TERRI & THE BACK ALLEY RHYTHM CATS - 4PM MOTHERS LITTLE HELPER - 8PM
SEPT 18 - Sun.	MARS RODEO - 4PM FLAT DUO JETS SHOW - 8PM
SEPT 19 - Mon.	TOM SAPUTO SHOW
SEPT 20 - Tues.	OPEN MIC w/ JOSH & ANDY - 7:30PM
SEPT 21 - Wed.	DOUG DEMING & THE JEWEL TONES
SEPT 22 - Thurs.	SOL ROOTS SHOW - 8PM

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JV's Restaurant- Work hard, play hard, music every night

derful way to support our local small businesses, and you're sure to find something for everyone on your list!



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A king rail at Huntley Meadows



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Check out the weird, exclusive and exotic at Highs and Lows, two locations, Richmond Hwy and Springfield Town Center. It's a favorite of Chairman McKay's staff.

Where to Give Locally

There are literally hundreds, probably thousands, of ways to give locally financially, food and other goods, volunteer time. Here are a few ideas. Please let us know what we have missed. We will repeat this list before Thanksgiving, so please send corrections or updates to mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com with "Give Locally" in the subject line.

❖ Alice's Kids (@alicewillhelp) aliceskids.org
P.O. Box 60, Mount Vernon, VA 22121 When a child is raised in poverty they suffer both publicly and privately. When that same child can't afford to pay for the band field trip, a pair of glasses, a chorus outfit or a new pair of shoes, these are indignities that are evident to their classmates. Alice's Kids pays for these relatively inexpensive items in the hopes of preserving the dignity of the child. <https://aliceskids.org/>

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

❖ Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington Fairfax Area operates clubs in two of the neediest areas of the county, Culmore, Mount Vernon/ Route 1 corridor, and Chantilly, focusing on character and academic success. <https://www.bgcgw.org/club-page/fairfax-county-region-our-impact/>

❖ Britepaths Britepaths' services stabilize low-wealth working families, build resilience through financial empowerment and workforce development, and provide supports for children.. Britepaths.org <https://britepaths.org/>

❖ Centreville Immigration Forum, a safe, organized center where residents and contractors can negotiate work arrangements with day laborers. Centreville Square Shopping Center, 5944 Centreville Crest Ln, Centreville, VA 20121. Phone: (703) 543-6272
website: www.centrevilleimmigrationforum.org and email contact@theCIFva.org

❖ Closet Of The Greater Herndon Area is a nonprofit thrift shop in downtown Herndon. The Closet recently awarded over \$20,000 in grants to seven local non-profit organizations: Cornerstones, Fellowship Square, Herndon-Reston FISH, Meridians Recovery, Mobile Hope of Loudoun, South Lakes High School PTSA Food Pantry, and Herndon Woman's Club in support of Wreaths Across America. The Closet is a source of low-cost clothing and household necessities and also gives away clothing at no cost to truly needy individuals. 845 Station Street Herndon, VA 20170 (703) 437-7652. Email TheClosetInc@verizon.net Web: theclosetofgreaterherndon.org/

❖ Comfort for America's Uniformed Services (CAUSE) ensures that recuperating service members have opportunities for recreation and social interaction and receive concrete signs of appreciation for all that they have done. Mailing address: 4201 Wilson Blvd., #110-284, Arlington, VA 22203, CFC #33011, Phone 703-591-4965, cause-usa.org

❖ Committee for Helping Others (CHO), Vienna, organized in 1969 by a group of churches and individuals in the Dunn Loring, Merrifield, Oakton, Vienna community to provide simple, loving charity to those in need. Coming up, holiday bike drive. 703-281-7614, www.cho-va.com

❖ Community Foundation of Northern Virginia www.cfnova.org The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia works to respond to critical need and seed innovation in our region. Your gift helps us make grants in our focus areas of interest while also bringing a spotlight on the benefits of community philanthropists www.cfnova.org/for-donors/

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❖ Cornerstones, 11150 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 210, Reston, serving Reston and Herndon. 571-323-9555, www.cornerstonesva.org. Nonprofit providing support and advocacy for those in need of food, shelter, affordable housing, quality childcare, and other human services. Programs and services include the Embry Rucker Community Shelter, Emergency Food Pantry, Hypothermia Prevention Program, Gifts for Kids and annual Coat Drive. www.cornerstonesva.org

❖ Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO), 703-569-9160. Open to receive donations at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Provides food and financial assistance to those in short-term emergencies, and provides clothing and household goods to low income families. www.echo-inc.org.

❖ FACETS helps parents, their children and individuals who suffer the effects of poverty in the Fairfax area, a partner in efforts to end homelessness in Fairfax County. FACETS is always in need of donations and volunteers, and offers a variety of one-time and ongoing opportunities. Contact Haylee Davis at hada-vis@facetscares.org. 703-865-4251 or volunteer@facetscares.org. www.facetscares.org. 10640 Page Ave., Suite 300, Fairfax VA 22030

❖ Fairfax City Area FISH (For Immediate Sympathetic Help) FISH provides funds and volunteers to serve the needy and elderly in the greater Fairfax City area of Fairfax County. FISH responds to requests for life's necessities: food, clothing, financial assistance for delinquent rent, mortgage, utility bills, gasoline, and prescriptions. 703-222-0880 fairfaxfish.org/

❖ Food for Others Located at 2938 Prosperity Ave., Fairfax, VA 22031, 703-207-9173. 2938 Prosperity Ave. info@foodforothers.org. Food for Others distributes food to more than 1,800 local families in need each week. Drop off food at our Merrifield Warehouse, 2938 Prosperity Ave, Fairfax, VA 22031. Monday through Friday from 9:30am to 5pm. www.foodforothers.org

❖ Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. Each year, nearly 5,000 pets, including cats, dogs, small mammals, reptiles and livestock, come to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter funds important needs throughout the Shelter such as behavioral training and dental or medical care beyond what the shelter's budget can provide. generalinfo@ffcas.org 571-212-9858 www.ffcas.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



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Unity of Fairfax Church collected \$1,000 and 25 backpacks to support Britepaths' Collect for Kids program last year. From left, Nancy Schneider delivers backpacks and checks to Seasonal Programs Manager Joanne Walton.



Scott Plank, CEO of War Horse Cities, one of Reston National Golf Course owners, walks down the Thanksgiving Day Food assembly line, carefully packing items for Cornerstones.

Northern Virginia. One East Luray Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301-2025, 703-549-8072, info@friendsofguesthouse.org, friendsofguesthouse.org/

❖ Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia transforms the lives of lower-income families in need by providing affordable homeownership opportunities in Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax and Falls Church. Learn more at www.habitatnova.org.

❖ Herndon-Reston FISH (Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help), 336 Victory Drive, Herndon, 703-391-0105 herndonrestonfish.org Herndon-Reston FISH has assisted local residents in short-term crises since 1969. 703-437-0600.

❖ Homestretch, to empower homeless parents with children to attain permanent housing and self-sufficiency by giving them the skills, knowledge and hope they need to become productive participants in the community. Since 1990 Homestretch has helped over 2,000 families achieve permanent housing and self-sufficiency. 303 South Maple Ave, Suite 400, Falls Church, VA 22046 Phone: 703-237-2035 homestretch-va.org

❖ Lamb Center, www.thelambcenter.org, day center for homeless, Fairfax City. 703-691-3178.

❖ LINK, serving Herndon, Chantilly, Loudoun and more. holiday@linkagainsthunger.org. 703-437-1776 www.linkagainsthunger.org.

❖ Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC) provide low-income individuals, senior citizens, and families residing in Fort Belvoir, Lorton, Newington and other portions of southeast Fairfax County with access to basic needs and the

opportunity to empower themselves. <https://lortonaction.org/>

❖ Mount Vernon At Home, 703-303-4060, www.mountvernonathome.org. Mount Vernon At Home membership helps connect senior members of our community. Neighbors helping neighbors with volunteer support is the power of Mount Vernon At Home. The group fundraises all year to make this possible and count on the generosity of the community.

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Interview with FCPS Superintendent Dr. Michelle Reid

FCPS students, the rising Artemis generation.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

Against the backdrop of attempts to launch the #Artemis 1 flight test around the moon <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2022/sep/07/space-center-planned-reston/>, on Thursday, Sept. 1, FCPS Superintendent Dr. Michelle Reid shared how she seeks to position FCPS as national leader in the next evolution of S.T.E.M. literacy and creativity for all students.

“The work that our educators do and every role we have within this division is critical to shaping our future,” Reid said earlier. “And it’s never been more important than it is today, [with] 65 percent of our students in the classroom preparing for jobs that do not yet exist.” Instruction receives 86 percent of the \$3.3 billion advertised budget for SY2022-2023.

This interview has been lightly edited for clarity and length.

Interview Highlights

Q#1: How is FCPS positioning the division to become an innovative leader in bringing the next evolution of S.T.E.M. literacy to all students as it focuses on talent development for the next generation of [space and earth] workers?

Dr. Reid: This next generation will likely commute between planets within space. You might live on Mars and work on Jupiter. Who knows? ‘There’s space for everybody,’ according to NASA. It’s a really powerful statement.

It’s often been said that good organizations react quickly to change, and great organizations create change. (paraphrased from Robert Kriegel). We want to be that division that creates the change — that is the highway for all divisions in this country. We have to be thoughtful about what skills our young people will need to thrive in this world yet to be imagined.

Q2: The universe and the world beyond belong to all. Beyond being an astronaut or an engineer, how can students see a place for themselves in space-faring? Our children will ask inwardly and aloud, ‘Is there



FCPS students—the Artemis generation.



FCPS positions enhancements to eliminate gaps in equity and achievement for all students.

room for me (diversity-wise and employment-wise)? What will you say?

Dr. Reid: One of the things about space and science that we have to be mindful of as a learning institution, is staying curious longer about what is right in front of us and how we impact and interact with it. It will also be very important for us to think about imagination and creativity. Because it’s almost like we’re asking children to see themselves in our preconceived idea of what it (space) will look like.

I think we can have our young people shape that picture in ways that we haven’t conceived of yet. Too often, we limit our children’s thinking by asking, ‘How do you see yourself in this picture?’ When, if they created the picture, it would be very different.

We don’t spend much time talking about creativity scores because we don’t do creativity scores. We have SOLs. When I think about SOLs, it’s important that our students can read, write, do mathe-

tics, science, and so forth. Some ways they will use those core skills rely on creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills that we don’t measure very effectively.

Our neurodiverse learners are some of our most creative thinkers. I think we have to approach our work differently if we’re going to successfully prepare our young people for a world yet to be imagined.

Q3: How is FCPS looking to cultivate and nurture S.T.E.M. careers in the aerospace world as the new space economy grows? What components do you believe are needed to nurture S.T.E.M. literacy?

Dr. Reid: The number one thing we need to consider is retaining and recruiting fabulous educators. We need to ensure that we have safe learning spaces for every student. We need to ensure that we have opportunities for hands-on learning, project-based learning, and ways for students to apply knowledge independently in new



FCPS Superintendent Dr. Michelle Reid.



Artemis 1.

and different settings to demonstrate learning and not simply memorization and knowledge acquisition.

Knowledge acquisition is important, but to really demonstrate learning needs to be done independently in a different setting. There is time to work in collaborative groups and times to reflect on our own work. Too often, we believe that learning occurs only

in the classroom. I think getting outdoors, being in other places, having downlinks from NASA and NOAA, and having access to industry lead laboratories, Boeing (is important).

We’ve learned in the last couple of years that learning spaces can be anywhere. How can we make sure our students have access to those resources, all students, not just some students?

The "Big Sale" Returns to Reston Regional Library

Approximately 40,000 books and other items are offered.

By MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

The Friends of the Reston Regional Library, Inc. (FRRL) believe libraries are essential community resources, and literacy is invaluable. The non-profit organization raises money to fill in funding gaps so its library can be the best it can be.

On Wednesday, Sept. 21, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friends of the Reston Regional Library will hold its 2022 Big Fall Sale at the Reston Regional Library, beginning with its Early Bird/Limited Preview in the lobby, open to everyone. The sale features science, textbooks, and sci-fi, among other things.

The separate Big Sale for Friends of the Reston Regional Library members only in the main room begins that afternoon, from 1 to 5 p.m. Anyone who has donated \$15 to RRLF in the last 12 months, or \$5 by those 65 and older, will be admitted to the main room of the sale.

The Big Sale for everyone in the main room starts on Thursday, September 22, and runs daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Saturday, September 24, and



MERCIA HOBSON/ THE CONNECTION (FILE PHOTO)
During the Spring Big Sale in 2022 at the Reston Regional Library, a volunteer takes care of the shelves. Bestseller hardcover books and other goods were available for as little as a few dollars each.

Sunday, September 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friends of the Reston Regional Library typically hosts the Big Sale twice a year. There are between 35,000 and 40,000 items across more than 20 categories. Children's books are not offered at this sale, though. Teenagers and adults are welcome, but FRRL advises against bringing young children to the sale. Books are under the table and in tight spaces. Shoppers place large bags and baskets everywhere.

Scanners are permitted at the sales but not everywhere, and some sections might have a limited supply. FRRL reserves the right to limit quantities. Cash, checks, and credit cards are all accepted.

UNTIL SEPT. 30

Summerfest. 7 - 9 p.m. At Tysons Corner Center, McLean. The Summerfest continues through September with Earl's Happy Hour, Kids Concert Series, Tysons Fit Club, Outdoor Family Movie Nights, Summer Concert Series, and live music on the plaza.

SEPT. 15-OCT. 2

Mlima's Tale by Lynn Nottage. Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. At 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road Tysons. Tickets: Tickets: \$50 general admission, \$47 seniors (65+), \$15 students, educators, and military. Purchase online at www.1ststage.org or 703-854-1856.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 17

Sons of Mystro. 5 p.m. At McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. The Sons of Mystro are brothers who use their violins to interpret reggae classics and American pop songs by such artists as Al Green, LMFAO, Bob Marley and Dua Lipa. They are winners of the Emerging Artist (Under 21 Years Old) Award from the International Reggae and World Music Awards.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 17

NVMR Train Station Open House. 1-5 p.m. At Vienna Train Station, 231 Dominion Road, NE, Vienna. Stop by the Historic Vienna Train Station where you can see and hear HO scale model trolleys and trains including Thomas and some of his friends on display and in operation. Great family fun and activity for the young and young-at-heart. Hosted by the Northern Virginia Model Railroaders. See www.nvmr.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 17

McLean Community Center Parking Lot Sale. Featuring more than 50 vendors, the Fall Parking Lot Sale is considered by many to be the first, biggest and best sale of the fall season. Held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 17, in the MCC parking lot at 1234 Ingleside Ave. Local residents and commercial dealers will sell a wide variety of items at the open-air event—new and gently used household goods, electronics, furniture, clothing and appliances, among other items. A special area of the sale, Kids' Row, is specifically for sellers ages three to 15. Call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit www.mcleancenter.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 17

Back to school supply drive. Drop off items at the National Council of Negro Women booth at the Reston Multicultural Festival, 11 a.m.- 6 p.m. Reston Town Center 11900 Market St., Reston. Collected by Reston-Dulles Section, National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 18

McLean Project for the Arts Celebration. McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) will celebrate six decades of connecting art and community with a 60th Anniversary Gala Celebration on September 18, 2022 at Capital One Hall. In addition to a cocktail reception, hors d'oeuvres and light fare, live music and dancing, the celebration will feature Illusion of Depth, an augmented

reality installation by Arlington artist Joseph Cortina. For more information, visit www.mpaart.org.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 18

Concerts on the Green. 6-8 p.m. At the Village Centre Green, Great Falls. Featuring Scott Kurt & Memphis 59 - Blend of country with old school outlaw grit and guitar-driven rock. Hosted by The Residence at Colvin Run. Come relax at the Village Centre Green and enjoy laid-back evenings of good music and good times with your neighbors.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 23

Wheel of Fortune Live! At Capital One Hall, Tysons Corner. Guests can audition to go on stage and feel like they stepped into the game show itself. They will have the chance to spin a replica of the Wheel and solve the puzzles on the tour's puzzle-board to win fantastic prizes including \$10,000, a trip to Paris, Hawaii and more. Tickets start at \$51. For tickets, visit www.WheelofFortuneLive.com. Call (800) 514-ETIX (3849).

SATURDAY/SEPT. 24

DOGFEST. 11-3 p.m. At Reston Town Center, Reston. For DogFest Washington DC 2022 benefiting Canine Companions. Furry friends and their families are invited to join us for a day of fun, festivities, contests, graduate speakers, dog demonstrations, and more. Register for free at www.canine.org/DogFestWashingtonDC to receive a FREE DogFest bandana for your dog. Canine Companions provides expertly trained service dogs to adults, children, and veterans with disabilities FREE of charge. Celebrate the community of people and dogs that make it possible for Canine Companions to show that the most advanced technology capable of transforming the lives of people with disabilities has a cold nose and a warm heart. www.canine.org/DogFestWashingtonDC

SATURDAY/SEPT. 24

Reston Association (RA) presents Dog Paddle. Register in advance at RA Dog Paddle events. Then bring your dog to swim at the Ridge Heights Pool that has closed for the season at your registered time. 11400 Ridge Heights Rd, Reston.

SATURDAY, SUNDAY SEPT. 24, 25

The Annual Civil War Books, Relics and Memorabilia Show will be held at the Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd, Fairfax, on Saturday and Sunday Sept. 24 and 25, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. both days. Admission is \$5 per person. Vendors are welcome. For information, call Bud Mayo, 703-389-1505 or mayo5304@cox.net

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 28

The Caboose Comes to Town. 7 p.m. At the Herndon Historical Society Depot Museum, 717 Lynn Street, Herndon. Email HerndonHistoricalSociety@gmail.com for Zoom information.

SATURDAY/OCT. 1

Oktoberfest Vienna. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. At Church Street in Vienna. 3 Stages of Entertainment, Two Beer and Wine Gardens, Great Interna-

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CALENDAR



The Sons of Mystro will play at McLean Central Park on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022.

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tional Food, Free Kids Activities and Games, Car Show, Business Expo, Vendor Market, Handcrafters. Visit the website: ViennaOktoberfest.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 1

Reston 75-family Yard Sale. Halley Rise Complex, 12010 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Register at RA's Community Yard Sale. Bargains on children's clothes, toys, furniture, and more. Sign up for a booth covering two parking spaces.

THURSDAYS/ OCT. 4-25

Big & Messy Art classes for kids, a four-session class. Brown's Chapel Recreation Area, 1598 Browns Chapel Road, Reston. Click this link to register or for further details: Big & Messy Art class details. Kid-create Studio partners with Reston Association.

SATURDAY MORNINGS

Summer Programming for Kids. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. At Reston Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza, Reston. Reston Museum is launching new summer programming for kids! Visit the Reston Museum to participate in fun and creative activities inspired by Reston's history. Program is free and everyone will receive an Explore Reston packet.

NOW THRU DEC. 31

Crafts for Kids. 10 a.m. to 12 noon. At Reston Art Gallery and Studios, 11400 Washington Plaza W at Lake Anne, Reston. Free, themed art projects for children (with guardian) are offered at Reston Art

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Gallery and Studios every Saturday from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Visit the website: www.restonartgallery.com

SATURDAYS UNTIL DECEMBER

The Reston Farmers Market (sponsored by the Fairfax Co. Park Authority) will take place at Lake Anne Village in Reston from 8 a.m.-noon. SNAP beneficiaries receive up to \$20 match. Visit <http://restonfarmersmarket.com/>

MCLEAN FARMERS MARKET

The McLean Farmers Market opened for the 2022 season on May 6th, at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. The market will run every Friday from 8 a.m. to noon through Nov. 11. Local farmers and producers will sell fresh produce and fruits; breads and pastries; prepared foods; meats: herbs; flowers, and more. All products are grown or produced by the vendors and come from within 125 miles of Fairfax County. For more information, see: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/>

HERNDON FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays through Nov. 3, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 765 Lynn St., Herndon, VA, 20170 <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/herndon>

GREAT FALLS FARMERS MARKET

The Great Falls Farmers Market Outdoor Market is open every Saturday, Spring and Summer, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. For vendors and weekly highlights see <https://www.greatfallsfarmersmarket.org/>



Public Notice

Updated weight limits on Virginia bridges and culverts

In accord with state and federal law, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has imposed new or changed existing weight restrictions and installed new signage indicating the updated weight restrictions on the following bridges and culverts (structures) in Virginia within the last 30 days.

jurisdiction	FILE STRUCTURE	RAISE #	RAISE FROM	Effective	Project Date
GILES	8517	781	SNIDERTOWN RD/ 781	BIG STONEY CREEK	8/31/2022
HENRY	10136	650	SPRUCE STREET/ 650	MULBERRY CREEK	8/31/2022
PATRICK	13259	615	JACKS CREEK RD/ 615	SMITH RIVER	8/31/2022
BEDFORD	2918	804	TEASS TERRACE/ 804	NNINGER CREEK	8/30/2022
HENRY	10171	699	MAYO LANDING RD/ 699	NORTH MAYO RIVER	8/30/2022
MONTGOMERY	12345	785	CATAWBA RD/ 785	MILL CREEK	8/30/2022
PATRICK	13414	832	GOLF COURSE RD/ 832	SPOON CREEK	8/30/2022
PATRICK	13413	825	PALMETTO SCH RD/ 825	RUSSEL CREEK	8/30/2022
PATRICK	13290	631	RIVER RD/ 631	ARARAT RIVER	8/30/2022
PATRICK	13269	622	DEER RUN RD/ 622	SHOOTING CREEK	8/24/2022
PATRICK	13283	631	DOE RUN RD/ 631	ARARAT RIVER	8/23/2022
BEDFORD	2782	666	ELKTON FARM RD/ 666	NORFOLK SOUTHERN RR	8/18/2022
BOTETOURT	3455	653	KINZIE RD/ 653	BUFFALO CREEK	8/18/2022
PATRICK	13396	749	LETCHER LANE/ 749	ARARAT RIVER	8/18/2022
PATRICK	13392	727	POPLAR DRIVE/ 727	SOUTH MAYO RIVER	8/18/2022
PATRICK	13410	813	SAWMILL LANE/ 813	DAN RIVER	8/18/2022
ROANOKE	14974	603	BONSACK RD/ 603	COOKS CREEK	8/18/2022
CRAIG	5503	615	CRAIGS CREEK RD	MILL CREEK	8/17/2022
CRAIG	5556	692	ROUTE 692	CRAIG CREEK	8/17/2022
HENRY	10147	669	MURRY HILL LANE/ 669	BRANCH OF REED CREEK	8/17/2022
HENRY	10152	682	RIVER RD/ 682	JORDAN CREEK	8/17/2022
PATRICK	13278	628	DICK & WILLIE/ 628	MILL CREEK	8/17/2022
PATRICK	13337	675	FRIENDSMISSION/ 675	ARARAT RIVER	8/17/2022
PATRICK	13317	649	GAMMONS RD/ 649	LITTLE DAN RIVER	8/17/2022
PATRICK	13336	672	JOHNSON CR RD/ 672	JOHNSON CREEK	8/17/2022
PATRICK	13303	642	POORHOUSE CR RD/ 642	POORHOUSE CREEK	8/17/2022
BOTETOURT	3387	622	DAGGER SPRNG RD/ 622	MILL CREEK	8/16/2022
MONTGOMERY	12355	787	DRY VALLEY RD/ 787	MEADOW CREEK	8/16/2022
MONTGOMERY	12304	679	NOLLEY RD/ 679	ELLIOTT CREEK	8/15/2022
STAFFORD	18127	608	BROOK RD	ACCOKEEK CREEK	8/3/2022
STAFFORD	18065	3	WBL KINGS HWY	4' STREAM	8/3/2022
RICHMOND	14789	614	BEAVER DAM RD	RICHARDSONS CREEK	8/2/2022
RICHMOND	14773	3	HISTORY LAND HWY	CHINN'S MILL POND	8/2/2022
RICHMOND	14801	634	NAYLORS BEACH RD	CAT POINT CREEK	8/2/2022
SPOTSYLVANIA	17921	3	(WBL) PLANK RD	LICK RUN	8/2/2022
SPOTSYLVANIA	18041	738	PARTLOW RD	ARNOLD'S CREEK	8/2/2022
SPOTSYLVANIA	17913	1	PATRIOT HWY	NI RIVER	8/2/2022
SPOTSYLVANIA	17914	1	PATRIOT HWY	PO RIVER	8/2/2022
WESTMORELAND	19218	3	KINGS HWY	POPES CREEK	8/2/2022

The list above is not a comprehensive list of all structures with weight restrictions in the Commonwealth, but shows only structures that have new or changed weight restrictions within the last 30 days. The list contains only basic structure identification and location information and the date the new or changed weight restriction and signage became effective.

For a full listing of all bridge and culvert weight restrictions with detailed information about specific structures, including location data and actual weight limits, visit <https://www.virginiadot.org> and navigate to Info Center/Trucking Resources. This page references a posted structures report and a GIS map tool that contain detailed information about restricted structures in Virginia. To receive email notifications regarding new or updated weight restrictions for structures statewide, complete the sign-up form on the web page.

Notices regarding bridges and culverts with new or updated weight restrictions are published monthly by VDOT. For additional information or questions, please contact haulingpermits@vdot.virginia.gov.

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The pandemic has hit small businesses hard, which in turn has reduced advertising revenue that keeps these local newspapers alive to provide hyper local news to residents. It feels like no small miracle to be looking forward into 2022.
The pandemic has been a bear, financially and otherwise. Revenue plummeted at the beginning in 2020. Some beloved advertisers have stayed the course supporting us throughout, and many more have done what they can. In the fall of 2021 we saw the return of some advertising for events and Grand Openings, but now omicron clouds the horizon in so many ways. Revenue still remains short of expenses despite our greatly curtailed costs.
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Not Exactly Up and At'em But ...



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

... neither is he down and out. In fact, my brother is alert and wide awake – for some hours during the day, and mostly disconnected from all his I.V. pumps and all the associated medical machinery that had been sustaining him in SICU and partially while in the regular hospital wards. Moreover, his feeding tube is gone as is the ventilator apparatus. He's certainly not ambulatory, but he's now eating solid foods, however unappetizing. After all, this is a hospital and as much as they try, institutional food – often bland by doctor directive, is hardly the food by which dreams are made, and I imagine would desire, for a patient to eat after four-plus weeks being fed liquid nourishment (cannot call it food) through a tube. Nevertheless, and I know this from my own hospitalization seven years ago – also in a SICU, progress of the patient is semi measured by how much food they eat. And not eating the food served (I hesitate to say, prepared) is not considered a positive, as in you must be getting your taste buds back in order so you're improving. Hardly. It's the complete opposite. The presumption is the patient is having challenges eating, and not because he has a discerning palate, but rather that his medical condition/slow recovery is preventing it somehow.

All of that being said, and likely corroborated by patients in hospitals the world over, lack of meal consumption by the patient is often an impediment to the patient getting released or even transferred to another medical facility. (In my brother's case, his next stop after last week's successful surgery, is a rehabilitation hospital.) Unfortunately, for his first few days, Richard was barely touching his food. (Let me be clear: he was touching it; he just wasn't eating it.) His post-op fatigue and seven weeks in a bed and five weeks-plus on a ventilator have eroded his capacity to manipulate plasticware, as an example, or much else, really. He's only recently, in the last day or two, been walked around. And as he told me today, 10 feet is about as far/as much as he can muster, even when supported by a therapist. It seems to me, he's got to be able to do more activities of daily living ("bathing or showering, dressing, getting in and out of bed or a chair, walking using the toilet and eating"), only some of which he's capable of at this point before he can be moved. From my nearly daily observation, if he was left on his own, or transferred to another facility, where the level of care was reduced, or were not structured to accommodate a patient with these kinds of deficits, he wouldn't thrive (and that's meant to be the understatement of the year, certainly one for his last seven weeks, anyway).

But has been proven many times before in this weekly space, what do I know? Other than baseball, chocolate and writing a weekly column (for almost 25 years): not much. Still, I persevere, as does my brother. His will to survive, his refusal to not succumb to all the demands on his body, from the beginning of his septic shock to today when he insisted over the phone that there was no need for me to visit him today (Sunday) have been beyond amazing. I only wish some of his former SICU nurses who tended to him 'round the clock for four weeks or so, could see and talk to him now. They never met him. He never was able to speak or even gesture much while in their care. He was moved to a regular ward because after a month, he simple didn't need their extraordinary level of care, but he was still a long way – until recently, from being able to express himself. (As an example, the other day I heard him say to his nurse, Will, that he would like to take him and his wife out to dinner when he's better to thank him for his care/ attentiveness. Previously, while in SICU, I remember my wife, Dina saying: "If Richard knew how excellent his care had been, he'd probably buy pizza for the entire unit.") He didn't. But he does know.

Barring any unexpected relapse of sorts, he's definitely on the road to recovery. It's likely to be a bumpy road full of potholes, but since he lives in Washington, D.C., he's used to it (just kidding). He's already planning to install incliners in his multiple staircases at home, buy a motorized fold-up scooter (that he's seen a close friend use) and follow his physical therapy regimen as directed by his releasing physician. But we're not quite there yet. Heck, he's not even been transferred to a rehabilitation facility to begin his rehabilitation. But in his head, he's thinking about the future/moving forward. And if he is, then it couldn't have happened to a better brother.

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

Hidden Gems in the Sully District

BY SUPERVISOR KATHY SMITH
SULLY DISTRICT

Welcome to the Sully District. I am your Sully District Supervisor, Kathy Smith. Our district spans from Herndon to Chantilly, Centreville, and Difficult Run.

One of my favorite activities is Centreville Day, which takes place on Saturday, Oct. 15. The event includes a parade, family-friendly activities and entertainment. Centreville Day takes place in the Centreville Historic District, which includes such landmarks as St. John's Episcopal Church, which predates the Civil War; the Mt. Gilead House; and the Sears House, which harkens back to a time when you could purchase a home kit from a department store catalog and build it yourself. On your way out, catch the sun setting behind the mountains as you face west on Route 29.

Ellanor C. Lawrence Park is 650 acres with a history of 8,000 years. The park features the Walney Visitor's Center with live insects, plenty of hands-on activities for the kids, a pond, and Cabell's Mill. Come to Cabell's Mill on Saturday, Oct. 8, for Parktoberfest – a community party underneath the trees. This year's Parktoberfest will feature live music, crafts from local artisans, and great food.

Lastly, one might not think of a bridge as a place to visit in the Sully District, but Gabrielson Bridge is special to me. Completed in 2021, it replaced a 1940s era bridge that



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Supervisor Kathy Smith (D-Sully)

was failing and had to be removed. The bridge was a connection for many of the folks that lived in the surrounding community as they walked their dogs or rode their horses to see friends on the other side of the Difficult Run Stream.

Working with the Fairfax County Park Authority, we identified funding and moved as quickly as possible to replace the bridge. The new bridge is located at the Gabrielson Gardens in the Difficult Run Stream Valley Park, and the bridge connects to the Gerry Connolly Cross County Trail.

Please feel welcome to contact my office any time via email at sully@fairfaxcounty.gov or by phone at 703-814-7100. We have two community rooms available at the Sully Governmental Center for residents of Fairfax County. You can reserve our community rooms and sign up for our weekly e-newsletter online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/sully.



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The new Burnet Bridge, Gabrielson Gardens at Difficult Run Stream Valley Park in Oakton. The bridge opened to the public Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021, replacing the failing 1940s-era bridge.



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