

Delegate Ken Plum's *Virginia E-News*



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Seasons Greetings from Ken and Jane



SEASONS
GREETINGS

*May Peace and Joy
be with you this
Holiday Season and
throughout
the New Year!*

Ken and Jane Plum

Ken and Jane portrayed colonists who came to Jamestown in the 17th century at the 2007 Reston Holiday Parade. The parade celebrated America's 400th Anniversary.

Please take a moment to complete my annual Constituent Survey. Your responses to questions about current issues will help me as I prepare for the 2008 General Assembly Session. Take the survey by clicking on the following link. Thank you in advance for sharing your views.

[Click here for Survey](#)

Pre-Session Town Meeting in January



Join Senator Janet Howell and me for our annual Public Meeting prior to the upcoming General Assembly session on **Thursday, January 3, 2008, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods.** Let us hear from you about issues affecting our neighborhoods and our region.

I have also scheduled a Public Meeting with Senator Mark Herring on Monday, January 7, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Fox Mill Elementary School, 2601 Viking Drive, Herndon. Senator Herring and I look forward to seeing you and having your views.

Please plan to attend one of these important Public Meetings. I look forward to talking with you and finding out what is important to you.

Delegate Ken Plum's Weekly "Virginia Report" on Reston Comcast Channel 28

View Delegate Plum's *Virginia Report* online at <http://www.rctv28.com/videosVR.htm>.

Tonight – Wednesday, December 26 at 10:30 p.m.; also Tuesday, January 1 at 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, January 2 at 10:30 p.m. – Ray LaMura, Virginia Cable Telecommunications Association – "What's New with Cable"

Plum Honored by Coalition

The Coalition for Northern Virginians with Mental Disabilities presented "**The Distinguished Leadership Award to Delegate Kenneth R. Plum**" as an expression of the Coalition's deepest appreciation for his outstanding dedication on behalf of people with mental disabilities, their service providers and their families."

Announcements

An historical anthology, *Fairfax County Stories 1607-2007*, is available for \$10 in paperback or \$25 in hardback. It can be bought **in-person or by phone through the county's Maps and Publications Center**, Suite 156, Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, 703.324.2974, TTY 711. Shipping and handling will be charged for books delivered by mail.

For inexpensive new and used building materials and appliances, visit Habitat for Humanity's ReStore located at 7770-G Richmond Highway (behind Gold's Gym), Alexandria, VA

The **Sallie Mae Fund** provides a variety of **free educational resources on preparing and paying for college**, in English and Spanish, at www.salliemaefund.org.

According to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's Annual Recycling Rate Report, the Old Dominion state achieved a **recycling rate of 38.4 percent** for the 2006 calendar year, **up 6.2 percentage points over the state's 2005 annual rate of 32.2 percent**. As much as **3.7 million tons of materials was recovered in 2006, up from the 2.8 million tons** recouped in 2005. For more information go to www.deq.state.va.us. Click on "Programs" and "Recycling."

The **Bike Virginia 2008 Website is up** and running. In addition, **registration for the 21st Annual Bicycling Adventure has opened**. The website is www.bikevirginia.org.

The **National Association for College Admission Counseling** (NACAC) has two **new, free college planning guides**, "Tips for Parents with Middle School Teens" and "Tips for Parents with High School Teens." Download free copies at www.nacacnet.org.

Calendar of Events

The House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees of the Virginia General Assembly will hold **regional public hearings on the Governor's proposed 2008-2010 biennial state budget on Thursday, January 3 at 12:00 noon at the Johnson Center at George Mason University**. The Committees will also hold a hearing on **Monday, January 14, 1:00 p.m., in the General Assembly Building, House Room D, in Richmond**. Speakers will be taken in the order of registration.

The Virginia General Assembly's **Fairfax County Delegation** will hold a **public hearing on Saturday, January 5, 2008, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center**, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. **The public is invited to attend and comment**. People wanting to **sign up to speak at the hearing should contact the Fairfax County Office of the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors at 703.324.3151, TTY 711, by noon on Friday, January 4**. Speakers also may sign up at the hearing.

The first day of the upcoming **General Assembly session in Richmond is Wednesday, January 9, 2008**. My Reston office phone, 703.758.9733, will be forwarded to my Richmond office for your convenience. Contact me by phone or send me an email at kenplum@aol.com with questions about pending legislation of interest to you. Send me a fax at 804.698.6736.

The National Council for Science and the Environment will sponsor the **8th National Conference on Science, Policy, and the Environment, *Climate Change Science and Solutions***, to develop comprehensive strategies for protecting people and the planet against rapid climate change. The conference will be held January 16-18, 2008, at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, DC. Visit www.NCSEonline.org/2008conference to register and view the conference agenda.

Attend the **25th Anniversary Performance of the Capitol Steps to benefit Reston Interfaith on January 27, 2008, 7:00 p.m.** at the Hyatt Regency Reston. To make a reservation, visit the following link to Reston Interfaith's website: www.restoninterfaith.org/uploads/CapitolSteps2008orderform.pdf. Return your order form to Meredith Magwire. For questions or more information, call 571.323.9566 or email meredith.magwire@restoninterfaith.org.

Share your thoughts at a **panel discussion** hosted by the Reston Association, "**Making Meaningful Connections: How local Organizations Can Reach Out to a Diverse Community**" on Wednesday, **January 30, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** at RA's main conference room at 1930 Isaac Newton Square. A **light dinner** will be provided, and **translation services and child care** will be provided. To register, call Karen Monaghan at 703.435.6514.

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