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The District is trying, once again, to advance one of its most desirable development sites

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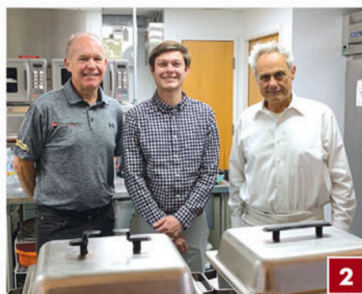
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ARTISTIC IMPRESSION: More than 100 art enthusiasts gathered at the American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center for an evening hosted June 27 by Anthony Wilder Design/Build. The firm invited clients and friends for a private tour of a new solo exhibit, "View From Within," by local glass artist Rhoda Baer. The reception was one in a series of "Art & Architecture" events sponsored by the Cabin John design/build firm. **1.** Baer, center, with Anthony Wilder, left, and Elizabeth Wilder, both of Anthony Wilder Design/Build. **2.** The Anthony Wilder Design/Build team.



SPARC

FLAPJACKS AND FUNDS: SPARC, a nonprofit that provides day programs for adults with disabilities, raised nearly \$18,000 at its second annual pancake breakfast held June 10 at The Church of the Good Shepherd in Vienna. During the event, state Sen. Janet Howell, D-Fairfax, was recognized with SPARC's Hero Award for her significant, ongoing support of the organization. In addition, Del. Ken Plum, D-Reston, received a distinguished service award for his years of service to Fairfax County and those in need. **1.** Pictured, from left, Jim Dyke of McGuireWoods, Ellen Dyke of SPARC, Howell, Debi Alexander of SPARC and Blue Jenkins of Washington Gas. **2.** From left, pancake chefs Steve Harper of Exterior Medics, Ian MacGillivray of State Farm/Anh Nguyen Alexandria and John Francomacaro of CMG Home Loans.



NATHAN MITCHELL

24 AND MORE: Mayor Muriel Bowser joined The Parks at Walter Reed development team and community to celebrate the July 20 ribbon-cutting of its Retail Marketplace, which includes a Whole Foods Market. The opening marks the 24th store location in Greater Washington and 536th worldwide for the grocer. The new D.C. store will feature more than 800 regionally made products.



RUPPERT LANDSCAPE

NETWORKING ABC: Ruppert Landscape hosted more than 500 people for an annual summer networking event July 19 at its Laytonsville headquarters. Hosted in partnership with the Associated Builders and Contractors of Metro Washington, the outdoor event helped foster connections between members and prospective members of the region's construction association. Pictured, from left, Louis LaBonte of Ruppert Landscape, Dan Novack of Balfour Beatty Construction, Bob Jones of Ruppert Landscape, Brett Harton of Foulger-Pratt, Derek DiPiazza of Gilbane Building and Paul Pestun of Ruppert Landscape.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LANDSCAPE PROFESSIONALS

LANDSCAPE LOVE: Nearly 500 landscape and lawn care professionals from across the nation convened on the National Mall and at Arlington National Cemetery the week of July 17 for the National Association of Landscape Professionals' 27th annual Renewal and Remembrance event. During this year's service project, volunteers installed woodchips around tree stands at the Tidal Basin and near the Washington Monument, where they also helped renovate turf. The projects at Arlington National Cemetery included top dressing turf, irrigation restoration, installation of lightning protection on designated trees, and various other hardscape and landscape installation projects.