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# NEWCOMERS GUIDE

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We understand that local issues matter, from property values and taxes, to land use, to public services and safety, to quality schools, to teen driving, to fiscal responsibility. We know that it's our job to let you know about fun things too, about the arts, parks, nightlife, festivals and celebrations.

Local people matter, too. We're interested in the way our readers live, what they love about their homes and neighborhoods, their favorite pastimes, places and restaurants.

In addition to this edition of the Connection that is delivered to your home, we publish 17 additional weekly papers in Northern Virginia. We strive to deliver the most local information possible to each of our readers.

But our Web site offers the opportunity to read any or all of the hundreds of items we report each week. If you go to [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com), you can browse our stories by community, see what's new on any given day, or research past coverage of an issue. You can check out sports features for the region, or just your high school. There are some new developments

on our site. Each week, you can download the print edition of any or all of our papers, identical to the printed paper including photographs, display ads and classifieds.

The classified, employment and real estate listings from our papers are also available in several different formats.

**AT THE CONNECTION,** we invite newcomers to the area and long-time residents alike to be a part of providing more reader input.

Let us know how we're doing, and let us know what is going on in your part of the community. If you have questions or ideas, call us or send us an email.

We invite you to send letters to the editor, or just to send an email letting us know about something you especially liked or didn't like about our coverage.

We appreciate readers' ideas. If you see something that you think might be a story, or just something you wonder about, give us a call, or drop us a line.

We want to know if you have an idea for fixing traffic in your part of the world. We want to know if you've had a good or bad experience with local government. We'd like

to hear your ideas about how to make things better, or just to hear what you have to say about things that should be different.

If you know of a person or an organization doing important work, something that might make a good feature story, let us know. We are looking for people to feature in our "Neighbor Question and Answer" section each week.

We want to know if someone in your family or your community published a book, became an Eagle Scout, raised money for a good cause, accomplished some feat like running a marathon or having art included in an art show.

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

We are also interested in events at your church, mosque, synagogue, community center, pool, school, club, etc. Email or mail us a photo and a note about the event. Be sure to include the names of all the people who are in a photo, and say when and where the photo was taken. If you want a hard copy of a photo returned, please include a self-addressed, stamped

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We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees, anniversaries are welcome. It is especially important to us to let people know about events ahead of time in our calendar of events. We appreciate getting notice two weeks ahead of the event, and we encourage photos. Events for our calendars should be free or at nominal cost and open to the public.

As independently owned newspapers, we can respond to our readers in a way that others cannot. If you email me, or a community editor or reporter, you'll hear back from us. If you call, I'm likely to answer my own phone, and any of us will return your call if you leave a message.

In covering the issues, we strive to provide a voice for our readers.

I look forward to hearing from you.

— MARY KIMM, PUBLISHER,

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**ON THE COVER:** Pam Frankel walks two dogs—Allie and Conn, and Lauren (left) and Maggie Craven pet the dogs in McLean Central Park.

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This annual Newcomers and Community Guide is intended to convey a sense of community as well as provide practical where-to-go information for those living in McLean. For additional topics, visit the McLean Connection on the Web at [www.connectionnewspapers.com](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com)

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### BEST OF McLEAN

## What are the five things you like most about living in McLean?

**Rob Jackson, President, McLean Citizens Association**

❖ **Volunteers.** So many people in McLean devote countless volunteer hours to worthwhile organizations and projects (schools, youth sports, Girl & Boy Scouts, environment, civic, charitable and religious organizations). People care about their community and match their words with deeds.

❖ **Parks and open spaces.** Despite being a stone's throw from both Washington, D.C. and Tysons Corner, McLean, with its parks, recreational facilities and open spaces, becomes a green and peaceful refuge from an otherwise hectic lifestyle. But we need to be vigilant to protect and enhance these important resources.



❖ **Fine schools.** Greater McLean has excellent public and private schools offering quality educational experiences to children of all ages. Many families move here just for our schools.

❖ **The McLean Community Center.** It offers residents meeting rooms; programs, learning experiences and access to the arts. The MCC helps maintain a sense of civic identity and sponsors events that make McLean — McLean, including McLean Day and 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks.

❖ **Downtown McLean.** Downtown McLean offers residents a variety of stores, services and places to eat. Recent construction has brought some exciting new buildings to the area, but the challenge remains to make sure that future development does not make Downtown so expensive that we lose access to our smaller merchants.

**Jan Auerbach, a long-time McLean resident and community activist**

McLean is a great place to live because:



❖ We have the McLean Community Center and Teen Center as community jewels;

❖ We have many knowledgeable and committed volunteers willing to work hard to improve our community;

❖ Our revitalization plan

for downtown McLean will, hopefully, soon provide more excitement for our downtown while retaining the local stores that give us a hometown feel

❖ There are many beautifully landscaped homes with lots of green space that promote a sense of calm and serenity

❖ We are close to one of the most beautiful cities in the world, one with a multitude of inexpensive cultural opportunities.

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## NEWCOMERS

# Power of the People

BY MIKE DiCICCO  
THE CONNECTION

**B**oth McLean and Great Falls have high levels of community participation, with residents turning out for local volunteer work, community planning and activism at rates unheard of in much of the county. What follows is only a sampling, in no particular order, of residents who have dedicated their time and expertise to shaping the community in which they live.

## Jack Hannon

The land use decisions that were made when Jack Hannon became involved in McLean, after moving here in 1971, had a major effect on what the community has become today. One such decision regarded the fate of the 38-acre tract next door to Hannon, which is now Lewinsville Park. At the time, it was the last large parcel in McLean, and when the federal judge who owned it died, his estate sold 20 acres to a developer who applied to triple the allowed density.

Hannon became part of a brain trust of four or five lawyers who assisted the head of the West Lewinsville Heights Citizens Association in whipping up a crowd of 300 to confront then-Supervisor Rufus Phillips and convince him to buy the entire tract through eminent domain. All 38 acres changed hands peacefully for the market price of \$1.25 million.

Hannon went on to become president of the McLean Planning Committee in the late 1970s, which he said was “an era when it wasn’t resolved whether McLean was going to look like Tysons does now.” Hannon and the committee kept the stance that the area should be a transition to the low-density river community.

He later served for a few years on the board of the McLean Community Center, but Hannon’s volunteer efforts have taken on a more humanitarian focus over the years. He is a past chair of the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts Chain Bridge District and now sits on the district’s Eagle Board. He is also about to start helping to build a nine-unit condo dwelling, his fourth build for Habitat for Humanity through the McLean Interfaith Coalition.

## Vance Zavela

If an organization begins with the word “McLean,” Vance Zavela probably is or has been involved somehow.

He joined the McLean Citizens Foundation in 1999 to help in the community’s attempt to save Evans Farm and ended up doing a three-year stint on the foundation’s Grants Committee, doling out grants to local organizations. In his sixth year with the McLean Project for the Arts, he is currently working on plans for October’s Artfest.

Zavela was president of the board of Friends of the McLean Community Center for two years and a board member for four



Jack Hannon



Frank Crandall

years, during which he helped organize the center’s 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and worked with NBC4 chief meteorologist Bob Ryan to create a promotional video that is still available at the center.

In his third year on the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce, he is working to create partnerships between local businesses and nonprofits, similar to his job starting public-private partnerships for the county’s Office of Partnerships. He is also on the board of Friends of Claude Moore Farm, where he works on the organization’s finance committee, and recently ended a term as co-chair of recruitment for Leadership Fairfax.

A member of the McLean Rotary since he moved into town 11 years ago, Zavela was named Rotarian of the Year for the 51-club District 7610, received the district’s citation for meritorious service and was awarded the Four Avenues of Service citation — all in the last four months.



Vance Zavela



Pamela Danner

“It’s a wonderful community where lots of people give back,” said Zavela. “I encourage newcomers to get involved.”

## John Adams

John Adams is beginning to plan a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for Scotts Run, a park that would not exist if he had not stepped in the way of developers, literally, in 1970.

With the Board of Supervisors, including the local supervisor, and the McLean Citizens Association on the side of the developer who wanted to build 320 houses on the tract, Adams led the area’s residents in what he termed “an uphill battle” that culminated with students from Langley High School staging protests and “ladies in front of bulldozers with pots and pans.”

Ultimately, neighbors of the park taxed themselves to raise \$1.5 million for the park, which was matched by federal money from

## A look at a few McLean residents who impact daily life in the community.

President Richard Nixon’s new Parks for People program. They were willing to go to such lengths, said Adams because “it is one magnificent piece of land.”

Shortly thereafter, Adams led the initiative that made Georgetown Pike Virginia’s first official scenic byway, and he has been president of the Georgetown Pike Association ever since. He was part of the Traffic Calming Committee that completed a study on the road 10 years ago, and he continues to work with developers to minimize their impact on Georgetown Pike. Most recently, the Georgetown Pike Association has worked with The Reserve to downsize the neighborhood’s entrance.

Adams has also been a member of the board of the McLean Citizens Association on and off for 30 years.

## Frank Crandall

With a background that ranges from marine biology and engineering to space science — and has landed him on the lists of Who’s Who in Science and Engineering and Who’s Who in the World — Frank Crandall makes a formidable opponent for any developer whose application he believes might be out of line.

Since he joined the McLean Citizens Association 14 years ago, he has chaired or co-chaired the association’s Environment, Parks and Recreation Committee and has been a member of its Planning and Zoning Committee. Crandall and his fellow committee members pore over every McLean land use application that will come before the Planning Commission, making sure trail requirements are met, storm water management measures are adequate, and any number of other details are addressed satisfactorily — “things that wouldn’t get fixed if we didn’t ride herd on them and follow up,” he said.

As a member of the Middle Potomac Watershed Steering Committee, Crandall helped conduct a two-and-a-half-year study on five watersheds in the McLean area. The report that came from the study and was recently adopted by the Board of Supervisors laid out what needed to be done to protect the local streams, as well as the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay they empty into.

Crandall also is the area’s representative on the Environmental Quality Advisory Council and served on the county executive’s Deer Management Committee. His work has influenced the county’s deer management practices and is responsible for much of its outdoor lighting ordinance.

Crandall was named this year’s Lord Fairfax.

## Pamela Danner

There can be few people in McLean who this year’s Lady Fairfax, Pamela Danner, has not affected in some way through her many community involvements. She is the trea

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# CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

A variety of clubs and organizations are active in the McLean area. To add to or modify this list, send a note to [mclean@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:mclean@connectionnewspapers.com) or a letter to McLean Connection, 7913 Westpark Drive, McLean, VA 22102.

**Alzheimers Family Day Center**  
The Alzheimers Family Day Center provides services and support for Alzheimers patients and their families, including family day care. Call Tori Adams at 703-204-4664.

**American Association of University Women**

The McLean Area Branch of the American Association of University Women's (AAUW) membership is open to any individual who has earned an associate or academic equivalent, bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited college or university. The mission of AAUW, which was founded in 1881, is education and equity for all women and girls, positive societal change, and lifelong learning. AAUW's annual book sale at the McLean Community Center on September 19, 20 and 21 raises money for scholarships for women. At meetings and social events there are opportunities to develop friendships with others who share your interests. Interest groups include literature, great decisions, current events, bridge, dining out, international hospitality, tutoring at Pimmit Hills High School and a lobby corps that meets on Capitol Hill each week. Visit [www.mcleanaauw.org](http://www.mcleanaauw.org) or open house reception at the McLean Community Center on September 28 from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

**Civitan Club of Tysons**  
The mission of Civitan, a nonprofit organization, is to build good citizenship by providing a volunteer organization of clubs dedicated to serving individual and

community needs with an emphasis on helping people with developmental disabilities. Civitans seek experiences that provide life directions, character building, leadership development and the satisfaction of helping others. A few of the service projects of the club are Merica House, Pathway Homes, Central Fairfax Services, the Alzheimer's Association and Villa Maria Center. Meetings are held monthly. For information on club activities and/or membership, e-mail [tysonscivitans@aol.com](mailto:tysonscivitans@aol.com).

**Cooper Trash Parkout Inc.**  
A private, nonprofit organization formed in June 2003 to continue community garbage pickups and recycling efforts at Cooper Middle School. Membership is \$270 and entitles members to return recyclables and trash for pickup at Cooper every Saturday from 8-11 a.m. Call John Theon at 703-356-1435

**Democrat Women's Rights Committee**  
Raises money and supports women candidates. The Women's Rights Committee meets monthly at Fairfax County Democratic Headquarters, 7245 Arlington Blvd., Suite 205, Falls Church. Call 703-573-6811. Visit [www.fairfaxdemocrats.org](http://www.fairfaxdemocrats.org) for schedule.

**Dranesville District Democratic Women's Club**  
This club promotes Democratic policies and candidates. Meets monthly at noon on the fourth Monday of the month for lunch at a local restaurant and presents a guest speaker who addresses local issues. Call Trianthe Dakolis 703-356-0529.

**Dranesville District Democratic Committee**  
The committee identifies, grooms and

supports potential Democratic political candidates for public office. Call Sue Rosenberg, district chairman, at 703-938-5031 or visit [www.fairfaxdemocrats.org](http://www.fairfaxdemocrats.org).

**Dranesville District Republican Committee**  
The committee's goal is nominating and electing Republicans to public office. This is where volunteer grassroots politics begins. Call Dave Hunt, district chairman, at 703-734-4868.

**Friends of McLean Central Park**  
This group supports the development and enhancement of the ambiance and features at McLean Central Park, a Fairfax County Park Authority property at the intersection of Dolley Madison Boulevard and Old Dominion Drive in McLean. Call Bari Levingston, president, at 703-748-6068. 1028 Duchess Drive, McLean, VA 22102

**Friends of McLean Community Center**  
This group raises money and provides support for programs to enhance the MCC. Open, public meetings take place monthly. Call 703-790-0123.

**Friends of Pleasant Grove Church**  
Volunteers preserve and maintain an historic church on Lewinsville Road in McLean. The church building is leased to the public for meetings, concerts and art exhibits. Call Joan Jewett, president at 703-893-9075 or Bonnie Klem, board of directors member, at 703-759-5368.

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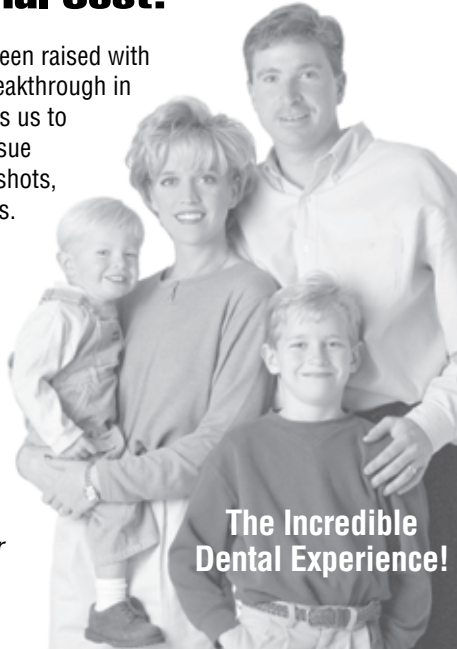
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Visit us at [www.safecommunitycoalition.net](http://www.safecommunitycoalition.net).



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buffalo trail along the Potomac River, now a two-lane road between Route 7 in Great Falls and Route 123 in McLean. The pike, 13 miles long, was Virginia's first scenic byway. This winding, shady, historic road is the home of residences, schools, churches and horse farms in McLean and Great Falls. Call John Adams, president, at 703-893-8573.

### Greater McLean Republican Women

The Greater McLean Republican Women meet on the third Thursday of every month at different locations each month. The president is Betsy McIntire, and she can be reached by e-mailing [betsygmrw@yahoo.com](mailto:betsygmrw@yahoo.com). Visit [www.GMRWC.org](http://www.GMRWC.org).

### McLean Art Society

P.O. Box 7724, McLean VA 22106. Meetings take place on the fourth Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at the McLean Community Center. Meetings usually consist of lectures and art demonstrations. Annual dues are \$25. The society meets September through June. Call 703-356-5519 or visit [www.mcleanartsociety.org](http://www.mcleanartsociety.org).

### McLean Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber of Commerce, located at 1437 Balls Hill Road, promotes the business community's interests in McLean and continues to promote McLean to make it the best place to live, work and shop. The visitor center at the McLean Government Center offers maps, nonprofit information and McLean handbooks. The public is welcome to come for information. Call Matthew Wallace, president, or Frank McGovern, chairman of the board, at 703-356-5424. Visit [www.mcleanchamber.org](http://www.mcleanchamber.org).

### McLean Citizens Association

Founded in 1914, the McLean Citizens Association, "the voice of McLean," has celebrated its 90th year of preserving the quality of life. In lieu of a town council, it provides a forum for McLean residents to address civic issues. The association supports excellence in education, protection of residential areas from commercial development, prudent taxation and spending policies, safe streets and highways, protection and preservation of the environment and the planting and maintenance of trees. Meetings take place at 8 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month except August at the McLean Community Center. Annual membership dues are \$15 per member. Write to P.O. Box 273, McLean, VA 22101, or call Rob Jackson, president, at 703-556-9160. Visit [www.mcleancitizens.org](http://www.mcleancitizens.org)

### McLean Citizens Foundation

Formed by the McLean Citizens Association, the McLean Citizens Foundation makes grants for capital purchases to McLean charities. Recent beneficiaries include Friends of McLean Central Park, SHARE Inc., Alzheimers Family Day Center, Old Firehouse Teen Center and Falls Church-McLean Children's Center, as well as other educational and civic projects. Meetings are the third Thursday of the month at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. E-mail Trish Butler, president at [tbutler@sagecommunications.net](mailto:tbutler@sagecommunications.net).

### McLean Community Center

Opened in 1975, the McLean Community Center serves an area of 25 square miles with more than 60,000 residents of Dranesville Small District One, a special tax district in the center of McLean. Programs include classes and activities for adults and senior citizens, youth activities, visual and performing arts, the Alden Theatre, the Old Firehouse Teen Center, special events such as McLean Day and cooperative programs with the Emerson

Gallery/McLean Project for the Arts. Call 703-790-0123, 703-827-8255 (TTY) or 703-790-9223 (Alden Theatre Box Office). The center is located at 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Visit [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org)

### McLean Historical Society

Meets monthly September through June at the McLean Community Center, for refreshments and a program about local history. Call 703-790-0123.

### McLean Land Conservancy

This group is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of open land and green space in the McLean area. Call Adrienne Whyte at 703-241-1095. P.O. Box 224, McLean VA 22101.

### McLean Little League

McLean Little League has a softball program for girls and boys ages 7-15. League offers softball players regular season games, training clinics, postseason tournament play and fall ball. The Little League also offers baseball for boys and girls ages 5-12. Call 703-356-2695. Visit [www.mcleanll.com](http://www.mcleanll.com).

### McLean Newcomers Club

The McLean Newcomers Club, founded in 1969, is open to both new and longtime residents. It fosters new friendships and provides opportunities for socializing while welcoming new arrivals to the community with monthly luncheons, coffees, tours and activities. Meets on the third Wednesday of the month, location as announced. Access the Web site at [geocities.com/mcleannewcomers](http://geocities.com/mcleannewcomers) or e-mail [mcleannewcomers@yahoo.com](mailto:mcleannewcomers@yahoo.com).

### McLean Planning Committee

This advisory group supports the interests of the Community Business Center in McLean. It includes four representatives and four alternates from each of four stakeholders: downtown landowners, the McLean Chamber of Commerce, the McLean Citizens Association and surrounding neighborhood associations. The MPC meets the third Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center. E-mail [mpcchair@yahoo.com](mailto:mpcchair@yahoo.com), or write to MPC, P.O. Box 273, McLean, VA 22101.

### McLean Project for the Arts

MPA provides education in the visual arts through exhibitions, classes, tours and lectures at three galleries at the McLean Community Center. The group raises money for lectures, exhibits and lessons in the Susan B. DuVal Art Studio, where classes are provided by MPA and the Corcoran College of Art + Design. The Museum Shops Holiday Collection on the weekend after Thanksgiving brings goods from many different museums to be sold as a fund-raiser for MPA. In the spring, a benefit takes place in a local home. MPA exhibits are free and open to the public Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturday, 1-5 p.m., at the Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean, second floor. Call Nancy Perry, executive director at 703-790-1953. Visit [www.mpart.org](http://www.mpart.org)

### McLean Revitalization Corporation

A corporation formed to further the revitalization of the McLean Community Business Center (CBC), MRC is governed by a board of directors with two members each from the McLean Citizens Association, McLean Landowners Association, McLean Chamber of Commerce and Surrounding Citizens Association. The revitalization effort seeks to improve the appearance and ambiance of the CBC, enhance pedestrian access, improve traffic flow and safety, promote balanced land use and encourage public/private partnerships. Write to MRC, P.O. Box 8303,

McLean, VA 22106.

### McLean Trees

An independent foundation affiliated with the McLean Citizens Association that collects and recycles newspapers and magazines at Cooper Middle School, the committee invests the proceeds in the purchase, planting and maintenance of trees and shrubs to beautify and conserve green space in McLean. Call Eric Simpson, chairman, at 571-232-5762.

### McLean Youth Athletics Inc.

Since 1963, MYA has been an organization dedicated to the development of leadership, character and athletic skills through team sports for young people within the community. It sponsors house leagues and travel teams in sports such as soccer, basketball, lacrosse, track and field, football, cheerleading, wrestling, volleyball, softball, rugby and field hockey. Visit [www.myathletics.org](http://www.myathletics.org) or e-mail Joel Stillman, president, at [jstillman@capfin.net](mailto:jstillman@capfin.net)

### National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution

The organization promotes historical preservation, education and patriotism. Local meetings are at noon on the first Saturday of every month September through June at the American Legion Post 270, 1355 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Visit [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org) or [www.freedomhilldar.org](http://www.freedomhilldar.org) and select "Membership" or call Michelle Meehan of the Freedom Hill Chapter at 703-967-8662.

### New Dominion Women's Club

A civic organization committed to enhancing the quality of community life through volunteer service and philanthropy, the club has several fund-raisers and social gatherings each year. It meets September through June on the third Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center. New members are welcome. Jaimie Galbreath and Jenny Names are co-presidents. Visit [www.ndwc.org](http://www.ndwc.org) or e-mail [info@ndwc.org](mailto:info@ndwc.org) for more information.

### Rotary Club of McLean

Founded in November 1965, the Rotary Club of McLean comprises more than 70 business and community leaders dedicated to providing humanitarian service, encouraging high ethical standards in all vocations and helping to build goodwill and peace in the world. The McLean club is one of more than 32,000 Rotary Clubs located in more than 200 countries worldwide. Its weekly lunch meetings take place Tuesdays at noon at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer-Fellowship Hall, 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, VA 22101. Web site: [www.mcleanrotary.org](http://www.mcleanrotary.org)

### Safe Community Coalition

The Safe Community Coalition (SCC) is a 501(c)(3) organization whose vision is a community where youth learn to make responsible decisions and where they are safe, healthy, and free from alcohol and drug use. Serving the McLean/Great Falls/Falls Church school communities since 1995, the SCC offers programs for youth, parents, and the community in collaboration with other community sectors concerned about our youth: schools, PTAs, faith organizations, businesses, law enforcement, the medical community and civic organizations. There are volunteer opportunities available for high school students, through the Youth Advisory Council, and for adults through the task forces on Academic Pressure and College Stress, Safe Social Alternatives, Mental and Physical Health, The Internet and Technology, Values Clarification and Alcohol, Drugs, and Smoking. To learn more about the Safe Community Coalition, please visit [www.safecommunitycoalition.net](http://www.safecommunitycoalition.net) or email

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## POLICE

**Emergency:** 911  
**Fairfax County Police Department, non-emergency:** 703-691-2131  
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**Virginia State Police:** 9801 Braddock Road, Fairfax, 703-323-4500 or 800-572-4510, toll-free.

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**Volunteer:** 703-385-7877  
**Fairfax County Fire Department:** 703-246-2126  
**Company 1 (McLean):** 703-356-6671, station captain B.J. Bourjaily, 1455 Laughlin Ave., McLean  
**Company 29 (Tysons Corner):** 703-893-0140, station captain Charles Ryan, 1560 Spring Hill Road, McLean

## CRISIS HOTLINES

**AIDS (National Hotline):** 800-342-2437  
**Adult Protective Services:** 703-324-7450  
**Child abuse complaints:** 703-324-7400  
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A newly installed bus stop cover for local mass transit users in McLean.

McLean, 703-734-9566. Sunday Orthros occurs at 9:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Saturday Vespers, a Greek Melkite Catholic Rite, is at 6 p.m. Visit [www.holytransfiguration.org](http://www.holytransfiguration.org).

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**Langley Hill Friends Meeting** - 6410 Georgetown Pike, McLean, 703-442-8394. Sunday service is at 10 a.m. Visit [www.quaker.org/langleyhill](http://www.quaker.org/langleyhill).

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**McLean Bible Church** - 8925 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. P.O. Box 9300, McLean, VA 22102. 703-790-5590; 703-7702939 (TTY). Services are Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9 and 10:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. 10:45 a.m. services include sign interpretation. Frontline services are Sunday at 5:30 p.m., in the main auditorium and with sign interpretation, and 7:30 p.m. in the Smith Center. The senior pastor is Lon Solomon. The church was established in 1965.

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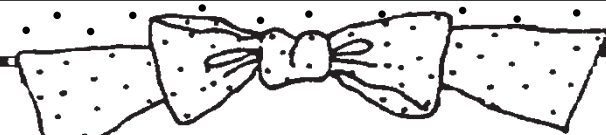
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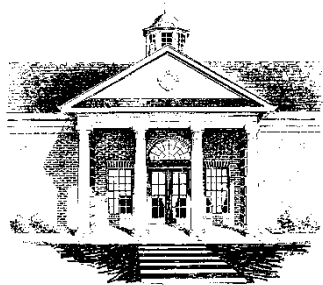
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## People Making Difference

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surer for the McLean Citizens Foundation Board of Trustees and is a member of the McLean and Great Falls Celebrate Virginia's 400<sup>th</sup> board and the Trinity United Methodist Church Board of Trustees, as well as the McLean Rotary Club.

She has stayed on with the contentious Tysons Land Use Task Force, although its work was supposed to be completed more than two years ago.

The fund-raiser that largely supported the area's Celebrate Virginia's 400<sup>th</sup> group for five years was staged under Danner's leadership. She was also a member of the McLean Community Center Govern-

ing Board that reduced the tax rate in the center's special tax district at the same time that it incorporated the McLean Project for the Arts into the center and established the Firehouse Teen Center. Her other past memberships include the Board of Directors of the Friends of the McLean Community Center, Share Inc. and the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce.

Danner also served for 12 years on the county Water Authority Board and was the board's secretary and the chair of its Water Quality Committee. During that time, the board set new standards for the Occoquan Reservoir, built the Griffith Treatment Plant and outfitted the Corbalis Treatment Plant with one of the few ozone treatment systems in the nation.



# BEST OF McLEAN

## Judi Nardella Hershman, long-time resident and activist

The five things I love most about living in McLean are:

- ❖ It is pedestrian friendly (though the timing of the crossing lights should be longer.) I can walk, from my home to: my doctor; my dentist; the vet; the post office; Fedex/UPS; several grocery stores; the drycleaner; my hair/skin/nail salon; the jeweler; multiple restaurants; and great retail shopping. I don't know any other Northern Virginia community like it.

- ❖ My neighbors! I live in a friendly and caring neighborhood where we look after one another. If a disaster should strike, no one on my street would be left behind.

- ❖ It is safe! I see our police patrolling every day. They are efficient, responsive and caring and I've no doubt their presence keeps criminal activity down.

- ❖ The schools. We are blessed to have top notch public and private schools with principals who care about the community and lead by example.

- ❖ The retail shopping and restaurants! McLean is home to several small, unique gift shops and restaurants that provide great service. The owners are visible and make you feel welcome.



## CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

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us at [scc@safecommunitycoalition.net](mailto:scc@safecommunitycoalition.net)

### Toastmasters International, Pauline Shirley Chapter.

Toastmasters meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 6:45 p.m. at the Dolley Madison Library. Join them to work on improving communication skills, becoming more effective in meetings, and conveying messages more concisely. Call Hilda Harnack, President, at 703-893-5506 or visit [pstm-va.org](http://pstm-va.org).

### Woman's Club of McLean

The Woman's Club of McLean is one of Northern Virginia's largest women's service organizations. Trips, arts workshops, historic preservation and public affairs activities are offered along with monthly luncheons. The club's largest fund-raiser is the annual Holiday Homes Tour. Call Joan Morton at 703-356-0089.

### Audubon Society of Northern Virginia

The Audubon Society is the largest conservation organization in Northern Virginia. Its mission is to conserve and enhance natural ecosystems. Call 703-256-6895 or visit the Web site, [www.audubonva.org](http://www.audubonva.org) for information about membership, the adult education programs, field trips and/or conservation activities.

### Greater McLean Republican Women's Club

Began in 1944 and federated in

1968, its membership is broad-based geographically and diverse in its interests and talents but united by common goals and a commitment to the Republican Party, its philosophy and its candidates. The organization informs the public through education and activity, recruits and supports Republican women candidates on local, state and national levels, and supports the policies of the Republican National Committee. Write P.O. Box 417, McLean, VA 22101 or e-mail Betsy McIntire, President, at [betsygmrv@yahoo.com](mailto:betsygmrv@yahoo.com).

### The American Indian Society of Washington, D.C.

This nonprofit organization serves the needs of Native American tribes in the D.C. area. P.O. Box 6431, Falls Church, VA 22040-6431. Visit [www.aisdc.org](http://www.aisdc.org).

### Soup and Fish Club (Wodehouse Society Virginia Chapter)

The Virginia chapter of the Wodehouse Society provides a good laugh and refuge from unpleasant people and times in the gentle writing of the master of farce, P.G. Wodehouse. Call Debs Dillard at 703-815-9073, or write to [plum1881@aol.com](mailto:plum1881@aol.com) and put "Wodehouse" in the subject line.

### Fairfax Trails and Streams

Meets the fourth Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m., at the McLean Government Center. The group discusses trails, especially stream valley trails and the Pimmit Run Trail through the heart of McLean, the group's adopted trail and major project. The group is also involved in Cross-County Trail and the Potomac Heritage Trail. Those who like to hike and are interested in building trails, cleaning them

up and improving them are welcome. E-mail [webmaster@fairfaxtrails.org](mailto:webmaster@fairfaxtrails.org). An e-mail newsletter is available. Visit [www.fairfaxtrails.org](http://www.fairfaxtrails.org).

### Potomac Heritage Trail Association

This membership organization is dedicated to completing the Potomac Heritage Trail. Contact Ric Francke at 571-436-7801 or [fbfrancke@aol.com](mailto:fbfrancke@aol.com), or visit the Web site at [www.potomactrail.org](http://www.potomactrail.org).

### The Fairfax Small Business Development Center

The center, located at the Mason Enterprise Center, 4031 University Drive, Suite 200, Fairfax, offers a variety of services to support small businesses in Fairfax County, whether they have been in business for many years and are seeking growth or are aspiring entrepreneurs looking for direction. The center offers training in all phases and aspects of small business management including marketing, business plans, capital acquisition, financial management and employer-related issues. One-on-one counseling is available at no cost by staff and volunteers from the professional sectors. Visit [www.sbdc.org](http://www.sbdc.org) or call 703-277-7700.

### Mothers First — Vienna/McLean

This support group for women who have chosen to alter careers to raise children at home has meetings, lectures, field trips, moms night out and more. Call 703-827-5922 or visit [www.mothersfirst.org](http://www.mothersfirst.org) for meeting schedule.

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# 'Edge City' Rises in Neighborhood

How will Tysons Corner growth affect McLean, Vienna and surrounding area?

By NICHOLAS M. HORROCK  
THE CONNECTION

To understand what Tysons Corner is, is to understand the phenomenal growth of Northern Virginia in the last 45 years. In 1963, as plans for a major shopping center were being laid out, the 1,800 acres that is now Tysons Corner, was a village amid farms. Three of the towns around it were established and historic — McLean, Vienna and Falls Church. To the west, a new town later called "Reston" after the initials of its founder Robert E. Simon was just being planned.

Further west, the federal government had opened a new airport in 1962, but it was not clear that it could draw passengers from National Airport.

This was the year President Kennedy was shot on November 22 and Lyndon Baines Johnson, the vice

president, was sworn in. Fighting was raging in Vietnam, but even to the military dependents who lived in Northern Virginia American involvement was small and the war remote. On most days, it barely made the front page.

ternoon and it has to be, as Tysons Corner is, a destination that "has it all" from entertainment, to restaurants, to recreation and to shopping.

Tysons is located near the junctions of Interstate 495 (D.C. Beltway), Interstate Route 66, Virginia 267 and the juncture of Route 123 and Route 7.

If the automobile built Tysons, it is now strangling it. The traffic jams are historic. One couple who lives in a high rise and can see several routes, often have a traffic jam party on Friday evening where they sit on the balcony and watch the frozen traffic.

As Gerry Connolly, the chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, likes to joke: Tysons is really great except for two hours in the morning and two hours in the evening. Lately, the traffic congestion lasts three hours.

From 1962 on there had been talk of building a rail connection between Dulles International Airport and Washington, D.C. Now that the airport welcomes 25,000,000 passengers a year, arriving passengers further clog roads that bring workers from as far west as West Virginia, most of whom pass through Tysons Corner.

**PLANS** for a metrorail have come and gone over the years, but in 2004, a new plan with the full backing of the Tysons Corner business community, Fairfax County, Loudoun County and state governments was hatched.

Following the fortunes of Dulles Corridor Rail in those four years has been like following the "perils of Pauline" in old silent films: one crisis, followed by another.

There was a fight over whether rail should be surface or tunnel, how many stations it should have and where they should be. There was the crisis over whether the federal government would fund its share and the fight over the giving of a contract to firm put together by Bechtel Company without a public bidding.

As the months went on, the estimated cost grew. The rail connection, which would now be built from the West Falls Church Metro station to Dulles, is estimated to cost upwards of \$5 billion, but even proponents privately believe it cost a lot more in the end. The federal government is to provide \$1.5 billion in loans and grants, the state \$400 million and another \$2 billion from a special taxing district paid by Tysons land owners. Fairfax County will make a \$400 million payment and another \$140 million has already been spent.

The Federal Transportation Administration finally gave the plans tentative approval in May and issued \$159 million in planning money. But even then the rail construction faces more hurdles and is unlikely to be able

to start construction until late 2009 according to several transportation officials.

In 2004, Fairfax County appointed a Tysons Land Use Task Force to plan the changes that a major rail connection might bring and to make recommendations on how the county should change its comprehensive plan and later zoning regulations to accommodate the changes.

Its final report is likely to be issued in the fall, but the concepts at work are quite clear.

The Task Force sees a new city emerging that would be home to 100,000 people, drawn together by "connector" buses or trolleys, with some 200,000 jobs, in buildings built around four Dulles Rail transportation stops.

"Tysons is in decline," said Clark Tyler, chairman of the Tysons Land Use Task Force late last year and that is the secret impulse that has driven the planning even though the rail may be delayed. Many of the office buildings are aging and need to be upgraded to meet new tenant demands and it is clear that the word is out about traffic congestion which may affect its attraction to companies with large work forces.

At the close of 2006, Tysons Corner had 44 million square feet of space, 16,000 residents (now 18,000), 107,000 jobs and perhaps the worst traffic congestion in the region. Several other areas of Northern Virginia like Reston's Town Center are rivaling Tysons as a place to invest and build.

There are key objectives in this planning. One is to drastically cut the numbers of automobiles that are moving through the 1,800 acre area. Task Force Chairman Tyler said there is now 14,500,000 square feet of open parking and parking garages with another 58,000 parking spaces that attract drivers to come to Tysons and "surface parking would go away" to deter them.

**THE CIRCULATORS** — buses or trolleys — running on dedicated streets would move continually around the town allowing residents and workers to move throughout the area without moving their cars. Buildings with high residential densities would be built near the four transit locations so that people who wanted to work at Dulles International Airport or Alexandria or Washington, would be able to walk to the Metro and walk home. The assumptions are based upon enormous research conducted over the last year. The Task Force is expected to recommend a Tysons Corner "authority," which it said would not rival the present Planning Commission and county government, but would look to seeing that development follows the plan.

**IN MAY** the Tysons Land Use Task Force voted to adopt the highest density estimates it has considered in any of its meetings

"These are the highest figures, they've ever come out with," said Mark Zetts a member of the McLean Citizens Association who monitors the Task Force.

The Task Force issued no estimates of how many square feet of development these figures would cause, but others said it might



Tysons Task Force's presentation at community workshops in McLean and Vienna offered residents a glimpse into the future of the area through the planners' lens.

engender from 145,000,000 square feet to 165,000,000 square feet of building capacity, vastly higher than the 94,000,000 to 127,000,000 square feet first shown to the public at meetings in February.

At that time, Rob Jackson of the McLean Citizens Association wrote an email to Tyler, chairman of the Task Force, and asked for the underlying data that supported the development estimates. Tyler said they might be available later, but as of June 1, Jackson

had seen no information. "These growth estimates have huge implications," he said, "we are not saying we doubt they have a base for them, but make them public." Four members of the Task Force voted against the density all but one of whom came from nearby communities.

Huge financial investments are at stake. High density levels can turn into billions of dollars for current land owners.

But others argue that if the new Tysons is

to have schools, libraries, parks, sidewalks and neighborhoods, auditoriums and a civic center, the only way to pay for these is by charging developers special payments to build high density properties and fund the "amenities" with those payments.

To many long time area residents, this all seems so unlikely. Tysons Corner has no local government, no real center, no churches and all its services are provided by Fairfax County.

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**McLean Presbyterian Church** - 1020 Balls Hill Road, McLean, 703-821-0800. John Hutchinson, pastor. Sunday services are at 9:15 and 11 a.m. Programs include Mom's Day Out, MOPs (mothers of preschoolers) and teaching ESL.

**Providence Baptist Church** - 8980 Brook Road, McLean, 703-893 5330. Sunday worship is at 8:30 a.m. for a traditional service and 11 a.m. for a contemporary one. Around 350 to 400 people attend this church weekly. Established in 1951. Visit [www.providencetoday.org](http://www.providencetoday.org).

Divine Liturgy on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Saturday Vespers, a Greek Melkite Catholic Rite, is at 6 p.m. Visit [www.holytransfiguration.org](http://www.holytransfiguration.org).

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Insiders' view: Community Center serves community.

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**McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean, 703-790-0123. Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-11 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-midnight; Sunday, 2 p.m.-6 p.m. Activities for children, teenagers and adults include art, dance, fitness, science and cooking. Costs vary from activity to activity. Discounts are available to residents of McLean. For more information visit [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org)**



**Sharon Harrison, Intergenerational Programs Coordinator, eight years at MCC**

"My responsibilities include coordinating programs such as Camp McLean and the recreational activities for seniors, as well as 5th and 6th grade parties, bingo, and seasonal family barbecues. The MCC provides opportunities for families to come together through activities that are fun, and through which they can enjoy each other."



**Kathy Herr, Director of Youth Programs, six years at MCC**

"The MCC is dedicated to contribute to community life in McLean. We provide opportunities for people to come and see things, and classes for young and old. Not many communities have actual centers such as this one. As an employee, I love the opportunity to work in the theater, and as a McLean resident, I appreciate being able to use the center."



**Maggie Saga, Director of Instructional and Tour Programs, 17 years at the MCC**

"[McLean] citizens elected to have a high quality community center which would meet the needs of the people as a whole. The fun part of working here is in seeing the people make it come alive. It's a safe environment in which people are very interactive, and, by being involved, one gets to see members of the community grow."

— HAYLEY MILON

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If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrong. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always preserves.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a childish. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

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**McLean Baptist Church** - 1367 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, 703-356-8080. Sunday worship is at 8:45 and 11 a.m. Education for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Visit [www.mcleanbaptist.org](http://www.mcleanbaptist.org).

**St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church** - 1830 Kirby Road, McLean, 703-356-7533. Sunday services are at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m. Children's play group for children up to age 3 meets on Friday at 10:30 a.m. The women's support group, "Share and Care," meets on Monday at 7:15 p.m. Visit [www.stdunstans.net](http://www.stdunstans.net). Rev. Stephen Shepherd, pastor.

**Shiloh Baptist Church** - 8310 Turning Lead Lane, McLean, 703-893-8982. Bible study at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays and 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. Sunday service is at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Temporarily worshipping at the Langley School, 1411 Balls Hill Road.

**St. John's Episcopal Church** - 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA 22101, 703-356-4902. Church school and adult education are at 10:15 a.m. Activi-

ties are as announced in the summer. Holy morning prayer the first and third Sundays at 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. on the second and fourth Sundays. Holy eucharist the second and fourth Sundays at 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. the first and third Sundays. Children's service at 9 a.m. each Sunday

**St. John's Catholic Church** - 6420 Linway Terrace, McLean, 703-356-7916. Sunday Masses are at 7:30, 9 and 10:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Vigil mass Sunday at 5 p.m. Visit [www.stjohnscatholicmclean.org](http://www.stjohnscatholicmclean.org).

**St. Luke's Catholic Church** - 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean, 703-356-1255. Saturday Mass is at 5:30 p.m., and Sunday Masses are at 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m. Visit [www.saintlukemclean.org](http://www.saintlukemclean.org).

**Temple Rodef Shalom** - 2100 Westmoreland St., Falls Church, 703-532-2217. Visit [www.templerodefshalom.org](http://www.templerodefshalom.org) for seasonal times.

**Trinity United Methodist Church** - 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean, VA 22101, 703-356-3312. Sunday services are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. with church

school at 9:30 a.m. Eucharist and healing service is at noon on Wednesday. The church has around 950 members. Visit [www.umtrinity.org](http://www.umtrinity.org).

**Lutheran Church Of The Redeemer** - 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, 703-356-3346. Sunday services are 8:30, 9:45 and 11 a.m.

Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., all-ages nursery available at all services. Visit [www.redeemermclean.org](http://www.redeemermclean.org).


**St. Thomas Episcopal Church** - 8991 Brook Road, McLean, 703-442-0330. Sunday services are at 8 and 10 a.m. with a family praise at 9:45 a.m. Nursery available for infants to 3-year-olds. Youth group at 10 a.m. on Sunday. Visit [www.stthomasmcleanva.org](http://www.stthomasmcleanva.org).

**Chabad at Tysons** holds a Shabbat educational service at the Tysons Westpark Hotel (corner of Route 7 and Westpark Drive). Saturday morning service starts at 9:30 a.m., Torah discussion at 10:30 a.m., followed by a sit-down Kiddush. Call 703-356-3451, or e-mail [ChabadTysons@aol.com](mailto:ChabadTysons@aol.com). Visit [www.chabadtysons.com](http://www.chabadtysons.com)

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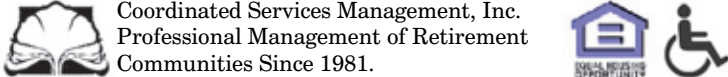
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## THE COUNTY LINE

# Meet Your Representatives ...

Elected officials share their favorite places to go in their political districts.

### Gerry Connolly (D)

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman, 2004 - present  
12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 530  
Fairfax, VA 22035  
[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman/)  
703-324-2321  
[chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov)  
Favorite Place: Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts - 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. It is the only national park for the performing arts. It is in Fairfax County and it provides world-class arts and entertainment, according to Connolly.



8115 Gatehouse Road, Suite 5400  
Falls Church, VA 22042  
<http://www.fcps.edu/schlld/members/>  
571-423-1089  
[martina.hone@fcps.edu](mailto:martina.hone@fcps.edu)  
Favorite Place: Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens - end George Washington Memorial Parkway, Mount Vernon. This is one of the places our country began, said Hone. She particularly treasures the slave memorial on the estate.



Reston, VA 20195  
<http://www.janethowell.com/>  
703-709-8283  
[SenHowell@aol.com](mailto:SenHowell@aol.com)  
Favorite Place: Lake Anne Plaza - 1600 Washington Plaza, Reston. Howell enjoys one of the several restaurants and takes romantic strolls along the quayside with her husband.



### Margaret Vanderhye (D)

34<sup>th</sup> District House of Delegates, 2008 - present  
P.O. Box 7335  
McLean VA 22106  
<http://www.vanderhye.com>  
703-448-8018  
[margi@vanderhye.com](mailto:margi@vanderhye.com)  
Favorite Place: Trails and Gorge in George Washington Memorial Parkway Park - off Jill Ct., McLean. The path follows a stream that cascades down some rocks and is surrounded by wild flowers. One of its access points is right behind Vanderhye's house and she has enjoyed several family walks there.



### Jim Moran (D)

Virginia's 8<sup>th</sup> District, U.S. House of Representatives, 1990 - present  
2239 Rayburn Building  
Washington D.C. 20515  
<http://www.moran.house.gov/>  
202-225-4376  
Favorite Place: Lake Anne Plaza - 1600 Washington Plaza, Reston. Moran enjoys the shops and restaurants at Lake Anne, especially Lake Anne Coffee House and Reston's Used Book Shop.



### Frank Wolf (R)

Virginia's 10<sup>th</sup> District, U.S. House of Representatives, 1981 - present  
241 Cannon Building  
Washington D.C. 20515  
<http://www.wolf.house.gov>  
202-225-6136  
Favorite Place: Great Falls Park - 9200 Old Dominion Dr. McLean. It has spectacular view.



## Other Elected Officials

### Fairfax County:

#### ❖ Ray Morrogh (D)

Commonwealth's Attorney, 2008 - present (Terms ends 2012)  
4110 Chain Bridge Rd. Rm 123  
Fairfax, VA 22030  
703-246-2776

#### ❖ Stan Barry (D)

Sheriff, 2000 - present (Terms ends 2012)  
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703-246-3227  
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#### ❖ John Frey (R)

Clerk of the Circuit Court, 1992 - present (Term ends 2016)  
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### Virginia:

#### ❖ Tim Kaine (D)

Governor, 2006 - present (Term ends 2010)  
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#### ❖ Bill Bolling (R)

Lt. Governor, 2006 - present (Term ends 2010)  
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#### ❖ Bob McDonnell (R)

Attorney General, 2006 - present (Term Ends 2010)  
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### United States:

#### ❖ John Warner (R)

U.S. Senate, 1978 - present (Term ends 2008)  
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202-224-2023  
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#### ❖ Jim Webb (R)

U.S. Senate, 2006 - present (Term ends 2012)  
<http://webb.senate.gov/>  
703-807-0591

### John Foust (D)

Dranesville District Supervisor, 2008 - present  
McLean Governmental Center  
1437 Balls Hill Road  
McLean, VA 22101  
[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville/)  
703-356-0551  
[dranesville@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:dranesville@fairfaxcounty.gov)  
Favorite Place: Scott's Run Nature Preserve - 7400 Georgetown Pike, McLean. There are tremendous walking trails for all ability levels and the views of the Potomac River are to die for. It is very peaceful and not very crowded, said Foust.



### Jim Raney

At-large school board member, 2008 - present  
8115 Gatehouse Rd., Suite 5400  
Falls Church, VA 22042  
<http://www.fcps.edu/schlld/>  
571-423-1091  
[james.raney@fcps.edu](mailto:james.raney@fcps.edu)  
Favorite Place: Northern Virginia Shag Club (Meets at Rene's Supper Club, 3251 Old Lee Hwy); Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association (various Fairfax County locations). These clubs are not-for-profits but if you pay the modest fee, you get free dance less, said Raney, who is a member of both.



### Jane Strauss

Dranesville District school board member, 1991-1993, 1996 - present  
8115 Gatehouse Road, Suite 5400  
Falls Church, VA 22042  
<http://www.fcps.edu/schlld/members.htm>  
571-423-1065  
[jane.strauss@fcps.edu](mailto:jane.strauss@fcps.edu)  
Favorite Place - Hiking trails along Potomac River. Strauss and her husband used to spend a lot of recreational time around the Potomac River. She uses the space to reflect on bigger issues and how best to serve the people of Fairfax County.



### Janet Howell (D)

32<sup>nd</sup> District State Senator, 1992 - present  
P.O. Box 2608

### Ilryong Moon

At-large school board member, 2004 - present  
8115 Gatehouse Road, Suite 5400  
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<http://www.fcps.edu/schlld/>  
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[ilryong.moon@fcps.edu](mailto:ilryong.moon@fcps.edu)  
Favorite Place: Yechon Korean Japanese Restaurant - 4121 Hummer Rd. Annandale. This restaurant has fantastic food, good service and is very reasonably priced, according to Moon, who meets and takes many of his clients there. The school board member has been going to the restaurant every week since it opened near his law office.



### Tina Hone

At-large school board member, 2008 - present

# Upcoming Congressional Races for McLean Voters

## Fairfax County votes Nov. 4.

### U.S. House of Representatives, 10<sup>th</sup> District

Rep. Frank Wolf and Health Care expert Judy Feder will square off for the second time Nov. 4.

Feder also challenged Wolf in 2006 but lost by 16 points in Virginia's 10<sup>th</sup> District, which extends into McLean, Great Falls, Herndon and Centreville in Fairfax County. The congressional seat also includes portions of Clarke County, Frederick County, Loudoun County, Warren County, City of Manassas and the City of Winchester.

Wolf has been a strong advocate of the Metro rail ex-

ension through the Dulles corridor and has promoted a "SAFE commission" - a study to look at how the United States government can tackle its social security, Medicare, Medicaid and the national debt. The congressman has also been an advocate for human rights issues around the world.

A national health care expert, Feder wants to find a way to provide every American with health care coverage. She has also advocated an end to the War in Iraq and extending Metro rail to Dulles airport and beyond.

### U.S. House of Representatives, 8<sup>th</sup> District

Alexandria native and Republican Mark Ellmore will take on 18-year incumbent Jim Moran in the upcoming general election Nov. 4.

Moran has represented Virginia's 8<sup>th</sup> congressional district - which spans Alexandria, Arlington and Reston - since 1991. The district traditionally leans Democratic, having give Moran nearly 60 percent of the vote in 2004.

Moran is considered to be one of the more socially lib-

eral members of the U.S. Congress. Earlier this year, he joined the congressional Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender caucus to advocate for the rights of same sex couples. He also has been a strong opponent of the War in Iraq since its outset, having voted against its original authorization.

Ellmore advocates lower taxes and has come out in favor of putting a fence along the U.S./Mexican border to help deal with the issue of illegal immigration. Ellmore said the United States should open more of its land and offshore area up to drilling for oil. He also supports using more nuclear power plants and "clean" coal technologies to provide more energy.

For more information on the candidates, visit their Web sites - [www.markellmore08.com](http://www.markellmore08.com) and [www.jimmoran.org](http://www.jimmoran.org).



Judy Feder (D) Frank Wolf (R)



Mark Ellmore (R) Jim Moran (D)

## THE COUNTY LINE

# Five County Issues To Watch Out For ...

## Traffic Congestion

As bad as it is now, local traffic could actually get significantly worse in the coming year.

Virginia and a private partner are launching the five-year High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes construction project on the Capital Beltway this summer. They intend to work on approximately a dozen exits and overpasses from Springfield to the Dulles Toll Road at the same time.

The Metro rail extension to Dulles — which could trigger more real estate construction in the northern part of the county — could also move forward this year.

And the Virginia General Assembly failed to pass a transportation-funding package in 2008, making congestion relief or traffic improvements unlikely.

## Budget Cuts

Fairfax County generates over 60 percent of its revenue from real estate taxes and the downturn in the housing market could be very hard on the local government.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors budget committee chair Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) is scheduled to start a “line item” review of the county budget this month. The supervisors raised the real estate tax rate three cents this spring — less than neighboring localities — mostly to provide additional funding to Fairfax County Public Schools in 2008 and 2009.

The school system — which gets the bulk of its money from the county — is most likely one of the agencies that will have to make tough choices in the next budget cycle. School officials have considered measures such as implementing an activities fee for students who participate in sports or limiting transportation to special programs — like gifted and talented centers.

## Housing Foreclosures

Fairfax County's housing market remained stable in 2007 but a recent report suggests this could change in the upcoming year.

Fairfax saw a sharp increase in foreclosures in the early months of 2008 and several of the region's upcoming “hot spots” for foreclosures are located in the county, according to a report from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

Fairfax's foreclosures tend to be concentrated in a few



neighborhoods — particularly parts of Herndon, Centreville and the Route 1 corridor.

## School Facilities

There are too many repairs, renovations and new facilities that need to be built for the Fairfax County Public Schools and not enough money to do it, according to officials.

The school system is currently reviewing its project priority list to make sure that those communities that need the most help, get it first. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors may cut the facilities budget due to economic shortfalls, which could put the school system in more of a bind in terms of meeting its needs.

West Springfield High School, South County Secondary School and Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology are a few of the communities asking for facilities funding.

Officials are considering a “rolling renovation” program — where they work on several school projects at once and complete construction in phases over several years. The simultaneous renovations allow the school system to address several schools' most egregious problems at once but ultimately take longer and cost more than they would if a one-by-one approach was used.

## Red to Blue

Fairfax County may be paving the way for Virginia to move from a Republican stronghold to a political toss-up in 2008 and 2009.

The county is the largest locality in the commonwealth, accounting for more than one-eighth of Virginia's total population. In recent statewide

races, Fairfax has voted for Democrats, like Gov. Tim Kaine in 2005 and U.S. Sen. Jim Webb in 2006, who have gone on to win elections.

The municipality's own elected officials are also increasingly Democratic. Six years ago, Fairfax County's delegation to the Virginia General Assembly had 13 Democrats and 13 Republicans. Today, there are 22 Democrats and four Republicans. The Grand Old Party also lost one seat on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors last year, making the breakdown eight Democrats to two Republicans.

Two Fairfax County congressional seats currently held by Republicans are also considered “competitive” for Democrats in November 2008. Fairfax County chairman Gerry Connolly (D) is thought to have a good chance of beating Republican Keith Fimian in the race for retiring Rep. Tom Davis' open seat. Democrat Judy Feder has raised almost as much as incumbent Rep. Frank Wolf (R) in 10th congressional district.

Presidential candidate Barack Obama's campaign thinks they may have a chance to win Virginia, and to do so, they invested in at least 10 field organizers in Fairfax County alone.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

## VOTE NOV. 4

*Elections for the U.S. President, U.S. Senate seat and several congressional offices will take place Nov. 4. Here is what residents need to know to participate:*

### HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE?

#### ❖ In Person —

Go to the Fairfax County Office of Elections, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax, Va. 22035. The office is open for voter registration from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

#### ❖ By Mail —

Pick up a Virginia Voter Registration application (see list below) and mail it to the Fairfax County Office of Elections at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax, Va. 22035.

With your registration application, you must include a copy of current and valid identification photo or a copy of current utility bill, bank statement, government check, or other government document that

shows your name and address. **Note: Virginia law requires people who register to vote by mail to vote in person during their first election.**

Pick up a Virginia voter registration application at the following locations

- ❖ Public libraries
- ❖ Department of Motor Vehicle offices
- ❖ Military recruitment offices
- ❖ Public assistance agency offices
- ❖ District government centers
- ❖ Board of Supervisors offices
- ❖ Citizen Information Desk in the County Government Center lobby
- ❖ Judicial Center Information Desk

### WHEN DO I HAVE TO REGISTER TO VOTE BY?

Those people who want to vote in upcoming U.S. presidential election Nov. 4, **must register to vote by Oct. 4.**

### HOW DO I KNOW I AM REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Fairfax County's Office of Elections will mail new voting cards to all registered voters in July. The card will

include the voter's address and polling location.

If you do not receive a card or the one sent to you has incorrect personal information, call 703-222-0776 or visit [fairfaxcounty.gov/eb](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/eb).

### WHERE DO I FIND MY POLLING PLACE?

The name of your polling place and its location should be included on the voter registration card, which was mailed out in July.

Residents may also visit the “Where Do I Vote?” Web site at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/> or call 703-222-0776.

### WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

Visit the Fairfax County Office of Elections Web site at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/> or call 703-324-4700. Avoid sending emails on election day that you would like answered promptly.

## Key Contacts

For Fairfax County, General Information — 703-324-7329, [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov)

For Fairfax County Public Schools, General Information — 703-876-5230, [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu)

For Police, Fire and Ambulance — 911 (emergency), 703-691-2131 (non-emergency) [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/), [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr)

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For Road Maintenance — Virginia Department of Transportation's Northern Virginia District Office — 703-383-8368, <http://>

[www.virginiadot.org/about/nova\\_quick.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/about/nova_quick.asp)

For Fairfax County Public Libraries — 703-324-3100, [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/)

For Electricity Service — Dominion Virginia Power — 1-888-667-3000, <http://www.dom.com/contact/electric.jsp> Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative — 703-335-0500, [www.novec.com](http://www.novec.com)

For Gas Service — Washington Gas Light Company — 703-750-1000, 703-750-1400 (emergency) <https://eservice.washgas.com/> Columbia Gas of Virginia — 1-800-543-8911, 1-800-544-5606 (emergency) <http://www.columbiagasva.com/about/ccs.htm>

For Water Service — Fairfax County Water Authority — 703-698-5800, <http://www.fcwa.org/customer/index.htm>



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Residents enjoy a sunny day at McLean Central Park.



McLean Central Park pavilion is used for a variety of events and concerts throughout the year.

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Hutchinson, pastor. Sunday services are at 9:15 and 11 a.m. Programs include Mom's Day Out, MOPs (mothers of preschoolers) and teaching ESL.

**Providence Baptist Church** - 8980 Brook Road, McLean, 703-893 5330. Sunday worship is at 8:30 a.m. for a traditional service and 11 a.m. for a contemporary one. Around 350 to 400 people attend this church weekly. Established in 1951. Visit [www.providencetoday.org](http://www.providencetoday.org).

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**First opened:** 1906  
**Enrollment:** 536  
**Principal:** Robert C. Fuqua  
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**Special programs:** community outreach activities associated with homeless shelters, a retirement home and a buddy school, ESOL.  
**McLean** High School pyramid, cluster 1

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**Enrollment:** 705  
**Principal:** Don Hutzell  
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**First opened:** 1914  
**Enrollment:** 376  
**Principal:** Dr. Vicki Duling  
**PTA president:** Cynthia Alksne  
**Special programs:** community social service projects, buddy programs, ESOL, special education.  
**McLean High School pyramid, cluster 1**

## HAYCOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

6616 Haycock Road, Falls Church  
703-531-4000  
www.fcps.edu/HaycockES  
**Grades:** K-6  
**Enrollment:** 714  
**Principal:** Maureen Boland  
**PTA presidents:** Pia Ruttenberg and Johnna Green  
**Special programs:** gifted and talented, ESOL, special education.  
**McLean High School pyramid, cluster 1**

## KENT GARDENS ELEMENTARY

1717 Melbourne Drive, McLean  
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www.fcps.edu/KentGardensES  
**Grades:** K-6  
**First opened:** 1958  
**Enrollment:** 917  
**Principal:** Robyn Hooker  
**PTA president:** Richard Sargent  
**Special programs:** school/business partnership with IMC, school/business partnership with Apple Federal Credit Union and National Wildlife Federation, partial French Immersion program, ESOL.  
**McLean High School pyramid, cluster 1**

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**Grades:** K-6  
**Enrollment:** 879  
**Principal:** Roger Vanderhye  
**PTO president:** Sarah Stair  
**Special Programs:** ESOL, gifted and talented program, character education program, outreach program, business partnership with Save the Rainforest, Rising Stars, and Sunrise Assisted Living.  
**Langley High School pyramid, cluster 1**

## COOPER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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www.fcps.edu/CooperMS  
**Grades:** 7-8  
**First opened:** 1962  
**Enrollment:** 904  
**Principal:** Arlene Randall  
**PTA president:** Una Higgins  
**Special programs:** Partial Japanese immersion program, ESOL, special education, business partnership with Books-a-Million  
**Langley High School pyramid, cluster 1**

## LONGFELLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL

2000 Westmoreland St., Falls Church  
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www.fcps.edu/LongfellowMS  
**Grades:** 7-8  
**First opened:** 1961  
**Enrollment:** 1058  
**Principal:** Carole Kihm  
**PTA president:** Wilma Bowers  
**Special programs:** GT, GT-school

based, ESOL, French immersion, business partnership with Booz Allen Hamilton.

**McLean High School pyramid, cluster 1**

## LANGLEY HIGH SCHOOL

**Grades:** 9-12  
**First opened:** 1965  
**Enrollment:** 2,083  
**Principal:** Matthew Ragone  
**PTSA presidents:** Laura Mendelsohn and Michelle Shaw  
**Web site:** www.fcps.edu/LangleyHS, www.langleypta.org  
**Address:** 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean

**Phone number:** 703-287-2700  
**SAT Verbal average:** 597  
**SAT Math average:** 612  
**AYP reading:** 98.2 percent  
**AYP math:** 92.6 percent  
**Economically disadvantaged:** 1 percent  
**Limited English proficiency:** 3.4 percent  
**Students with disabilities:** 11 percent  
**White:** 73.5 percent  
**Black:** 1.8 percent  
**Hispanic:** 3 percent  
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**2008 open house:** grades 9-10, Wednesday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m.; grades 11-12, Thursday, Oct. 2, 7 p.m.

## GEORGE C. MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL

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www.fcps.edu/MarshallHS  
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**Enrollment:** 1325  
**Principal:** Jay Pearson  
**PTA President:** Malou Rennert  
**SAT verbal average:** 544  
**Math average:** 561  
**AYP reading:** 94.7 percent  
**AYP math:** 84.8 percent  
**Economically disadvantaged:** 15.2 percent  
**Limited English Proficient:** 15.2 percent  
**Students with disabilities:** 15.7 percent  
**White:** 56.1 percent  
**Black:** 7.7 percent  
**Hispanic:** 12.5 percent  
**Asian/Pacific Islander:** 19.7 percent

## MCLEAN HIGH SCHOOL

1633 Davidson Road, McLean  
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www.fcps.edu/McLeanHS  
**Grades:** 9-12  
**First opened:** 1955  
**Enrollment:** 1768  
**Principal:** Dr. Deborah Jackson  
**PTSA president:** Susan Perla  
**SAT verbal average:** 583  
**SAT math average:** 602  
**AYP reading:** 93.1 percent  
**AYP math:** 88.7 percent  
**Economically disadvantaged:** 6.4 percent  
**Limited English Proficient:** 4.3 percent  
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Thirty schools now comprise the Northern Region, which is split into four districts of competition: the Patriot, National, Liberty and Concorde.

Athletic teams compete within their districts until the postseason, when each sport advances to regional single-elimination play. Typically, the top two teams in each sport advance to the Virginia AAA state tournaments, held seasonally around the state.

Sports played in the Northern Region in the fall are football, girls volleyball, field hockey, cross-country, golf and cheerleading.

In the winter, the region plays basketball, wrestling, girls gymnastics, swimming/diving, indoor track and ice hockey.

In the spring, regional schools participate in soccer, cheerleading, lacrosse, crew, outdoor track, baseball, softball and tennis.

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West Springfield Spartans  
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### Liberty District

Stone Bridge Bulldogs  
Langley Saxons  
Madison Warhawks  
Marshall Statesmen  
McLean Highlanders  
South Lakes Seahawks  
W.T. Woodson Cavaliers  
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J.E.B. Stuart Raiders  
Mount Vernon Majors  
Wakefield Warriors  
Washington-Lee Generals  
Yorktown Patriots

# McLean Hoops Came Alive Late

Highlanders got hot near season's end last winter.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

McLean Basketball Made. Last winter, an underdog McLean High boys' basketball team thrilled its fans by playing some of its best ball at season's end. McLean, under first year coach Kevin Roller, finished the regular season with a 7-7 record



McLean basketball coach Kevin Roller

and entered the Liberty District tournament as just a No. 5 seed.

But playoff wins over both No. 4 South Lakes and top seeded Woodson put the Highlanders into the district finals where they finally lost to a Langley team that ultimately qualified for the state AAA playoffs.

Roller said his team was focused on playing its best ball when the postseason came around.

"We kept talking about the fact that we were improving every week and hitting our stride going into the tournament," said Roller.

After the huge upset win over top-seeded Woodson in the semifinals, McLean came back to earth in the district championship game against Langley in a 55-34 loss. Then, the following week, McLean saw its season end with a two-point loss at Mount Vernon in a first round region playoff game.

While McLean's final overall record of 14-12 was not outstanding, it was a breakthrough season for a McLean team that made it to the district tourney finals for the first time since 1991 and qualified for the region playoffs for the first time since 1999.



PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Tarek Ammouy (42), a senior forward for McLean last winter, was one of the top players in the Liberty District.

### McLean High School

**Mascot:** Highlanders

**Athletic Director:** Tom Herman

**Athletic Office Phone:** 703-749-5861

**Athletic Hotline:** 703-749-8138

**Website:** www.mcleanactivities.org

**School Colors:** Red and Silver

**Rivals:** Langley Saxons, Marshall Statesmen

### Most successful Programs:

McLean has historically been strong in boys and girls soccer, lacrosse, football and, especially in the 1970s, wrestling. Most of McLean's fame has come on the gridiron. The Highlanders' football team won the Northern Region title in 1995, a 23-7 win over West Potomac. Over the last 13 years, McLean has appeared in the Division 5 championship game three times, most recently losing to Madison in 1996.

**The Connection Top 100 Northern Region High School Athletes:**

#27, Seth Greisinger, Baseball, 1993

Greisinger, who pitched for the Detroit Tigers, was the Virginia High School League Player of the Year as a pitcher in 1993. He was drafted in the seventh round in the Major League Baseball draft when he was only 17 years old.

#29, Eric Dorsey, McLean Football, 1982

Dorsey went on to stardom as a player for Notre Dame and the New York Giants. He helped the Highlanders go from a 1-9 season in 1979 to a 10-0 record the next year.

#76, Nate Friends, Soccer, Basketball, 1991

As a basketball player Friends helped lead the Highlanders to three Northern Region tournament appearances. He was also a team MVP for the McLean soccer team and went on to lead the University of Virginia soccer program to four NCAA titles.

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# Statesmen Stepped Up in Boys' Soccer

Silva's squad posted winning mark and qualified for regionals in spring season.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

Following a four win season in 2007, the Marshall High boys' soccer team made a dramatic turnaround this past spring as it qualified for the Northern Region playoffs and finished with an overall record of 9-5-3.

The Statesmen, coached by Ricardo Silva, automatically earned a region playoff berth when it defeated W.T. Woodson in a first round game of the Liberty District tournament. At regionals, Marshall saw its season end with a 2-0 loss to Lake Braddock in a first round affair.

Silva could see at the beginning of the spring season that his team was more confident about its chances than it had been in prior seasons. And throughout the '08 campaign the Statesmen played as a unit and at a high level. One of the team's biggest wins of the season was a 1-0 shutout victory over local rival Madison. Marshall senior Brendan Stringer scored the game's lone goal.

The victory over the Warhawks was particularly special for Marshall because it came over its longtime rival.

"Madison is a cross-town rival," said Silva, of the win. "The boys all grew up together. We wanted to make a stand. There were lots of fans in the stands."

Look for more big wins for the Statesmen next spring season as well.

## George C. Marshall High School

**Mascot:** Statesmen  
**Athletic Office Phone:** 703-714-5409  
**Athletic Hotline:** 703-883-4740



Marshall boys' soccer player Greg Goldbach battles for the ball during a spring season game against Stone Bridge.

**Website:** www.gcmstatesmen.org  
**School Colors:** Columbia blue and scarlet  
**Rivals:** Langley Saxons, Madison Warhawks, McLean Highlanders  
**Most successful Programs:**  
The Statesmen are known for having historically competitive programs, especially in football throughout the 1970s and '80s. Marshall's football program was one of the best in the region in the 1980s. The Statesmen won back-to-back regional titles in 1986 and 1987 under Dean Sissler. Outstanding Statesmen football coaches over the years have included Sissler, Neil

Callahan and Mike Skinner.

## The Connection Top 100 Northern Region High School Athletes:

#22 Pete Schourek, Baseball, 1987  
Pete Schourek, a former Major League pitcher who was runner-up in the 1995 Cy Young Award voting behind Greg Maddox, pitched with the Mets, Reds, Red Sox and Pirates. The '95 campaign was the southpaw's best season as he won 18 games and was the winning pitcher for Cincinnati in Game One of the NLDS versus the Dodgers.  
#36 Nick Sorenson, Football, 1995  
Nick Sorenson, a Marshall and Virginia

Tech standout, went on to play in the NFL. He was a team captain for the Jacksonville Jaguars. He is still very active in the Marshall community and was recently inducted into the school's sports hall of fame.

#47 Keith Lyle, Football, 1990  
Keith Lyle made his way into the NFL and was a defensive back for the St. Louis Cardinals, the Washington Redskins and the San Diego Chargers. He was a Pro Bowl selection with St. Louis in 2000.

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## Hea, What About Those Local Rivals Over at Langley?

### Langley Saxons

**Mascot:** Saxons  
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**Athletic Hotline:** 703-827-6064  
**Website:** www.langleysports.org  
**School Colors:** Dark green and old gold  
**Rivals:** McLean Highlanders, Marshall Statesmen

**Most Successful Programs:**  
Langley's top programs in recent years have been their girls swimming team, which in recent years (1998 through 2001) brought home four state championships, and the boys' basketball team, which stunned the Northern Region last winter by advancing to the region title

game. Many believe the girls' swim team was the most successful of all VHSL team sports during the Saxons' four year reign as state champs. Its individual swimmers during that stretch broke numerous region and state marks.

In football, Langley won Div. 5 Northern Region crowns in both 1991 and 1993.

### The Connection Top 100 Northern Region High School Athletes:

#74 Taline Tahmassian, Soccer, 2001  
Tahmassian was part of a Santa Clara University women's soccer team that won an NCAA championship. In high school, she was a two-time state AAA Player of the Year, a two-time Northern Region Player of the

year and a two-time Liberty District Player of the Year selection.

#84, Lindsey Ertter, Swimming, 2001  
Ertter was a six-time Virginia High School League state AAA champion as a member of the Saxons' swim program. She earned three gold medals in the individual medley and three golds in the 100-meter breaststroke. She also helped Langley win state AAA championships from 1998 through 2001.

#89, Robbie Maclay, Lacrosse, 2006  
Maclay received varsity letters nine times during his four years at Langley and was the first Langley graduate in 10 years to compete in the maximum 12 seasons of sports. He played collegiate lacrosse at the

University of Vermont.  
#96, Stephanie Dansereau, Soccer, 2005

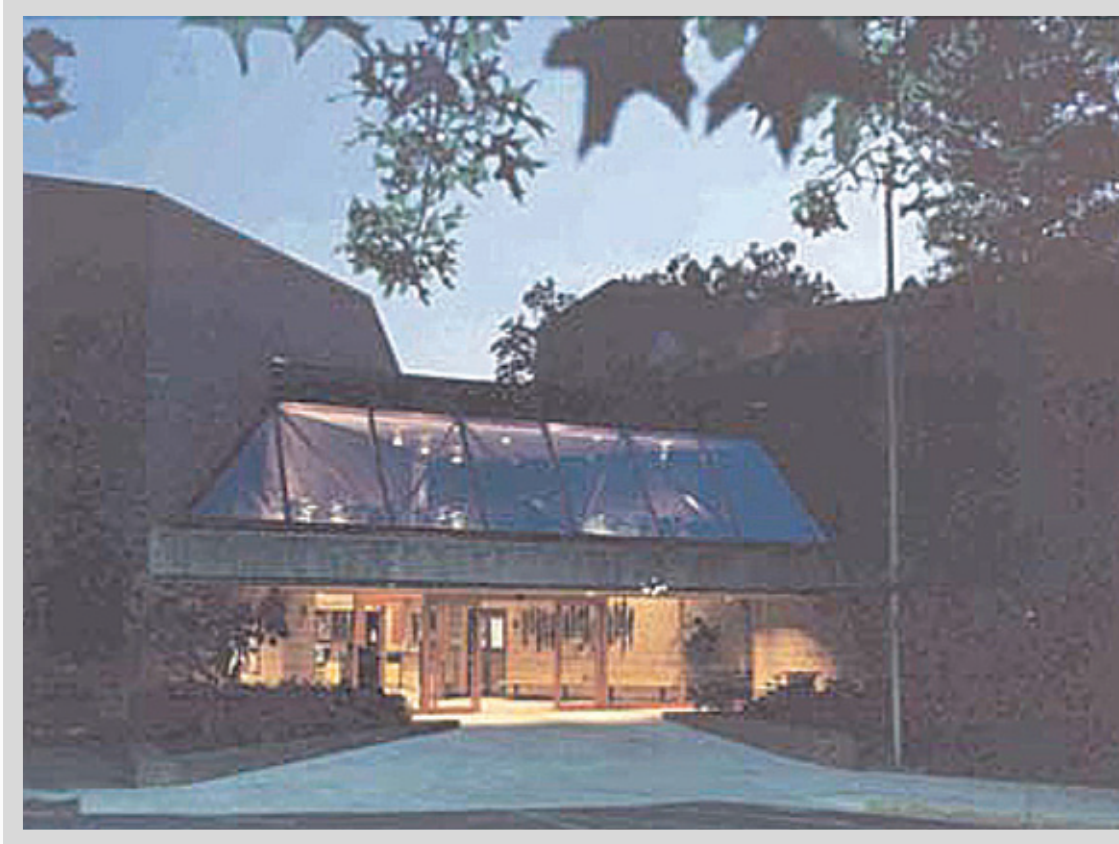
The Langley High women's soccer squad went 25-10-1 with Dansereau on the field, but injuries forced her to miss the majority of two seasons. She was Liberty District Player of the Year in 2005.

#97, Jimmy Sbarra, Lacrosse, 1999  
A prolific goal scorer for the Saxons, Sbarra recorded 120 points and led the Saxons to three consecutive Liberty District titles.

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