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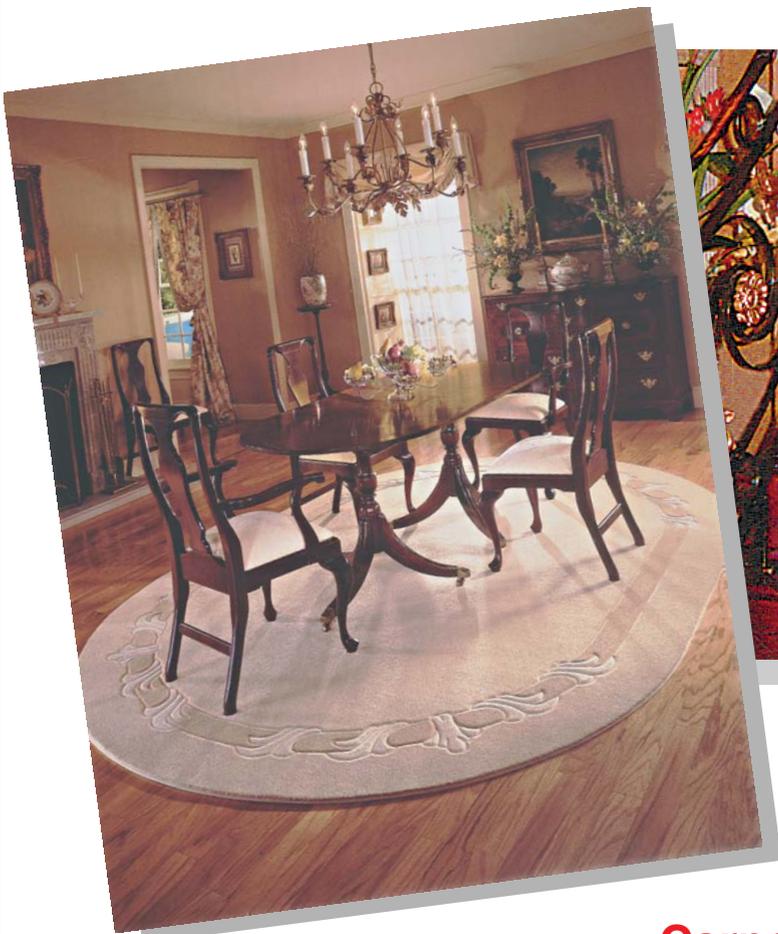
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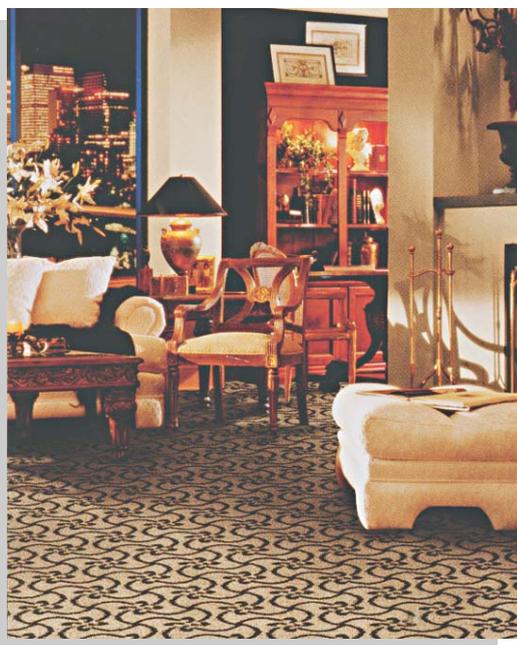
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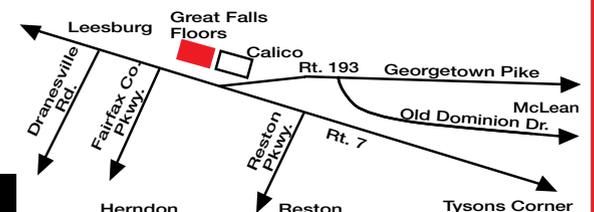


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Paris Bustillos, who taught Tsombikos in a film class, created the film 'Borf!' which has now won two local awards. J. Helen Schneider did the sound for the film.

Borf Lives On

Award-winning film 'Borf!' documents story of graffiti campaign, Great Falls boys' friendship.

In the early months of 2004, strange images began popping up on surfaces around the nation's capital, a voiceover says, as the camera pans across graffiti featuring the non-word "borf" and a boy with a manic grin.

"Was he trying to tell us something? Did he want to hurt us? Was there something wrong with him?" the voice wonders. "This is the story of a boy named Borf and the friends who wouldn't forget him."

So begins "Borf!" the 28-minute documentary film that garnered a Rosebud Film Festival award last weekend. In late March, the movie was named best local film at the D.C. Independent Film Festival.

"To most people, they didn't really know what any of this was. They just saw their property values going down or that there was this really creative guy out there expressing himself," said Paris Bustillos, who directed the film. He said it had been clear that there was a story behind the often-humorous quips and stenciled images, but no one had known what to make of them at the time. "And really, in the end, it's about two friends who love each other."

THOSE FRIENDS were John Tsombikos and Bobby Fisher of Great Falls. In October 2003, Fisher, nicknamed Borf, killed himself at the age of 16. Tsombikos reacted by unleashing a wave of graffiti on northwest D.C., as well as other cities he visited. Much

of his vandalism involved stenciled pictures of his friend or statements like "Borf writes letters to your children" or "Borf never dies."

Bustillos knew Tsombikos from a time when Fisher was still alive and the friends were making home movies together. He taught a week-long "digital video boot camp" for high school students, which

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— Paris Bustillos, director

Tsombikos took, producing a movie with Fisher. "I had been showing that movie for years as an example of what even a 15-year-old could do," Bustillos said. Shortly after reading a newspaper story about Tsombikos' arrest in 2005, Bustillos was showing the movie again when he realized that the name in the credits was the same as that of the Borf graffiti artist, he said.

Years later, their paths crossed again, when Tsombikos' girlfriend began working for Bustillos' girlfriend, who is a jeweler. Bustillos suggested the idea of making a film to tell the story behind the graffiti.

"I thought it was a fascinating and magical story," he said. He also had plenty of material. In addition to the movie Tsombikos had shot for the class, the friends had made hours of home movies, and "Borf!" cuts between interviews, shots of the graffiti art and scenes of Fisher acting.

"The home movies were awesome," said friend Byron Hughley, in an interview early in the film. He noted that he generally

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Dancing for a Cause

Stormy Budwig and fellow performers from the Starshine Theater in Great Falls present a benefit show.

BY JORDAN CLARK
THE CONNECTION

Stormy Budwig of Great Falls spent years performing for the Starshine Theater based in Great Falls. Last November, Budwig and fellow performers decided that being able to give back for a cause would be the best way to end their final year at home before going to college.

"After researching hundreds of charities through the Global Fund, I finally found a charity where all the proceeds go directly to the people in need," said Budwig. "Through the Young Heroes Foundation, I learned about Swaziland where AIDS, malaria and TB are of the highest rates in Africa."

To raise money for this cause, Budwig and friend Ann-Marie Gover came together with five other performers to produce a performance benefiting the children in Swaziland entitled "Steps for Africa."

"Here in Great Falls having just \$20 a day is just enough to get what you need for right then and now, while \$20 a month in Swaziland is enough to help a family survive," said Gover. Their first performance last November was a success, raising about \$1,100. After such popular response, the original cast decided that one more performance could continue to raise awareness and help fund the charity further. Performers



PHOTO BY JORDAN CLARK/THE CONNECTION

Stormy Budwig and Ann-Marie Gover.

Budwig, Gover, Dana deLaski, Joanie Vasiliadis, Bess Lawrie, Inhak Kim and Jae Lee hosted the second benefit on June 27 at the Starshine Theater located above the Old Brogue in Great Falls Village Center. Their performance brought in more than 50 people from the Great Falls/McLean area.

"The whole purpose of Steps for Africa II was to increase the awareness of the people in need of help in Swaziland," said Budwig. "Not many people have even heard of them before, or the Young Heroes Foundation, which is why this performance is so important to us."

As this was their final performance at the Starshine Theater, when asked if either of them would continue dancing in the future, both Budwig and Gover smiled. "I'm going to the University of the Arts to study and hopefully major in dance, and Stormy is going to the University of Arizona to continue dance and to pursue other majors," said Gover.

With their final benefit as the oldest members of the Starshine Theater, the seven performers just have one word to the future dancers and members of families who donate to charities. "By making this our last performance before college, we are hoping to get younger members of the theater continue our work so that we can continue to help the families in Swaziland," said Budwig.

For more information about Young Heroes and to make donations visit www.YoungHeroes.org.sz.



Bess Lawrie



Inhak Kim

PHOTOS BY JULIA RASMUS

OPINION

No Money

Fairfax County to receive on \$250,000 for secondary road construction.

Between declining revenue because of the recession and the Virginia Supreme Court striking down the one significant transportation funding plan to come out of Richmond in the last decade, virtually all transportation projects in the state will now cease to exist.

There will be no money for intersection improvements, for widening roads, for bus lines, for filling potholes. No money for transit. Just no money.

If a project is currently under construction, or construction is about to be, it will continue. Otherwise there is no money in the pipeline.

This is a different kind of "no money" than the low-dollar budget that we have coped with in the past. A large jurisdiction like Fairfax County will see only about \$250,000 this year for secondary road construction, down to about a tenth of previous years.

In fact, Metrorail construction bringing rail through Tysons and out to Dulles Airport and the HOT-lanes construction underway on the Beltway are the only two major projects likely in the foreseeable future. Some federal money, some local money and increases on the Dulles toll road will pay for rail to Dulles construction. Federal money will also pay for improvements on the Fairfax County Parkway.

As for HOT-lanes, we suspect that many drivers stuck in traffic in the future will be surprised to discover that they can ride in newly added lanes for a steep toll of as much as \$1 a mile or more (\$14 or more for the trip from the American Legion Bridge to the Springfield

interchange), and that the private company in this public-private partnership will get to keep 100 percent of that toll money to finance the construction.

We are suffering from election fatigue too, and aren't ready to start in on the fact that every seat in the Virginia House of Delegates is on the ballot this November, along with statewide races for governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, plus some special elections and ballot issues.

But these races matter, and every voter should stand ready to make candidates talk

Expertise for Annual Community Guides

What would someone new to your town need to know? What interesting, almost secret, places would you like to have learned about earlier when you moved in?

We invite you to share the expertise you've gained in living in your hometown with your neighbors and with people new to the area in our Newcomers and Community Guides, coming later this summer.

Connection staff members and interns are already working on the Connection's annual Newcomers and Community Guides, which will publish between the end of July and the beginning of August.

We invite citizens, businesses and organizations to send us suggestions. We invite calendar listings for major events for the upcoming year, information on how to get involved in nonprofits and charities, details about your club or other organization.

about real solutions to real problems, including funding for real transportation spending, dedicated funding for Metro and congestion relief. Likely every candidate will talk about Virginia's ranking as the top state for business. But it's hard to argue that Virginia is open for business if it's economic engine, Northern Virginia, can't solve a single congestion chokepoint or add a busline to bring riders to new Metro stations.

— MARY KIMM

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When are the major festivals, celebrations and other events at your church or temple or mosque?

We also invite readers to contribute directly to the newcomers and community guides. Send us a short letter: what do you love about your community? Tell us about one special place you've discovered. Does your family have different favorites in different seasons? How did you get involved in your town? Share your favorite park. Tell us about your favorite annual event.

Helping pets adapt to new surroundings can be a big part of any family's move. Share tips you have for acclimating a pet to a new home. Do you have a favorite dog park?

Send your comments and submissions to mclean@connectionnewspapers.com, or mail to Kemal Kurspahic, Connection Newspapers, 1606 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

Keeping Idea of Democracy New

Reflections on July 4th — then and now.

BY MARGI VANDERHYE
STATE DELEGATES (D-34)



Ask your friends what they plan to do on the Fourth of July and many will likely respond by telling you what they "always" do: the concert on the Mall, a local fireworks display, the neighborhood parade with flag draped wagons or maybe an annual pilgrimage to the beach. America's birthday calls for traditional celebrations, so we create our own rituals that are both patriotic and familiar. And then they become a part of who we are.

These comforting traditions stand in stark contrast to the first Independence Day on July 4, 1776, when the assembled members of the Continental Congress voted to create something brand

new — a profoundly different model for the role of government among the civilized nations of the time. Their revolutionary declaration asserted the right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" and proclaimed that "to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

TODAY, we take that statement for granted. But in 1776 it was provocative and confrontational. Moreover, their Declaration was intended to insult King George III with accusations that his despotism was a form of treason to his own people, an affront that created an even bigger sensation at the time. Their challenge to tyr-

anny would resonate across the world and through the ages.

Each Fourth of July when I participate in the Great Falls parade, the Vienna festival or gather with friends for the Langley High School fireworks celebration, I am reminded that our community involvement is both created from and affirmed by our shared beliefs about government. As we celebrate the nation's birthday, we also hold up the civic groups and service and professional organizations that bind us together in common purpose, just as the members of the Continental Congress were bound 233 years ago, believing that they could achieve together what none of them could do alone.

My many years of public service and community involvement have reinforced my deeply held conviction about a basic principle of our

democracy: that government should be what we do with people, not to them. When we bring people along and offer them the chance to participate in, rather than just observe the decisions that affect us, we are all stronger as a community and a society.

IN THE MIDST of our familiar and traditional Independence Day preparations, we can recommit ourselves through our own communities to that "new" idea from 1776 — the bold concept about a covenant between a just government and the consent of the governed. Whether we are elected, appointed or we volunteer, we can accomplish so much together through our civic associations, public councils and service groups that we can not do alone. Our task as Americans is to keep the idea of our democracy new. Let's work together so that it remains a shining example for hopeful people everywhere.

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WEEK IN GREAT FALLS

4th of July Celebration at Langley High

The McLean Community Center's annual 4th of July Celebration at Langley High School stadium, Saturday, July 4, 6-10 p.m. (Rain date: July 5) features a fireworks show, and much more. Families can come early to picnic and take advantage of the staged entertainment, food, amusement rides and field games—not to mention the funnel cakes—that give the event a hometown feel. Dogs, fireworks, sparklers and alcohol are not allowed on school grounds.

Tenor Daniel Rodriguez, a former New York City police officer, will perform "Proud to be an American," a program of patriotic songs. The fireworks display will be provided by Melrose Pyrotechnics of South Carolina. A free shuttle bus service will be available from St. John's Episcopal Church (6715 Georgetown Pike) and MCC (1234 Ingleside Ave.), beginning at 7 p.m. A handicap-accessible bus will be available at the Center.

July 4th Promises All-Day Celebration

Great Falls Ecumenical Council is sponsoring a 5K Fun Walk/Run immediately following the opening ceremonies on July 4, at 7:30 a.m., at the Great Falls Freedom Plaza next to the Great Falls Library. Adults, youth, and children are invited to come, including infants in baby strollers. For more information contact Rev. Paul Gysan at paul.gysan@verizon.net.

Christ the King Lutheran Church in Great Falls invites the community to an evening of activities as prelude to the fireworks on July 4th. On the front lawn of the church there will be an "Old Fashioned Patriotic Worship Service" at 6 p.m. followed by dinner. Residents are welcome to stay and enjoy the fireworks at dusk. Contact the church office

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Friendship Translated Into Award-Winning Film

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played the mad villain, while Fisher and Tsombikos formed the heroic duo of CO2 Man and Inferno Man. The heroes were fully costumed, including capes and tights.

In one scene, Fisher kneels over an unresponsive CO2 Man, rises slowly and proclaims, with high

melodrama, "This ... means war!" The exclamation would later appear on public property, under stenciled images of a caped Inferno Man.

"Bobby — he was a different type of kid," said Chuck Burgundy, a friend of Tsombikos' family, in the film. "He somehow or other was just way too talented to be going to regular high school."

Scenes depict the two teens interacting with Burgundy, mouthing off and trying to play tricks on him. "Why don't you guys attempt to be as normal as you possibly can?" he asked at one point, to no avail.

TSOMBIKOS is also interviewed in the film, saying he used the Borf image as an example of suffering teens everywhere. "I didn't really

think too hard about whether I'd go to jail," he said to the camera, still silhouetted even though his identity is now known. "I would risk it. It was worth it for me."

He compared his 30 days in jail to high school, noting that the food and bell schedule were similar. "They just punish you with boredom. But it's not that different from the outside."

Out of 100 contestants, 20 were selected for last weekend's Rosebud Film Festival, and "Borf!" was one of five that received Rosebud awards. Bustillos, who now teaches television production at Montgomery Blair High School, plans to enter the film in the Sundance Film Festival.

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Helping Repair Homes

On June 21, Great Falls United Methodist Church commissioned 14 youths and three adults to participate in a week-long youth mission trip called The Jeremiah Project, located in Winchester, Va., in the Shenandoah Valley. JP is the premier youth mis-

sion organization specializing in providing short-term mission opportunities for middle school students. The team will work with others to repair homes for the elderly, those with disabilities and those who are not physically able to do the work themselves.

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Parade Participants, Volunteers Needed

Great Falls Friends is preparing for the annual 4th of July Hometown Celebration. Parade floats, group participants and large vehicles are asked to register their participation in order to facilitate Parade logistics. To register, or get more information, go to www.greatfallsfriends.org and click on Parade Sign Up. Bikers need not register, but be aware that helmets are required to ride in the parade.

Nearly 30 volunteers are needed to assist with the Hometown Celebration on Saturday, July 4 in the Great Falls Village Centre. Shifts are only one hour long and run from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Activities include a 5K Walk/Run, Baby Parade, Main Parade, Games/Food & Festivities. To volunteer, contact Lisa Wilhelmy at

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'On the Bright Side' Exhibit

What: Exhibit of more than 20 original oil paintings and drawings by award-winning artist Jill Banks
Where: Great Falls Library Meeting Room, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls
When: Exhibit: July 2-Aug. 31. Painting Demonstration: Saturday, July 11, 1-4 p.m. Reception: Saturday, July 18, 3-6 p.m.

Artist Looks at 'Bright Side'

Jill Banks exhibits at the Great Falls Library.



'Rainy Day Market' [oil, 30 inches x 24 inches] is one of over 20 paintings and drawings by Jill Banks in her 'On the Bright Side' exhibit at the Great Falls Library.

McLean artist Jill Banks said she created the more than 20 paintings and drawings featured in her exhibit "On the Bright Side" at the Great Falls Library as a counterbalance to today's overabundance of troubling news and because she can't seem to put her paintbrush down. The exhibit runs from July 2 to Aug. 31.

On Saturday, July 11, from 1-4 p.m., Banks will be conducting a painting demonstration in the Great Falls Library. RSVP to jillbanks1@aol.com for that event. An opening reception takes place Saturday, July 18, from 3-6 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public. A portion of all sales benefit Friends of the Great Falls Library.

"I'm immersed in both creating art and enjoying life ... and those two activities are great antidotes to any bad news making headlines at the moment," said Banks. "I

paint the scenes and moments that make me incredibly happy, and then I smile while I paint. My 'bright side' and joyful way of looking at the world around me comes across with each brushstroke."

THIS EXHIBIT will be the second solo show for Banks at the Great Falls Library. The first, "Feast for the National Eyes" in November 2005, marked her debut as a professional artist. Since 2005, she has racked up a string of accolades and career accomplishments including being juried to exhibit in Salon International 2009, a project of the International Museum of Contemporary Masters of Fine Art, and the 2009 National Exhibition at the Salma-



Jill Banks will be giving a painting demonstration in the Great Falls Library Meeting Room on Saturday, July 11, from 1-4 p.m. Here, fellow artist Adrienne Kralick sits for Banks' demonstration in 2005.

gundi Club, an art institution in New York City; chosen as one of 10 artists for solo exhibits in 2008 at the Art League in Alexandria; winning a Strauss Fellowship grant in 2008 from the Arts Council of Fairfax County; winning the Casey Memorial Award at the Catharine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club's Annual Exhibition in 2008 at the National Arts Club in New York City; being awarded two "Best of Shows" at the Art League; ranking twice as a finalist in Artist's Magazine's Annual Art Competitions; and being chosen for representation by Chelsea Galleries in Richmond and Chelsea 32 Gallery in New York City. Banks, a member of Great Falls Studios, teaches classes and workshops

through the Great Falls School of Art, a program of the Great Falls Foundation for the Arts. Go to www.greatfallsfoundationforarts.org for course information. Banks started painting in 2003. View the "On the Bright Side" Exhibit during the reception and demonstration, when the artist will be there, or during regular library hours which are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The library is closed Sundays. Banks would also be happy to conduct private tours of the exhibit.

BANKS is a founding member of

the Artists' Atelier, the working studios and gallery space of 16 artists now located at 1144 Walker Road, Suites D&G, in Great Falls. She recently moved into a second studio space at the Atelier, and more of her work can be seen there on the First Friday of every month, 7-9 p.m.; every Saturday from 12-4 p.m., by appointment anytime and whenever an artist is in working. For a sneak peek at the exhibit, visit her Web site: www.jillbanks.com, and visit her blog: jillbanks.blogspot.com for the latest art news and most recent works by this busy artist. She can be contacted at jillbanks1@aol.com or by phone at 703-403-7435.

CALENDAR

Send announcements to greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com

FRIDAY/JULY 3

See-1, The Pocket Band, BobbyT and the Magical Voyagers. 8 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

"Shakespeare's R&J." 8 p.m. 1st Stage Spring Hill, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. \$25/adults, \$15/students. 1-800-838-3006 or www.1ststagespringhill.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 4

Great Falls Ecumenical Council 5 K Fun Walk/Run, immediately following the opening ceremonies at 7:30 a.m. at Freedom Plaza next to the Great Falls Library. Contact Rev. Paul Gysan at paul.gysan@verizon.net.

Christ the King Lutheran Church in Great Falls invites the community to an evening of activities as prelude to the fireworks on July 4th. An 'Old Fashioned Patriotic Worship Service' at 6 p.m. followed by dinner. Stay and enjoy the fireworks at dusk. 703-759-6068.

Annual 4th of July Celebration at Langley High School stadium, 6-10 p.m. (Rain date: July 5). Families can

come early to picnic and take advantage of the staged entertainment, food, amusement rides and field games—not to mention the funnel cakes—that give the event a hometown feel. Dogs, fireworks, sparklers and alcohol are not allowed on school grounds. Tenor Daniel Rodriguez, a former New York City police officer, will perform "Proud to be an American," a program of patriotic songs. A free shuttle bus service will be available from St. John's Episcopal Church (6715 Georgetown Pike) and MCC (1234 Ingleside Ave.), beginning at 7 p.m. A handicap-accessible bus will be available at the Center.

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TUESDAY/JULY 7
Josh Hoge, Benjy Davis Project, Andy Davis, Tim Brantley and Mikey Wax. 7 p.m. At Jammin' Java,

MONDAY/JULY 6

Open Mic Showcase hosted by Ron Good. 7 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Stroke and Osteoporosis Screening. Residents living in and around the McLean community can be screened to reduce the risk of having a stroke or bone fracture. The American Legion Post #270 will host Life Line Screening at 1355 Ball Hills Road in McLean starting at 9 a.m. Packages start at \$139. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 1-877-237-1287 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com

Monday Flicks. 11 a.m. at the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 7:30 p.m. beginner lessons. \$10. 703-414-1745 or www.headoverheelsdance.com.

Rude Buddha, Ballyhoo, Prettier in Person and Groovestain. 7 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

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WEDNESDAY/JULY 8

Wilco, with Conor Oberst and The Mystic Valley Band. 8 p.m. at the Filene Center. \$32-\$38. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts Junior Ranger Day, 12-3 p.m. Includes activity books, scavenger hunt and a variety of ranger programs with topics including costumes, musical instruments, recycling, puppets, and park history. Free; for ages 5-12. www.nps.gov/wotr/forkids or 703-255-1893.

THURSDAY/JULY 9

JP McDermott and Western Bop, 8-10 p.m. at The Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. 7:30 beginner lessons. \$10. 703-414-1745 or www.headoverheelsdance.com.

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Raptor Conservancy of Virginia. 2:30 p.m. at the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. See these birds of prey and find out more about their place in the wild. Age 6-12. 703-757-8560.

Nottoway Nights Concert with Hula Monstoers, 7:30 p.m. at Nottoway Park, 9601 Courthouse Rd, Vienna. Bring a picnic dinner, blankets and lawn chairs. For rain cancellation, call after 6 p.m. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance.

FRIDAY/JULY 10

WD Miller Band at 7 p.m. and Viking's Bday Bash w/ P!theViking, The Grenade, Young Enough, Static Brigade, TerrorDactel and CJ Milli at 10:30 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

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NSO@Wolf Trap and Video Games Live! Jack Wall, Conductor. 8:30 p.m. at the Filene Center. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP. Tickets from \$20 to \$48.

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Fairfax Out of Road Money

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
 THE CONNECTION

Virginia allocated such a small amount of funding for new secondary road construction projects in Fairfax County this year that the money would barely cover the cost of installing one single traffic signal in the locality, according to officials. The Virginia Department of Transportation awarded Fairfax about \$240,000 for all new secondary road construction, about 2.5 percent of the \$ 11 million the county received for the same purpose last year.

"A fairly minor signal? Yes, [\$240,000] might cover it. But some traffic signals cost between \$250,000 and \$300,000 to put in," said Kathy Ichter, director of Fairfax County's Department of Transportation.

In most of the past decade, the commonwealth has given Fairfax between \$20 million and \$30 million annually for secondary road construction. At the time, elected officials and county staff said that amount of money was grossly inadequate to meet Fairfax's needs.

But the shortfalls of years past pale in comparison to what the county could face in the future. Virginia officials have told Ichter to expect Fairfax's funding for new secondary road construction could remain at about \$240,000 per year or lower for the foreseeable future.

"Over the next two to three years, people may not notice it because we have projects underway that have been in the pipeline for awhile and are already funded. After that, the difference is going to be substantial," said Ichter.

IN FAIRFAX, secondary roads are hardly secondary. The term applies to everything from the local neighborhood cul de sac to major thoroughfares like Braddock and Rolling roads.

For example, with the exception of Route 123, nearly every street and corridor in the Springfield District is a "secondary road," ac

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Great Falls Optimists Support Hopecom

Gift is largest single community donation in organization's history.

The Great Falls Optimist Club donated \$10,000 in proceeds from this year's Spring Festival to Hopecom, a local non-profit that helps connect homebound children undergoing treatment for cancer with their friends at school and with family using laptops, high speed Internet and Web cameras.

"This was the largest single community contribution we have ever received," said Hopecom President Len Forkas, "and it will go a long way to allowing us to assist more children this coming year. Since January alone, we have over 30 new families that need Hopecom, and more are on the way."

"We are delighted to be able to help such a fantastic local organization that is really making a difference in children's lives," said



Len and Elizabeth Forkas and Director Jennifer Bond accept a \$10,000 donation from Great Falls Optimist Club Treasurer Eve Chapman, Spring Festival Chair Candace Campbell and Club President Lisa Jackson.

Optimist Club President Lisa Jackson.

Since being founded in 2003 by Great Falls parents whose child was diagnosed with leukemia, Hopecom has connected over 75 children with their friends, classmates and families. "Staying connected to school and friends really

reduces the stress of re-entry when treatment is completed and children resume a normal life," said Vice President Dan Smith. "It also helps a great deal with recovery. The children don't worry that their friends will forget them, and they benefit from regular interaction with their friends and long-dis-

ance family. Our donation will enable Hopecom to serve many more children in the months

ahead." Hopecom partners with Children's National Medical Center, Inova Hospital and the National Institutes of Health to identify children who could benefit from their services. There is no cost to participating families or schools.

To Join Optimists

Those interested in joining the Great Falls Optimist Club or volunteering at specific events should contact President Lisa Jackson at 703-421-7125 [LJackson@tfsinc.com] or Membership Chair Joda Coolidge at sandjcoolidge@verizon.net. Contributions can be mailed to P.O. Box 233, Great Falls, VA 22066. For more information about the club, visit www.greatfallsoptimist.org.

Sober Ride on Fourth of July

More than 40 percent of traffic deaths on Independence Day are alcohol related. Here in Northern Virginia, the Washington Regional Alcohol Program will offer a "SoberRide" program to help keep possible drunk drivers off the road.

Most people celebrating the Fourth of July will make plans to celebrate at home, to celebrate without alcohol or to have a designated driver in place when it is time to get home.

But for those who find themselves without an alternative, WRAP will offer a free taxi ride home, so there is no excuse for driving under the influence.

For 12 hours beginning at 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 4th and continuing until 4 a.m. July 5, residents may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI and be afforded a no-cost (up to a \$ 50 fare), safe way home.

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“It’s always ideal if we can get (area) kids to play,” said Vienna Senators manager Chris Burr (right), who played four seasons for the Texas Rangers after a successful high school career at Madison.



Vienna’s Ryan Court swings at a pitch during last Sunday’s 11-2 win over the D.C. Grays.

Swim Results

Here’s a recap of contributed reports on what happened around the area during week two of the NVSL season. The **Great Falls Rapids** are on their way to a winning season with their second victory in NVSL Division 13 beating the Pleasant Valley Piranhas 212-190. In particular, the team’s 8 & under boys and girls were exceptional, sweeping the freestyle, backstroke, and relay races. Standouts included Joey Thomas, Evan Guidi, Eric Eichler, Karlye Pallotta, Sammy Thomas, Annie Mahoney, David Hulett, Julia Bullock and Tim Marcille. Great Falls captured 21 first places overall, with double first place wins by James Cutler, Mary Liz Elliott, Annie Kemmerer, Will Kemmerer, Joseph Thomas and Max Wingo.

Chesterbrook defeated Hamlet, 286-116, this past Saturday thanks in large part to recording a whopping 72 personal best times. Double winners were Grant DeWitt, Nowell Boardman, Duncan Green, Alston Offutt, Steven Lee-Kramer, Maddie McArthur and Joey Sullivan.

The **Highlands Whomping Turtles** prevailed over the South Run Sea Hawks 240.5 to 161.5 in Division 3 action. Double winners were: Claire Collins, Diego Cruzado, Colton Heuple and Brian Murphy.

In a close meet that went down to the last two relays, **Langley** won the meet with a score of 210-192. Double event winners included: Zach Johnson, Elena Shklyar, Nathan Robinson, Nicole Johnson and Meghan Overend. The girls 13-14 medley relay team of Sarah Horan, Nicole Johnson, Kat Owczarski and Marli Peress broke a 15-year-old record with a time of 1:07.48. The boys mixed-age relay team of Nathan Robinson, Zach Johnson, Jack Reilly and Christopher Overend broke a 2005 record with a time of 2:01.74, and the girls mixed-age relay of Alexandra Cramer, Elena Shklyar, Nicole Johnson and Meghan Overend broke a 42-year-old record with a time of 2:09.43. The previous week, Katie Robinson broke a 15-year-old record in the 11-12 backstroke with a time of 36.48.

To have your team’s swim results published in print or online, contact sports editor Mark Giannotto at mgiannotto@connectionnewspapers.com.

Home Cooking Spurs Summer Baseball

Now in college, area baseball standouts renew rivalries, train through CGL baseball.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE CONNECTION

It was merely an RBI single by Oakton graduate Kevin Wager in the top half of the first inning that drove in Langley graduate Foster Dunigan during Sunday’s Clark Griffith Baseball League (CGL) game between the Vienna Senators and D.C. Grays at Waters Field, but the hit resonated all the way up in Philadelphia.

That’s because after four years of fostering a healthy Fairfax County based high school baseball rivalry, Dunigan, an infielder who just finished his freshman season at Temple, and Wager, a third baseman from Villanova, ended up on rival teams once again when they joined the college baseball ranks this past spring.

Now the two have come full circle, teammates for this summer, playing wooden bat summer baseball back in the area where each grew up. It has given both a new perspective on what the rivalry and their opposition is all about.

“It’s a little weird,” said Wager of being on the same team as Dunigan. This past season, his Villanova squad defeated Dunigan’s Temple team two out of three times. “Yesterday, we were talking about whether his college coach makes a big deal of the Temple-Nova game as much as ours does and he said yes. It’s good to hear they put as much importance on it as we do.”

“It’s nice playing with him because at least I know him, I know how he plays, I know that we can hold up our end of the lineup,” said Dunigan, a Great Falls native and an all-region selection as a

high school senior in 2008.

WAGER AND DUNIGAN are just two of 36 players from Fairfax County who have returned to the area this summer to take part in the CGL, one of the nation’s top summer baseball leagues. In Sunday’s game between the Senators and Grays, which Vienna won 11-2, 16 players from the area took part, six of whom are McLean, Oakton, Vienna or Great Falls natives.

Having been around for more than 60 years now, the CGL has turned an annual rite of passage for the top Division-I players from the area to work on their games heading into the upcoming collegiate season, all while testing their mettle against some top notch competition.

Notable alumni include Mark Teixeira of the New York Yankees, Jonathon Papelbon of the Boston Red Sox and Joe Saunders of the Los Angeles Angels.

Still, though, the league’s roots remain locally grown. For instance, the Vienna Senators are managed by Chris Burr, a Madison graduate who played four seasons in the big leagues for the Texas Rangers.

“You come out here everyday and play with the guys you grew up with,” said Oakton grad Alfred Rodriguez, currently a shortstop at Maryland playing for the Vienna Senators this summer. “We played against all these kids in high school and so now it’s sort of fun.”

Rodriguez is splitting time on the field with his former Oakton teammate and current Virginia starter Keith Werman, who just finished up a 6-for-10 hitting perfor-

Vienna Senators Heating Up

It should come as no surprise that 20 games into the Clark Griffith Baseball League season, the Vienna Senators sit atop the standings. Since the team was founded in 1994, the Senators have won nine league championships and been in the league title game 13 of their 14 years in existence.

After sending more than 150 players to the professional ranks — including six that have made MLB appearances — the Senators might have one of their better teams in recent memory.

Following Sunday’s 11-2 win over the D.C. Grays, Vienna now has a 17-3 record, averaging close to seven runs per game.

After a slow start while players adjusted from the wooden bats mandated by the CGL (aluminum is the norm in the college ranks), the Senators have hit their stride in the batter’s box. In its last four games, Vienna has 44 runs.

“We knew we had a talented group of hitters, just based on their production in college this year,” said manager Chris Burr. “It was just a matter of time and now they’re starting to gel together.”

As a team, the Senators are hitting .288, with Robinson graduate Austin Booker (.396), Nick Kurockza (.366) and Tony Mitchell (.362) leading the way.

In Sunday’s 11-2 win over the Grays, Mitchell jacked two homeruns, including a three-run shot during Vienna’s seven-run fifth inning that broke open the game. Mitchell finished with four RBI, while starting pitcher gave up just five hits and two runs over six innings.

“You come out here everyday and play with the guys you grew up with.”

— **Oakton grad Alfred Rodriguez**

mance for the University of Virginia baseball team in the College World Series.

Though he was playing in front of packed stadiums on national television just a few weeks ago, “it’s still the same game” in the CGL, according to Werman, who like everyone else involved, is just trying to get a leg up on the competition heading into his sophomore year of college.

ANOTHER DRAW for area players is getting to sleep in their own bed. Many players in the CGL hail from colleges and towns across the country, and therefore spend the summers with host families. The locals, though, get to go home after a long day of base-

ball.

Players in the CGL typically have three to four games per week, and are on the diamond or in the weight room for workouts five or six times a week.

“Especially after being away for eight months, it’s nice that I don’t have to travel my first year out of college,” said Dunigan.

For Wager, coming back to the area for summer baseball has been more than he could have hoped for. He played on Waters Field as a youngster in Vienna Babe Ruth leagues, but his parents moved to Richmond following his senior year at Oakton. So playing for the Grays has given him the chance to have a homecoming of sorts with all his high school friends.

And it hasn’t stopped him from giving one of his new ones a hard time. When asked if he had gloated to Dunigan about Villanova’s season-series win over Temple, a wide grin came over his face.

“I probably should, I’ve never thought about that,” he said. “But we’ve got 40 or so games over two months, so there’s time for that.”

THE COUNTY LINE

Deadlock Over Transportation Crisis

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cording to supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield).

So the county's secondary road construction funding pool is expected to cover a wide range of projects. New speed bumps, crosswalks, sidewalks, bike lanes, bus stops, no-parking signs, stop signs, interchanges and the widening of existing roads are just some of the types of transportation enhancements that are supposed to be funded out of this pot of money, now at \$240,000.

The shortage of funds has resulted in several transportation projects being dropped or permanently put on hold.

Officials halted plans to widen parts of Rolling Road, Telegraph Road, Richmond Highway and Route 7 outside the Capital Beltway over the next few years. There is also no money for interchange construction at Franconia-Springfield Parkway and Neuman Street, Franconia-Springfield Parkway and Interstate 95 or Franconia Road and South Van Dorn Street, according to Ichter.

"There are roads that have been included in the secondary program since 1986 and now there is no hope of getting them built in the short term," she said.

LACK OF "secondary road" construction funding could also impact much of the plans to redevelop Tysons Corner and other parts of northern Fairfax County around the new Metrorail extension. According to Ichter, there will be no state money to expand the number of bus routes or increase service on existing bus lines, even if passengers at the new Metro stations demand it.

There will also be no state money available to assist with developing a grid of streets or installing more pedestrian and bicycle paths in Tysons Corner, where the county hopes to create a more urban landscape, said Ichter.

"I think this will absolutely affect every resident ... In two or three years, when we have no new money coming in, it is going to be extremely difficult to get even basic new work done," she added.

Due to the budget shortfall, the Virginia transportation department is also unlikely to mow street medians and the public space along the side of many county roads, except in those areas the long grass poses a safety hazard for drivers.

IN SOME CASES, new transportation projects are moving forward because the federal or local government stepped in to fill the financial gap.

Federal stimulus money will allow construction of the final phase of the Fairfax County Parkway and a new interchange at the intersection of the Fairfax County Parkway, Fair Lakes Parkway and Monument Drive.

County government is using some of its own revenue for Telegraph Road improvements in anticipation of a change in traffic

patterns when several new jobs move to the Fort Belvoir military base.

Under Virginia law, state transportation funding must be used for maintenance before capacity enhancements and new construction. So a general lack of transportation funding coupled with the rising cost of Virginia's road maintenance has resulted in fewer dollars for new transportation projects.

Several sources of revenues specifically dedicated to transportation, including the sales tax and fees associated with car purchases, have also declined in the recent recession.

Nearly all elected officials have said that more transportation funding is needed, particularly in heavily congested areas like Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads. But state government officials, including the governor and Virginia General Assembly members, have been unable to reach a compromise on how to address the problem.

For the most part, Republicans in the General Assembly have been unwilling to raise taxes to assist with transportation needs. In general, Democrats have been unwilling to divert money from other state programs like education and public safety to solve transportation issues if taxes or fees are not increased to address the problem.

The closest the state government has come finding a transportation solution was in 2007, when a bill with new transportation funding mechanisms passed out of the Virginia General Assembly.

The bill passed the responsibility for raising revenue off to local governments, like the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and regional bodies, like the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.

But the Virginia Supreme Court declared the 2007 transportation bill unconstitutional, stating that regional entities made up of appointed members, like the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, do not have the power to impose taxes on residents.

Since then, Republicans and Democrats in the state government have been in a deadlock, unable to find common ground over how to solve the transportation crisis. Without resolution, the revenue has dwindled.

In several ways, Fairfax County's hands are tied, even if the supervisors wanted to raise their own revenue for transportation.

The Virginia General Assembly has put several restrictions on types of taxes and revenues the Fairfax supervisors are able to implement. They are mostly limited to adjusting the local real estate tax rate.

Herrity has suggested Fairfax County use some of its bonding authority to find extra money for transportation projects. But using the county's bond capacity for transportation would mean there are fewer dollars for Fairfax's other priorities, including school building construction and renovation, said other supervisors.

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"Opera News;" Who New?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As a currently-receiving-treatment cancer patient, I am often sitting in a medical-related office/facility somewhere either waiting for an appointment with a doctor, for some kind of scan/diagnostic procedure, lab work, prescription drug refill, etc. And as most people know — and likely have experienced — these waits can vary from minutes to hours.

Being prepared to fill this time is a prudent and practical step to take. Unfortunately, other than carrying my cell phone and my appointment book, I rarely do. As a consequence, if calls are not being made — or received — or notes not already written, I am left to fend for myself, you might say, in order to pass the time. And by fending, I really mean scrounging, as in looking around at the various tables, chairs, shelves, counters, etc., for something, anything, to read.

Most often, there is ample material to be found. Being able to actually read what's available though is another thing. The condition — and timeliness — of these magazines leaves a lot to be desired and may even leave a little to the imagination. Of the many magazines scattered about: Time, Newsweek, US Weekly, People, Sports Illustrated, as a few examples, most are out of date; in fact, One New Yorker Magazine had a Sept. '07 Issue date. In addition, the general condition of many of these magazines made them almost unreadable: front and/or back covers missing or torn; inside pages also missing and/or torn; many of the pages shredded, yellowed, stained, written on and some with corners bent and curled; less than ideal circumstances for someone who came ill-prepared to wait, needing something marginally stimulating to pass the time, time which needs to be filled two to three times per week on average.

Occasionally, I do find magazines that are not so difficult to read, shall I say. And during a recent visit, after encountering the normal appointment delay and magazine mayhem, I did notice one magazine that appeared by its cover's condition, to have been barely touched by human hands so I picked it up: "Opera News" was its title. And not that I know too much about the difference between "Opera News" and Oprah news (although now I know that they both have magazines), but I had never heard — or seen about the former, though I've certainly heard about — and seen — the latter.

Aside from the content (which was totally unfamiliar to me), it was the condition and publication date of the magazine that caught my eye. The condition was hot-off-the-press perfect and its publication date was the week of the month on which I found myself sitting and waiting. Of all the magazines strewn about whose content I might have had a passing-the-time interest in reading (most of which were fairly — or unfairly — unreadable as I've previously described), the one magazine that was the most physically readable and the most current was the magazine that I was least interested in reading, content-wise.

Under my present health circumstances, I can't exactly characterize this sort of irony as a cruel trick, but I can see its use a fodder for a column. Perhaps for my next appointment, I'll be better prepared to sit and wait because I expect little will change, other than me, that is.

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Great Falls 4th of July Hometown Celebration

Presented by
Great Falls Friends

Schedule for July 4, 2009

7:30am Opening Ceremony Freedom Memorial
7:30am 5K Walk/Run Freedom Memorial
8-9am Baby Parade on the Village Green
8am-2pm Blood Drive GF Fire Station
10am-12:30pm Parade & Festivities Village Green
6pm Evening Fun & Fireworks Turner Farm

Details online at www.GreatFallsFriends.org

Great Falls 4th of July Hometown Celebration Truly a Community Event

Every year as the Great Falls Friends 4th of July Planning Committee gathers, we are reminded of how many local organizations get together to put on this very special Celebration from DAWN to DUSK.

The Great Falls Ecumenical Council starts the day with their annual 5K Walk/Run, getting dozens of individuals and families out of bed to enjoy the sun rising and feel the morning dew on Independence Day.

Once everyone's blood is pumping, it reminds us of the Blood Drive that goes on all day at the fire station. GF Volunteer Fire Department coordinates this event every year.

Next, the Newcomers of Great Falls continue an old-fashion tradition—the Baby Parade. Smiles are abound on the faces of kids and their proud patriotic parents as they circle the Village Green. Great Falls Friends takes the baton as staging for the annual Parade begins. In times past, there were more people IN the parade than watching. People still show up in hoards to walk, bike, and ride in the parade, and like everything in Great Falls, the viewing crowds have grown. The fun doesn't stop when the last antique car crosses the finish line, the festivities move to the Village Green, where the snow cones, cotton candy, food, games, and music are just getting started.

After a lazy afternoon of eating, drinking and being merry, the Great Falls crowd heads up to Turner Farm for the Friends of the Fireworks' games & activities and the grand finale of the day....Fireworks!!!

The GF Hometown Celebration is truly a community event, bonding the people with their HOMETOWN.

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Friends of the Fireworks

The Tradition Continues July 4th – Great Falls Fireworks!

When. Saturday, July 4, 2009 - fireworks at dusk - Turner Farm Park

Success. In 2004, we first asked for donations of time and money to help to save our Great Falls Fireworks and "light the sky this 4th of July!" The generous donations of money and time by residents and businesses in Great Falls has made our 4th of July Fireworks a highly anticipated community tradition. Since 2005, the fireworks display at Turner Farm Park has been self-sustaining and your tax-deductible contributions will continue the celebration.

History. The Great Falls Fireworks began in the 1950s, but over time, fizzled and the skies remained dark for almost 15 years. In 1997, the generosity of Mike Kearney, Jr. (owner of the Old Brogue Irish Pub and Restaurant and Katie's Coffee) brought back the boom and sparkle. Mike funded the fireworks display until 2000, when Brogue Charities (forerunner to the Great Falls Charitable Foundation) with generous support from Home Equity Builders, Great Falls Hardware, and others covered the costs. In 2004, the people of Great Falls united to keep our skies lit on July 4th.

Tradition. As tomorrow's traditions need saving today, a permanent and dedicated organization was created in 2004 to provide continuity and broad financial support over the years to come. The Friends of the Fireworks was formed to bring our community together to raise sufficient funds to continue our fireworks each 4th of July and broaden the volunteer effort throughout Great Falls.

By the People. Your contributions will help cover the essential costs including the fireworks display, rides, insurance, permits, sanitary requirements, security, cleanup, supplies, parking, and equipment rental. These costs run approximately \$20,000. Please help keep Great Falls a truly "Great Place to Live". With your contribution, the 4th of July Fireworks of 2009 will be a celebration to cherish through the years.

Sincerely,
Friends of the Fireworks
Great Falls Charitable Foundation

Use the attached form to send your tax-deductible contribution to Great Falls Charitable Foundation. Please indicate "Friends of the Fireworks" on the memo line. GFCharities@aol.com

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* 2 x 4 Individual or Business Banner displayed July 4th at Turner Farm Park

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