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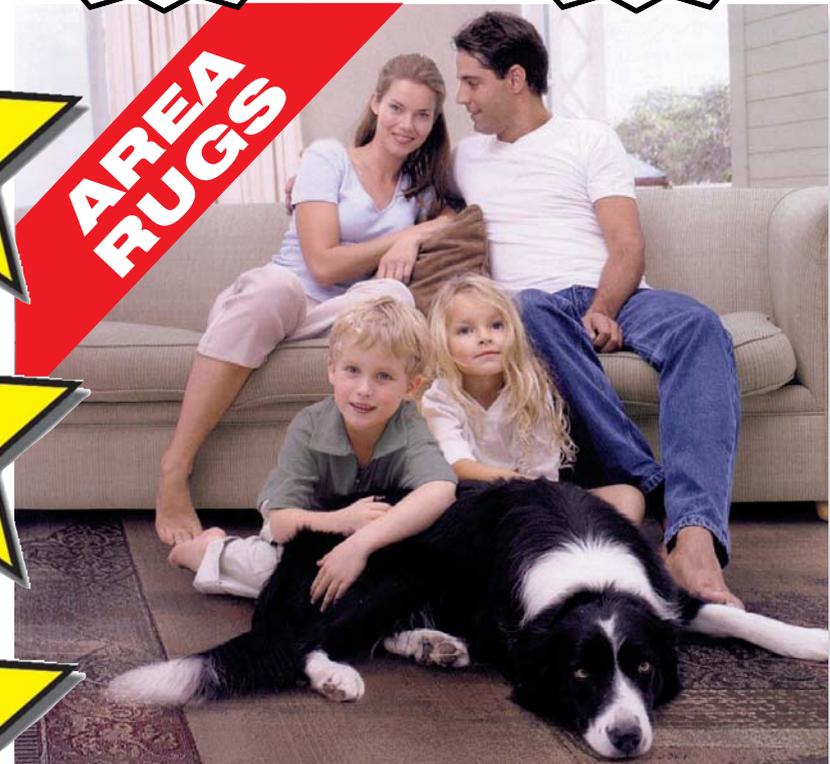
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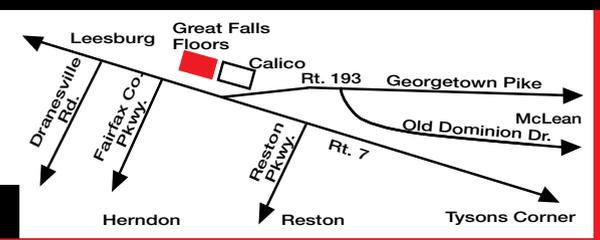
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Changes to GFCA Leadership, Elections

New board members and officers to be elected June 8; terms to go from one year to two.

BY MIKE DiCICCO
THE CONNECTION

As the Great Falls Citizens Association's president for the coming year, Jackie Taylor said she wanted to work on long-range planning, communication and building membership.

Taylor, who was the association's president in 2007 and 2008, was the only presidential nominee selected by the group's nominating committee, and no challenger was nominated from the floor at the GFCA's membership meeting last Tuesday, May 11.

"We are so important to the community because [Great Falls] is just a ZIP code," she told the 40 or so members gathered in the Grange that evening. She remembered when the citizens association had less than 300 members in 2004 and how membership had grown to more than 800 four years later. She said she hoped to return to that level.

Eric Knudsen, currently co-chair of the Transportation Committee, was nominated for vice president. Having been on the board for several years, he said he had worked his way into the organization and learned the value in having opposing voices in the group. "I can be a taskmaster, and I can be a troublemaker, and I can also get the consensus of the community and push it," Knudsen said.

David Konder, now the GFCA secretary, was nominated to serve as treasurer for the coming term. He noted that he had worked as treasurer for several organizations when he was in college. "I love the character of Great Falls and would like to help preserve it," he said.

Glen Sjoblom, who was nominated to replace Konder as secretary, said he had helped to write the planning language for Great Falls into the county's Comprehensive Plan but had left the citizens association in 1982, when he had found himself involved in too many other activities. "Now the call is asking me to come back and help as I can," he said.

Current President Ralph Apton will serve as president pro-tem, filling in when Taylor is unavailable.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE came up with a slate of board candidates just long enough to fill the 12-person board this year. Departing from the board are Eleanor Anderson, John Burke, Jim Mietus and Robin Rentsch. Knudsen is leaving the board to become the organization's vice president. The newcomers picked by the nominating committee include Bill Canis, Deborah Hassan, Shawn Khoshidi and Sheila Muralindhar. Former board member Wes Callender is retiring from his work in the office of Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) this week and was selected as a board candidate.

And board member Terry Graves nominated David Smith from the floor, bringing the number of nomi-



Jackie Taylor, a past president of the Great Falls Citizens Association, is the presidential nominee for the next term.

nees to 13. He said Smith, a Seneca Road resident and past president of the Canterwood Homeowners Association, had been involved in raising money for local charitable events and had helped him organize Taste of Great Falls, as well as the "No Way to the Techway" campaign in the early 2000s. Though Smith was unable to attend last week's meeting, Graves said he was a member in good standing willing to serve.

The election is set for June 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Grange, and the new term will begin on July 1.

Konder also announced a proposal that board members begin to be elected for two-year, rather than one-year terms. In order that the terms are staggered, he said, six of the coming year's board members would be elected for two years and six for one year. Returning board members are to be elected to one-year terms, while new ones will be elected for two years. In the event that there is not an even split between new and returning members, vote counts will be used to even out the number of one- and two-year terms.

Member Eleanor Weck said she had "grave concerns" about the change, as only 12 people had initially been nominated for 12 positions, and half of them would now be elected to two-year terms. She said it was important that the community have a say in the GFCA leadership.

"Generally speaking, we have more than 12 people who run, and we certainly seek to have more than 12 people run," Rentsch said, and Taylor noted that members could nominate whoever they wanted from the floor.

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Bud Thompson poses with the display he uses to educate residents on lighting efficiency.

Cool Community Program Heats Up

GFCA carbon reduction challenge regarded as county prototype.

"If we all do a little, the cumulative effect is a lot," Bud Thompson told members of the Great Falls Citizens Association as he introduced the carbon reduction challenge that he and a handful of other residents had put together for the Great Falls community. "There is a side benefit — a very big one," he added. "You really will reduce your utility bills."

THOMPSON, a member of the citizens association board, volunteered several months ago to create a carbon reduction program, which the board had been trying to get off the ground for more than a year. At the GFCA's membership meeting last Tuesday, May 11, he handed out a checklist of 27 steps that homeowners could take to reduce the amount of energy they consume via climate control, water heating, lighting, appliances and electronic systems, and vehicle usage. Each item on the list includes a Web address where residents can find out how to implement the recommendation.

He and his green T-shirt-wearing colleagues have been hanging around the Great Falls Farmers Market, Katie's Coffee House and other locations, using a display to demonstrate the energy efficiency of various types of light bulbs, passing out checklists and signing people up for the program. As of last Tuesday, he said they had signed up 85 people, but they are aiming for 1,000 households, about 20 percent of Great Falls. It's a number that Thompson came up

with, but the county has agreed to certify Great Falls as an official "cool community" if he reaches it.

Each item on the list is worth a certain number of points, and anyone who earns 20 points is awarded "cool neighbor" status.

Following the meeting, Thompson said the group had started from scratch, using the Environmental Protection Agency and other scientific resources to come up with their checklist. Since then, they have made presentations to the county's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Coordinating Committee (EECCC) and at county Chairwoman Sharon Bulova's (D-At-large) town hall meeting on the environment, he said. "We're getting some public notice from the county folks and they seem very supportive of what we're doing."

ONCE 100 PEOPLE have signed onto the program, Thompson and his crew will begin sending out e-mails to everyone on the list, informing them of new technologies, energy tax credits and other related issues, he said.

Thompson said Great Falls wanted to stay in the lead on environmental issues and that a community-wide carbon reduction program seemed like a logical next step after the area earned certification from the National Wildlife Federation as a Community Wildlife Habitat a couple of years ago.

"We've been well received and we're thrilled to keep charging," he said.

— MIKE DiCICCO

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From left, McLean Citizens Association President Rob Jackson, Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville), Teen Character Award winners Sam Mayman, Victoria Haviland, Eliza Campbell, Sebastian Brana, Brendan Battle and Zach Harker, and School Board member Janie Strauss (Dranesville) pose onstage for a picture after the awards presentation at McLean Day. Not pictured are award winners Lilynaz Hashemi and Keyan Momeni.

Teen Character Honored at McLean Day

MCA presents eight teens with annual award.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Jan Auerbach, a member of the McLean Citizens Association's Education and Youth Committee, said 2010 was "a banner year" for the organization's Teen Character Awards, which were presented at McLean Day last Saturday afternoon. The citizens association presented awards to the eight nominees who qualified for the award by having engaged in ongoing work to help others without the assistance or prompting of school, church or other organizations. In many past years, only a couple of nominees have qualified.

Presenting several of the awards, Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) said Brendan Battle and Sebastian Brana, both sophomores at McLean High School, had volunteered for the past six months during Sunday lunches at So Others May Eat in downtown Washington, D.C., where they cleaned and prepared tables, served the clients and provided them a snack on the way out.

FOUST quoted the volunteer coordinator at So Others May Eat, who said Battle had "demonstrated a professional and caring attitude. He is always friendly and respectful of the many clients we serve."

And he said Brana's friend's father had written of the teen, "By interacting with the homeless each week as a volunteer at SOME, his self confidence has grown and he now better appreciates the many opportunities he has been given."

Eliza Campbell, a freshman at Langley High School, volunteered for several hours each week at a local ballet school, where she helped the younger students learn their dance steps and prepare for their roles in the studio's shows, Foust said. From Campbell's nomi-

nation by the studio director, Foust read that Campbell worked with the children "with extraordinary patience, grace and empathy for her little charges, instilling in them the self-confidence they need to do well."

Foust said Zach Harker, a junior at Flint Hill School, had been volunteering to help with facility maintenance and performances at Wolf Trap Park for the Performing Arts. He said the work demonstrated Harker's "commitment to the arts, to learning and to his community. Because of this very rewarding experience, Zach has decided to pursue music in college next year."

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER Janie Strauss (Dranesville) said Lilynaz Hashemi, a junior at the Bullis School, had spent the summer working one-on-one with children with speech disabilities and occupational therapy needs at the Treatment and Learning Center in Rockville, Md. and continued to work with them on Saturday mornings. Strauss quoted a friend of Hashemi's family, who said the girl had worked especially closely with a difficult student who had autism. "He was one of the most difficult children in the class. Lily brought patience and compassion to this role because she was one of the only people able to calm Chris down whenever he had a temper tantrum," Strauss read from the nomination.

She said Victoria Haviland, an eighth-grader at Longfellow Middle School, had been volunteering with a summer program that brought children from an orphanage in Siberia to visit the United States. A few years ago, Haviland's family adopted an orphan from Siberia, and the teen now writes letters and sends packages to children at the orphanage, participates in fundraising activities to assist with their traveling costs and recently hosted a teen in her home. And, Strauss said, Haviland acts as a mentor to her adopted sister, helping her with school, sports and social activities. She also volunteers with the Red Cross in Arlington.

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Great Falls residents enjoy 'Cars and Coffee' every Saturday, 7-9 a.m. with hundreds of cars on display at Katie's Coffee, corner of Walker Road and Georgetown Pike in the Village Centre. Katie's Coffee is now serving breakfast from 7-11 a.m. seven days a week.

Del. Comstock Hosts Open House Meetings

Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34) will be hosting meetings for constituents in the 34th District at the McLean Community Center on Friday, May 21, between 10 a.m.-12 noon or at the Great Falls Library on Friday, May 28, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

Area residents can reserve a time by calling Delegate Comstock's office at 703-209-3787 or e-mail at: DelBComstock@house.virginia.gov. or stop by on either morning. Visit her website, www.delegatecomstock.com, to sign up for email updates and to share your views on other issues of concern.

Military Appreciation Dinner at Old Brogue

Military Appreciation Mondays will be raising funds for the Great Falls-based Neighbors International Foundation (NIF), which has provided over 1,600 care packages to servicemen and women serving on the frontlines in Afghanistan and Iraq.

This month's dinner at the Old Brogue will be on May 24 with the seatings at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. As always, area residents simply come out and have dinner at the Old Brogue in Great Falls with sponsors providing 10 percent of the dinner tab to NIF. Those interested in becoming a co-sponsor can contact Bob Nelson of Keller Williams Realty at 703-999-5812 or at bob@bobnelsonsteam.com.

Residents can also show their support through the purchase of door prize entries (all proceeds go directly to NIF), a vet dinner initiative, or a fully tax deductible donation to Our Military Kids.

Reservations for either the 5:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. seating can be made by calling The Old Brogue at 703-759-3309.

New Homes for Old Bikes

The Potomac School of McLean will sponsor a used bicycle collection on May 22, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. to benefit Bikes for the World, a non-profit organization that collects thousands of unwanted bicycles for donation and re-use in developing countries. Overseas, the bikes will provide essential and affordable transportation for workers, students, farmers, and small businesspeople. The collection will be held in the parking lot of Trinity United Methodist Church at 1205 Dolley Madison Parkway in McLean. Each donor is asked to contribute \$10 per bicycle to help defray shipping, processing, and distribution costs.

BftW enlists communities of faith, scout troops, service clubs, corporations, and schools across the region to undertake community bike drives to rescue this under-appreciated resource. In 2009, Bikes for the World shipped over 8,900 bicycles collected by many hundreds of volunteers in bike drives held by over 80 community organizations. Collections benefited seven non-profit

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OPINION

For the Cure

Awareness, money raised by Komen for the Cure, benefit many in our region.

Last year at this time, I was still in the midst of chemotherapy for breast cancer, reacting to my first year participating as a "survivor" in the Komen Race for the Cure. This year, sporting my own hair again and cancer-free, I find many more reasons to walk the walk.

First, the money raised by Komen has a robust local impact, outreach to underserved women in our region who need help with awareness, screening, treatment and more. Recently announced grant recipients that help poor women with screening and treatment including Arlington Free Clinic, Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services. Some Fairfax County recipients serve immigrant communities like the Korean Community Service Center, the Ethiopian Community Development Council, the Somali Family Care Network. Others, like the Breast Cancer Network of Strength in Herndon, provide support for women in the aftermath of diagnosis and treatment. The American Association on Health and Disability in Rockville reaches women with disabilities who often fall through the cracks of early detection.

Second, in the last year, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force announced controversial and confusing new guidelines for screening for breast cancer that could give women one more reason to put off self-exams, mammograms and visits to the doctor. At 40, you still need to talk

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to your doctor about when to begin mammogram screening and how often, even if you have no history of breast cancer in your family. Be sure you're talking to a health care professional with expertise in breast health. And if you find a lump or anything suspicious in your own breast, don't delay visiting the doctor.

It takes more than money to ensure that women are in the best possible position to discover any breast cancer early on — it takes the kind of awareness that comes with 50,000 people coming together to walk on a Saturday morning, it takes education, it takes

EDITORIALS

Father's Day Photos

Every year at this time, the Connection puts out the call for photographs of fathers and their children, grandfathers and their children and grand children.

Father's Day is Sunday, June 20, and once again the Connection will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

Send in photos as soon as possible, including names of everyone in the picture, the date

energy, time and effort.

I encourage you to join the Race for the Cure; there is still time to register and take part in the 5K itself. There are many ways to participate, including walking, running, and even "Sleeping in for the Cure" (you still get a T-shirt).

But most of all, I urge the women reading this to be sure that they are taking care of themselves, for everyone reading this to advocate for the women in their lives.

Early detection — along with a healthy lifestyle — is the key.

Breast cancer is detected early by self-exams, by doctor exams and by mammograms. Be sure you show up for all of the above on your own behalf.

— MARY KIMM.

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the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about what is happening and where the photograph was taken. Be sure to include your town name and neighborhood.

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Don't Forget Haiti

BY ADRIAAN VERHEUL

I am a resident of Great Falls, and I just spent three months working in Haiti. I did nothing heroic or lifesaving, basically coordination and management inside the United Nations Mission in Haiti, but I have seen enough of the suffering of the Haitians and know enough about the problems of the country to use these pages for a personal appeal that is as simple to state as it is difficult to maintain: do not forget Haiti.

The Jan. 12 earthquake was an incredibly cruel blow to a country that was just emerging from its sad past. Its democracy was young but vibrant, the police and courts started to improve and its economy was growing. Then just before 5 p.m. that day, 35 seconds of destructive energy released by a moving tectonic plate had a devastating result: a quarter of a million men, women and children dead, thousands missing limbs, 100,000 buildings (including schools and hospitals) damaged or destroyed, one third of the civil servants perished and losses and damages wiped out one year of domestic production. Every time I see the ruins, where many corpses



Great Falls resident Adriaan Verheul has just spent three months working in Haiti.

still lie buried, it dulls my spirit. This must be what Hiroshima or Dresden must have looked like after World War II.

HAITI was a poor country to begin with, but now the middle class has been hit. Poverty levels are back to 2001 levels with 70 percent of the population living off \$2 a day or less and 50 percent living off \$1 a day or less. Hard to imagine from the affluent comfort of

our village.

There is some good news though. I was impressed by the incredible job done by the military from the U.S. and other countries immediately after the quake in providing security together with U.N. forces and putting in infrastructure at the port and airport to allow goods to move. By and large, the international community has shown incredible solidarity and promised large sums of

money to help build Haiti back. And the consensus is that we should not build back Haiti as it was before, with its inequalities, weak government institutions and centralized society. It should and hopefully will be built back better. Currently, there is no lack of good plans or money to create jobs, build shelter and provide social services. The challenge is to make the money work and make it work fast — something the international community is not necessarily good at.

The best news of course is that the strength of the human spirit is visible everywhere. People are finding ways to survive, kids continue to find stuff to play with, sidewalk stores offer goods, and artists are painting and carving. One thing to remember is how wonderfully rich and colorful Haitian culture is.

But this will remain a sad place for a long time. This earthquake will continue to cause suffering long after the aftershocks have stopped. There are more than a million displaced people (of a total population of 9 million) who

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COMMUNITY

Receiving Eagle Scout Award

Vienna residents Joseph Smith and Stephen Montgomery and McLean resident Alex Davis, all of Boy Scout Troop 1128 in Vienna, received their Eagle Scout award in a ceremony on April 25.

For his eagle service project, Joseph constructed a raised garden bed and stone pathway for the Children's Outdoor Education Program at Colvin Run Elementary School in Vienna. Stephen built a Mission Garden at Andrew Chapel Methodist Church in which 700 pounds of fresh vegetables for Food for Others were grown. Alex constructed a hedge-fence structure at Fairfax County's Riverbend Park that provides habitat and shelter for migratory birds and



PHOTO BY JASON DAVIS

From left, Stephen Montgomery, Joseph Smith and Alex Davis.

small mammals.

Joseph is a senior at McLean High School and plays football and rows for the McLean Crew Club. He will attend St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia in the fall. Stephen is also a student at

McLean High School and will attend RIT in New York in the fall studying computer science. Alex is a senior at Langley High School. He plans to study engineering or computer science at George Mason University.

Boy Scouts Install New Signs at Churchill Road

Ten signs have been installed in strategic locations around the Churchill Road school campus. Designed by Outdoor Odyssey Chairperson Katharine Mardirosian, fifth grade teacher Cheryl Bamdad, and Principal Don Hutzel, each sign teaches fun lessons that incorporate math and environmental facts. The signs were installed by Eagle Scout candidate and Churchill Road alumna Rob Jarvis. Under Jarvis' direction, members of Boy Scout Troop 869 worked together to complete the task. The community members are welcome to explore the campus.



PHOTO BY DON HUTZEL

Under the direction of Eagle Scout candidate Rob Jarvis, CRS alum and others installed signs in the Churchill Road gardens: Quan Pham, Jay Etherton, Rob Jarvis, Will Dempsey, Christopher Haley, Michael Ochoa, John Martins, Robert Fisher, Andrew Azzam, Ben Englander, Jack Berkley, Andre Newman, Victor Wu, Frank Fisher, Dave Jarvis and Michael Alexander.

Finish Line

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At its final meeting on Wednesday, May 12, the Tysons Corner Committee of the county Planning Commission prepared to hammer out a draft plan that would set an interim vision for the redevelopment of the world's largest "edge city" for the year 2030.

Previously, a Tysons Task Force appointed by the county had created a plan that looked well beyond 2050, but Planning Commissioner Walter Alcorn (At-large), chairman of the commission's Tysons Committee, proposed in March that the "planning horizon" be reduced to two decades from now, an idea that gained some favor among residents and developers alike.

"One reason is, I have a hard time seeing beyond 20 years," Alcorn said at the May 12 meeting. Also, he said, many of the regional transportation improvements that would be needed to support development beyond levels anticipated by 2030, such as high-speed transit corridors, remained unfunded and unplanned. "Several of these items are really just place-holders at this point," Alcorn said, adding that projects like the proposed Metro Purple Line would need to be fleshed out while Tysons Corner was undergoing its initial 20 years of redevelopment.

The plan would still be an interim step to having 100,000 residents and 200,000 jobs in Tysons Corner by the year 2050, compared to the 112,600 jobs and 18,500 residents located there now.

"The approach that was initiated by the chairman has a lot of merit," said Planning and Zoning Director Jim Zook, noting that staff had become more comfortable with the proposal, given the favor it had found among "a wide variety" of constituents.

INITIALLY, Alcorn had proposed a maximum total of 84 million square feet of development in Tysons Corner by

2030, with no density maximums for areas within a quarter mile of the four future Metro stops. However, he and staff now recommended that no limits be placed on the total amount of residential development, with the trigger for the next phase of redevelopment being a total of 45 million square feet of office space in Tysons Corner. A study by George Mason University had found this level to be the most office space the market was likely to support in the next 20 years.

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Currently, 27 million square feet of office space exists in Tysons Corner, and another 6 million square feet has been approved for construction.

Although it has abundant office space, Tysons Corner has relatively few residential units, and the goal is to bring the ratio into better balance, Alcorn said, noting that new residential development in the area, particularly within walking distance of Metro stations, would actually mean fewer cars on the roads. "The more people we can get who live in Tysons and actually work in Tysons Corner, that would be that many fewer people driving there on [Route] 123 and Route 7," he said.

However, county planner Matt Ladd said the idea was to concentrate office space closest to the Metro stations, as offices create the most rush-hour traffic. He said staff wanted a mix of about 60 percent office to 40 percent residential space across Tysons Corner, with hotel, cultural and most retail

uses falling on the residential side of the ratio, while big-box stores and other uses that generate high numbers of vehicle trips might be treated as office space.

"We're really looking to focus office

use within a quarter mile of Metro, where it's most walkable," Ladd said.

Within a quarter mile of the Metro stops, any development proposal including office space at a density higher than a floor area ratio (FAR) of 2.0, meaning 2 square feet of office space for each square foot of land, would require a special exception in addition to a rezoning, he said.

For example, a project with a density of 6.0 FAR that was half office and half resi-

dential could have its residential density of 3.0 FAR and its office use up to 2.0 FAR approved through a rezoning. The additional 1.0 FAR of office use would require a special exception.

Ladd said the county would expect developers to meet standards for "green" building, affordable housing and vehicle trip reductions and to provide space for public facilities without any density bonuses in return, as there would be no density limits in the immediate vicinity of Metro stops. However, he said, a project might be allowed office space above a density of 2.0 FAR without a special exception if the developer went "above and beyond" in providing public facilities.

Between a quarter and a half-mile from rail stations, the county envisioned primarily residential mixed-use development at a floor area ratio up to 2.0, plus any bonus densities awarded for environmental design and affordable housing. Beyond half a mile from stations, densities in each district of Tysons Corner would be prescribed in individual district plans, Ladd said.

Commissioner Rodney Lusk (Lee) said he thought allowing only 12 million more square feet of office space than was already approved might be too little.

"Anything over 12 million square feet, because it's high trip-generating, it creates problems," Zook said, noting that levels of transit development beyond what was expected for 2030 would be necessary to support more office space than that.

Sterling Wheeler, chief of Policy and Plan Development for the Department of Plan-

ning and Zoning, pointed out that 4 million of the existing 27 million square feet of office space in Tysons Corner was vacant, and 6 million square feet of what had been approved was yet to be built. Also, he said, planners expected that a good amount of the existing office space would be torn down and replaced before the total amount reached 45 million square feet.

Planning Commissioner Tim Sargeant (At-large) said he expected that landowners and developers would still say the level of density the commission was discussing would

not provide enough incentive for redevelopment.

"If we begin to hear that, I don't believe it," Zook said. "We've compromised significantly on a number of issues." He said the only issue of contention now appeared to be requirements for the provision of affordable housing.

THE WEEK BEFORE, staff had offered the option of lowering the affordable housing requirement from 20 percent to 17 percent of overall residential development. Staff members had also floated the idea of measuring the amount of affordable housing not by the number of units but by the total number of bedrooms located in affordable units. Commissioners had expressed interest in the idea, saying it could make the target less costly for developers to meet while encouraging families to move to Tysons Corner.

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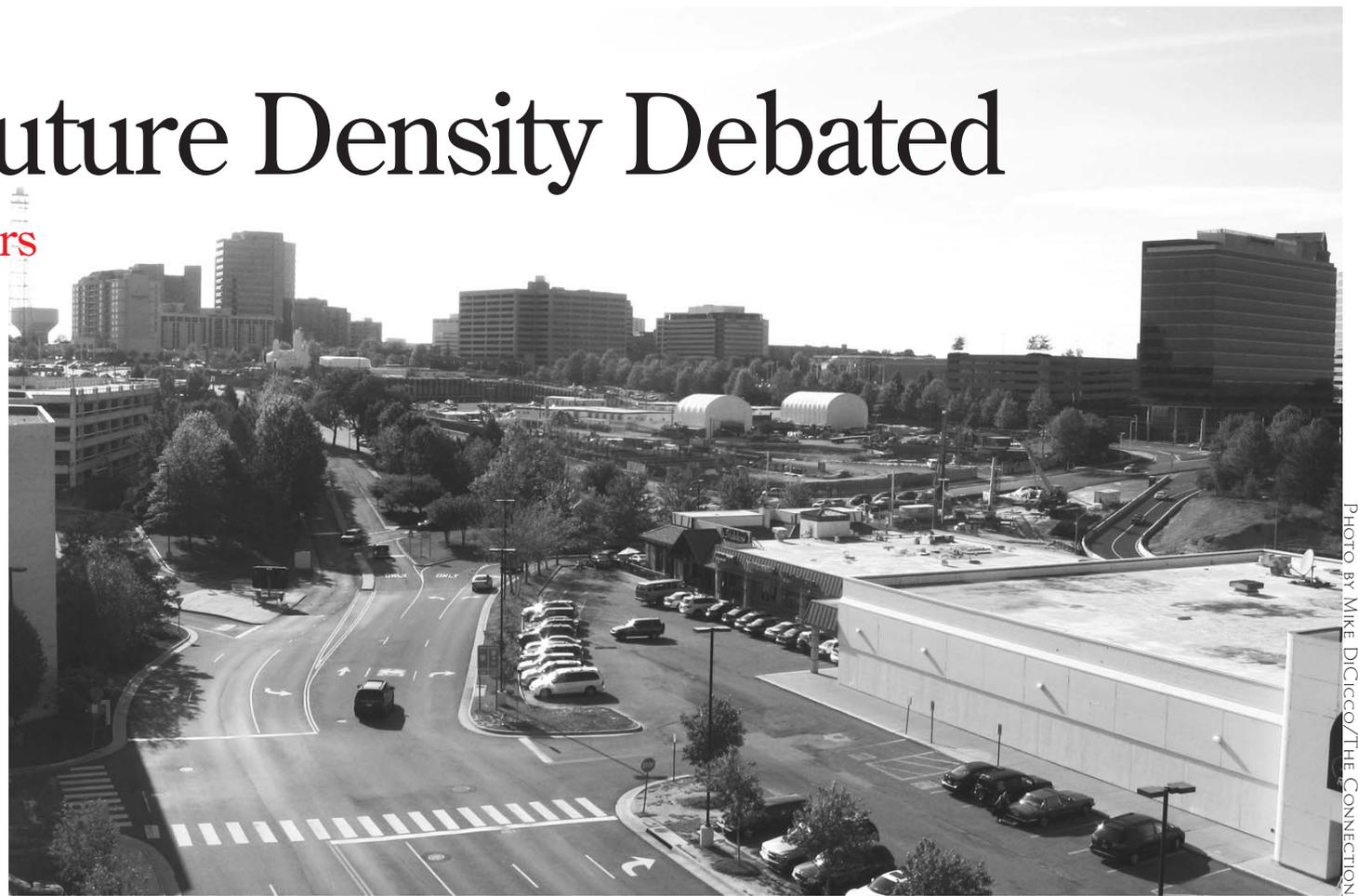


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Tysons Corner could be home to another 18 million square feet of office space and thousands more residential units by 2030.

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THURSDAY/MAY 20

Training on Personal Care for Older Adults. 7 p.m. at Falls Church High School, 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church. Family caregivers can learn the proper way to provide physical and emotional care to an older adult from a nurse educator including bathing, turning, assisting with movement and feeding. \$30. Sponsored by the Fairfax County Department of Family Services' Fairfax Area Agency on Aging. 703-324-5432 or caregiver@fairfaxcounty.gov.

McLean Citizens Association Annual Membership Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. With Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Sharon Bulova, following a brief business meeting, the election of officers and board members for MCA and its charitable

affiliate, the McLean Community Foundation. MCA.President@mcleancitizens.org or 703-556-9160.

FRIDAY/MAY 21

VTRCC Brown Bag University. 12 p.m. at Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, 8300 Boone Blvd., Suite 450, Vienna. With Rebecca Diamond, owner of Rebecca Diamond Marketing. Register at www.vtrcc.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 22

Leadership Fairfax Non-profit Boardmanship Seminar. 12:15 p.m. at 8230 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 350, Vienna. \$50 for LFI active members and \$65 for non-members, including a continental breakfast. Open to the public, but limited to the first 50 people who register at www.leadershipfairfax.org or 703-752-7555.

Successful Private Adoptions Workshop. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1125 Savile Land, McLean, Sponsored by Families for Private Adoption, the workshop covers the entire adoption process. Speakers include adoptive parents, birth mother, social worker, psychologist, and attorneys. \$65 in advance, \$75 at the door, including workbook, breakfast and lunch. 202-722-0338 or www.ffpa.org.

Obama, Niebuhr, and the War in Afghanistan. 8:30 a.m. at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Faith and Public Policy breakfast discussion on U.S. actions and perceptions of the war, with speakers Dr. Bruce Douglass, a professor of government at Georgetown University, and David Morrison, former Democratic Staff Director of the House Appropriations Subcommittee. Free. 703-556-0123.

Weight Watchers Open House. 7:30-10:30 a.m. at Regency Sport & Health, 1800 Old Meadow Road, McLean. BMI, raffles, giveaways, smoothies and more. Gym membership not required. lindaaisel@gmail.com.

GFCA

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Knudsen said two-year terms would allow board members to be more productive. "It takes three to six months to even get your feet wet on this board," he said.

THE CHANGE passed with two objections.

The association also voted unanimously to change board meetings from Monday to Tuesday evenings.

Konder said the reason the change was proposed was that Mondays were often holidays, making scheduling difficult.

Transportation Committee Co-Chair Joan Barnes said she worried that the change would impinge on the "core weekdays" when committees often met, but Rentsch said she liked the idea of having both board meetings and membership meetings on Tuesdays. "I think the public will get fixed in their minds that Tuesday is GFCA day," she said.

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Kitty Gonzalez introduces Gov. Robert McDonnell (R) and his wife Maureen.



Reception hosts Georgia and John Nassikas.

Celebrating Arts in McLean

McLean Project for the Arts held a Spring Benefit 2010

at the home of Georgia and John Nassikas in McLean on Tuesday, May 11, with the Virginia Governor Robert F. McDonnell as the Guest of Honor.

The mission of McLean Project for the Arts is to exhibit the work of

emerging and established artists from the mid-Atlantic region, to promote public awareness and understanding of the concepts of contemporary art, and to offer instruction and education in the visual arts.



Nancy Perry, Kitty Gonzalez, Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34) and U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10).

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Stacy Thal, Bari Levingston, Jae Han, Devereux Socas, Anjali Gupta and Lana Wong

NEWS

Teens Honored

FROM PAGE 5

Sam Mayman, a freshman at Langley High School, volunteers at two different swim clubs, Strauss said. She said his coach with the Hamlet Swim Team had called Mayman "unfailingly cheerful, patient and responsive to the younger swimmers for whom he is responsible." And the director of Nadar por Vida, where Mayman also volunteers, had written, "Sam is able to communicate with children, regardless of their English fluency or socioeconomic challenges, leaving a life-long impression," Strauss said.

And she said Keyan Momeni, a senior at McLean High School, had become "a consistent companion" for his grandmother, who lives

alone in a senior housing community. Momeni visits his grandmother every weekend, taking her out for walks, helping her run errands and sometimes going out to eat, Strauss said. In the nomination, she said, his mother had written, "As a direct result of these visits, his grandmother, whose Type 2 diabetes and hypertension are caused by obesity, was encouraged to start a diet and keep up the walking which Keyan inspired."

"I think it's so important to recognize teens who wouldn't get recognized otherwise," Auerbach said after the presentations. "These are the behind-the-scenes people who are the core of our country," she said, adding that these teens probably didn't need encouragement, but it was still nice to provide it.

WEEK IN GREAT FALLS

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partners overseas and three local programs in the Washington DC area.

For further information on Bikes for the World, visit www.bikesfortheworld.org, or call Keith Oberg at 703-525-0931. For more information on the May 10 Potomac School collection, call Adela Wynn at 703-873-6128.

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Concerts at the Alden Young Soloist Recital

Sunday, May 30, 3 p.m.
Free Admission

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CALENDAR

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THURSDAY/MAY 20

An Evening with Unknown Hinson. 9 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$20 advance, \$25 day of show. jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY/MAY 21

Summer on the Green: Splinters Rock. 6:30 p.m. at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Bring chairs or blankets for seating. No alcoholic beverages allowed. It is recommended that pets be left at home. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.

The Mikado. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$40-\$280. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

'The Last Five Years.' 8 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. A contemporary song cycle about a marriage, from meeting to breakup. \$30 adults, \$20 students. 703-854-1856 or www.1stStageTysons.org/years.

Musical Moments Concert. 7:30 p.m. at the McLean Bible Church Smith Center, 8925 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. 'An Evening with Irving Berlin.' Tickets \$10, available at www.mbcnysons.org/musicalmoments.

Ellis Paul and Michael Clem. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$20. jamminjava.com.

Riverside Campfire and Meet Exhibit Animals. 6:30 p.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Enjoy a campfire and s'mores. Bring toasting sticks, a blanket and flashlight. \$4 per person. Reservations required at 703-759-9018.

SATURDAY/MAY 22

The Mikado. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$40-\$280. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

Vienna Choral Society: Disney Princess Concert. 4 p.m. at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Road, SW., Vienna. Songs and scenes from Disney movies with an ensemble of youth actors and singers. \$18 adults, \$14 seniors and students, \$30 family, 8 and under free. www.viennachoralsociety.org or 703-255-5508.

Fitnes Day on the Green. 10 a.m. on the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Free. Wear workout attire and join fitness and wellness instructors leading classes and special activities, including Total Fitness Aerobics, Zumba Latin Aerobics, Hula Hoop Dance, and Hatha Yoga. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.

Open Mic Saturdays. 6:30 p.m. at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Bring chairs or blankets for seating. No alcoholic beverages allowed. It is recommended that pets be left at home. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.

Fairfax County Master Gardeners. 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. Adults. 703-293-6227.

'The Last Five Years.' 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. A contemporary song cycle about a marriage, from meeting to breakup. \$30 adults, \$20 students. 703-854-1856 or www.1stStageTysons.org/years.

UWC World Champion Mike "The Hulk" Easton vs. Ryan "Lion" Diaz. 7 p.m. at the George Mason

Festival at Riverbend Park

TPE Outdoor Performance Festival celebrates the springtime.



Allison Mazarella and Juliana Thinnies in 'Revenge of the Space Pandas.'

Traveling Players Ensemble (TPE) will usher in the warm weather with an outdoor performance festival, featuring a pair of shows by the company's spring classes. The performance will take place on Sunday, May 23, 3-5 p.m. at the Riverbend Park in Great Falls. This event is free and open to the public.

The "Play's the Thing" class, a performance class for middle school students, will present David Mamet's play "The Revenge of the Space Pandas, or, Binky Rudich and the Two-Speed Clock." The play follows Binky Rudich (boy inventor) on a cockeyed science fiction adventure somewhere between Alice in Wonderland and The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.

Afterwards, the Advanced Improvisation class will present "SneezeFest: a Celebration of Spring." This improvised play uses Chicago-style theater games to create a spontaneous piece of theatre, sure to please fans of TV's "Whose Line is it Anyway?"

The two plays feature the talents of Bryce Ashton (McLean), Chris Baughman (Great Falls), Katie Baughman (Great Falls), Grace Castillo (Falls Church), Jonathan Fifer (Great Falls), Allison Mazarella (Montgomery Village, Md.), Rebecca Mazer

(Chevy Chase, Md.), Kara Miller (Bethesda, Md.), Jeremy Pryzbry (Reston), Zophia Pryzbry (Reston), Max Sparta (McLean), Juliana Thinnies (Manassas Park) and Nicholas Zugris (McLean).

During the school year, TPE teaches weekend classes in improvisation, auditioning and classical acting technique for middle- and high-schoolers. The classes are taught at Cooper Middle School through the rent-free program, a cooperative program between the Arts Council of Fairfax County and Fairfax County Public Schools.

TPE is best known for its summer theatre camps, which train teens and pre-teens in classical theatre and then take them on tour to

perform their shows. Founded in 2003, TPE has been invited to perform at the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage, Colonial Williamsburg, Shenandoah National Park, Reston's Multicultural Festival, and the International Children's Festival at Wolf Trap.

In 2007, TPE was recognized by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) by being selected as one of 25 of the nation's "Summer School in the Arts." Traveling Players summer camp is in residence at The Madeira School in McLean.

For more information, visit www.travelingplayers.org or call 703-987-1712.

University Patriot Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Card also features Woods, Stallings, Achhal, Dodson, Riggelman, and Vila debut. Tickets are \$28.50-\$128.50, available through www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. www.uwmma.com

Main Street Community Band. 8 p.m. at the Oakton High School Auditorium, 2900 Sutton Road, Vienna. An ensemble of the City of Fairfax Band, presenting 'Joys of Spring.' Directed by Brian Balmages. \$13 adults, \$7 seniors, age 18 and under free. 703-757-0220 or info@fairfaxband.org.

Additions for "Pajama Game." 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Mark Catholic Church, 9972 Vale Road, Vienna. St. Mark Theatre Ministry production of a musical about a labor dispute in a pajama factory. Prepare 16 bars of a musical theater style song; bring sheet music, no CDs. Accompanist provided. The show will run July 30-August 1. 703-938-5656 or prdrkat@gmail.com.

Jawbreaker with DJ Dredd, James Nasty & Tennis System. 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12 advance, \$15 day of show. jamminjava.com.

McLean Symphony. 7:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. With the VOCE Chamber Singers, pianist Carlos Alberto Ibay and conductor Dingwall Fleary. Beethoven's Choral Fantasy, Samuel Barber's Essay No. 1 and

Bizet's Carmen Suite. Reception to follow. Adults \$25, seniors and youth \$20, under age 12 \$5. 703-790-9223 or www.mcleansymphony.org.

The Folsom Prisoners. 5 p.m. at the Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Country. Free. 703-288-950.

Artist's Reception. 12-3 p.m. at Habatat Galleries, 8020 Towers Crescent Drive, Tysons Corner. With Noi Volkov. Exhibit to run through June 26. www.habatatgalleries.com.

SUNDAY/MAY 23

Summer on the Green: Marshall Artz - Acoustic. 6:30 p.m. at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Bring chairs or blankets for seating. No alcoholic beverages allowed. It is recommended that pets be left at home. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.

Joe Cassella 5K Run/Walk. 10:123 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. \$20 for the 5K, \$10 for children's fun run. Music, awards, raffle and more. Proceeds benefit The Cassella Children's Education Trust. www.elitefitnessconcepts.com.

Amadeus Orchestra. 4 p.m. at Saint Luke Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. A. Scott Wood conducts Brahms's Tragic Overture, Elisabeth Adkins, associate concertmaster of the National Symphony Orchestra, in Max Bruch's Violin Concerto No. 1 and Robert Schumann's Symphony



Zachary De Pue (violin), Nicolas Kendall (violin) and Ranaan Meyer (double bass) will perform in Time for Three on Wednesday/May 26, 8 p.m. at the McLean Community Center.

trained garage band'. \$10-\$32. sabrina.anwah@fairfaxcounty.gov.
Nesting Birds. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Games and activities. Touch an ostrich egg and look at real bird nests. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-757-8560.
The Rescues and Garrison Starr. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. jamminjava.com.

THURSDAY/MAY 27

Michael Franti & Spearhead. 7 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$47-\$471. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

Senator/Actor Fred Thompson signs Teaching the Pig to Dance: A Memoir of Growing Up Second. 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Tysons Corner, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. cmm2238@bn.com.

Englishman and Shango Band, Fairgrounds, The Fielding Mellish and Open 24. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 advance, \$13 day of show. jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY/MAY 28

Movies in the Park. At dusk, approximately 8 p.m. outdoors at Glynndon Park, Vienna. Free admission. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. For information on which film will be shown, call 703-255-7842 after noon on May 26 and for weather information on the day of the show.

Garrison Keillor: A Prairie Home Companion Live Broadcast. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$48-\$298. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

McLean Art Society Meeting. 10 a.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. With painter Russell Lynn, on the development of abstract expressionism. 703 790-0123 or ralber@cox.net.

SATURDAY/MAY 29

Garrison Keillor: A Prairie Home Companion Live Broadcast. 5:45 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$48-\$353. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

Fairfax County Master Gardeners. 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. Adults. 703-293-6227.

Plant Clinic. 10 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Masters Gardeners from the Fairfax County Cooperative Extension will answer gardening questions. Adults. 703-790-8088.



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David R. Ensey of Great Falls has been awarded a corporate-sponsored scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Ensey, who attends Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and intends a career in mechanical/aerospace engineering, will receive a National Merit Northrup Grumman Scholarship.

Jennifer A. McAdams, a teacher at Langley High School in McLean, has been named as a Certified Journalism Educator by the Journalism Education Association. Journalism certification recognizes teachers who meet national standards of preparation to teach high school journalism classes and advise student media.

Yang Yang of McLean has received a University of Virginia Harrison Undergraduate Research Awards, which will assist in conducting independent research. Yang, a chemical engineering major, is studying "A Novel Synthesis of Advanced Nanocomposites via Surface Modification of Silica Nanoparticles."

Camille Marie Devlin of McLean was named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Miami University of Oxford Ohio.

Gina C. Maggio of McLean was named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Saint Francis University of Loretto, Penn.

Shefali Hegde, a senior at McLean High School, has been chosen as a candidate for the 2010 Presidential Scholars Program. Hegde is the daughter of Kirti Shetty and the late Ajit Hegde of McLean.

Darius Mobarakeh of McLean has been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at St. Bonaventure University. Mobarakeh is a junior biology major, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mohtasham Mobarakeh.

Allan Manishin of McLean has been named to the fall 2009 dean's list for at the Villanova School of Business, Villanova, Pa.

Correction

In the May 5 story, "Stars Take the Stage," the Connection misidentified the grade levels of Ryan and Will Kiser, who took the audience at the Great Falls Elementary School variety show through a series of penguin jokes. Ryan, who prompted audience participation, is in third grade, while his brother Will, who delivered the jokes in full penguin dress, is in first grade.

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Tyson's' Circulator Routes Studied

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Payne of the Department of Housing and Community Development said he was wary of any proposal that might reduce the overall number of affordable dwelling units. If 33 affordable one-bedroom units were to be replaced by 11 three-bedroom units, he said, "that's a significant difference in terms of the number of units available."

Lusk said he was concerned about people who moved into affordable units while they were young and single but later married and had children. "Are we setting up a program where we get them in at the entry level and don't graduate them?" he asked.

Donna Pesto, assistant to the county zoning administrator, said developers would be required to provide affordable housing in the same proportion of one-, two- and three-bedroom units as they built in the rest of their developments.

Payne said a provision that would allow developers to locate some of their affordable housing in an area of Tysons Corner outside their developments could be construed as segregating low-income housing and might run into legal issues. "It's a very slippery slope if we're not careful," he said.

However, Zook dismissed the concern, saying a development for people making 60 percent to 100 percent of the area median income should not be considered a concentration of "low-income" residents. He said that the affordable housing provided by some developments might have to be located offsite, as the condo fees within the developments would be too high for residents of affordable housing to pay.

Also at last week's meeting, Transportation Planning Director Dan Rathbone announced that his department had added another \$70 million to the estimated cost for the transportation improvements necessary to support the level of growth expected by 2030. The additional money was to cover the costs of improving intersections in the areas surrounding Tysons Corner, as well as improvements to Metro station access and bicycle facilities, Rathbone said. It

would bring the total cost of transportation improvements to more than \$1.5 billion by 2030. The costs are to be shared by the public and private sectors.

Rathbone also said a study on Tysons Corner circulator routes would begin in the next month or two and be completed next spring. "That is now a very high priority for us to get started and to complete as soon as possible," he said. Staff had taken some criticism for not having begun the study, but Rathbone said his department had been working hard on a variety of Tysons Corner-related transportation analyses and was beginning to look at future circulator routes as soon as it could.

Alcorn asked whether a feeder bus system serving the stations would be operational by the time Metro service opened.

"That is the plan," Rathbone said. "When I say that is the plan, there is the issue of funding."

The Board of Supervisors will have to allocate a budget for the bus system.

"We were almost to the point of paralysis by analysis, but I think we're past that and it's time to move forward."

— **Commissioner Frank de la Fe (Hunter Mill)**

THE TYSONS COMMITTEE had convened almost 40 times before last

Wednesday's meeting. Although only five commissioners are members of the committee, nearly all the commissioners attended the last couple of meetings, where they attempted to tie up loose ends in the Tysons Corner plan.

"It's been a six-year effort at least, and whatever we come up with will be better because of the effort, but it won't be perfect," said Commissioner Frank de la Fe (Hunter Mill). "We were almost to the point of paralysis by analysis, but I think we're past that and it's time to move forward."

At the meeting's end, Alcorn said he planned to continue to solicit input from the commissioners and to meet one-on-one with those whose districts included or surrounded Tysons Corner, in order to hammer out a draft plan that the commission would put to a vote on May 27.

Whatever plan the commission approves will be recommended to the Board of Supervisors, which has tentatively scheduled a public hearing on Tysons Corner for June 22.

of Langley High School, and a 2009 graduate of the University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

Keith A. Tooley has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army after successfully completing the Army ROTC program and graduating with a bachelor's degree from West Virginia University. Tooley is the son of Jean D. Reimers of Donmore Drive, Great Falls and is a 2004 graduate of Langley High School.

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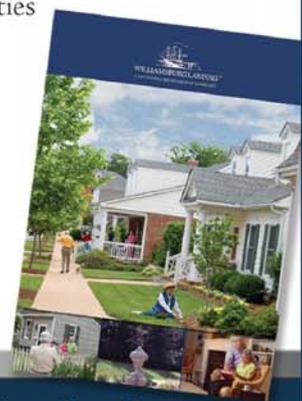
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Air Force 2nd Lt. **Courtney N. Hintz** has entered the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md., as a first-year medical student, to be trained as a physician. She is the daughter of Roger M. and Nancy K. Hintz of Seneca Knoll Drive, Great Falls, a 2005 graduate

SPORTS

McLean High Soccer Teams Soak in First Round District Victories

Langley girls give defending champion Highlanders a scare.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Soccer teams battled the elements and the prospects of seeing their seasons end during a girls'-boys' double-header evening of Liberty District tournament action this past Monday night, May 17 at McLean High School.

At the conclusion of a rain, soaked night, it was the two McLean Highlander teams which had come out with the first round playoff victories. In the evening's opening contest, the McLean girls' team rallied from a halftime deficit to defeat a determined Langley squad, 4-1. Then, in the following boys' game, the home team Highlanders put the defensive clamps on opponent Fairfax in a 3-0 McLean triumph.

Light rain fell throughout the opening girls' game. But by the second game of the night, the rain had picked up to a steady level making field conditions particularly difficult for the McLean and Fairfax boys. But McLean's well-cared for grass field, with the help of some added dirt spread out in various spots by McLean High athletic administrators during halftime of the boys' game, held up quite well overall.

"Playing in the rain obviously makes things more difficult. The ball will skip on you," said McLean boys' senior defender Drew Hunt, a Highlander team captain. "But I still love playing in the rain."

The wet, sloppy playing conditions hardly dampened the enthusiasm displayed by players in both games. With seasons on the line, teams adopted a now or never attitude to the contests with players from all of the teams giving their best, poor playing conditions or not.

In the girls' game, which opened the evening, the underdog and No. 6-seeded Langley team, coached by Gretchen Hamm, gave defending district champion McLean all it could handle. A first half goal by Langley's Amanda Digiammarino, who scored from close range five minutes into the start of the contest, was all of the game's scoring over the first 40 minutes of play. So going into the halftime, Langley, which a couple weeks earlier had lost to the same Highlanders, 4-0, in a late season game at McLean, was a confident, excited team with high hopes of upsetting the No. 3-seed Highlanders.

Digiammarino's early goal had certainly given Langley a spark. A free kick by junior



Holladay Shuler of the Langley High girls' soccer team makes her move with the ball during the Saxons' 4-1 loss to McLean.

midfielder Meredith Doherty had placed the ball in the goal box area where Digiammarino, a senior forward, gained possession before getting off a shot from straight on. The McLean goalie, senior Logan Tapscott, charged Digiammarino as she was preparing to shoot and appeared to deflect the ball, which was slowed down considerably but still had enough movement to barely cross the goal line for the score and a 1-0 Saxons' lead.

While McLean would pressure the Langley defense over the course of the first half, the Highlanders could never find the net and went into the intermission trailing.

"One of our goals [going in] was to score early in the game," said Langley senior defender Brooke Gallagher, a Saxon team captain. "We wanted to put them on their heels."

Tiffany Washington, the Highlanders' first year head coach, knew Langley would come out hard and determined in the playoff affair.

"Teams always come back harder the second time you play them," said Washington, who prior to the playoff game had exhorted her squad not to take Langley lightly based on the ease of the Highlanders' regular season win over the Saxons. "At halftime [of the playoff game] I told them they had to play harder and step it up. Langley came out tonight fired up and I knew that would happen."

But McLean has too talented a team offensively to hold down for an entire game. Sure enough, the Highlanders broke through, scoring three times within the first 12 minutes of the second half.

Less than 4 minutes into second half play, the Highlanders tied the game when, in the sequence following a corner kick by Katie Yensen, junior midfielder Kristina Bettner scored on a rebound follow-up shot off the left side following a teammates' hard blast

off the crossbar.

Less than 10 minutes after that, McLean scored again on a gorgeous, straight-on shot from 25-yards out by junior midfielder Andie Romness. On the score, Romness possessed the ball before quickly spinning and shooting.

"I got the ball on my left foot and a [Langley player] was there," said Romness, of her score which gave McLean the lead at 2-1. "I spun right and shot with my left foot. Right when I hit it I knew it was in. I didn't even watch it go in."

McLean scored again five minutes later on a penalty kick by junior Melissa Downey, who sent a liner high into the right side of the Langley net. The penalty shot came as a result of McLean's Bettner being tripped up in the scoring box area.

Langley, trailing 3-1, continued to play hard thereafter, but could not find the net. McLean's final goal came in the closing seconds of the game.

"They just kept attacking and attacking," said Langley's Gallagher, of McLean's strong second half. "When they came out and got that first goal real quick, we got a little scared."

Langley saw its season end at 5-8-1.

"Later in the season we put a bunch of good efforts together and played as a team," said Gallagher. "We tried to give it our all."

McLean (8-4-1) was scheduled to play No. 2-seed Madison in a district semifinals match on Wednesday of this week, May 19, at Fairfax High School.

THE MCLEAN BOYS, in the evening's second game, scored three first half goals on way to their 3-0 win over Fairfax. Hard, steady rain fell throughout the contest.

A loss for the No. 3-seed Highlanders (10-2-2) would have been a difficult way to end what has been an outstanding season for coach Mike Anderson's team. McLean was



Langley senior defender Phoebe Sanderson (9) does her best to slow down McLean's Rose Sommovigo during first round Liberty District girls' soccer action on Monday.

not about to let that happen and played with passion and heart throughout the night.

"It's one game [with the season on the line] and you have to stay focused," said McLean senior midfielder Pablo Chovil, of the potential season-ending quarterfinals game. "It's a lot of pressure if you let it get to you."

The Highlanders did not let the pressure get to them. They came out determined to possess the ball and to pressure the Fairfax net. While all three of McLean's goals came in the first half, the Highlanders had numerous second half chances to score as well and played a majority of the second 40 minutes around the Rebels' end of the field.

While Fairfax played hard, it was McLean, which pretty much dominated the action. McLean broke a scoreless tie 11 minutes into the game on a head-in shot off the left side by senior forward Kevin Pyne. The scoring sequence was started by Matt Janssen on a throw-in from the right sideline near the corner flag. His throw-in went to teammate Drew Hunt, who headed the ball left towards the goal area. There, Pyne put the ball into the net for a 1-0 McLean lead.

Ten minutes later, McLean went ahead 2-0 when a Fairfax player inadvertently kicked the ball into his team's own goal.

Late in the half, McLean went ahead 3-0 when Tim Whitebread, after breaking free with the ball, sent a scorching grounder into the net from 16 yards away with three minutes, 34 seconds left to play in the opening half.

The Highlanders were well on their way to a rain-soaked win.

"It's a great feeling to move on," said Chovil. "Fairfax definitely was not an easy team. They're tough and fast."

McLean will next meet No. 2-seed Stone Bridge in a semifinals game on Wednesday, May 19, at 7 p.m. The contest will be played at Stone Bridge High in Ashburn.

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Keeping Up Appearances, Sort Of



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I'm not a "bucket list" kind of guy. Nor have I been a stop and smell the roses (bouquet) kind of guy. But until this past year, I had never been a guy diagnosed with cancer, the kind of cancer which my oncologist has said he "can't cure," although one which he "can treat." In his opinion, surgery was not an option. With inoperable-type news like that, one would think I'd be smelling every flower in town and looking for a bigger bucket as well to fill before I kick it. But I haven't.

Aside from neither pursuit being characteristic of who I am and how I roll, making a list (enjoying it once, let alone twice) or enjoying every aromatic scent that wafts my way, seemed to be a concession to the diagnosis, giving in to its inevitability. I felt, and still feel, that doing things that I wouldn't normally do (or hadn't ever done) would be - to me, anyway - like accepting my fate and acting accordingly; trying to fit 30 years into 24 months because, well, you know. It can't be done, any more than I can squeeze into a pair of 34-inch waist pants. I want to be who I am, not someone I'm trying to be. I can live with who I've become. I don't mind "dancing with the horse that bring me."

I don't want to act out of character. I want to act in character, with my dignity and humanity intact. If I were to find myself acting uncharacteristically, I would know the reason I'm doing so is because I have a disease/diagnosis whose prognosis has robbed me of the rest of my life, and knowing that would make kicking the bucket a frustrating and banal pursuit, not some kind of metaphorical joy of accomplishment. I don't want to know - or think I know - that I must do such and such by a certain time because, before too long I won't be kicking much of anything. That reasoning would be self-defeating and there's already more than enough pressure (and some pain and suffering) to go around. There is no need to create additional/external pressure points (of minimal return). That's not to say that I'm pretending I don't have cancer but, if I were to act abnormally (for me), that would be pretending that I'm somebody I'm not. And if there's one consideration (underlying and overriding) in all I do concerning this cancer train that I'm on (aside from wanting to get off and/or transfer at the next station), it is that I want to act in a way that brings me the most happiness. Because with that happiness comes reduced stress and with that reduced stress comes cancer fighters. And if I've been told once - which I haven't, I've been told multiple times by health care professionals and lay persons alike, it is how much effect a patient's positive, stress-free attitude can have on his or her prognosis. And so I look for any port in this storm.

My new favorite word is "stable." It used to be "shrinkage," (Seinfeld context not applicable here; this isn't funny, this is serious). As a cancer patient, I have come to appreciate - and spin super positively, scan interpretations which my oncologist characterizes as "stable." Shrinkage of tumors is obviously preferred - and ideal, but "stable" I can live with. Duh! And however long I do live, I don't want to be living my life constantly thinking of death as I race around the globe biting at those last few apples. Death will come soon enough. There's no sense rushing it. Hyacinth Bucket/"Bouquet" wouldn't have it any other way. There's a right way to do things and though I may not exactly aim to please, I do aim to live a little and laugh a lot.

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OPINION

Appeal For Haiti

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have lost their jobs and homes and now live in small tents of the kind we use to go camping. You can see it from the air as you fly in to the capital of Port au Prince. Some of the camps are neatly organized with rows of tents in the same color, mostly white or blue. Other camps are stick and cloth affairs, with cardboard as a mattress, and a simple blue tarp as a roof barely providing shelter from the violent rains that prevail this season. Nor does this protect girls from rape. The rains are causing the improvised latrines to overflow, heightening the potential for disease in a country where the few hospitals left standing are overwhelmed. When it rains, my Haitian driver and his family can't sleep and spend the night standing with their feet in the water. Mountains of debris block the streets and the drainage canals. And I dread to think what even a mild storm would do to those tents during the hurricane season that will soon be upon us. Time is running out to get all these folks into safe shelter or they risk losing what little they have again when the first tropi-

cal storm blows through.

HOW CAN WE HELP? Every time I fly in and out of Haiti, I see groups of cheerful Americans wearing matching team colors, who are coming in or going out supporting a local project, mostly church based. But I wonder, is that the best way to help? Of course, every little bit helps, but you cannot reach a million people in need this way. This country needs coordinated assistance on a massive scale, coordinated and led by the Haitians themselves. The U.S. Congress, for its part, is on the right track by allowing Haiti trade benefits that will create a lot of jobs in the Haitian garment industry. Making a cash donation to some of the big organizations already on the ground, (like UNICEF, Red Cross or Oxfam or any other you know or like) is perhaps most effective. For more guidance check out http://www.haitispecialenvoy.org/how_to_help. But most importantly, do not assume that the worst in Haiti is over.

Adriaan Verheul lives in Great Falls since 2003.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Explore Alternatives To Off-shore Drilling

To the Editor,

We have all been horrified watching the disaster in the Gulf unfold, as a BP-owned offshore oil well gushes 5,000 barrels of oil into the ocean every day. In addition to the deaths of birds and marine mammals and the long-term damage to the ecosystem, the spill has thrown thousands of fishermen, crabbers and shrimpers out of work, threatens tourist towns from Texas to Florida, and may end up costing the American economy billions of dollars.

BP and its contractors are busy pointing fingers at each other, but the message to the rest of us should be clear: offshore oil drilling is inherently risky, and there can be no guarantees against spills. Virginia moves forward on drilling at its peril.

We say we need the oil, but in truth we could save more oil through better transportation planning than we can get through drilling off the Virginia coast. Improved gas mileage in cars, switching to hybrid cars, smart growth, mass transit, and making walking and biking safer and more convenient could cut our gasoline consumption

dramatically. It would also pay dividends in making us fitter and giving us better air to breathe, as well as making our communities more pleasant places to live.

We should also look to other forms of energy efficiency and clean, renewable energy to replace fossil fuels. Scientists tell us we could get more energy from offshore wind turbines than from all the oil that is thought to be off the East Coast. What are we waiting for?

Ivy Main
McLean

Moving on I-66

To the Editor:

Can anyone solve congestion on Interstate 66? I don't know, but at least some elected officials are trying.

I'm talking about U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) and Supervisors Michael Frey (R-Sully) and Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) who hosted a town hall meeting seeking solutions to the parking lot we call Interstate 66. The trio of elected officials — Republicans all — outlined what they have done and plan to do to get traffic rolling again. To end VDOT foot-dragging, they are putting the bureaucrats' feet to the fire.

I'm encouraged. Wolf, Frey and Herrity are walking the walk, which is faster than we sometimes travel on Interstate 66. If they can remove the asbestos from VDOT's toes, we may actually see movement on Interstate 66 in my lifetime. Who would have thought Republicans would care about the little guy? Hear that Fairfax County Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) and U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11)?

Kalia Sokos
Springfield

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The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. Contact Gary Axelrod, 301-610-8309 or gaxelrod@jssa.org, or www.jssa.org.

Charles Wesley and Chesterbrook United Methodist Churches invite the community to a 20-minute weekly service of prayer and Holy Communion in the Charles Wesley sanctuary, 6817 Dean Drive in McLean, at 12 p.m. Thursdays. At the conclusion of the service, there is a time of individual bless-

ing, anointing and healing prayer. 703-356-6336.

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McLean Presbyterian Church, 1020 Balls Hill Road, McLean, worship services are at 9:15 a.m. and 11a.m. The church also offers a variety of adult education classes, as well as children's ministry program, student ministries gatherings, and the informal Saturday Night Service in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. The message is the same as Sunday morning but with more interaction with the pastor. Childcare and children's programs are provided for infants through 2nd grade. www.mcleanpres.org or 703-821-0800.

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A **Centering Prayer Group** meets Fridays, 9:30 a.m. at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna. The hour includes a brief reading related to Centering Prayer, followed by a 20-minute prayer period. E-mail Martha Thomas at mmthomas211@hotmail.com or call the church at 703-759-3509.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and the Jewish Outreach Institute offer the Mothers/Parents Circle, an umbrella of free educational events and resources. Jewish rituals, ethics and the creation of a Jewish home, regular meetings and group Shabbats and holidays. Participants include Sha'are Shalom, Congregation Beth Emeth, Temple Rodef Shalom and the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia. ShalomDC.org.

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OBITUARY

Gerardo J. Mejia Pantoja, 65, of Great Falls, Dies

Gerardo J. Mejia Pantoja, 65, born in Mocoa Colombia, resident of Great Falls, died on May 3. He is survived by his loving wife, Narda N. Mejia, his daughter Maria del Pilar Mejia of Ashburn, and his son Andres Mejia of Great Falls. He was a member of the Reston Bible Church and the Audubon Society, an avid traveler, and a soccer enthusiast. He had a deep passion for music and loved playing classical guitar. He worked as a Telecommunications Engineer for 40 years. The last 20 years were spent working for the federal government at NOAA and the FCC. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Gerardo's memory to the American Cancer Society, Prostate Research, and 124 Park St. S.E., Vienna, VA, 22180.

The funeral service will be held on Saturday, May 22. 3 p.m. at the Potomac Baptist Church, 20747 Lowes Island Blvd. Sterling.

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9106 DARA LN	5	7	1	...	GREAT FALLS	\$2,805,000	Detached	1.73	MARQUETTE
421 SENECA RD	5	7	2	...	GREAT FALLS	\$2,150,000	Detached	1.26	SENECA
814 OLDE GEORGETOWN CT	5	4	2	...	GREAT FALLS	\$1,900,000	Detached	1.75	TAYLOR SPENCER
443 WALKER RD	5	5	3	...	GREAT FALLS	\$1,800,000	Detached	3.00	WALKER RIDGE
810 OLDE GEORGETOWN CT	5	4	0	...	GREAT FALLS	\$1,575,000	Detached	1.85	FALLSWOOD
779 AD HOC RD	5	4	1	...	GREAT FALLS	\$1,500,000	Detached	7.97	CORNWELL FARM
11562 SENECA HILL CT	5	4	1	...	GREAT FALLS	\$1,195,000	Detached	0.84	GREAT FALLS WOODS
322 GREENHILL ST	5	4	1	...	GREAT FALLS	\$1,100,000	Detached	3.21	CHARLES W BEASLEY
342 CLUB VIEW DR	5	3	1	...	GREAT FALLS	\$1,014,500	Detached	1.01	EAGON HILLS
9808 THUNDERHILL CT	4	3	1	...	GREAT FALLS	\$1,010,000	Detached	0.62	ADDICOTT HILLS
9812 THUNDERHILL CT	4	3	1	...	GREAT FALLS	\$950,000	Detached	0.60	ADDICOTT HILLS
9101 WEANT DR	4	3	1	...	GREAT FALLS	\$825,000	Detached	0.81	WEANT
9908 MILL RUN DR	4	2	1	...	GREAT FALLS	\$800,000	Detached	1.67	HILL CREST ACRES
1092 LORAN CT	4	2	1	...	GREAT FALLS	\$711,170	Detached	0.62	TIMBERLAKE ESTATES SOUTH
922 CHALLEDON RD	5	3	0	...	GREAT FALLS	\$685,000	Detached	0.69	LEXINGTON ESTATES

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REAL ESTATE NOTES

To have real estate information listed in the Connection, send to greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

McLean/Old Dominion office at (703) 821-8300 at 6257 Old Dominion Drive.

William Gaskins and the McLean/Old Dominion office was recognized for outstanding results in April - Bruce Green, regional vice president of Weichert, Realtors announced. A neighborhood specialist, Gaskins led the region for new home dollar volume. Separately, the McLean/Old Dominion sales team led the region for new home dollar volume, resales and resale dollar volume. The region comprises offices located throughout Virginia.



William Gaskins

Weichert, Realtors neighborhood specialists can be reached in Weichert's

Long & Foster® Real Estate, Inc., has announced the launch of The Long & Foster Market Minute™, an innovative report aimed to deliver local knowledge based on county-level data. A leader in providing real estate market data, Long & Foster will produce the reports every month, currently covering 100 counties it serves in the Mid-Atlantic region. The Long & Foster Market Minute™ is an overview of market statistics presented at the county level. The easy-to-read and easy-to-share reports include information about each county's units sold, active inventory, median sale prices, months of supply, new listings,

new contracts, list to sold price ratio, and days on market. In addition to the 100 counties in seven states it currently covers, The Long & Foster Market Minute will include more counties in future releases.

The Long & Foster Market Minute™ reports are available at no charge on the Long & Foster Web site, <http://www.longandfoster.com/>.

Nikki Ryan of Keller Williams Realty in Reston has earned the "Certified Distressed Property Expert" designation, having completed extensive training in foreclosure avoidance and short sales. Realtors with the designation have can offer the homeowner better alternatives to foreclosure, which virtually destroys the credit rating.

Cindy Dwyer, associate with Weichert, Realtors Vienna office was recently recognized by REALTOR magazine and the Good Neighbor Society as a recipient of the Volunteering Works grant and mentoring program for her work with wounded warriors at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington D.C. In 2004, Dwyer started a clothing collection and distribution program for the warriors and their families. She collects quality clothing that is gently-used and transports it to Walter Reed approximately every two months.

Dwyer's dedication also was displayed through other charitable services including a golf club collection and distribution of over 30,000 pounds of golf equipment in 2009.

Additionally, Dwyer and her husband have opened their home to the wounded soldiers as an escape from the frustration of the recuperation process and the day-to-day living in the hospital environment. She has also been actively involved for the last four years in an annual formal, black tie fund raiser that is sponsored by the Pentagon Federal Credit Union Foundation. This event, held in Washington, D.C. raises funds for the wounded and their families.

Contact Cindy Dwyer to see how you can get involved with this cause. She can be reached at (703) 938-6070 and at Weichert, Realtors Vienna office located at 156 East Maple Avenue.

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