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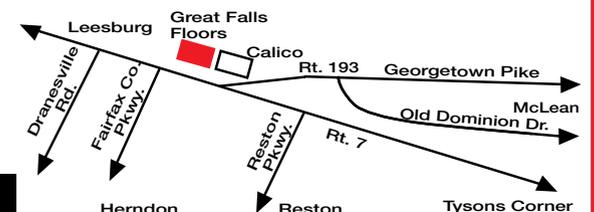
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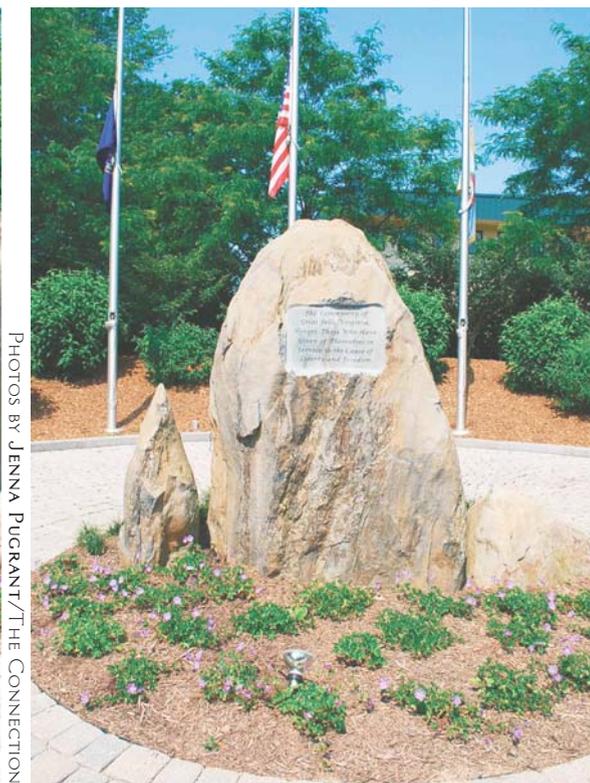
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**On Monday, community leaders and citizens gathered at the Great Falls Freedom Plaza to commemorate Memorial Day. Keynote speaker Lt. Col. Lee A. Hilgartner, along with U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10), State Sen. Janet Howell D-32), and Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville), laid the wreath in honor of those who have served.**

**The Great Falls Freedom Memorial was dedicated in Fall 2004 and is the site of many ceremonies of recognition to those who have fallen for the country. In the coming months, the Freedom Plaza, located behind the Great Falls Library, will be hosting a July 4 10K race, a candlelight vigil for 9/11, and a Veteran's Day commemoration.**

## Remembering at Freedom Plaza

**Community gathers to thank those who have served.**

BY JENNA PUGRANT  
THE CONNECTION

**O**n Monday, May 31, community members gathered at the Great Falls Freedom Plaza behind the library to commemorate Memorial Day in an annual public ceremony led by the President of the Friends of the Great Falls Freedom Memorial, Ed Herberg. The ceremony focused on the meaning and purpose of the holiday in the midst of how the country has come to value it.

"Many of us sitting here have remembrances of Memorial Day since we were kids," said Herberg. "People of our communities gathered to get a sense of what our country is like, which is indivisible. We should recall our days of youth and pass on to our children the knowledge of why our country is so important and different from others and why we should remember those who have served."

In addition to community veterans and supporters, U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10), State Sen. Janet Howell (D-32) and Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) attended the event at the Freedom Plaza, which was opened in fall 2004.

The keynote speaker for this year's Memorial Day ceremony was Lt. Col. Lee A. Hilgartner, an active duty Army signal officer with more than 21 years of experience who has family ties to Great Falls and is currently going through training in Washington, D.C. to be deployed to Afghanistan.

"This day is about picnics and barbecues and family, but everyone should realize that this is only because of the men and women who fight and serve for our freedom," Hilgartner said.

Hilgartner, whose many awards and decorations include the Joint Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal for Valor, has spent the last 10 years serving in Asia. "It is a common thread in other countries I have visited that freedom is not taken for granted," said Hilgartner. "I have been asked what it is like to vote and what it is like to do what you want." While many do not take the time to attend memorial services on Memorial Day, Hilgartner said: "What makes this day so special is that we have the opportunity to spend it any way we want."

Following his address, long-time Great Falls resident Calvin Follin read the names of 24 citizens of Great Falls who died in the name of their country, including the six Great Falls residents who died on Sept. 11, 2001, when American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon. Each name was followed by the ringing of a bell, conducted by Sara Hilgartner.

The Langley Madrigal seniors Caroline Dunigan, Rachael Bumsted, Adam Check and Paul Goldberg helped complete the ceremony with renditions of "America the Beautiful," "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," and the national anthem. Boy Scout Troop 55 members Michael Carswell, Paul Yousseff and Hunter Yates also assisted in the raising of the flags at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Upcoming events at the Freedom Plaza include a 10K race on July 4, a candlelight vigil on Sept. 11, at 7 p.m. to remember 9/11 victims and a Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.

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**Planning Commissioner Kenneth Lawrence (Providence) helped draft the new guidelines for Tysons Corner redevelopment that his colleagues approved May 27.**

## Tysons Corner: The Next Generation

**Planning Commission approves redevelopment of Fairfax's "economic engine."**

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

**T**ysons Corner is a place where a lot of people go to work and to shop. It is not a place where very many people want to live or to play.

At least, that was the conclusion drawn by Katie Jacobson, 24, and Elizabeth Cox, 25, as they sat outside Starbucks and looked out over a half empty parking lot at the Pike 7 Plaza strip mall.

The two women spent a lot of time at Tysons Corner Center as teenagers growing up in Fairfax County. Jacobson lived a few minutes down the road from the mall in Vienna. Cox said her house is about two miles outside of Tysons in Great Falls.

The troubled economy has kept both women at home living with their parents for the time being. Neither comes to Tysons very often anymore, even though it is nearby.

"There is nothing really fun to do here," said Cox. If she were to move out of her parents' house, Cox would want to live in Washington D.C. or Arlington County, where there is more nightlife.

Jacobson, who went to George Mason University,

would rather live in the City of Fairfax or Reston than Tysons Corner.

"Reston is cool because you can actually walk around Reston Town Center," said Jacobson.

"When you come here, you come here to work and to shop. That's it," she said of Tysons Corner.

**FAIRFAX COUNTY** hopes Tysons will come to be known for a lot more than office space and shopping malls over the next two decades.

On May 27, the county Planning Commission approved 10-1 a new set of guidelines for Tysons development that are intended to transform the business district from a suburban office park to pedestrian-friendly city.

"You really don't want the living environment to be centered around the automobile at all," said Planning Commissioner Walter Alcorn (At-large), about the Tysons of the future.

In the new Tysons, larger buildings would be clustered around four future Metro stations, set to open in 2013. New paths and sidewalks will also encourage pedestrians and bicycle use.

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## THE COUNTY LINE

# School Board Passes Athletic Participation Fee

High school students will pay \$100 for each sport they participate in.

BY RICH SANDERS AND REED ALBERS  
THE CONNECTION

It was an example of high school sports at its finest. Madison High baseball players, coaches and fans, following the Warhawks' first round Northern Region playoff win over visiting Hayfield on Friday night, May 28, did not want to leave. And they didn't have to.

All around the ball field environs, people were talking about the just-completed 5-0 Madison triumph. Clusters of parents, Vienna townspeople and former Madison graduates converged behind the home team's third base dugout. Other Warhawk faithful conversed behind the backstop or around the soon-to-close concession stand. Even on the first base side of the ball field, Hayfield players and team followers spent several minutes talking about the wonderful, successful season just completed. The Hawks had lost, but they wanted to extend the evening as long as they could before heading back to Alexandria.

"High school sports is the best," said Madison senior pitcher Matt Moore, when asked about the importance of high school sports in a student-athletes' life. A left-hander, Moore had pitched a stellar game in leading the Warhawks to the win over Hayfield.

High school sports, free to students over the years, is a wonderful, meaningful, learning and recreational forum for most athletes. Student-athletes have experienced glorious wins and heart-breaking losses, learned to become better teammates and how to successfully balance time spent on athletics and time studying. The privilege of competing in sports has been at relatively no cost.

But that will now change.

**ON MAY 20**, the Fairfax County School Board passed a motion, 9 to 3, to require a \$100 fee for high school athletes to participate in a sport.

The fee will be applied to all sports and will be required for each sport a student participates in. School Board members Tina Hone (At-large), Sandy Evans (Mason) and Patty Reed (Providence) voted against the fee.

"These fees touch such a large swath of students," Hone said.

Evans, Reed and Hone supported a motion to remove the fee entirely that failed. The three, along with School Board member Dan Storck (Mount Vernon), supported another motion to make the fee a one-time expense for students, but that failed as well.

"Sports are clearly a game changer for some kids," Storck said.

While Storck supported the fees, he said he wants the school system to monitor the situation closely.



COURTESY PHOTO

Athletes from all Fairfax County high school sports teams, including these boys' lacrosse players from McLean and South Lakes high schools, will be required to pay a \$100 participation fee.

**"Kids come out to play sports, make friends in high school and to get exercise. I don't think kids should have to pay for that."**

— Langley High girls' lacrosse goalie Mary Riley Pembroke

Money generated from the fee will go into the county's general fund and is expected to generate \$1.8 million in revenue for the county.

Exceptions to the rule exist.

Students who qualify for a free or reduced-priced lunch will be exempt from paying the fees. However, that standard is extremely low. A family of four must be living on \$41,000 per year in Fairfax County to qualify for reduced-priced lunches.

The average median income for Fairfax County households is more than \$100,000.

Some are worried the fee might prevent students from participating in as many as three sports in a year, or any sports at all.

"Small schools are afraid they won't be able to field teams," Reed said.

Evans said that some schools in near-by Loudoun County with needier populations have seen an impact since their high school sports fee went into effect. Park View High School has seen a drop off in the number of students participating in track this spring.

High school sports, like most other enterprises or businesses around Fairfax County, the State of Virginia and the United States as a whole, are being hit hard by the current economic crisis. The high school sports culture is far from being the only educational curriculum taking hits.

"It's unfortunate that athletes are going to have to pay to play, but at the same time cuts are being made in every part of our school system, so it seems only fair that ath-

letics is affected as well," said Greg Miller, Herndon High baseball coach. "I would have to guess that most athletes would rather pay to play, than to have their sport cut altogether. My only hope is that this doesn't deter an athlete from playing a sport because they can't afford it. Hopefully, this is something that only has to last a couple of years until the economy can bounce back."

**IT IS HARD TO IMAGINE** high school student-athletes not playing their sports of choice in the future because of it being an affordability issue for certain families. Could it actually come to that?

"I don't think Fairfax County would allow a kid not to play if he couldn't afford it," said Chuck Welch, the Centreville High baseball coach. "Fairfax County is a very strong county and will take care of those who need taken care of."

Welch indicated the sports cutbacks could have been worse.

"[The \$100 fee] is better than getting rid of sports," he said.

Hopefully, no athletes would have to sit out a high school sports season as a result of the new fee. But it's possible.

"I don't think [the fee] is a good idea," said Chantilly High boys' soccer player Kevin McBride. "It's going to leave some people out who can't pay."

"Kids come out to play sports, make friends in high school and to get exercise,"

said Langley High girls' lacrosse goalie Mary Riley Pembroke. "I don't think kids should have to pay for that."

Moore, the Madison baseball pitcher, understood the need for the sports fee.

"It makes sense because the county needs money," said Moore. "Hopefully, people who have a tough time will get the [financial] help they need. High school sports is totally worth the \$100 needed to play."

Perhaps schools or teams could raise money for a general fund to go towards student-athletes who need the assistance in paying their sports fee. Money, as it often is for high school sports teams or athletic offices, could be raised through car washes, golf tournaments, spaghetti dinners and other avenues.

High school athletics has so many benefits — learning how to compete in fairness, playing as part of a cohesive group and attaining to a goal or goals both from individual and team perspectives.

Grant Massey, the Madison High girls' soccer coach, said he would likely pay the sports fee for a player himself if he needed to. Undoubtedly, numerous other coaches, teachers, parents or relatives would do the same thing. It's hard to imagine there not being a way to get a youngster out on the playing field or court due to tight or non-existent family financial aspects.

"Coaching at Madison, it might not affect as many kids as it will at other schools," said Massey. "I think [the sports fee] is unfortunate. Athletes shouldn't have to pay for sports. I would probably pay for a kid to play at Madison. I hope [the new fee rule] is one year and then done. But I don't see the budget getting better."

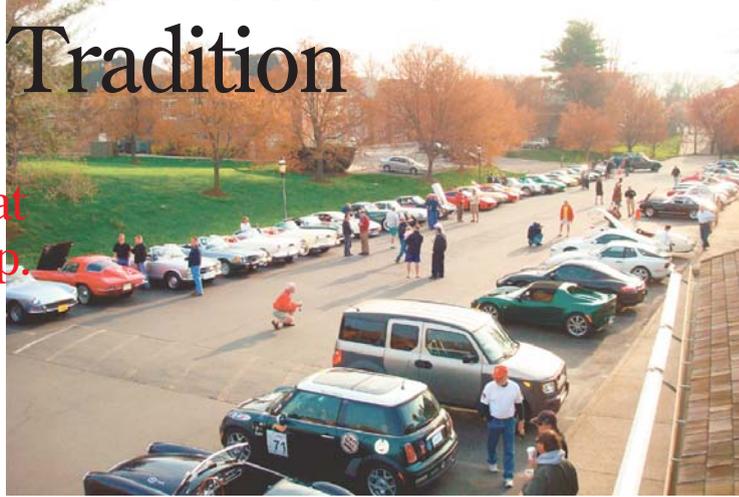
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NEWS

# Cars & Coffee Become Saturday's Tradition

Parade of classic cars can be found at Katie's Coffee Shop.



Saturday mornings at Katie's.

Every Saturday, from 7-9 a.m., April through October, classic cars converge at Katie's Coffee Shop in Great Falls, for an informal gathering called "Cars & Coffee." Classic car buffs of all ages are invited, with or without their vehicles. Weather permitting, upwards of 100 cars of all types roll into the parking lot at Katie's each Saturday, and each week brings a different crowd. Katie's is located at 760 Walker Road, behind BB&T Bank and the post office, off Georgetown Pike, next to The Old Brogue Restaurant. Some weeks are heavy on Ferraris, other weeks the local MG club and Cobra owners show up in force. Everything from antique trucks to motorcycles and rare Austin Healeys are welcome,

and the atmosphere is friendly and informal. No fee is charged to participate or attend.

The concept behind the gathering is threefold. First, it's a pleasant destination on a Saturday morning; second, it's a chance to spend time with other classic car owners while still being able to get home in time for weekend activities; and third, visitors can enjoy a good cup of coffee and view some really cool cars. Car owners as well as the viewing public can stay as long as they like, but the

parking lot does tend to empty out soon after 9 a.m.

In addition to the regular Saturday gatherings, many Cars & Coffee participants will also be bringing their vehicles to the Father's Day Concert on the Green in Great Falls on June 20, from 6-8 p.m. Daryl Davis will provide a free concert of music from the 1950s and 1960s. Attendees are welcome to bring a picnic dinner and drinks to enjoy on the Green, in addition to viewing the cars and enjoying the music.

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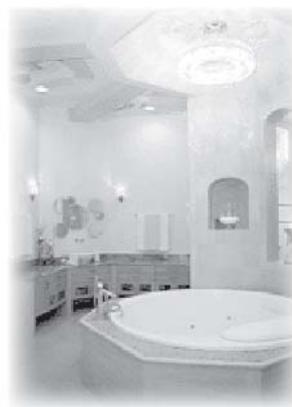
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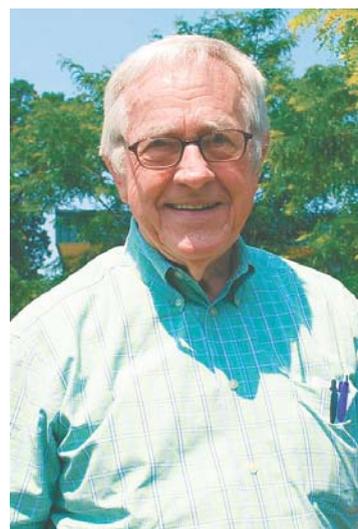
—JENNA PUGRANT



**Paul Youssef**, left, of Boys Scout Troop 55, pictured with **Michael Carswel**  
“A ceremony like this one. Involving veterans in Memorial Day activities is extremely important.”



**Sara Hilgartner**, Ringer of the Bells at the Memorial Day Ceremony in Great Falls  
“I think its wonderful to spend a few minutes at a memorial service such as this one. And I also think it's important to spend this day with family and friends.”



**T.R. Cook** of Vienna, an attendee of the Memorial Day Ceremony in Great Falls  
“I think we are doing it exactly right here. This ceremony came from the heart and it's a perfect way to commemorate.”



**Betty Swartz**, a 77-year Great Falls resident in attendance at the Memorial Day Ceremony in Great Falls  
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# OPINION

## Together, We Can Make an Impact

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For nearly three decades, millions have walked or run to honor a loved one and to both raise awareness about breast cancer and to raise funds to discover the cures of tomorrow and fund breast health services that might save the lives of their neighbors today.

We can be proud of how far we've come. What started out as 800 women walking around a shopping mall in Dallas, Texas has grown to include more than 1.5 million people walking or running in more than 140 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure® events worldwide this year. People are walking in Richmond and Rome; Cleveland and Cairo. It has truly become a global movement.

**ALL THIS WALKING** has paid off too. In the U.S. we have entered into a new era of awareness, early detection and personalized medicines. This new era is saving lives and providing hope of one day putting an end to the suffering for good.

Yet for all of our successes, this hope is not universally shared. In capitals across the globe, women and their families do not yet fully understand this disease or appreciate the benefits of early detection. And they live in communities with health care systems which are unable to adequately screen or treat the disease.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Who Would Dare To Use Sidewalks?

To the Editor:

I commute from home to the Dulles Corridor and use Georgetown Pike. It's interesting to see sidewalks being built in the area. With probably three cars in every garage, who is going to use sidewalks? And who would dare? The speeders and texters who drive Route 193 aren't always in control. I've seen them ending up in ditches, going through fences and crushing mailboxes. Living in the Great Falls area, I'd never let children walk on the sidewalks on the main road. The drivers have enough distractions as it is. Isn't there a more worthwhile project for Fairfax County to use its money on?

**J. L. Broome**  
Great Falls

## Obvious Solution To I-66 Congestion

To the Editor:

In Kalia Sokos' letter ["Moving on I-66." Vienna Connection, May 19-25], she asks if anyone can solve the congestion problem? I have an observation on this specific problem that I have discussed with elected officials ... more about that in a minute.

Interstate 66 between the Route 123 overpass and the Jermantown Road overpass actually narrows for a half mile distance because those two bridges are the only remaining original Interstate 66 bridges for 50 miles. Check the Virginia State Police database and I am confident there will be more than 200 accidents or fender-benders per year in that small section of road, and those fender benders cause everything to come to a halt.

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Here too, in the heart of our nation's capital, many women do not fully understand the disease, are confused about early detection, and must navigate a significantly fragmented health care system that is unable to properly serve many areas of our community, particularly for those who are uninsured or underinsured.

Together, we can make an impact, both here and abroad. On June 5 on the National Mall, we will host the 21<sup>st</sup> running of the Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure®. Up to 75 percent of all the funds raised by the Komen Global Race will stay right here to help local women. The rest will go to support our efforts to share the lessons we have learned educating low-resource women in the U.S. with women in low-resource countries of Asia and Africa and Latin America.

And let me be honest - we have a lot of work to do.

In recent years Komen has sought to raise awareness about breast cancer, particularly in low-income and underserved communities, and to break down barriers that have prevented some women from getting the care they need. And we've had some great successes, such as drastically decreasing the time women at some clinics have to wait in order to get a mammo-

gram.

Yet we are far from satisfied. Komen just finished a comprehensive review of the National Capital Area, and what we found has given us a renewed call to action. Despite our success in raising awareness, women diagnosed with breast cancer in Washington, D.C. are still more likely to die from the disease than women in the rest of the country.

While there are many reasons for this, two things popped out at us.

**WE LEARNED** that awareness is not enough - women need to truly understand breast cancer, including how it's detected and treated. We found that myths and misconceptions are still widespread. Many women are afraid of screening, thinking it is painful and that a cancer diagnosis equals a death sentence. Others are confused by media reports with conflicting messages about who should get a mammogram and how often. This confusion is not limited to the health care consumer, but is also prevalent among health care providers.

Notably, we also found that the region's overly fragmented health care system produces substantial barriers to accessing care for major segments of the population. Many women cannot access affordable screening because there is too little funding for programs that provide free and low-cost mammograms. These women face economic and transportation barriers that keep them from seeking help.

No woman should have to die just because of where she lives or where she was diagnosed. While we've come a long way, we are not yet at the finish line. We must keep running. Will you join us?

**Doug Francis**  
Vienna

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# LETTERS

FROM PAGE 8

Baccalaureate (IB) classes must pay \$75 for each AP and IB class they take, the School Board, at the recommendation of Superintendent Jack Dale, Budget Committee Chair Jane Strauss of McLean and School Board Chair Kathy Smith of Chantilly have ensured that thousands of students who benefit tremendously by playing sports and taking rigorous classes may very well no longer have that opportunity. What many of us thought were rights are apparently just privileges. A student taking, for instance, three AP or IB courses and playing one sport a semester would have to pay \$525 a year. A high school senior pursuing an International Baccalaureate Diploma would have to pay \$450. If she or he had the gall to also play one sport per semester their fees would total \$750! The school board had information before it from the City of Manassas, a neighboring middle class community where median family incomes (MFI) are far less than they are in McLean (\$182,000 MFI) and Chantilly (\$127,000 MFI), indicating that one-third of the students taking AP classes dropped those classes when such fees were instituted. To be precise, the board did include a fee waiver for the truly poor but that will do nothing for the middle class or even for those on the very low end of that spectrum. The school board was also presented with ample evidence showing the many problems associated with the implementation of such waivers.

But as angry as families should be with the majority of the school board who turned their backs on the middle class, the real problem is with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS), who, in their zeal to get re-elected, turned their backs on the entire school system. In three days of BOS hearings this year, witness after witness pointed out how important the schools, parks, public safety programs and libraries are to Fairfax County. Many indicated those services are in fact why they moved to our county to begin with and the BOS is fully aware that our success in luring businesses is in great part due to our schools (i.e., the prime reason cited by the Volkswagen Corporation). These witnesses told moving stories of key county programs some of which have had life and death consequences and begged the Supervisors to set the real estate assessment rate at the advertised rate of \$1.12 per \$100 of assessed value. Instead the Board set the rate at \$1.09 reducing what would have been available for our schools, police and other services by \$57 million. (It

is noteworthy that the rate was \$1.23 in 2002.) It would have taken only \$3.8 million of that \$57 million to have obviated the need for these damaging fees or Athletes Tax as the school's sports booster clubs are calling them. Those clubs, who essentially pay for much of the costs to operate our high school's sport teams, are very concerned that parents who now must pay these fees will not have enough left over to continue their contributions to the boosters. That may not be a problem for many in Chantilly, McLean or even my neighborhood but for much of middle income Fairfax County, it will be.

So now the Supervisors can prepare their reelection leaflets contending that they cut the total amount of real estate taxes we will be paying by an average of \$48 per household, the pre-ordained outcome before hundreds of residents wasted three days testifying. Had the rate been set at \$1.12 the average homeowner would have paid a whopping \$10.80 more per month. The question is can the residents of Fairfax County, which has the second highest MFI in the United States, afford the equivalent costs of three Starbucks coffees more a month in taxes or should we make sure our Supervisors can print their tax-cutting leaflets; even if it means that middle income students whose families are struggling may now have to drop their AP and IB classes and involvement in sports? How does the BOS cut school funding at a time of increased enrollment? How is that we have all apparently fallen down the rabbit hole with Alice? Certainly the economy has played a role but the real answer can be found in our mailboxes as we get our regular dose of increasingly inflammatory mailers from Pat Herrity and Keith Fimian each claiming to be the bigger tax cutter than the other and each promising to cut, cut, cut!! Cut what? The always alleged "waste and fat" no doubt, which, if it ever did exist, is now long gone. Because of this manipulative and disingenuous practice of convincing people that there is such thing as a free lunch our teachers won't, yet again, even get a cost of living increase. The school board also eliminated summer school. Won't that be great for the kids that need remedial help? Well at least they can play sports and benefit by the leadership, discipline and grade point averages it requires. Oh wait, maybe not.

When did policy making in my beloved county turn into a situation with the reckless leading the feckless?

**George Waters**  
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### THURSDAY/JUNE 3

**Riverdance.** 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$46-\$192. 703-938-2404 or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Brendan James and Chase Coy.** 6:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12 advance, \$15 day of show. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Johnny A.** 9 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**"Tinner Hill: Portraits in Black and White."** 7:30 p.m. at ArtSpace Falls Church, 410 South Maple Ave., Falls Church.

Theater based on the stories of local civil rights pioneers. \$15 for Adults, \$10 for students and seniors. [www.creativecauldron.org](http://www.creativecauldron.org) or 571-239-5288.

**Langley High School Choral Department Spring Show.** 7:30 p.m. in the LHS auditorium, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. The choir will present song and dance selections from a variety of Broadway hit shows. \$5. [GendellC@aol.com](mailto:GendellC@aol.com).

**Lighters and Matches Are Tools for Grownups Only.** 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Puppet show presented by Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department on the importance of fire safety. Participants will receive a helmet, activity book and parent brochure. Age 3-7 with adult. 703-293-6227.

### FRIDAY/JUNE 4

**Summer on the Green: Alchemy.** 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](http://www.viennava.gov).

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**Ari Hest and Sarah Siskind.** 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Sarah Borges and the Broken Singles with Memphis 59.** 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Cloudism.** 8 p.m. at The Soundry, 316 Dominion Road, Vienna. A performance piece with two actors, a poet, a cellist and you. [mikemaggio@mikemaggio.net](mailto:mikemaggio@mikemaggio.net).

**"Tinner Hill: Portraits in Black and White."** 7:30 p.m. at ArtSpace Falls Church, 410 South Maple Ave., Falls

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### THURSDAY/JUNE 3

**Beulah Road Al-Anon Group.** 7:30 p.m. at the Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna. Practicing the Twelve Steps, welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics, and giving understanding and encouragement to the alcoholic. [revku@cox.net](mailto:revku@cox.net).

### SATURDAY/JUNE 5

**Internal Revenue Service Open House.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Bailey's Crossroads: 5205 Leesburg Pike, Room 200, Bailey's Crossroads. IRS staff will be available to help taxpayers work through problems and walk out with solutions. Taxpayers will be able to get assistance with notices and payments, return preparation and help with a variety of tax issues. <http://www.irs.gov/>

**Haven of Northern Virginia Bereavement Workshop.** 2-4 p.m. at Haven of NoVa, 4606 Ravensworth Road, Annandale. Free. Registration required at 703-941-7000 or [www.havenofnova.org](http://www.havenofnova.org).

**T'ai Chi Beginners' Practice.** 8 a.m. on the outdoor



**Western Electric will open the 2010 Summer Concerts on the Green at the Great Falls Village Centre on Sunday, June 6, 6-8 p.m.**

## Reception and Artist's Talk To Announce New Exhibit

The GFFFTA Gallery will host reception and artist's talk on Friday, June 4, 7-9 p.m., to announce the opening of "Celebration of the Non-Linear," a collection of new works by Falls Church artist Joyce McCarten. McCarten teaches at The Art League School in Alexandria and was named Torpedo Factory Artist of the Year in 2008. Her show includes figurative works based on women in the Bible who McCarten sees as role models for living in the 21st century. The GFFFTA Gallery is a program of Great Falls Foundation for the Arts, a non-profit organization working to expand opportunities for art education, expression and professional development in the Great Falls Community. The GFFFTA Gallery is located at 1144 Walker Road, Suites D and G. No charge. Show continues through June. Contact Jennifer Duncan at [rjanduncan@cox.net](mailto:rjanduncan@cox.net).



**Joyce McCarten, 'Two Sarahs,' Mixed Media on Paper.**

tinues through June. Contact Jennifer Duncan at [rjanduncan@cox.net](mailto:rjanduncan@cox.net).

Church. Theater based on the stories of local civil rights pioneers. \$15 for Adults, \$10 for students and seniors. [www.creativecauldron.org](http://www.creativecauldron.org) or 571-239-5288.

**Artist's Reception.** 7 p.m. The GFFFTA Gallery, 1144 Walker Road, Great Falls. "Celebration of the Non-Linear," figurative works by Joyce McCarten based on women in the Bible. Free. [rjanduncan@cox.net](mailto:rjanduncan@cox.net).

**Langley High School Choral Department Spring Show.** 7:30 p.m. in the LHS auditorium, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. The choir will present song and dance selections from a variety of Broadway hit shows. \$5. [GendellC@aol.com](mailto:GendellC@aol.com).

**English Conversation.** 10 a.m. Patrick

Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Group for non-native English speakers of all levels. Adults. 703-938-0405.

**Summer Swing Dance.** McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Dance lessons by Fred Astaire Studios, 7 p.m. Open dancing 8-11 p.m. 8-11 p.m. \$25 per person, \$15 McLean district residents. Live music by For Dancers Only. 703-790-0123, TTY 711.

### SATURDAY/JUNE 5

**The Sippy Cups.** 2 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Age 3 and up. 703-790-0123.

basketball court behind Dolley Madison Public Library at 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-759-9141 or [www.FreeTaiChi.org](http://www.FreeTaiChi.org).

**Flea Market.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Includes food and bake sale. 703-281-4411 or [www.oaktonbrethren.org](http://www.oaktonbrethren.org).

### SUNDAY/JUNE 6

**Ostomy Support Group.** 1:30 p.m. at Physicians Conference Center, INOVA Fairfax Hospital. With Dr Paul Savoca, colorectal surgeon. 703-802-3457 or [www.ostomysupportofnova.org](http://www.ostomysupportofnova.org).

### MONDAY/JUNE 7

**Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon.** 12 p.m. Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. Speaker, FDIC Chair Sheila Bair. [suzanne@communi-kproductions.com](mailto:suzanne@communi-kproductions.com) or 301-365-2662.

**Riverdance.** 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$46-\$192. 703-938-2404 or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association.** Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Line dance lessons beginning at 7:30 p.m., couples specialty dance at 8 p.m. Open dancing 8:30-11 p.m. Couples and singles welcome. Admission \$5-\$12. [www.nvewda.org](http://www.nvewda.org) or 703-860-4941.

**Nathaniel Rateliff.** 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Mista Forty's Birthday Special with DIA, Mista Forty, Sonny Black and Soez and DJ StarChild.** 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Church Yard Sale.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna. Household items, clothing, toys, garden tools and more. 703-759-3509.

**Multi-Family Rummage Sale.** 8 a.m. at Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna. Coffee and Krispy Kreme donuts for sale in the morning and hotdogs, chips and drinks for sale at 12 p.m. All proceeds go to youth missions work in Haiti. 703-938-6753 or [www.antiochdoc.org](http://www.antiochdoc.org).

**Batala Washington.** 5 p.m. at the Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. Percussion band. Free. 703-288-9505.

**"Tinner Hill: Portraits in Black and White."** 2 p.m. at ArtSpace Falls Church, 410 South Maple Ave., Falls Church. Theater based on the stories of local civil rights pioneers. \$15 for Adults, \$10 for students and seniors. [www.creativecauldron.org](http://www.creativecauldron.org) or 571-239-5288.

**Polyhymnia Chamber Choir.** 8 p.m. at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1125 Savile Lane, McLean. Works by Cornish, Taneyev, Guastavino and more. Polyhymniasings.org.

**Dance to The Helmut Licht Band.** At the Colvin Run Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Traditional ballroom, latin and swing music. Waltz lesson at 8 p.m., \$5; dancing 9-11:30 p.m., \$12 per person. 703-795-2003 or [www.colvinrun.org](http://www.colvinrun.org).

**Fun Fest 2010.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Vinson Hall Retirement Community, 6251 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. Music by the Fairfax Youth Symphonic Orchestra and Bach 2 Rock, a dunk tank with Chesterbrook Elementary School principal Robert Figueroa, face painting, moon bounce, ring toss, clown-knock down and a Wii gaming station. Free and open to the public. [www.vinsonhall.org](http://www.vinsonhall.org).

**Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association, Inc.** 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Horticultural tips, techniques and advice. 703-293-6227.

**Rock for Haiti Benefit Concert.** 6:30 p.m. at McLean Old Fire House Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Performances by four local high school bands. All proceeds will benefit Haiti earthquake victims through AmeriCares Foundation. [atehrani@cox.net](mailto:atehrani@cox.net).

### SUNDAY/JUNE 6

**Great Falls Village Centre's Summer Concerts on the Green:** Western Electric, 6-8 p.m., sponsored by tottieBEAN and Georgetown Learning Centers.

**Summer on the Green:** Cletus and Lori - Folk. 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](http://www.viennava.gov).

**American Youth Philharmonic Orchestras.** 3 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. New musical director Daniel Spalding's inaugural concert as conductor of the American Youth Philharmonic. Tickets are \$14 adults, \$10 age 62 and up, \$10 students with ID, free for ages five and under. Tickets can be purchased at [www.aypo.org](http://www.aypo.org) or at the door.

**Riverdance.** 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$46-\$192. 703-938-2404 or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Sacred Music by the Masters.** 4 p.m. at Saint Luke Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. With organist and recording artist Paul Skevington and works by Bach, Viernie, and others. Donations accepted. 703-356-0670 or [www.musicinmcleon.org](http://www.musicinmcleon.org).

**Athlete and Carney.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Washington Balalaika Society Tribute to Nikolai Budashkin.** 3 p.m. at Langley High School, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean.

Alexander Tsygankov on domra, Andrei Saveliev on balalaika, and soprano Irina Petryk, along with the Society's 60-piece Russian folk orchestra and conductor Svetlana Nikonova, will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Budashkin's birth. \$20 adults, \$18 seniors, \$15 students, under age 12 free. 703-549-2010.

### "Tinner Hill: Portraits in Black and White."

4 p.m. at ArtSpace Falls Church, 410 South Maple Ave., Falls Church. Theater based on the stories of local civil rights pioneers. \$15 for Adults, \$10 for students and seniors. [www.creativecauldron.org](http://www.creativecauldron.org) or 571-239-5288.

### MONDAY/JUNE 7

**Jeff Beck.** 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$74-471. 703-938-2404 or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Open Mic Showcase hosted by Ron Goad.** 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$2. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Preschool Storytime.** 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Stories, fingerplays and activities. Ages 2-5 with adult. 703-757-8560.

**Patrick Henry Bookworms.** 3 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Youth book club. Age 9-12. 703-938-0405.

### TUESDAY/JUNE 8

**A Time for Resilience and Reinvention.** 6 p.m. at Gannett Corporate Headquarters, 7950 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. "Leadership Secrets of Hillary Clinton," with Rebecca Shambaugh, a leadership strategist, who will sign books to benefit The Women's Center. Register at [www.thewomenscenter.org](http://www.thewomenscenter.org).

**Cary Hudson with Judd and Maggie.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Fairfax Bibliophiles Book Collecting Group.** 7:15 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Topic to be announced. Adults. 703-293-6227.

**Chat With Author Pete Earley.** 6 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Former Washington Post reporter and author of Family of Spies, Confessions of a Spy and more. 703-938-0405.

### WEDNESDAY/JUNE 9

**Tom Russell.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$22. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Procul Harum and Jethro Tull.** 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 703-938-2404 or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Butterflies and Dragonflies.** 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Activities and games help us learn about these beautiful insects. Ages 2-5 with adult. 703-757-8560.

### THURSDAY/JUNE 10

**Swing Dance with King Teddy.** 7:30 at The Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-424-1745 or [www.headoverheelsdance.com](http://www.headoverheelsdance.com).

**Sally Seltmann and Tamarama.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society.** 2:30 p.m. at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls St., Falls Church. John Capobianco, on "Styling Your Chrysanthemum Bonsai." Free. 703-560-8776.

### FRIDAY/JUNE 11

**Celebrate Fairfax! Festival.** 6 p.m.-12 a.m. on the grounds of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Rusted Root performs at 8 p.m. General admission seating is available for all performances at the Bud Light Main Stage. Six stages will be located throughout the festival site. All shows are free with daily tickets to the event. 703-324-3247 or [www.celebratefairfax.com](http://www.celebratefairfax.com).

**Cirque Dreams: Illumination.** 8:30 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$45-\$245. 703-938-2404 or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Summer on the Green: Annapolis Bluegrass.** 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](http://www.viennava.gov).

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## NEWS

# Diversity at TJ?

**Just four black students are accepted into Jefferson's freshman class of 480; 276 are Asian.**

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

**F**ive years ago, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology's rising freshman class had 160 Asian students, making up approximately 32 percent of the student body.

This year, in a freshman class that is roughly the same size, 276 Asian pupils are attending the school, making up 57.5 percent of the student body at Fairfax County's only magnet high school.

The increase in the number of Asian students admitted to Jefferson has been particularly dramatic in the last four years and has mirrored a decline in the percentage of Jefferson's freshman class that is white.

In 2007, Asian students made up only 35 percent of Jefferson's incoming class while white students comprised more than half of the elite high school's student body. Among next year's ninth graders, those percentages are reversed for the two racial subgroups.

This shift began to take place in 2008, when the number of Asian students admitted as freshman increased by 10 percentage points over the year before, from 35 percent to 45 percent. And Asian students became the largest racial or ethnic cohort in that entering Jefferson freshman class.

At the same time, the percentage of white students admitted to Jefferson dropped by 10 percentage points, from 52 percent in 2007 to approximately 42 percent in 2008.

### SCHOOL NOTES

Send School Notes to [greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

**Jessica Shomper** of Great Falls, a senior majoring in sociology at Clemson University, received the College of Business and Behavioral Science Award as Outstanding Senior in the Social Sciences. The award is presented annually to a senior majoring in political science, psychology or sociology who has been judged to be superior in terms of cumulative grade-point ratio, professional activities and a potential for future contributions in his or her field of study. Shomper received a cash award and certificate for her achievement.

**Julia Korzeniewski** of Great Falls has graduated cum laude with a bachelor of arts in theatre from Muhlenberg College of Allentown, Pa. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Korzeniewski and a graduate of Flint Hill School.

Twenty-three students have graduated from Oakcrest School in McLean: **Laurel Ruth Conrad, Bernadette Jane Corso, Mary Bridget Corso, Alexandra Mary Crafton, Karolina Teresa Dechert, Rachel Nithya Dhanaraj, Margaret Elizabeth Esmond, Therese Irene Franco, Katrina Marie Herbert, Victoria Marie Jensen, Anne Merideth Kehrl, Marie**

Last year, Asian pupils comprised more than half of the admitted freshman class at Jefferson for the first time ever.

**MINORITY STUDENTS** collectively make up more than half of Fairfax's high school students population overall, but the make up of the student body is generally diverse at the high school level, with no one group dominating an entire student body.

Jefferson's 2009 freshman class was the first Fairfax County high school class in several years where a racial or ethnic group other than white students made up a clear majority of an entire grade's student body.

But even as the population of Asian students at Jefferson has exploded, Fairfax's overall population of Asian high school students has remained relatively stable, with the Asian population making up between 18 to 19 percent of students grade ninth through 12th over the past five years.

In the same time period, the percentage of high school students that are white has fallen from approximately 54 percent of Fairfax's upper school students to 49 percent of Fairfax's upper school students.

The percentage of Jefferson's applicant pool that is Asian has increased slightly, from 32 percent to 39 percent, since the school saw large growth, approximately 25 percentage points over the last five years, in the portion of Asian students admitted.

For the past three years, Asian students have also been the only ethnic group to comprise a higher percentage of the freshman class at Jefferson than the overall percentage of students who applied.

All of the other large racial and ethnic subgroups, including white students, make up a larger percentage of the Jefferson applicant pool than the admitted class.

**BLACK STUDENTS**, in particular, appeared to lose ground in Jefferson admissions. Since 2005, black students have made

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**Therese Keith, Sarah Kathryn Kenis, Eileen Kelly Kuzma, Julia Morgan Larsen, Caroline Marie Livaudais, Nicolette Marie Maimone, Rebecca Elizabeth Maples, Colleen Anne O'Donnell, Alicia Beatriz Patterson, Alexis Nicole Ramirez, Sandra Maria Ramos, and Cecilia Marie Zischkau.**

**James M. Byrne** of McLean has been awarded a corporate-sponsored scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Byrne, who attends Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and intends a career in engineering, will receive a National Merit Lockheed Martin Academic Scholarship.

**Luke W. Knepper** of McLean has been awarded a corporate-sponsored scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Knepper, who attends Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and intends a career in computer science, will receive a National Merit CSC Scholarship.

**Greyson R. Lewis** of McLean has been awarded a corporate-sponsored scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Lewis, who attends Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and intends a career in applied physics, will receive a National Merit Southwest Airlines Co. Scholarship.

# NEWS

## Jefferson High School Admissions 2005 – 2010

Information gathered from Fairfax County News Releases from 2005 to 2010.

	2010		2009		2008		2007		2006		2005	
	Applied	Admitted	Applied	Admitted	Applied	Admitted	Applied	Admitted	Applied	Admitted	Applied	Admitted
<b>Total</b>	3,119 (100 %)	480 (15.3 %)	2,953 (100 %)	480 (16.2 %)	2,577 (100 %)	485 (18 %)	2,800 (100 %)	489 (17.3 %)	2,795 (100 %)	507 (18.1 %)	2,902 (100 %)	495 (17.1 %)
<b>White</b>	1,277 (40.9 %)	166 (34.9 %)	1,296 (43.9 %)	175 (36.4 %)	1,159 (45 %)	205 (42.5 %)	1,340 (47.9 %)	254 (51.9 %)	1,388 (49.7 %)	254 (50.1 %)	1,370 (47.2 %)	262 (52.93 %)
<b>Black</b>	184 (5.9 %)	4 (0.8 %)	173 (5.8 %)	8 (1.7 %)	139 (5.4 %)	9 (1.9 %)	166 (5.9 %)	7 (1.4 %)	145 (5.2 %)	10 (1.97 %)	176 (6.1 %)	12 (2.42 %)
<b>Hispanic</b>	225 (7.2 %)	13 (2.7 %)	188 (6.4 %)	6 (1.1 %)	149 (5.7 %)	10 (2.1 %)	157 (5.6 %)	13 (2.7 %)	186 (6.6 %)	18 (3.6 %)	227 (7.82 %)	19 (3.84 %)
<b>Asian</b>	1,243 (39.9 %)	276 (57.5 %)	1,098 (37.2 %)	260 (54.2 %)	975 (37.8 %)	219 (45.5 %)	975 (34.8 %)	188 (34.5 %)	960 (34.6 %)	192 (37.87 %)	902 (31.8 %)	160 (32.2 %)

## Changing Demographics at TJ High

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up 5.5 percent to 6 percent of Jefferson's applicant pool but the percentage of black students in Jefferson's freshman classes has continued to decline.

This year, only four of the 480 rising freshman at Jefferson are black, less than one percent of the student body overall. From 2005-2009, black students made from 1.4 percent to 2 percent of Jefferson's freshman classes, for a total of seven to 12 students.

## FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to [greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

**62<sup>nd</sup> ARFORA Congress (Association of Romanian Orthodox Ladies Auxiliaries of North America)** and St. Mary Orthodox Church & St. Juliana Ladies Auxiliary Parastas and Great Vespers and Dinner Banquet, 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 5 at St. Luke Serbian Orthodox Church, 6801 Georgetown Pike, McLean. With His Eminence, Archbishop Nathaniel, Romanian Episcopate, OCA. Proceeds fund missions and outreach, women's undergraduate and graduate scholarships, clergy wife retreats and financial support for youth summer camps and seminaries. \$50 per person. 571-216-4695.

**Oakton Church of the Brethren's Family Fun Day** will be Saturday, June 12, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the church at 10025 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Painting a peace mural, face painting, crafts, games, a moon bounce, a bake sale and more. Free. 703-281-4411 or [www.oaktonbrethren.org](http://www.oaktonbrethren.org).

**Redeemer Lutheran Church,**

1545 Chain Bridge Road in McLean, will collect for a Food Drive, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. June 19. Donations can be dropped off outside of music suite A. Volunteer sorters, drivers and special needs shoppers are also needed. [dmheier@yahoo.com](mailto:dmheier@yahoo.com) or 703-573-2969.

**Antioch Christian Church,** 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna, invites the community to Vienna Family Fun Night, 6-9 p.m. on Saturday, June 26. Food, activities and games, including a movie, for all age groups, with prizes for certain events. Free. 703-938-6753 or [www.antiochdoc.org](http://www.antiochdoc.org).

**Church of the Holy Cross,** 2455 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, is offering an evening Vacation Bible School at 5:30 p.m. from Sunday, July 18 through Thursday, July 23. Dinner is included. Ages 3-1/2 to 12 are welcome. \$15 includes registration, a t-shirt and a CD. [pammicholson@cox.net](mailto:pammicholson@cox.net) or 703-573-0250.

**Epiphany United Methodist Preschool,** 1014 Country Club Drive, N.E. in Vienna, is now enrolling 3-4-year-old students for the 2010/2011 school year. Contact 703-938-2391 or [www.epiphanypreschool.com](http://www.epiphanypreschool.com).

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Langley goalie Mary Riley Pembroke, shown here in a game against Oakton, helped lead the Saxons to their region finals win over Woodson last week. No. 5 for Langley is Kelly Martins.



Langley's Ryan Miller (26) scored a goal in the Saxons' region finals game loss to Robinson.

## A Taste from Both Sides for Langley Lacrosse

**Saxon girls win first-ever region title, while defending champion Saxon boys fall in overtime of their finals game.**

BY RICH SANDERS

THE CONNECTION

A championship game day that almost exclusively belonged to Langley High lacrosse teams on Wednesday evening, May 26, turned into an opportunity lost. Just a couple hours after the Langley girls had earned their first-ever Northern Region title crown, the Saxons could not hold onto a late lead in their region finals game and lost to Robinson.

It was a grand try for the Langley boys, who were aspiring to capture their second straight region crown in the nightcap contest of a girls'-boys' region championship double-header evening at South County High School in Lorton. Leading by a couple of goals and with possession of the ball with just under 3 minutes remaining in regulation, the Saxons ultimately lost to the Rams, 11-10, in overtime.

In the evening's first game, the Langley girls fought off a talented, determined W.T. Woodson team on way to a 13-11 finals triumph.

**BOTH LANGLEY TEAMS** will next compete at the Virginia state tournament, set to begin later this week.

Under head coach Richard DeSomma, the Langley girls (16-3) led Woodson in the finals game by as many as six goals in the first half and were up by five scores with 11 minutes remaining in the latter half. But the Saxons never could shake the scrappy Cavaliers and could not exhale in relief until the game's final seconds.

But what a win it was for Langley, which two weeks earlier had captured the Liberty District crown with a title game triumph over Madison before sweeping four straight

region playoff games to garner its second championship this postseason.

"It's so exciting, everyone stepped it up," said Langley midfielder Margo Swomley. "Our coaches are fantastic. Woodson was tough but we played as a team."

Swomley, a sophomore transfer student from Colorado who earned Second Team All-Region recognition this spring, had to sit out the title game as a result of a knee injury that had occurred four days earlier during tryouts for an underclassman All-American team. But the 10th grader, who made such a positive impact on her new team throughout the season, could not have been more thrilled for her Saxon teammates following the win over Woodson.

"We have great leadership on this team," she said.

Langley had four players with multiple goals in the win. Sophomore midfielder Nicky Pritchett led the way for the Saxons with five goals. Torrie Zarella, a junior attack, scored four for the winners while Saxon players Elspeth McGarry, a senior midfielder, and Anna Helmer, a sophomore midfielder, both contributed two.

Earning the win in the net for Langley was senior goalie Mary Riley Pembroke.

Woodson, which at one point had trailed 8-2 during the latter stages of the first half, got within striking distance at 13-11 when Rachel Obregon (team-leading three goals) scored on the move from eight yards out with 4 minutes, 44 seconds left in the second half.

Then, about a minute later, Woodson's Taylor Scott picked up a loose ball, maneuvered towards the Saxon goal area and scored what looked to be another Cavalier goal. But a penalty nullified the score and a Woodson player was issued a yellow card. Woodson, which would have been within one goal of Langley had the score stood,

never found the net again as Langley, over most of the remaining time, effectively held onto the ball and won the game.

"It was a big, big turnaround," said Pembroke, the Saxon goal tender, of the disallowed Woodson goal.

Pembroke, an Honorable Mention All-Region selection this spring, could not have been happier for her teammates in winning the championship game.

"We play real well as a team," she said. "Woodson had a great game but we came out big in the end."

Langley reached the title game with wins over Edison, Oakton and Annandale. Woodson, the top seed from the Patriot District, made it to the finals with victories over Robinson, Stone Bridge and Madison.

Woodson and head coach Meaghan O'Leary are looking forward to states.

"It is tough to lose such a big game, and to come very close to winning," said O'Leary, of the finals loss to the Saxons. "But getting to the regional finals game is a great accomplishment for our team. We will learn from our loss and get ready for the state tournament."

**THE LANGLEY BOYS** looked poised to win their second straight region title following a close-range, fast break goal off the left side by sophomore attack Sean Ahearn, the assist coming off a pass from teammate Jack Curry. The transition score, which came about following a save on the other end of the field by Langley goalie Andrew Spivey, gave the Saxons a 10-8 lead with 4 minutes, 37 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter of their region title game versus Robinson. While the contest was still far from over at that point, the Saxons had positioned themselves nicely for a win.

Their chances looked even better a few minutes later when senior midfielder Bryan Clubb picked up a loose ball with 3:10 showing. That was followed by a Langley timeout with 2:45 left to play.

But Langley could not hold off Robinson, which in the moments following the timeout gained possession of the ball before getting a crucial goal from junior midfielder Tom

Petrocci — a 12-yard bouncer shot from the left corner — with 1:59 left to get the Rams within 10-9.

Later, Petrocci (game-high five goals, four after halftime) came up big again, this time in the closing seconds of regulation when, in the most important Robinson possession of the game and perhaps the season, he moved right and threw in a shot from nine yards out for the equalizer with 18 seconds left.

**THE RAMS**, to a man, were thrilled to be heading into overtime. The Langley team, meanwhile, was a bit stunned.

"After we gave up that goal, it felt like we were losing even though it was tied," said Langley senior Ethan Bailey, a First Team All-Region attack player this spring who could not play in the title game due to a concussion he had received two days earlier in Langley's semifinals win over Westfield. "They had the momentum."

It was late in the 4-minute overtime session that Robinson scored and won the game when Rams' senior attackman Thurmond Shaw (three goals), on a straight-on shot from 10 yards out, found the top of the net, igniting a spontaneous, joyful on-field Robinson celebration.

"I thought Robinson played real well and we played well," said Bailey, who viewed the entire game from the Saxons' sideline. "We had a lead in the fourth."

Ahearn led Langley with four goals in the game, while Jack Sandusky had two. Also finding the net for the Saxons were Jack Lundeen, Ryan Miller, Thomas Robinson and Luke Saizer. The Rams, along with the big games from Petrocci and Shaw, received two goals from Jason Stein and one from Connor Ruddy. Senior goalie Keenan Kevan earned the win in net.

Langley, the defending state champions, will be looking to defend that crown when it begins state tournament play later this week.

"This year, as opposed to last year, we're always getting teams' best efforts," said Bailey. "Teams always know they're playing the state champs and they are gunning for us harder."

A handy feature of the new website enables visitors to click on a keyword, such as a particular art medium, to bring up selected artists for viewing side-by-side. In this case, the site shows artists who work in 'mixed media.' Other keywords include 'art instruction,' 'pottery,' 'portrait commission,' 'jewelry' and sculpture.' The website address is: [www.GreatFallsStudios.com](http://www.GreatFallsStudios.com).



## Art Group Updates Website

Great Falls Studios reaches for audiences at home, around the world.

Great Falls Studios, a consortium of painters, photographers, potters, sculptors, quilters, jewelry designers and other artists who live or work in Great Falls, has upgraded its website to make viewing the work of local artists more convenient. The website address is: [www.GreatFallsStudios.com](http://www.GreatFallsStudios.com).

"Our challenge was to construct an attractive and easy-to-navigate place to display the work of our 90 members, while also serving the community of Great Falls," said Robin Kent, a photographer who doubles as chairman of the group's website committee. "We wanted to highlight our local presence but also to open our work to markets around the world."

Website visitors can view the creative output of 59 artists — additional members of the group are being added weekly — listed alphabetically with a sample of their work. Clicking on an artist will take the viewer to a page with more art samples plus a note on the artist's philosophy or approach. If the artist has a personal website or writes a blog, visitors link to that as well.

One handy feature on the site sorts artists by medium or other keyword. Those thinking about commissioning a portrait of a loved one, for instance, can ask the site to bring up all the portrait painters in Great Falls, with samples displayed side by side, making it easier to select the artist who is most appropriate for the job.

**THE SITE** also provides an easy way to keep up with the growing number of art events in Great Falls, including exhibitions at various businesses around town. Separate pages post events and a calendar. Details are provided about major events, such as the annual Great Falls Art Studio Tour, including the ability to download maps and a catalog.

"The new site is just a beginning," Kent said. "Soon, we will be putting up an online gallery with themed exhibitions that will change periodically. The idea is to bring the breadth of artistic talent in Great Falls to everyone's home computer. By constantly changing the virtual exhibition, we hope to invite visitors



**The new Great Falls Studios website enables viewers to look at the work of individual artists from Great Falls. This page, of painter Jennifer Duncan, is typical. In addition to images of Duncan and her work, the page includes a short text block about her art. In all, there are 90 members of Great Falls Studios.**

back on a regular basis."

Great Falls Studios was founded in 2003 to help local artists work together to develop professionally. It also quickly became a community service organization. One of its goals is to make Great Falls a more artful place and a center for creativity in northern Virginia. Toward that end, it established the non-profit Great Falls Foundation for the Arts in 2007. The Foundation operates independently with its own board of directors, cooperating with Great Falls Studios on many art-related community projects. The Foundation, known as GFFFTA, runs the Great Falls School of Art as well as the Artists Atelier, a collaborative work environment in a Great Falls loft, where 16 artists maintain studios.

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## NEWS

# New Tysons Envisioned

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The plan is far more modest than the initial proposal put forward 18 months ago by the Tysons Corner Land Use Task Force, a county advisory group.

The task force, which included several Tysons landowners, had floated development caps for the business district as high as 127 million square feet by 2050. Tysons currently has about 47 million square feet, according to a George Mason University study.

The Planning Commission concluded that the task force density recommendations would be unsustainable. That amount of density would likely overwhelm local infrastructure.

**BUT SOME DEVELOPERS** have called the Planning Commission too conservative. They have also complained about other requirements — mandatory contributions to roads and parks as well as a requirement to provide middle income housing.

Ultimately, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors have the final say on the plan. They have scheduled a hearing on the Planning Commission proposal June 27 and will take their own vote later this summer.

Unlike the planning commission, the supervisors are elected by the public. Tysons landowners are some of the largest contributors to their election campaigns.

## Housing Over Office Space

The Planning Commission has gone to great lengths to encourage residential development in Tysons Corner over the next 20 years.

Currently, Tysons houses about 112,600 workers during the day but only 18,500 residents. This imbalance makes it difficult to sustain a vibrant nightlife and exacerbates traffic congestion, since most people with jobs in Tysons do not live in the community.

“The more residential development we get in Tysons Corner the better the impact will be on traffic,” said Alcorn, who was one of the architects of the proposal.

The Planning Commission decided not to place a limit on residential development in Tysons. However, they have capped office space to 45 million square feet before 2030. Currently, 27 million square feet of office space exists in Tysons Corner with another 6 million approved to come online.

According to the plan, no more than 65 percent of most developments closest to the transit stations can be office space. Such developments must also be at least 20 percent residential.

Building proposals within a quarter mile of the Metro would also have to seek a special exception if they ask for more than two square feet of office space per one square foot of land.

## No Bonus for ‘Green’ Building

The Planning Commission decided against providing extra density to builders who decided to make their developments “green” by getting special certification.

This is a departure from the task force recommendation, which suggested developers should receive automatic density bonuses for going “green.”

The commissioners said there is a market demand for environmentally friendly development and developers did not necessarily need incentives to employ “green” building techniques.

“Two developers at the meeting for the Reston Master Plan said their base standard in all buildings is [LEED] gold. And these were not small developers making these statements,” said Planning Commissioner Frank de la Fe (Hunter Mill).

The commissioners agreed to look into whether the Virginia General Assembly might allow them to offer a tax break to developers who pursue “green” buildings.

## Moderate-Income Housing Required

Despite grumbling from developers at public hearings, the Planning Commission held fast to a requirement for 20 percent of the units in most residential projects to be priced for moderate-income households.

The units would be reserved for people making from 50 percent of the average median income in Fairfax County to 120 percent of the average median income. Currently, this includes households earning \$61,000 to \$120,000 per year.

As written, the Tysons affordable housing requirement, at 20 percent, is higher than a similar countywide requirement of just 12 percent.

“Yes, it is higher than elsewhere

in the county. But the density is much higher as well,” said Jim Zook, Fairfax County’s Planning and Zoning director.

Planning Commissioner John Litzenberger (Sully) also added that developers still make a profit off units sold to people making between 90 percent and 120 percent of the average median income.

“They do make money off them, just not as much,” he said.

In some cases, developers may be allowed to pool their moderate-income housing and create one large community, instead of mixing the units in with the market price homes.

This made Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan (Mount Vernon) uncomfortable. He did not like the idea of segregating workforce housing from market-rate housing.

Other commissioners were less concerned.

“This is not low-income housing. This is basically middle-class housing,” said Alcorn.

“I would be pleased if someone let me live next to them and they made \$61,000 per year,” said Planning Commissioner Suzanne Harsel (Braddock).

Those building non-residential development will also be required to contribute three dollars for every square foot of non-residential floor space to an affordable housing trust fund.

## Concerns Over Public Facilities

In the end, Planning Commissioner Jay Donahue (Dranesville) became the only member to vote against the redevelopment plan.

“I am not going to support the motion. I am concerned about the impact on Dranesville and Dranesville facilities,” said Donahue, who represents McLean and Great Falls.

Specifically, Donahue was upset that language in the plan called for 20 new playing fields to be built in Tysons as well as the surrounding area. He said this would have too much of adverse impact on the surrounding communities.

“I would like a little more language that we are committing to building these fields in Tysons itself,” said Donahue.

But Fairfax County planning staff said it would be very hard to find space for 20 new playing fields inside the boundary of Tysons.

“It is going to be exceedingly difficult to find space for those 20 fields in Tysons,” said Zook.

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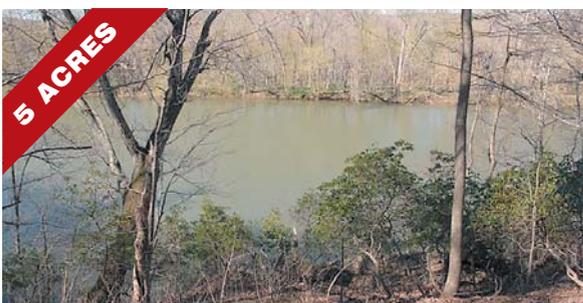
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