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Sewer Under Scrutiny

Businesses supportive, residents divided on sewer system for Great Falls commercial center.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

About two dozen members of the Great Falls Citizens Association met March 8 to discuss solutions to the wastewater problems in the commercial center of Great Falls, and will soon be sending out a poll seeking the community's input. As many of the septic fields serving the properties around the intersection of Georgetown Pike and Walker Road are failing, in poor condition or approaching the end of their life cycle, the GFCA is looking for a way to solve these problems, which could include installation of a sewer line.

Former GFCA President Ralph Apton says that when he met with the county more than a year ago, they said that a solution would be needed soon.

"In August 2009, county officials gave us a timeline, they said that nothing would be critical for about 10-12 years, then you'll start seeing serious problems," Apton said. "But you can't just wait 10-12 years. It takes five years to plan, develop, construct. So you really have five or six years. Two of those years are gone, so we're now down to about two to three years in which something has to be done."

THE OPTIONS presented by the GFCA were: continuation of the current situation, adding a sewer line or adding a pretreatment facility and onsite disposal facilities, though most agree that leaving the systems as they are is not an option.

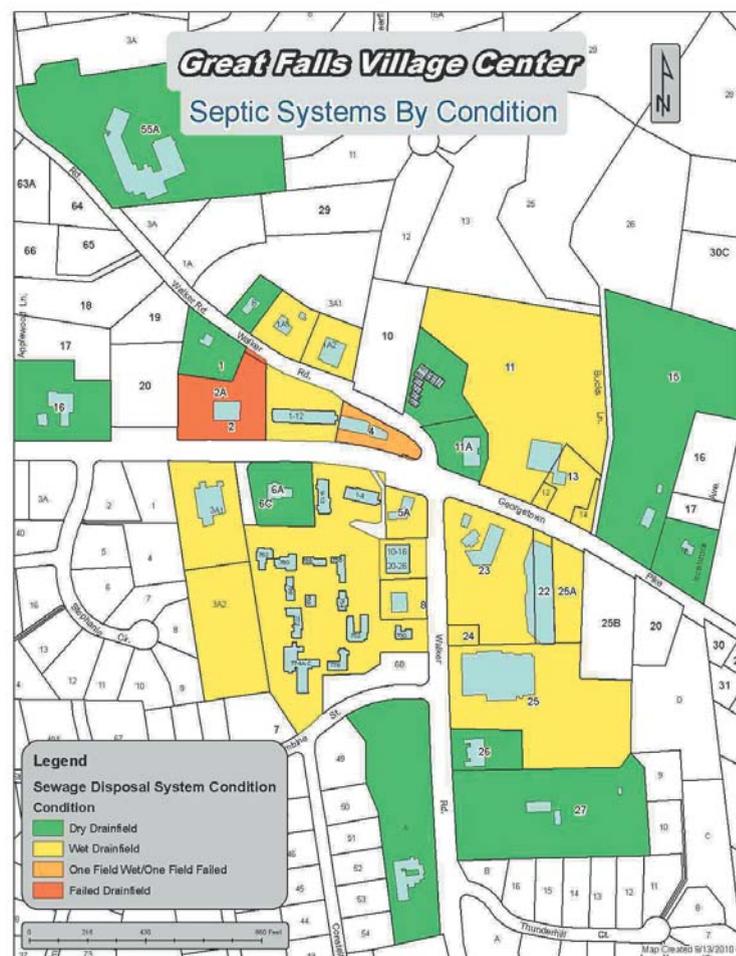
"When we talk about the status quo, I don't think it's an option," said Mike Kearney, owner of the Old Brogue. "Can we survive another 10-15 years? Sure, we can continue to Band Aid the problem. But in 20, 40 years, that's not the answer."

Kearney mentioned the trucks that currently pump and haul the failed drainfields close to the intersection of Georgetown Pike and Walker Road, such as the lot with the 7-11 buildings and the site of the fire station. Each truck can haul away 2,500 gallons of wastewater, and the Great Falls Village Centre alone puts out around 10,000 gallons per day.

"That's four full trucks per day going down Walker Road if one of our systems has a failure," he said.

The Great Falls Business and Professional Association, which includes many of the property owners around the commercial center, released a statement about their views on a possible sewer.

"In order to maintain a healthy and viable business district, the Great Falls Business and Professional Association encourages the Great Falls Citizens As-



Fairfax County has determined that many of the septic fields around the Great Falls commercial center are failing or approaching the end of their lifecycle. The Great Falls Citizens Association will be sending out a poll asking residents if they support a sewer to help resolve the wastewater issues in Great Falls.

sociation to design and implement a community poll or petition in the near future in an effort to ask Fairfax County to remedy the wastewater problems by bringing in the force-main sewer to the commercial district of Great Falls," the statement said.

GFBPA Vice President Michael Vandergrift said that while they supported a sewer to help their business flourish, they were not pushing for further development.

"In no way are we pushing for higher density," Vandergrift said.

The GFCA will be sending out a poll to all residents in the 22066 ZIP code to gauge the community's thoughts on the wastewater issue. The main question is, will the community support a sewer line in Great Falls?

If they did, Fairfax County would have to set up a sewer district. The district would encompass the properties in the commercial center of Great Falls, and could go up Walker Road and encompass Great Falls Elementary School as well.

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The Red Shouldered Hawk is a common predator often seen patrolling our skies in Great Falls. Walt Lawrence of Great Falls photographed this one in flight against a forested backdrop.

Bird-Election Preview: Meet the Candidates

Every state has an official bird, but few cities or towns have adopted bird symbols of their own. Now Great Falls is doing its bit to change all that. From now through June, the village will host a series of art and photography events leading up to the "election" of the Great Falls bird. You can vote for your choice between now and May 15 at the website of Great Falls Studios, www.GreatFallsStudios.com.

In the interest of good civics, the Connection is profiling each of the seven nominated bird "candidates." This is the sixth of our profiles. The information comes from the website of the Great Falls Citizens Association.

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK.

People in Great Falls who raise chickens (yes, we actually have chicken farmers here) frequently look over their shoulders for this dramatic hunter from the skies. Although it is true that the Red-Shouldered has been known to take poultry from time to time, it more routinely feeds on small mammals. In winter, however, it sometimes makes off with small birds at backyard feeders. To some observers, this violent role in nature's elegant scheme may be disquieting. To others, it illustrates an exquisite specialty.

The Red-Shouldered is considered a medium to large-

sized, broad-winged hawk. It reaches up to 2 feet in length, has a wingspan of up to 43 inches and is notable for barred reddish under parts. Among other attractive markings: black and white stripes on its wings and tail. The male performs wheeling courtship dances that include steep dives. Its calls, a loud kee-aah among them, can be heard throughout Great Falls, where the species has grown more common in recent years, according to local birders. The hawk prefers mature forests and lowlands near water and has found ideal habitat in our village, where it builds a stick nest, reusable (with repairs) from year to year, high in the crotch of large trees. For more information, go to: www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Red-shouldered_Hawk/id.

Why it should be the Great Falls bird. A talented, aggressive hunter that also looks well-tailored, is an ideal symbol for a suburb of Washington, where matters of state often involve sharp talons, loud calls and steep dives. It is also monogamous, which most politicians consider a plus. Kids like it because the young at five days old shoot their feces over the edge of the nest. Bird poop on the ground is a sign of an active nest, say the ornithologists at the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology.

Donate Sporting Goods to '2nd Glance Gear'

Used but still useable sporting goods will be collected by 2nd Glance Gear in Great Falls for the next four weekends. The group, started by twins William and Caroline Bean, 9, will donate all sporting goods collected to the Washington, D.C. Parks and Recreation Department.

The sporting goods will be collected from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the MAX Youth and Performance Fitness Studio at 1137 Walker Road, which is at the intersection of Walker Road and Colvin Run Mill Road.

They are looking for equipment that can still be used - no bats with dents, cracked helmets or equipment missing straps will be taken.

Needs include equipment for basketball, soccer, football, baseball, softball, track and field, cheerleading and boxing, as well as jerseys and hats. Equipment for other sports will also be taken.

Bicentennial Celebration Planned at Colvin Run Mill

Colvin Run Mill will celebrate its 200th anniversary on Sunday, April 10, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. During this first grind of the year, watch as the mill harnesses the power of the 20-foot wooden waterwheel to run the grinding stones and sample delicious cornmeal baked into muffins. There'll be fun for the whole family - enjoy free tours of the mill and miller's house, march alongside costumed military re-enactors, try your hand at corn shelling and grinding, see the blacksmith fire up the forge, play old-fashioned games, and take your turn at chores. Local dignitaries will be on hand for a short ceremony at 1 p.m.

Restored to its 1811 appearance and operation, Colvin Run Mill is an example of the cutting-edge industrial engineering of its day. It is one of the last examples of America's flourishing 19th century flour trade. In the early 1800s, over 40 mills operated in and contributed to the economic growth of Fairfax County. Celebrate our shared history and make a visit to this landmark part of your family's story.

Colvin Run Mill is located at 10017 Colvin Run Road in Great Falls, VA. For more information call 709-759-2771 or visit online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/crm>.

Liberty Swing Will Open at Clemyjontri Park

Clemyjontri Park in McLean is known as a playground where children of all abilities can play together. Now, due in large measure to the generosity of several donors and the hard work of the Friends of Clemyjontri Park and the Fairfax County Park Foundation, Clemyjontri Park will feature the Liberty Swing, a unique apparatus which makes it possible for all children to enjoy the freedom and delight of getting on a swing - even those in wheelchairs.

On Saturday, April 16, at 9 a.m. ribbon cutting ceremonies will take place at the park. The public is invited to join in the celebration which recognizes donors who contributed toward the funding of the \$104,000 project. Representatives from both Capital One Bank and HITT Contracting, Inc. of Falls Church, will be among those honored. Light refreshments will be served following the event.

Clemyjontri Park is located at 6317 Georgetown Pike McLean, Va. For more information, visit online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/clemyjontri/>. For information on how you can contribute to this wonderful playground visit the Fairfax County Park Foundation at <http://www.fxparcs.org/>.

Colvin Run will also have a presentation on Actively Caring for People, a new character education and anti-bullying program at Colvin Run. A panel of teachers, students, counselors and administrators will discuss the program's message, how students are rewarding each other for acts of kindness, and how the message can be carried into the larger community.

NEWS



PHOTOS BY DEB COBB/THE CONNECTION

The St. Frances Snow Angels sing as Music Director Virginia Sircy plays the organ.

Lifting Every Voice

On Sunday, March 5, St. Francis Episcopal Church hosted the 8th Great Falls Ecumenical Council Choir Sing, with performances from seven local choirs and local musician Madeline MacNeil. Participating choirs were: The St. Francis Snow Angels, Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church Choir, Voices of Workshop Community Choir, Great Falls United Methodist Church Choir, Male Gospel Chorus of First M. Olive Baptist Church, and Mt. Olive Baptist Church Choir. This is the eighth year of the Ecumenical Choir Sing.



Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church Choir, directed by Bob Leggett, performs at the "Lift Every Voice" Ecumenical Choir Sing at St. Francis Episcopal Church. The 240-seat sanctuary was at capacity.



The Voices of Worship Community Choir of Salem Baptist Church performed "Freedom Medley" a medley of spirituals. The choir is directed by Felicia Kessel Crawley (not pictured).



The Great Falls United Methodist Choir, directed by Robert "Mitch" Mitchell performs at the Great Falls Ecumenical Council Choir Sing.

Live Hawk Highlights Bird-Sketching Event

Artists and bird watchers gearing up for an election to pick an official Great Falls bird symbol joined together on Saturday to meet a live Red-tailed Hawk at a special ornithology event to help artists draw birds more accurately.

The bird-sketching symposium, attended by about 25 people, was held at the Artists' Atelier, a working studio for 16 Great Falls artists in the community's Colvin Run area. It was sponsored jointly by the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia and the art group Great Falls Studios.

The meeting was led by Rich Bailey, naturalist at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, together with Mary Mclean, a master naturalist with the Audubon Naturalist Society. They reviewed natural history of local birds, including the seven avian candidates in the Great Falls bird election, and provided bird wings, feathers and other artifacts to help explain the basics of how a bird works.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL McDERMOTT

Naturalist Rich Bailey of Potomac Overlook Regional Park holds a Red-tailed Hawk during a bird-sketching session associated with the election of a bird symbol to represent Great Falls.

The red-tailed hawk is a permanent resident of a bird-rehabilitation facility at Potomac Overlook Park in north Arlington. One of its wings had been permanently injured in a collision with a vehicle. Artists were able to examine the bird's feather configurations, feet

and talons, and beak and to sketch it.

The bird election continues through May 15 in Great Falls, and residents can vote for the bird they think best represents the community by going to www.GreatFallsStudios.com.

WEEK IN GREAT FALLS

A Look Into Area's Future

Great Falls Group Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, March 22, at 7 p.m. will discuss: What will Northern Virginia Look Like in the Future?

Charlie Grymes, Chairman of the Prince William Conservation Alliance, contemplates how development will affect our communities, forest, and streams. If we continue to grow as we have, how will these natural resources be affected? What will our neighborhoods look like? This forward-looking presentation draws upon geologic knowledge and human perspectives to guide participants in the stewardship of their natural environment.

The meeting will be held at the McLean Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road in McLean.

10th District Academy Day Set for April 9

Area students interested in attending one of the nation's service academies are encouraged to attend to the 10th District Academy Day at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 9, at the Loudoun County School Board Office in Ashburn.

Representatives from the U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and U.S. Coast Guard Academy will be in attendance. In addition, representatives from the R.O.T.C., Virginia Military Institute, Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets and the DoD Medical Examination Review Board have been invited.

Students and parents will have the opportunity to meet individually with these representatives, as well as participate in panel discussions.

The 2011 Academy nomination season is now "open" for inquiries from students considering attending one of the U.S. service academies. For more information about the congressional nominating process or Academy Day, contact Ann Potocnak in Congressman Wolf's Herndon office at (703) 709-5800 or by e-mail at ann.potocnak@mail.house.gov.

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Christi Romney, who now serves as director of operations for Serve A Village, walks with children in Uganda during one of the organization's service trips. Serve A Village helps communities all around the world, including Africa, Haiti and Russia.

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Serving Around the Globe

Great Falls-based Serve A Village works to help communities around the world.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

South Africa has been a part of Great Falls resident Alisa Cozzens' life for more than 40 years. Her mother moved to a farm near the village of Magareng and Cozzens and her brother soon found a niche caring for the people of the village.

"Even when we came back to the United States, we would collect clothes, books, sporting goods and other items to send back to the village," Cozzens said. "When my kids were doing Eagle Scout projects, their projects would be geared towards the village, and as more people got involved, we would shoot for bigger projects." Cozzens has now spread her

outreach across the world, and serves as executive director of Serve A Village, a nonprofit based in Great Falls. Volunteers for the organization make several trips per year, each time bringing as many donated items as possible with them.

IN MAGARENG, Serve A Village has helped collect items and winterize an HIV/AIDS orphan day care, send people to computer courses and outfitted soccer teams.

"We hope to make Magareng into a model community, we're working on lowering the very high unemployment and HIV/AIDS education," Cozzens said.

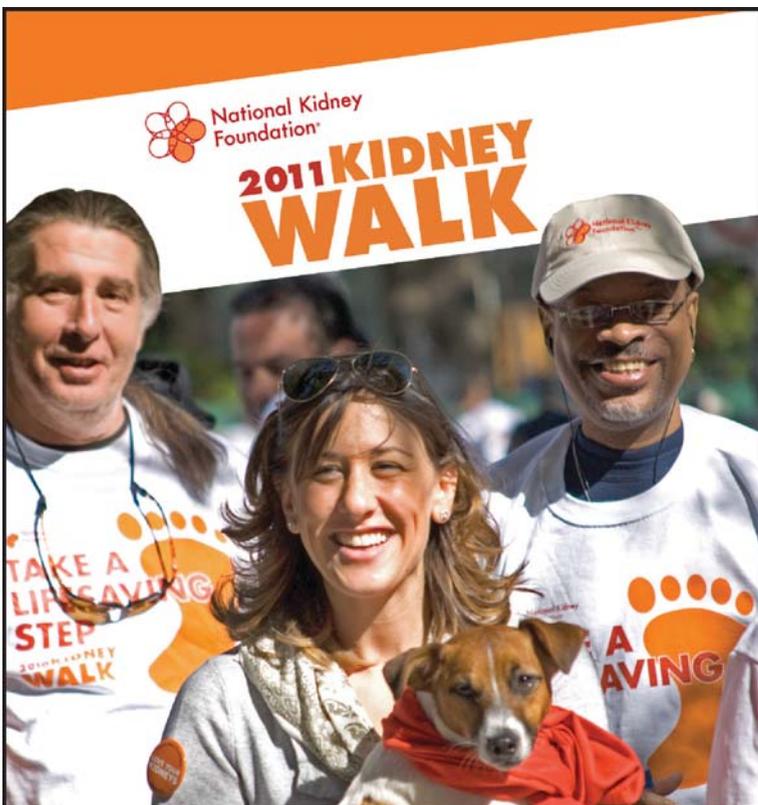
In addition to their work in Magareng, the organization collects for the Children's Cancer

Hospital in Moscow, a mother and child hospital in Kenya and a general hospital in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. They also organized donations of medical supplies to Haiti after the January 2010 earthquake and are currently looking into ways to aid the people of Japan struck by last week's earthquake.

Christi Romney, who now serves as Serve A Village's director of operations, first began working in South Africa after traveling there while doing her thesis in Public Health. She says Serve A Village looks for strong, on-the-ground leadership in the communities they help.

"We want to see capable, powerful individuals who are capable of keeping our projects going in between trips. They have to know the communities," Romney said. "That way it's not just Americans coming in and putting Band Aids on."

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Spring Art Festival Returns on April 9-10

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All of the artwork is created by Great Falls artists, most of whom work out of their home studios. You can also vote in person for the village bird as part of Vote 2011: Wings Across Great Falls.

This year's show includes paintings, pottery, photographs, jewelry, drawings, art quilts, weaving, and woodcarving, plus artful gifts and cards.

A drawing for four \$50 "Art Bucks" door prizes will be held Saturday afternoon at 5 p.m. A portion of the sale proceeds will go to the school. Admission is free. Call Linda Jones, 703-442-9251 for more information.



"Returning Home To Number Fourteen," watercolor painting by Linda Jones.

Helping 'a Little at a Time'

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Karen Seneca of Reston has been involved with the group since its earliest days, since a mutual friend introduced her to Cozzens. She has been on two previous trips to South Africa, and says she enjoys the variety of service opportunities.

"You can really branch out, whether it's to the orphanage in Russia, or connecting with a good friend that helped us connect to areas in Haiti that needed help after the earthquake," Seneca said. "It's nothing grandiose, just helping a little at a time, but it does make a difference."

Romney had a friend from Haiti that was able to inform Serve A Village about communities that weren't receiving aid in the wake of the earthquake, and they helped ship over pallets of first aid and hygiene supplies.

"We got an overwhelming response when we started collecting right after the earthquake," Romney said. "Now that the immediate crisis is over, they need more

economic stimulation activities, like gardening and embroidery supplies."

Romney said that she spent the morning of Friday, March 11 working with Serve A Village contacts to find out what the immediate needs in Japan were.

Cozzens says that the volunteers that go on the trips get as much out of it as the people they are helping.

"Once people have seen what it's like over there, they feel different, they become personally involved," Cozzens said. "Just being there, you see what we take for granted, you're reminded of the basic needs they have that aren't being met."

Romney still remembers her first trip to Kibera, a neighborhood in Kenya, which is the second-largest urban slum in Africa.

"Seeing the tin roofs that go on forever and the people packed in there, many who don't have jobs or running water, really makes you feel the overwhelming needs they have," Romney said. "That's an image I'll never shake."

Seneca says many volunteers

take the memories of their service back home with them, and it shapes their everyday life.

"Being around people in such need helps to create more kindness in your everyday life," Seneca said. "It really changes your life. You don't become so materialistic, you realize that these people don't have anywhere close to the luxuries we do."

Romney agreed, saying "you really do see a change in the volunteers after they make their first trip, and we've found the desire to help continues. They're always asking what else they can do."

Cozzens says that 100 percent of everything collected goes to helping the people they serve, no one involved with the organization is paid.

SERVE A VILLAGE is planning a trip to South Africa at the end of April, and a trip to Kenya at the beginning of May. More information on upcoming trips, as well as information on updates on their outreach to Japan, can be found at www.servavillage.org.

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The Board is interested in hearing residents' ideas for classes, community events, theatre programs, exhibits, tours and youth and teen activities.

If you would like to speak at the hearing, call the Center to have your name placed on the speakers' list. You also may submit comments in writing to: mail@mcleancenter.org.



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OPINION

Racing for the Cure

Global Race for the Cure is Saturday, June 4.
Run, walk, sleep in or pitch in.

Last year, Komen Global Race for the Cure conducted a study of breast health in the Washington Metropolitan area, showing that women diagnosed with breast cancer here are more likely to die from breast cancer than the national average.

One conclusion is that health care infrastructure in the area is overly fragmented, producing significant hurdles for many women, particularly women who are poor or whose first language is not English.

In announcing grants to local organizations and kicking off registration for the 2011 Komen Global Race for the Cure, the organization cited the diverse population locally as a reason for more aggressive outreach here.

In Arlington, for example, there are women from at least 128 different countries speaking at least 95 languages. The event brings almost 50,000 runners and walkers to the National Mall in June and raises millions of dollars for breast cancer outreach and education.

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Some women are afraid of the screening process, some are worried about cost, some don't have a way to travel to medical appointments, some don't know what resources are available, some don't understand the benefits of early detection or the urgency of follow-up, and many aren't aware of the success of modern cancer treatments, believing a cancer diagnosis is a death sentence.

In the current environment, some immigrant women worry that accessing programs for the uninsured could lead to issues with immigration.

Based on its findings, Komen announced local grants of about \$4.5 million to improve both patient and provider education and to reduce fragmentation to enhance capacity to screen and provide follow-up care.

Two grants will focus on provider education, helping doctors and other breast health providers develop a better understanding of the myths, fears and needs of the different cultural populations of the women they serve. The

grants will encourage partnerships between providers in the region so that patients can be easily and efficiently referred from screening all the way through to survivorship, limiting difficulties with travel and work requirements, wait times, and financial assistance.

Eleven grants focus on patient education in a culturally competent manner to convey the importance of screening, effectiveness of modern treatments and survivorship. Among local organizations receiving grants: Arlington Free Clinic, From Education to Access; Prevent Cancer Foundation - Celebremos la vida!: Providing Educational Outreach and Screening, in Alexandria; Vietnamese Resettlement Association - Breast Cancer Education, Screening and Follow up, in Falls Church; Nueva Vida - Comprehensive Support Services for Latinas with Breast Cancer; American Association on Health and Disability - Bridging the Gap: No Woman Left Behind, in Rockville.

The 2011 Komen Global Race for the Cure will take place on Saturday, June 4, 2011.

You can run or walk the 5K, or even "Sleep In for the Cure," and there are special activities for children 12 and under.

For more, visit www.globalraceforthecure.org or call 703-416-RACE (7223).

'One of the Most Successful Sessions'

By BARBARA COMSTOCK
STATE DEL. (R-34)



The 2011 General Assembly session was one of the most successful sessions in years. The bipartisan measures we passed have helped improve the lives and economic opportunities of all Virginians by making the first significant investment in transportation in a decade, helping businesses to grow and create new jobs, laying the groundwork for a better life for people with mental disabilities, reforming our higher education system to increase affordability and access for Virginia students, and passing a budget that is fiscally responsible and structurally balanced.

Once again, we kept our spending at 2006 levels, while not raising taxes or fees, and cutting out unnecessary items such as the Senate's proposal to spend \$300 million for a new "Taj Mahal" General Assembly office building. Reports of our improving economy and the recent 6.5% unemployment rate make Virginia among the most fiscally sound states in the country.

The following provides details on some of the key measures I focused on this session:

JOBS. HB 1447, Research and Development Tax Credit: We passed a Research and Development tax credit bill, which brought us in line with over 30 states which already have this credit. I was the Chief Co-Patron of this bill to help companies bring new technologies to market. As The Washington Post reported, members of the Northern Virginia Technology Council and the Virginia Biotechnology Association called the session and this measure a "resounding win."

HB 2197, Telework Tax Credit: My Telework bill, which passed overwhelmingly, will grant employers a tax credit for expenses incurred in developing and implementing telework arrangements for employees. The bill is both a family-friendly work policy as well as a transportation congestion solution. It was supported by the Northern Virginia Technology Council, which has long been a leader in promoting telework policies, as well as by the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce and the Virginia Small Business Partnership.

HB 2052, Secret Ballot Protection: Delegate Tim Hugo and I introduced legislation to require the use of secret ballots in any union

election and to prohibit the so called "card check" method of union elections which could force unions on a workplace without individuals having the right to vote in private. Because of federal regulatory agencies trying to impose unionization by regulation, we introduced this measure to protect Virginia workers and workplaces. When the U.S. Congress tried to eliminate the right to a secret ballot through the card check bill, even liberal icons like George McGovern called it "a disturbing and undemocratic overreach." George McGovern has noted that there are many documented cases where workers have been "pressured, harassed, tricked and intimidated into signing cards" that then lead to unionized workplaces. While HR 2052 passed in the House of Delegates with bipartisan support, the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee did not vote out this worker protection measure.

TRANSPORTATION. HB 2527, Transportation Package: I co-patroned the transportation plan passed this year, which was the first significant transportation plan in years. The plan will provide over \$4 billion in much needed transportation infrastructure funding over the next three years with-

out raising taxes. This multi-faceted transportation package, which is the single largest infusion of funding in decades, will fund over 900 projects across the Commonwealth, including work on widening Route 7.

HB 2203, Revenue Sharing: In relation to this transportation effort, I sponsored a bill on behalf of Fairfax County, which was incorporated into the transportation package, and allows Fairfax to once again be on an equal footing for obtaining revenue-sharing funds.

EDUCATION. HB 2510, Higher Education Act of 2011: I was a co-patron of a major Higher Education bill, which was passed unanimously in the General Assembly. This initiative will enable our institutions to meet the goal of issuing an additional 100,000 degrees over the next 15 years, making Virginia one of the most highly educated states in the nation and providing our state with a workforce that will attract top jobs. Based on this legislation, the University of Virginia Board of Visitors is poised to add nearly 1,000 new spaces for in-state students that will help many of our top students in Northern Virginia

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The Langley Model UN team.



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Langley High School Model UN Team Earns First Place

The Langley Model UN team received the Secretary General's award, first place, at the Model UN Conference held President's Day weekend at Duke University, Durham, N.C. Langley's team is sponsored by LHS faculty member, Suzanne Schettini. In addition to the team award, twenty two students received individual delegate awards.

BEST DELEGATE: Kimiya Hahighi, Arianna Talaie, Andrew Kil, Miriam Ahmed, Gray Decker, Mujtaba Wani, Lauren Meeker, Muskan Mumtaz,

Will Mannon.

OUTSTANDING DELEGATE: Cythnia Ding, Eliza Campbell, Alexcia Chambers.

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VERBAL DELEGATE: Myunghoon Kim, Matthew Anderson, Shams Haidari, Kushali Marawaha and Skye Tore.



Colvin Run Dragons preparing to show their innovation

Colvin Run Dragons Win 4th Place in Regional Competition

On March 5 Colvin Run Elementary School team consisting of fourth graders Ela Pandellapalli, Andy Sharpe, Sofia Rojas, Eliza Pastore and Esh Pandellapalli participated in the NOVA West Odyssey of the Mind regional competition held at Falls Church High School. In this competition children are expected to come up with their ideas and strategy from beginning to end.

A total of 280 teams from Northern Virginia participated in OOM regional competition. This

team from Colvin Run worked numerous hours starting from November on a contraption to water plants without hurting your back that consisted of more than 10 moving parts and mostly all the simple machines.

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The Pretty Reckless and A Thousand Horses. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Book Discussion Group. 7:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Call for title. Adults. 703-757-8560.

FRIDAY/MARCH 18

Family Piano Concert: Pianist Valery Lloyd-Watts. 7 p.m. Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Road S.W., Vienna. Adults \$15, children and seniors \$10, under age 2 free. 703-734-0621 or jiselway@harnesseyarts.com.

Deanna Bogart Band. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Rockin' into Spring Dance. 8 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Live music by The Fabulous Hubcaps. Cash bar. Tickets \$5-\$20. www.mcleancenter.org.

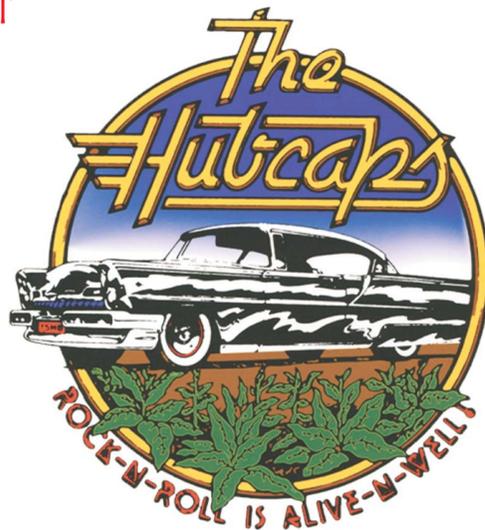
From Bizet to Broadway. 8 p.m. The Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center Theater Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. The Northern Virginia Chorale and the Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Chorale, under the artistic direction of Robert S. Webb Jr. Aida's Triumphal Chorus, the Anvil Chorus from Il Trovatore and more. Advance adult tickets \$15, at the door \$20. Age 12-24 \$10, under age 12 free. www.northernvirginiachorale.org or 703-239-2180.

The Discovery Series: Cuareto Latinoamericano. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. A string quartet performing selections of Latin American classical music. \$35. www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/MARCH 19

Vienna-Tyson's Regional Chamber of Commerce Western Nite II and Taste of the Town. 7 p.m. Westwood Country Club, 800 Maple Ave., E., Vienna. Western-themed night with casino games, cash bar, silent auction, raffle and more. Sample food from fifteen local restaurants. Tickets \$75 in advance or \$85 at the door, and include two drink tickets and \$20K in gaming cash. 703-281-1333 or www.vtrcc.org.

McLean Symphony Spring Family Concert. 3 p.m. The Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Dukas' The Sorcerer's Apprentice, Holmberg's Water Suite



The Rockin' into Spring Dance on Friday, March 18, 8 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. in McLean, will feature live music by the oldies show band The Fabulous Hubcaps. Refreshments, appetizers and a cash wine bar will be available. Tickets are \$5-\$20, available at www.mcleancenter.org.

for Glass Harp, Piano and Orchestra, Smetana's The Moldau, and compositions by local student composers. Adults \$25, Seniors and youth \$20, under age 12 \$5. 703-790-9223 or www.mcleansymphony.org.

Enter the Haggis. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association. Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Line dance lessons at 7:30 p.m., beginners two-step at 8 p.m. Open dancing 8:30-11 p.m. Two step, waltz, line, swing, cha cha, and specialty dances. Couples and singles welcome. Admission \$5-\$12. www.nvcwda.org or 703-860-4941.

Historic Vienna, Inc. Antiques Appraisers. 12-4 p.m. Freeman Store and Museum, 131 Church St., N.E., Vienna. With appraisers Josephine Thrasher and Jim Johnson. \$8.50 per item for members of Historic Vienna, Inc. and \$12 per item for non-members, with a maximum of two items. Reservations required at 703-938-5187. www.historicvienna.org.

Paws to Read. 11 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Practice reading aloud to a trained therapy dog. Call to register. Ages 6-12. 703-757-8560.

5th Annual Ticket to Art. 4:30 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. Every ticket-holder can select an original artwork

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SUNDAY/MARCH 20

Camp Grow! Open House. 2 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Open House for the park's spring break and summer camp program. Preview camp activities. Free and open to the public. 703-255-3631.

Boys Will Be Boys, Crash Boom Bang and Andrew Rohlk at 5 p.m., Boys Will Be Boys, Crash Boom Bang and Samantha Darnell at 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Washington Symphonic Brass. 4 p.m. Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St., N.E., Vienna. Gabriel's "Canzonas," Tomasi's "Fanfares Liturgiques," works by Beethoven, Scheidt and more. Tickets \$25, age 17 and under free. www.amadeusconcerts.com.

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Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Stories, fingerplays and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-757-8560.

TUESDAY/MARCH 22

Turtle Time. 2 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Meet a turtle, explore the world of reptiles, and find out how to help turtles in your neighborhood with Riverbend Park. Preschool. 703-757-8560.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 23

Flint Hill Elementary School's 4th annual Show What You Know Expo. 6:30 p.m. Flint Hill Elementary School Gymnasium, 2444 Flint Hill Road, Vienna. A non-competitive event that encourages students to research topics outside of the classroom. 703-242-0051 or janemiscavage@hotmail.com.

SATURDAY/MARCH 26

Hunter Mill Community Meeting on the FY 2012 Budget. 9 a.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. One of two meetings in the Hunter Mill district to review the proposed FY 2012 budget. With Supervisor Cathy Hudgins and County budget staff, Hunter Mill budget committee members, and School Board representative Stu Gibson. Assistance with tax relief program for senior and disabled citizens also available. hntmill@fairfaxcounty.gov.

TUESDAY/MARCH 22

Virginia Lyme Disease Task Force Hearings. 7 p.m. Immanuel Bible Church main auditorium, 6911 Braddock Road, Springfield. Anyone may address Chairman Michael Farris and other Task Force members at the hearing. The hearing is being held

FRIDAY/MARCH 25

"The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams. 8 p.m. 1st Stage Theater, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. \$15-\$25. 703-854-1856 or www.1ststageyosons.org.

Ron Sexsmith "Late Player Bloomer" CD Release and Caitlin Rose. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Artists' Reception. 4-9 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. N.W., Vienna. With local artists Jackie Elwell, Elaine Florimonte, Debbie Glakas, Lisa Neher, Sarah Swart and Barbara Wagner. 703-319-3971.

Mason Dance Company 2011 Gala Concert.

8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Featuring work by Ohad Naharin, Lar Lubovitch, Robert Battle and Susan Shields. Tickets \$20 adults, \$12 students and seniors, available at the Center for the Arts Box Office, open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., or at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.



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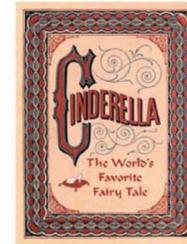
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Vietnam Veterans of America Inc. Chapter 227 Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane, Cedar Lane Shopping Center, Vienna. Doug Sterner, a decorated Vietnam veteran and military historian, will discuss people pretending to be decorated military veterans with medals for combat exploits and acts of heroism. Sterner is a strong advocate for the Stolen Valor Act of 2005. The general public and all veterans are invited. Free. 703-255-0353 or www.vva227.org.

Falls Church City GOP Committee Meeting. 7:30 p.m. American Legion Hall, 400 N. Oak St., Falls Church. With Prince William Board of County Supervisors Chairman Corey Stewart, Michael Zak, author of Back to Basics for the Republican Party & Mark Rhoads. 703-502-0161 or JTParmelee@aol.com.

FRIDAY/MARCH 18

VTRCC Brown Bag University. 11:45 a.m. Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, 8300 Boone Blvd. Suite 450, Vienna. Free. www.vtrcc.org.

SATURDAY/MARCH 19

Vienna-Tyson's Regional Chamber of Commerce 18th Annual Casino Night & Taste of the Town. 7 p.m. Westwood Country Club, 800 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Cash bar, live auction, casino games and more. \$75. 703-281-1333 or www.vtrcc.org.

Living Well and Thriving After Treatment. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Vienna. "A One-Day Educational and Healing Retreat for Cancer Survivors," offered by the Northern Virginia chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society. Free. Register at 703-558-6213 or special.projects@nvn.org.

CASA Invention Session. 11 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates

(CASA) is hosting an information session for those who would like to learn more about advocating for abused or neglected children. 703-273-3526, x22 or ekosarin@casafairfax.org.

Haven of Northern Virginia's Widow/Widower Support Group. 2 p.m. Haven of Northern Virginia, Inc., 4606 Ravensworth Road, Annandale. Six weekly meetings, through April 30. Free. Register at 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org.

Richmond Roundup. 9 a.m. American Legion Auxiliary Post 180, 330 Center St. North, Vienna. Michael Cassidy, Commonwealth Institute President and CEO, on "Poverty in Virginia." www.S-A-L-T.org.

Avoiding Divorce Court. 10 a.m. The Women's Center, 127 Park Street, NE, Vienna. How to Negotiate or Mediate a Property Settlement Agreement. \$45 registration fee, \$35 members. www.thewomenscenter.org.

Spring Sports - a Mix of Finality, Drama, and Determination for Seniors

The final leg of the high school sports year goes by in a flash.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

A majority of the high school sports year is now behind us. There have been thrilling football games, breath-taking autumn field hockey playoff contests, as well as dramatic wrestling and basketball matchups that have brought us through the cold months and up to the final phase of the prep school sports calendar - the seemingly more laid back spring-time sports season.

Now, with all of the local high school sports teams competing outdoors, coaches and athletes are hoping that the Northern Virginia spring will cooperate with lots of sunshine and good temperatures. Usually around this area, spring time weather is fickle with cold temperatures and overcast skies, and even an occasional March snow dusting. Over the years, many early spring season high school sporting events have been played in temperatures anywhere from the 30's to 40's. Baseball is my favorite sport but I can recall covering countless high school games which seemed endless and to be moving at a snail's pace because of the bitter cold weather conditions.

Many of the area prep school teams will travel to warmer areas over the upcoming spring break, such as Florida or South Carolina. This will, quite likely, allow them to get in a full week of quality practice time and games without having to endure cold temperatures. By the time they return to Fairfax County, the weather here will hopefully have turned the corner and there will be blue skies and good reason to dress in short sleeves.

Of all the high school sports seasons, the spring time athletic calendar seems to whoosh by in a flash. Once teams have gotten through the rocky first month or so - often spending practice time indoors because of the poor weather - spring break has come and gone and they are in the heart of their respective schedules with the postseason only a few weeks away. The two or three weeks leading up to the playoffs are filled with lots of games, including make-ups from earlier season postponements, over a short period of time.

FOR SENIORS, this is a bitter-sweet time in their high school athletic careers because it marks the final stage of their playing careers as representatives of their home town schools. Whereas three-sport senior athletes can complete their fall and winter sports seasons realizing they still have their spring sports season ahead, there is no such extension following the spring season. Seniors, as the spring sports season begins winding down, have lots on their plates such as finishing their season and high school playing careers strongly, winding up their scholastic work, finalizing college plans for the following fall and, of course, preparing for graduation day when family



As the spring moves on, temperatures warm up and the high school sports action gains more and more intense and exciting.

members and friends will celebrate what has been accomplished over their four years of the high school life.

Many student-athletes will go on to play sports in college. Most will find that the college sports world is more challenging than high school as coaches teach and insist that their freshmen improve their dedication and all around play to a higher level. While athletics will remain fulfilling, perhaps even to a greater extent, at the college level, the demands of balancing time dedicated to their sports and excelling in the classroom will be difficult but at the same time quite rewarding as student-athletes prove to themselves what they are capable of accomplishing with hard work.

But there is really no rush to push things faster along than they are already moving for today's high school senior athletes. We're not even at Easter yet, so the bulk of the spring sports season is still ahead. There will be lots of game-winning soccer goals, brilliant catches in the outfield, and races won at the wire to fill up scrapbooks and a lifetime of sporting memories.

While the spring sports playoffs in the months ahead will be going up against all of the graduation parties, preparations for final exams, and summer-time plans, student-athletes will, make no mistake, still be able to focus on the task ahead and end their respective seasons and careers with a bang. Seniors, realizing it's their final chance to shine as members of their high school team, will give it everything they've got over the final few weeks of the season and on into the playoffs. District, regional, and even state playoff games will be played in spectacular fashion as athletes and their teams look to leave a lasting mark on the school year and their playing careers.

For area sports fans who have enjoyed high school sports over the course of the past fall and winter seasons, this is no time to put a halt to attending high school sports events. There is a great spring season ahead as area school teams give it all they've got on their fields of play. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate. If it does, get ready for an exhilarating, fast-moving spring season of high school sports action.



The U-12 Great Falls Madrid boys' soccer team captured the title at the Jefferson Cup in Richmond. Top row, left to right: Darius Moazami, Glebe Mackay, Jacob Labovitz, Rohan Wendt, Logan Cushing, and Gerardo Paulette. Bottom row: Adrian Paltoo, Mitchell Pan, Chris Merklin, Michael Scully, Daniel Hulett, and Andrew Rummani.

Great Falls Madrid Wins Richmond Jefferson Cup

The Great Falls Madrid, a NCSL Div. 2, under-12 boys' soccer team coached by Jose Venegas of Hi Performance (HP) Soccer, competed in the 2011 Richmond Jefferson Cup Soccer Tournament over the weekend. The Madrid, currently the No. 3-ranked U12 boys' team in Virginia, went undefeated in the Superior Division, playing against teams from New York, South Carolina, and Charlottesville. An exciting weekend of soccer was only eclipsed by an even more exhilarating finish in the championship game, as the Madrid brought home the Championship Cup after winning on penalty kicks.

The Madrid started the tournament Saturday morning with a 1-1 tie against Empire United Blue from Rochester, N.Y. No one knew at the time that the game would be a warm-up for a rematch in the championship. Madrid scored first on a great strike by Jacob Labovitz. The defense, led by goalie Darius Moazami, Daniel Hulett, Andrew Rummani, and Mitchell Pan, held strong until midway through the second half when a bad skip off the wet grass skirted by the goalie.

Next up was CASL Elite 98 from Charlottesville. A rested Madrid came out with guns blazing. Anchored by a strong midfield led by Michael Scully, Glebe Mackay, and Logan Cushing, they were able to win the middle and distribute the ball well, resulting in a 6-1 win. Striker Jacob Labovitz put two into the net, while Logan Cushing, Chris Merklin, Adrian Paltoo, and Glebe Mackay each had one goal. The win put the

Madrid in the semi-finals against undefeated Gaston United Blue from South Carolina on Sunday morning.

A great team effort was on display as midfielders Gerardo Paulette and Rohan Wendt stepped in and used their strong legs and smart positioning to close passing lanes. A 60-yard punt by Darius Moazami landed 10 yards from the other goal and took a great bounce for Jacob Labovitz to head into the goal. Then, a great follow-up from Chris Merklin allowed him to put a rebound off the goalie into the lower left corner to put Madrid up 2-0. However, Gaston pressed the Madrid defense constantly, and was able to close the gap with a score mid-way through the second half, making it 2-1. Regrouping, Madrid played possession ball and moved it forward where Jacob Labovitz was able to notch his fifth goal of the tournament. Madrid won 3-1 to move into the championship game.

The championship game pitted the Madrid against Empire again. Both teams battled for 60 minutes to a 0-0 score at the end of regulation. Two five-minute overtime periods ensued. Opportunities abounded, but still no score, so it was time for penalty kicks. Through a herculean effort by Darius Moazami, who stopped three of five kicks, the Madrid pulled off an exciting victory with a 1-0 win (2-1 on PKs) and a great championship run.

The Madrid is made up of players from McLean, Reston, Great Falls, Herndon, and Ashburn.

—KENNETH CUSHING

OPINION

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FROM PAGE 8

get into our top schools. Other Virginia colleges and universities will be providing additional in-state slots. The legislation also places a greater emphasis on high demand science, technology, engineering and math subjects through the formation of a public-private partnership that will engage the business and professional community in leveraging best practices for K-12 and higher education.

HB 2204, Teacher Bonus: I introduced legislation this year that would have allowed local school divisions to have the flexibility to use any unexpended state funds to provide a one-time bonus to all teachers of up to three percent of the annual base salary. The House Appropriations Committee incorporated this into the proposed House budget at a bonus rate of 2% where it obtained strong bipartisan support. This bill was modeled on a bonus given last year to state employees when they identified savings in the existing budget. While this year's similar measure for teachers had strong bipartisan support in the House, the Senate opposed providing flexibil-

ity to use this option, and it was not included in the final budget.

HELPING THE DISABLED COMMUNITY. SB 1486, Behavioral Health and Developmental Services Trust Fund: The General Assembly passed legislation to fund the transition of people with serious mental and developmental disabilities from centralized hospital-type settings into community-based care centers. The legislation permits \$30 million to be transferred into the existing trust fund to finance the modernization of community-based centers, and it also calls for the development of a transition plan where it is fea-

sible. The bill heads off a potentially costly federal lawsuit. However, it is also clear that many families still will need services in an institutional setting. Therefore, I believe it is important that families and individuals have these choices as we continue to provide for some of the most vulnerable citizens in our community.

I also had a number of reform measures and resolutions that passed that you can read about on my website: www.Delegatecomstock.com. We now have resumed working in the district and we can be reached at: 703-209-3787 or emailed at bcomstock@delegatecomstock.com.

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GFCFA to Conduct Poll on Wastewater Issue

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THE SEWER SYSTEM would use a pressurized main that is about four to six inches in diameter, and would run from the edge of the established sewer district, most likely down Walker Road to Colvin Mill Road, a length of approximately two miles.

The line would have to be pressurized — as opposed to gravity-fed — because a gravity system would require it to go down the stream valleys, which would be more expensive, less convenient to residents who live on the stream valleys and raises environmental concerns. The pressurized system would also likely preclude anyone who lives along the main from connecting a residential system to the main. The line would be designed to handle about 40,000 gallons per day, which is the average volume generated at the commercial center.

DeForest Rathbone has a background in construction, plumbing and heating, and was one of the first master plumbers certified in Fairfax County. He says the sewer is the best way for Great Falls to manage its wastewater.

“You’ve got such an inflow of sewage into [the pre-treatment facilities], that it’s impractical. You need to get this stuff down to the treatment plants, and you’re not going to get that with any modern, onsite facility,” Rathbone said. “To me there’s only one option, to get the sewage away from Great Falls to a treatment facility that can handle it. Trying to manufacture some sort of onsite treatment facility is not the way to go.”

The concern with a sewer line is that it could lead to denser development and cause the semi-rural nature of Great Falls to change.

“We saw what happened when places like Sterling Park and Manassas Park got a sewer line, a lot of development followed,” said Glen Sjoblom, co-chair of the GFCFA’s Long Range Planning Committee, and leader of the GFCFA’s wastewater initiative.

Apton said that if a sewer was approved, the community wants assurances that it will not be used to increase development in Great Falls.

“This project has to look at what restrictions should be put in. We want to be sure that the residents and community have restrictions that prevent development,” Apton said. “We’re not against the sewer line, we just want to make sure that it doesn’t result in massive development.”

The GFCFA’s summary of the sewer proposal stated that if a landowner near the sewer district wished to hook their system up, it would be subject to county ordinance, and “probably be denied,” but possibly permitted within 300 feet if a septic failure occurs.

Jeffrey Lindsay, a chemical engineer who has lived in Great Falls for 11 years, says once the sewer is in, it would only be a matter of time before it led to more development.

“Sewer lines are always the strategy of last resort. If a sewer line doesn’t exist, you can’t find a way to connect to it, or find a way to get around the ordinances,” he said. “In my travels, I’ve seen that once a sewer line goes in, that’s the beginning of the end. These things start out with the best of intentions, but it comes down to who can persuade, who can lobby and who can get the exceptions.”

Cal DePalma agreed, saying that things that seem set in stone have a way of changing quickly.

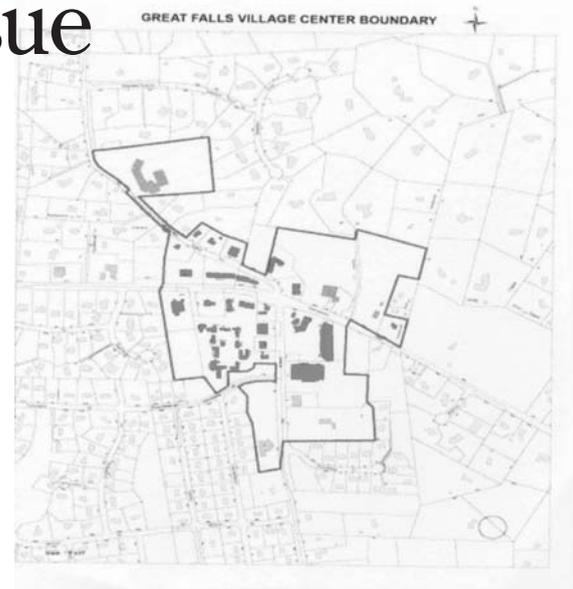


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If residents approve of a sewer line for the Great Falls commercial center, a sewer district would have to be established, such as this possible version that would encompass the properties around the intersection of Georgetown Pike and Walker Road, and could go up Walker Road to Great Falls Elementary Schools.

“I remember when we gave the Grange over to Fairfax County, and they said we could use it for free,” he said. “That lasted two years.”

Ruth Carver served on the first Fairfax County Master Plan Task Force, and said while she is traditionally opposed to higher density and more development in Great Falls, the problems at the commercial center would not go away.

“I am very conflicted. I spent a good part of the 70s, 80s and the early 90s fighting sewer and density increases in this part of the county,” she said. “I don’t know what the best solution is, but I do know that to be a viable community, that we have to have a functioning business district.”

SUPERVISOR John Foust (D-Dranesville) says he is looking forward to seeing the results of the survey, and says the county will commit to a sewer if supported by a community.

“I know the overriding point in just about anything in Great Falls to preserve the semi-rural nature, that’s what the community wants,” Foust said. “It’s going to take a lot of back and forth with the landowners as to how we ensure that when we solve the sewer problem we don’t create a development problem that will change Great Falls.”

The GFCFA meets this week to try and put together the ballot asking residents their opinions on the wastewater issue. They hope to mail them out to all of the approximately 5,500 homes in Great Falls this month.

According to the GFCFA, the cost of the sewer line, estimated at about \$4 million would be the responsibility of the landowners within the sewer district, as per county policy. They also believe that there could be a “logical sharing of the cost” between the commercial businesses and the six government facilities, Great Falls Elementary, the fire station, the library, the Grange, the old schoolhouse and the post office.

More information on alternatives and presentations to the GFCFA on the wastewater issue can be found at www.gfca.org.

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Home Life Style

Reaching for the Garden of Your Dreams

Landscaping design trends for 2011.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE CONNECTION

It's not just fashion that is influenced by Michelle Obama. Ever since the First Lady opened a vegetable garden on the South Lawn of the White House in 2009, landscaping trends have followed suit to include a variety of edibles along with the hardscaping elements to prepare and serve them.

"Edible plants and trees are very popular now," said Vanessa Wheeler, co-owner of Hollywood and Vines nursery and design center in Alexandria. "The trend is to combine the edible elements with easy, low maintenance and water-saving designs."

No room for an orchard? The new 'fruit cocktail' trees produce several varieties of fruits from a single tree.

"We have an apple fruit cocktail tree and one that produces apricots, plums, peaches and nectarines," Wheeler said. "Since they are all in the same family, the fruits will cross pollinate so you only need one tree if that's all you have room for."

Throughout the region, there is a strong growth in demand to incorporate eco-friendly, low maintenance plants into garden designs.

"No one wants to do heavy pruning and watering," said Rebecca Hughes, manager of the Burke Nursery and Garden Center. "And ground covers like pachysandra and periwinkle are replacing mulch and traditional grasses."

Wheeler suggests drought-tolerant plants to conserve water.

"Yucca and aloe plants are great water-conserving choices," Wheeler said. "And a non-invasive bamboo is drought resistant and can grow in the shade."

While visions of color dance in every gardener's head, experts say that the area's last frost date can be as late as Mother's Day, so the immediate focus should be on lawn care and design preparation.

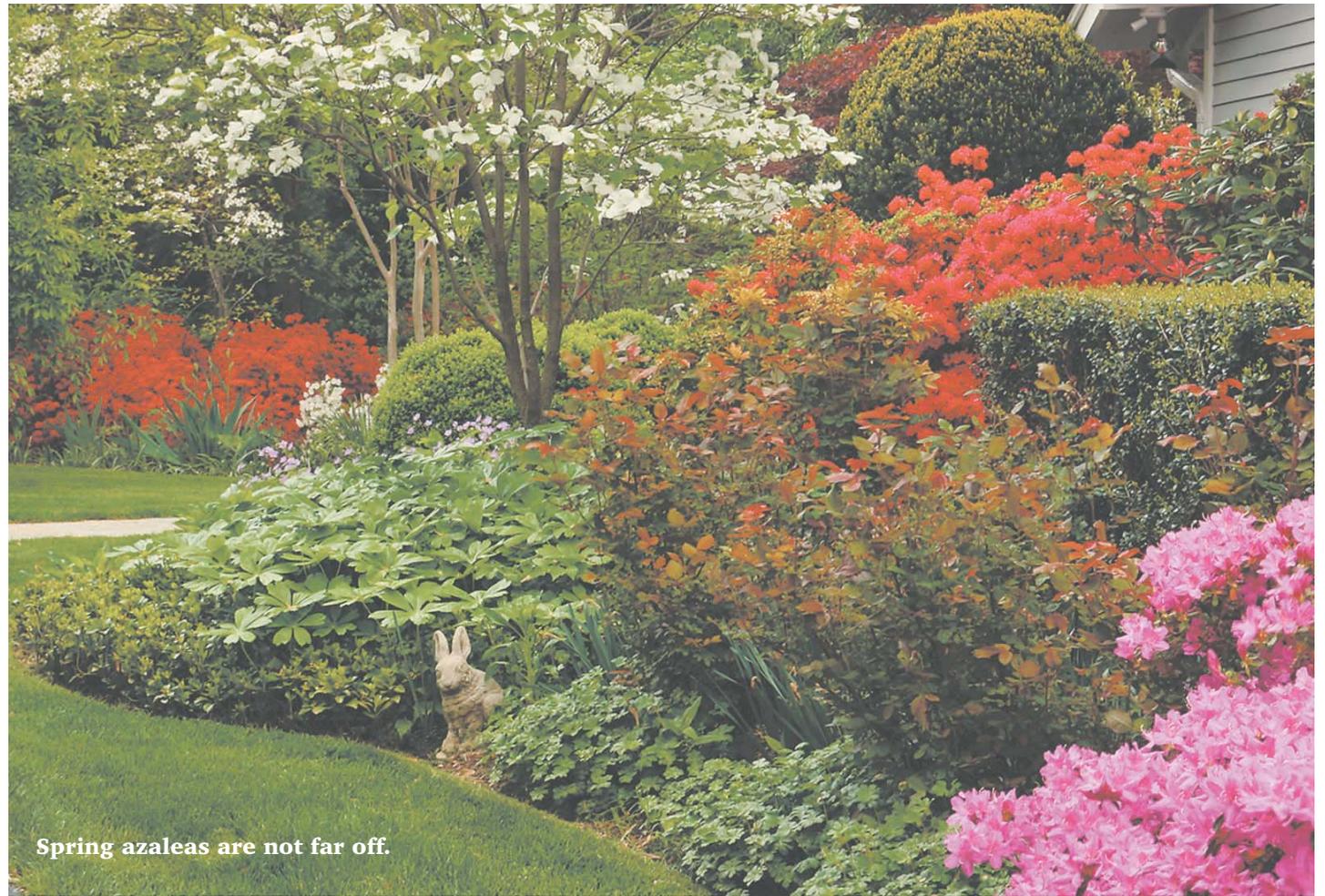
"Now is the time to decide what you want to accomplish," said David Watkins, manager of Merrifield Garden Center in Merrifield. "Are you looking for more color, more living space or simply more curb appeal?"

According to Watkins, incorporating more hardscaping into landscaping designs is a rapidly growing trend.

"Patios with fire pits and outdoor grills are very popular," Watkins said. "Our volume of work in that area has increased tremendously in the last few years, especially when it comes to designing outdoor kitchens."

According to Hughes, now is also the best time to do your spring yard clean up.

"There was a lot of storm damage the last



Spring azaleas are not far off.

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"Hardscapes," including patios, fire pits and outdoor living areas, are in high demand in landscaping.



Merrifield Garden Center's designers like to have photos of their clients' yards to help guide the design.

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**- David Watkins, manager,
Merrifield Garden Center**

Landscaping Tips

EDIBLE AND COLORFUL

There are blue potatoes, red carrots, yellow carrots and purple cabbage. Cabbages come in more colorful varieties each year, as do lettuce and the extremely colorful Swiss chard. 'Fruit cocktail' trees produce several varieties of fruit on a single tree.

ECO-SCAPING

Transforming large tracks of turf into sustainable landscapes is achievable with the right plants that require less water and pesticides. Choose native plants that are low-maintenance and attract wildlife and beneficial pollinators like butterflies, bees and birds. Drought-resistant plants like yucca and aloe require less water.

LOW MAINTENANCE

Use plants that are native and require less upkeep to maintain. Choose sun and shade-tolerant varieties that suit your location as well as species that require less pruning. Ground covers can sometimes replace traditional lawns to reduce upkeep.

CREATE OUTDOOR LIVING SPACES

Invest in your own outdoor retreat. Fire pits, gourmet grills and outdoor kitchens top the list of trends in outdoor living spaces. Much more than just a barbecue grill and a lawn chair, outdoor rooms can be created for a fraction of the price typically required for indoor living spaces.

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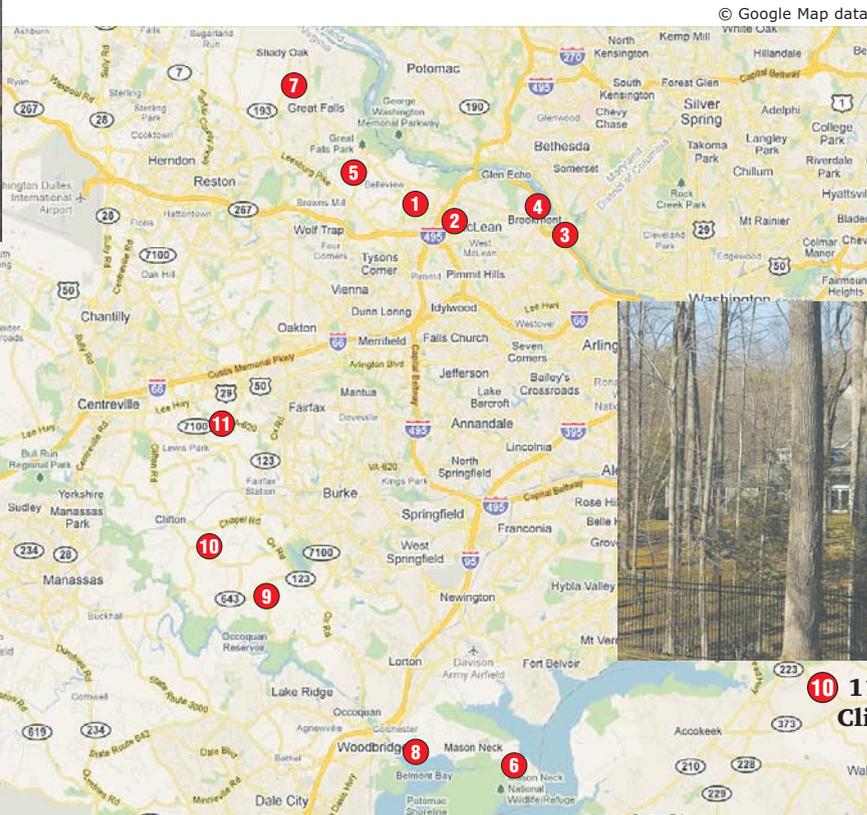
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Garden Dreams

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two years, especially to dogwood trees," Hughes said. "Many people are going 'bare bones' - starting over and replacing aging and storm damaged areas. Landscapes do age out at times."

Experts suggest walking your property and taking pictures of areas that might need some work or design help.

"We love for customers to bring in photos," Watkins said. "It makes it so much easier for us to help find effective design solutions that stay within a budget."

Watkins acknowledges that any landscaping project can be intimidating.

"People are afraid to jump in because they think they'll end up spending tens of thousands of dollars," Watkins said. "But not everyone needs a \$30,000 project done. Sometimes \$300-\$500 spent on azaleas and some screening trees can get the results you are looking for."

For some early spring color, pansies remain popular but there are other choices.

"For an early burst of color, think apricot trees, forsythia and winter jasmine," said Peggy De Wilde, manager of trees and shrubs at Cravens Nursery in Fairfax. "And container gardening allows you the flexibility to move things indoors if necessary to protect plants from the elements."

Don't worry if you're still thinking snow instead of sod.

"If you haven't started your planning, you're in the majority," Watkins said. "But it's never too late to think about what you want to do. There's almost never a bad time to start landscaping."



Water elements add interest to any garden.

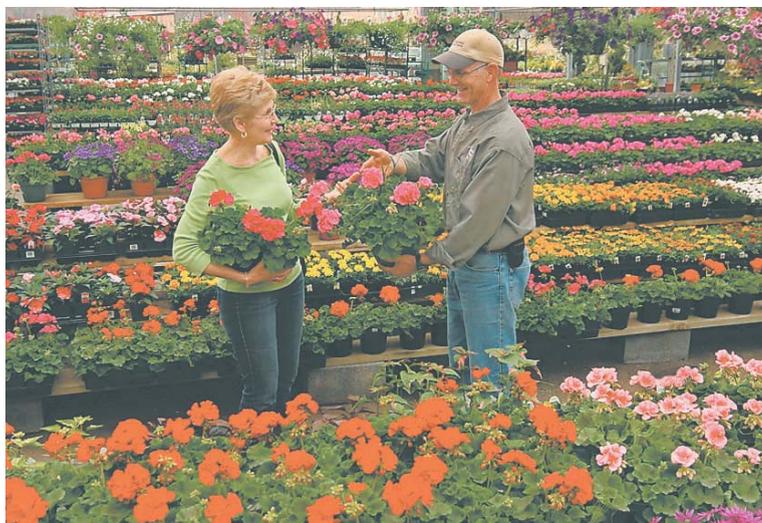


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Helibores are colorful and reliable in early spring.

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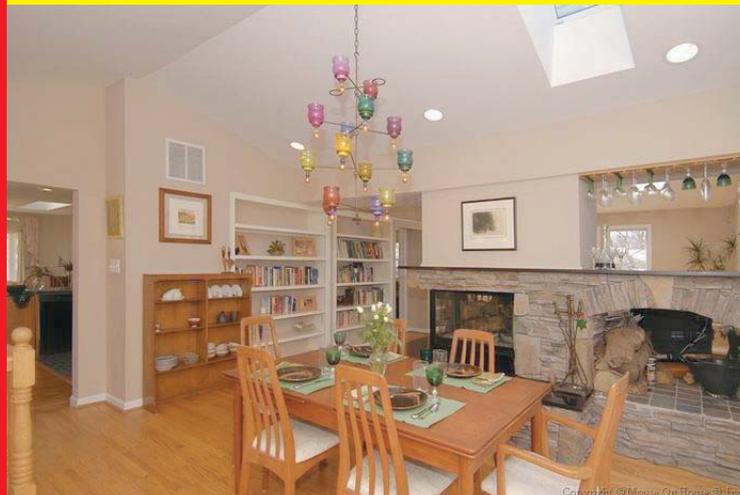


Annual flowers can add brilliant color to your garden, but remember that frost is still possible until after mid-May, so stick to pansies or other frost-tolerant plants until then.

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February 28, 2011



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Whew! Am I glad it's today, February 28, 2011. Not that there was anything imminent about yesterday, February 27, 2011 – my two-year anniversary (some anniversary) and end date of my original life-expectancy prognosis but, when you're given two years to live, the date on which that anniversary arrives (although my oncologist has said that there's nothing particularly/inevitably accurate about such dates), is a day of reckoning, to be sure. And since I'm still alive, I reckon I'll make note of it, yet again – in arrears this week.

Not so much as an accomplishment, as in I did it. More like a date of destiny that is now behind me. Now I can focus (or try to, anyway; let's be honest here) on something else, a future beyond a specific date. And just like my rear end is behind me and I don't see it too much, maybe I can put this two-year anniversary date behind me and not see it too much - for what it was: the unexpected end of my life. ("I'm too young to die, too handsome; well, too young." Curly Howard of The Three Stooges.) Life goes on. Now what?

Perhaps I can – or will – consider the possibilities and stop trying to figure the probabilities? Perhaps I can forget about the past (my diagnosis) and only focus on the present/future, live for today and take advantage of the gift of life that I've been given/earned? Perhaps I can get out of my own way (emotionally) and resume living a normal life ("normal" meaning one without cancer)? Perhaps I can finish this column with being sophomoreic? I am a college graduate after all. I should know better. Just because I've lived this long doesn't exactly mean I'll live a lot longer.

In fact/in my reality, nothing is going to change, except maybe for the worse. I need to keep doing/thinking exactly as I have in the past because whatever I've been doing/thinking has caused me to outlive my original prognosis and for my oncologist to characterize my health as "Amazing," and to say that my tumors are in "partial stable remission," if you recall a previous column. All that has changed – and should change living forward, is my specific focus. It's no longer a date. Now the dates ahead are endless, not nearing an end.

Having made it this far (lived this long) though, I feel unburdened somehow. There's no deadline (pun intended) anymore. However, just as difficult as it is to turn around an ocean liner after it's headed out to sea (they don't exactly turn on a dime), so too will it be difficult for me to not be ever mindful of having cancer, and of having surpassed a date, random though it may semi have been, when my doctor told me my diagnosis and said that I might not be alive in "13 months to two years."

But I am alive, and oddly enough, a bit unsure; in fact, more unsure than I've been in almost two years. For these past two years, I've had a goal, sort of, my life expectancy, as provided by my oncologist: February 27, 2011. Having that date as a goal may have helped carry me/motivate throughout this ordeal. And though I may not have been exactly sure what kind of certainty to associate with that date while pursuing it, having reached it yesterday – and passed it today, has given me pause to reflect, and to write these last two columns.

I sort of feel like a dog (or a cat) who chases something (some kind of toy, perhaps) and then finally catches it. Having never previously caught the toy, the dog doesn't know what to do with it. Its life has been the pursuit, not the actual realization of that pursuit. Not that I ever thought that reaching these two dates would be cause for celebration (more like a miracle), but now that I've reached them, I'm uncomfortable being here without having any dates ahead to pull me forward. I will admit to one thing, though, I sure don't want to go backwards.

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