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—Edmund Burke





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**Kelly Henderson Hagen and her son Lewis, and Lisa Whitt and son Walt, at their Great Strides Walk to Cure Cystic Fibrosis booth at the Vienna Farmers' Market on May 14.**

**Lewis Hagen and Walt Whitt are seventh graders at Thoreau Middle School. They have been treated for cystic fibrosis daily since they were infants. Team Whitt and Team Lewis are walking for a cure.**

## Taking 'Great Strides' on May 22

### Vienna families walk for a cure for Cystic Fibrosis.

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

**O**n Sunday, May 22, Team Whitt and Team Lewis make their three-mile roundtrip walk on the W&OD Trail to raise awareness and money for cystic fibrosis [CF] research under the banner of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Great Strides Walk to Cure Cystic Fibrosis begins at the Town Green at 11 a.m. with check-in there, and the walk begins at noon. As in previous years, Mayor M. Jane Seeman kicks off the walk.

The 13-year-old sons of team captains Lisa Whitt and Kelly Henderson Hagen were each diagnosed with the debilitating genetic disease as infants and have spent their lives under medical treatment. CF causes lung disease and digestion complications. There is no cure and the current median age of survival is 37.

**PARENTS OF CF PATIENTS** know that research needs to be funded if a cure is to be found.

"We are in a race against time," said Lisa Whitt of her son. "It is for this reason that we are urgently trying to raise money for a cure."

Walter Whitt was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis after having surgery for a bowel obstruction the day after he was born. He spent a month in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit recovering from his surgery. During this time period, the Whitts learned about all of the medications and treatments Walter would need daily in order to be healthy. The Whitts' baby was in the ten to fifteen percent of patients who are diagnosed at birth with a bowel obstruction. Most CF patients are diagnosed by age three as symptoms begin to develop.

### The Great Strides Walk to Cure Cystic Fibrosis

Walk begins at the Vienna Town Green at noon, Sunday, May 22. Registration and check-in begin at 11 a.m. The roundtrip walk along the W & OD trail ends at the Town Green with music and refreshments. Information on the Great Strides Walk to Cure Cystic Fibrosis is at [www.cff.org/Great\\_Strides/](http://www.cff.org/Great_Strides/).

Lewis Hagen was diagnosed at age six months; he was adopted by the Hagens several months later. Kelly Hagen said she and her husband had their eyes "open" when they made the decision to adopt 9-month-old Lewis.

"I understood it [CF] and I wasn't afraid of it when I learned about it," said Lewis. "I'm fine having CF. It's fine with me."

Walt and Lewis are seventh-graders at Thoreau Middle School. What they cannot be, because of their condition, is friends who hang out together. The boys are carriers of a bacteria that threaten the health of each other. The parents and the school worked together to ensure the boys are in separate classes.

Treatment for the boys is a daily routine. In their ongoing battle to maintain good health, they depend on chest compression two to three times a day, nebulizer treatments to clear the lungs, and enzyme tablets after they have eaten. Lewis uses a specialized vest that automatically compresses his chest. Although the vest perplexes TSA, other kids think that's "cool," Lewis said.

Anyone is welcome to walk along with the Vienna Great Strides teams or to make a donation in the names of the teams. So far, Team Whitt and Team Lewis have registered more than 50 participants.

"One of the things I love about the walk is that we have many people from all areas of our life walk with us," Lisa Whitt said. "We have family and friends from our childhood and college that travel to walk with

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**W & OD park manager Karl Mohl and Ayr Hill Garden Club president Nancy Moats at the newly-planted winter-berry tree.**

**Leigh Kitcher, W & OD trail garden chair between 2001 and 2010, takes her turn with the decorated shovel.**

## The Brightest Spot on the W and OD Trail

### Ayr Hill Garden Club celebrates 30 years at Maple and W & OD park.

**T**hose colorful flowers and spritely-green shrubs showing off at Maple Avenue and the W & OD trail, didn't get there on their own. They have a long heritage ... 30 years, to be exact, planted under the attentive eyes and hands of the Ayr Hill Garden Club. On Saturday, May 14, the garden club, along with public officials and the manager of the W & OD trail, celebrated the 30th anniversary of the gardens with a 10 a.m. program. Mayor M. Jane Seeman, on behalf of the Vienna Town Council, issued a letter of gratitude to the club.

"This garden is the only one of its type along the 45-mile W & OD," said W & OD Railroad park manager Karl Mohl. "It is the oldest continuing garden on the trail." The W & OD "park," part of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, has seen more than two million users, many of whom make their way through Vienna on foot and on bikes and in strollers.

In 1981, the Town of Vienna invited civic groups to help enhance public spaces, recalled Daphne Stone, president of the Ayr Hill Garden Club then. As she spoke during the program, Stone emphasized that the most rewarding part of the work the volunteers and Park Authority do is the compliments they get from W & OD users. From a few flowers first planted 30 years

ago, in hard, rocky earth, the garden grew to include shrubbery and grooming. Benches sit in the graveled garden fronting Whole Foods, a store that became a good neighbor to the gardens.

Club volunteers come out twice a month to groom the gardens and do whatever else needs to be done to keep them healthy and beautiful. Several of the original plantings, a rhododendron and some irises, remain. To celebrate the club's 30th anniversary of the trail's gardens, willing hands in attendance at the program shoveled dirt over a newly-planted winter-berry tree.

Over the years, the W & OD gardens have grown to embrace a large footprint, now encompassing more than 5,000 square feet. Ayr Hill Garden Club's annual plant sale, note cards and other fundraisers cover most of the \$800 it costs to maintain the gardens.

Whole Foods provided cake and lemonade for the anniversary program. Edythe Kelleher and Laurie DiRocco of the Vienna Town Council, Del. Mark Keam (D-35) and his wife Alex, and former town councilwoman Maud Robinson joined Mayor Seeman and Parks and Recreation Director Cathy Salgado at the program.

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## NEWS

# Keeping Vienna's Streets Sober

## Sgt. Tom Taylor honored for DUI enforcement efforts.

By ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

Sgt. Tom Taylor of the Vienna Police Department was recognized at the 20th annual awards for Excellence in Community Service and Public Safety May 12 during a ceremony at the Tysons Westpark Hotel. The awards were hosted by the Fairfax Alcohol Safety Action Program and the Mothers Against Drunk Driving of Northern Virginia.

Taylor has been a member of the Vienna Police Department for the past 12 years, and this is the second consecutive year he has been honored at the ceremony.

Vienna Police Department Deputy Chief Capt. Michael Miller said Taylor serves as an example for all when it comes to getting impaired drivers off of the streets.

"Throughout his career he has consistently been a leader in DUI enforcement," Miller said. "Last year, Tom accounted for 25 percent of the department's DUI arrests, and under his leadership, his squad had over 50 percent of our DUI arrests."



PHOTO BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

From left, Sgt. Tom Taylor is recognized by Vienna Deputy Police Chief Capt. Michael Miller for his efforts in getting impaired drivers off the streets at the 20th annual awards for Excellence in Community Service and Public Safety May 12 at the Tysons Westpark Hotel

Taylor's statistics are even more notable because he missed two months in 2010 due to a shoulder surgery. Taylor is also a certified Intoxilyzer operator for the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Intoxilyzer is the instrument in which the breath of suspected impaired drivers is tested.



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## ARRESTS

**Maple Ave. at Nutley St., S.W.** May 5, 10:43 p.m. Officer Kiley observed a male subject yelling obscenities at two other pedestrians along Maple Ave. His investigation revealed that the individual was intoxicated. A 51-year-old male of no fixed address was arrested for Drunk in Public and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

**100 Block Kingsley Road, S.W.** May 6, 11:02 p.m. PFC Ruddy responded for a possibly disabled vehicle that had been involved in multiple crashes. Upon her arrival she found a vehicle still running with the driver inside. The vehicle had apparently struck several parked vehicles prior to stopping. PFC Ruddy observed signs of possible impairment upon her interaction with the driver. After attempting to complete several field sobriety tests a 33-year-old female of Arlington Blvd. in Arlington was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. She was transported to Vienna Police Headquarters for analysis of her breath. After the analysis she was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

**Cedar Lane Shopping Center, 262 Cedar Lane, S.E.** May 8, 12:28 a.m. Sergeant Elias observed an apparently intoxicated male subject urinating on an outside wall of the shopping center. After additional investigation Sergeant Elias arrested a 48-year-old male of Cedar Lane in Vienna for Drunk in Public. He was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

**7-11 Store, 537 Maple Ave., West.** May 8, 10:47 p.m. Sergeant Elias observed an apparently intoxicated male subject fall down after attempting to walk. Sergeant Elias went to check on the individual and after a brief investigation arrested a 43-year-old male of Commons Drive in Vienna for Drunk in Public. He did not require medical attention and was subsequently transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

**Glengyle Drive at Maple Ave.** May 9, 11:58 p.m. Officer Vazquez conducted a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the vehicle's occupants he detected the presence of suspected alcohol. Further investigation also yielded suspected marijuana. The driver, a 20-year-old male of Twin Mill Lane in Oakton, was issued a summons for Underage Possession of Alcohol. He was released after signing the summons. A responsible party responded to drive the vehicle home for him. A passenger in the vehicle, a 20-year-old male of Childs Lane in Alexandria, was issued a summons for Possession of Marijuana. He too was released after signing the summons.

**Echols St. at Niblick Drive, S.E.** May 10, 2:22 a.m. Sergeant Taylor conducted a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the vehicle's occupants he detected the presence of suspected alcohol. After further investigation the driver, a 19-year-old male of George Washington Drive in Vienna, was issued a summons for Underage Possession of Alcohol. He was released after signing it. A passenger in the vehicle, a 19-year-old male of Kentsdale Drive in Vienna was issued summonses for Underage Possession of Alcohol and Possession of False Identification. He too was released after signing both.

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## NEWS

# Walk for a Cure

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us. Locally, we have co-workers, friends from our church, neighborhood and school that are a part of our team."

Lisa Whitt said that the immediate families of the Whitts and the Hagens have been very supportive throughout. Walter's two sets of grandparents sent letters to all of their good friends and family to raise money on behalf of Team Whitt. "They all walk and help with whatever is needed," she said. Her father, along with Kelly's, help keep the walkers safe on the trail by letting bikers know that there is a large group of walkers on the trail. Friends help set up on the Town Green the morning of the walk.

**THIS YEAR**, a friend of Walter's is raising money on behalf of Team Whitt as a part of his service project for his Bar Mitzvah. Walter's younger brother William has friends and their families who are a part of Team Whitt. For both families, many people who cannot make the Great Strides walk support the teams with financial donations.

Lewis's dad Scott and the Hagen's other two sons, Spencer and James, walk with Lewis. Kelly Hagen's parents from North Carolina and her sister and family from New Jersey have attended since the launch of the Vienna walk five years ago.

Family members and friends pitch in on Great Strides day to handle the details of the walk, from picking up supplies and acting as crossing guards to setting up tables and children's activities.

Many Vienna-area businesses support the walk through in-kind donations of food.

As an "orphan" disease afflicting 30,000 young people in the United States, CF doesn't have lots of star-power or publicity behind it. The CF Foundation is a major source of funding for research and is a primary resource for families affected by the disease. Early detection is key to effective treatment and in 2006 the Commonwealth of Virginia implemented compulsory CF screening for newborns. The "salt test" is the standard diagnostic tool.

To youngsters facing a diagnosis of CF, both Walt and Lewis have advice to offer.

"Don't be scared," Walt said. "Do your treatments, do the exercises and it will all be fine."

Lewis shared a similar sentiment. "It'll be okay," Lewis said. "Just do what your doctor and your parents tell you and you'll be fine."

Walt Whitt looks to the future, confident that, someday, there will be a cure for CF.

"I'm not scared," said Walt Whitt. "I've never been scared."

"With all the donations, I'm sure it'll be conquered in my lifetime."

The Great Strides Walk to Cure Cystic Fibrosis begins at the Vienna Town Green at noon, Sunday, May 22. Registration and check-in begin at 11 a.m. The roundtrip walk ends at the Town Green with music and refreshments. Information on the Great Strides Walk to Cure Cystic Fibrosis is at [www.cff.org/Great\\_Strides/](http://www.cff.org/Great_Strides/).

To donate or become a member of Team Whitt, go to [www.cff.org/Great\\_Strides/TeamWhitt](http://www.cff.org/Great_Strides/TeamWhitt). To donate or register for Team Lewis, go to [www.cff.org/Great\\_Strides/dsp\\_DonationPage.cfm?walkid=7091&idUser=170319](http://www.cff.org/Great_Strides/dsp_DonationPage.cfm?walkid=7091&idUser=170319).

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# Bulova Launches Campaign

May 15 event draws regional Democratic Party power players.

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

Democratic power players rallied around Fairfax County Board of Supervisor's Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) Sunday, May 15, as she kicked off her campaign for a second term.

Terry McAuliffe, former gubernatorial candidate and chairman of the Democratic National Committee, U.S. Rep. Gerald Connolly (D-11), Del. Mark Keam (D-35), State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34), and the seven Democrats on the Board of Supervisors gathered with 200 other supporters at the Mason Inn on the campus of George Mason University in Fairfax.

The message of the day: Bulova is a strong leader who, despite the economic free-fall of the past few



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

**Power players in the Democratic party, including former gubernatorial candidate Terry McAuliffe, turned out on Sunday, May 15, at the Mason Inn on the campus of George Mason University to support Sharon Bulova as she kicked off her campaign for a second term as chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.**

years, has preserved Fairfax County's status as the best place to live with an A-plus school system and progressive transportation plans.

McAuliffe got a loud round of applause and cheers when he bounded onto the stage and said, "Let's hear it for Sharon Bulova, the greatest chairman in our history." "She has been a great leader," McAuliffe told the crowd, noting that Bulova has sustained the county's status as a vibrant economic center. McAuliffe announced that he and other partners recently purchased the shuttered International Paper Plant in Franklin, Va. "We put our headquarters here because of Sharon Bulova. She is good for business, and she's the leader for the future."

**WHILE THE MASON INN** was decorated like a political rally with dozens of signs and slogans, the kick-off had the feel of a family reunion cum political roast.

"I'm here to complain about my assessment," Connolly said, to laughter as he took the stage to

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This is one of three tax holidays in Virginia; a three-day sales tax holiday for school supplies and clothing begins on the first Friday in August, and the four-day holiday for Energy Star qualified products is in mid-October.

For good information on emergency preparation, see [www.readyvirginia.gov](http://www.readyvirginia.gov); for details on the sales tax holidays, see [www.tax.virginia.gov](http://www.tax.virginia.gov).

### EDITORIALS

## Father's Day Photo Gallery, and More

Father's Day is Sunday, June 19, and once again the Connection will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

Send in photos in jpeg format as soon as possible, including the full names of all the people in the picture, hometowns, the approximate date and location the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about the people and/or event.

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## 'Child Left Behind' in TJ Admission Procedures

### Troubling questions on Kilmer Middle, TJ handling of admission deadlines.

BY JULIE KIM

Recently, elated 8th graders accepted at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJ) shared their good news at Kilmer Middle School in Vienna. Among the well-wishers was my son, whose semi-finalist application was denied review.

This story of a broken process—both at Kilmer and the TJ admissions office—has broader policy implications for FCPS. I share it in the hopes of effecting change.

In a nutshell, a TJ admissions staff member erroneously told Kilmer's TJ liaison that the deadline had passed to submit a recommendation letter and therefore my son's application packet was ineligible. In fact, the deadline was viable but, through this misstatement and other missteps by FCPS, the window was closed prematurely on my son's right to complete his file.

Compounding the problem was late notice from TJ about his semi-finalist status, which created a series of misunderstandings, as well as uneven communication from FCPS employees and other logistical glitches by FCPS.

On Jan. 21, 2011, TJ mailed letters to 1,556 students informing them that they were "semi-finalists" in the application process. The packet asked students to submit a counselor information sheet immediately to their middle school

TJ liaison counselor. They also were required to submit a student information sheet (application essays) and two teacher recommendations by Feb. 14, 2011.

Instead of mailing the semi-finalist notification via first-class postage which typically takes 2-3 days, TJ sent it out using the slower "nonprofit auto" postage, which typically takes a week. This slow postage plus an intervening blizzard resulted in many missing letters, including ours.

**LIKE MANY PARENTS**, I repeatedly called TJ's admissions office to determine what happened. We received a confirmation via email of my son's semi-finalist status on Jan. 31, 2011. The written confirmation, including color-coded forms to be presented to various Kilmer staff, arrived via USPS on Feb. 25—over one month after it was mailed out and several days after the TJ deadline.

TJ responded to the undelivered mail glitch by visiting Kilmer in early February and telling students of a deadline extension from Feb. 14 to Feb. 22 for all forms. But Kilmer had a different deadline of Feb. 21 for some forms. The multiple deadlines were confusing. Nevertheless, by Feb. 21 my son had conscientiously taken steps to complete a counselor information sheet, student information sheet, and to secure agreement from two teachers to write recommendations.

On Feb. 22, the day of TJ's dead-

line, Kilmer's TJ liaison informed my son of a missing recommendation letter. Although the liaison had not yet sent any Kilmer application packages to TJ, she refused to let the teacher submit the recommendation he had written hours before the scheduled delivery to TJ's admissions office. She said that she had already informed the TJ admissions office on Feb. 22 of the missing item and they will no longer accept it.

This rejection, based upon the admissions office's stance that Kilmer's internal deadline had passed, is the issue at the crux of the matter. TJ admissions' website clearly stated that all forms, including recommendation letters, were due to liaisons by Feb. 22. Kilmer's website simultaneously stated that the student information sheet (application essays) was due by Feb. 21. In other words, Kilmer's purported internal deadline referred only to application essays, not recommendation letters.

The admissions director's response to this charge of administrative bungling was "Middle schools may have earlier deadlines for TJHSST applicants in order to meet our admissions deadline." She did not address the Feb. 22 deadline posting on her office's website.

**TROUBLING QUESTIONS** continued to arise. When asked why the liaison did not inform my son of a missing item before the pur-

ported internal deadline, Kilmer's principal and student services director stated that it is not the liaison's job to do so. But if that's the case, why are students required to submit a form to the liaison listing teachers who will write recommendations if there is no expectation that she will follow up if the application is incomplete? If liaisons are not there to advise parents of missing pieces of the application, students and parents should be told in advance that they have a responsibility to follow up with teachers and the liaison directly. I doubt teachers would welcome this scenario.

Furthermore, what back-up mechanism is in place to catch these problems? There is none. This is a case in which communication was uneven, actions were untimely, and messages were not returned. TJ's admissions office, too, has a new director and an assistant who may be in his second year there. It is entirely plausible that the combination of new staff, new forms, new procedures, undelivered/untimely mail and confusing/conflicting deadlines may have presented logistical challenges to this process.

Unfortunately, efforts to meet with senior officials at FCPS were delayed in a time-sensitive situation and ultimately unavailing. This tactic of delay was intended to give the illusion of process while making it impractical for the error to be cured.

My son applied to TJ of his own volition because of a passion for science and engineering. His Science Olympiad team recently won

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# Bulova Kicks Off Re-election Campaign

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introduce Bulova, who succeeded Connolly as chairman in 2009. He received mock jeers when he called McAuliffe, "the state's greatest new-car salesman," referring to McAuliffe's quest to find a site for an electric vehicle factory that could create 3,000 to 5,000 jobs

Bulova took the stage to raucous cheers, chants and applause. The longtime supervisor and community leader was relaxed and conversational. She introduced her family members, including her father, sister, grandchildren and son, Del. David Bulova (D-37), and she talked about the importance of her personal relationships with supporters.

Known for being consensus-

driven, Sharon Bulova called up the other Democratic members of the board to stand with her during her speech.

"My remarks will take exactly 8 minutes, unless you interrupt me with loud applause," she said, before listing the challenges and accomplishments she has overseen as chairman.

"There is much that we can be proud of," Sharon Bulova said. "Throughout this term, our board has worked with our residents and workforce to navigate the most serious economic downturn in most of our lifetimes. And we did so in a way that held the line on taxes, protected our excellent public school system, maintained our status as one of the safest communities of our size ... encouraged economic development, and pro-

tected the quality of life we value."

"Our board has worked together as a team," she said, pointing to accomplishments achieved with each Democratic board member.

"With Supervisors Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), John Foust (D-Dranesville) and Linda Smyth (D-Providence), we have adopted an exciting new Comprehensive Plan for Tysons Corner and have advancing rail through Tysons to Reston," Sharon Bulova said.

She also highlighted her work with Hudgins on affordable housing and the homeless problem. "[Cathy] and I serve on the Governing Board to Prevent and End Homelessness and are proud of this board's efforts to provide a roof over the heads of those most in need, and workforce housing for

younger, entry level, and lower income, employees so that people who work here can also live here," she said.

She ended her remarks by saying that "continuity matters."

"To maintain our excellence it is important that we never stop peddling. There is work yet to do. ... I look forward to working with our Fairfax County community as we provide more lifestyle choices for our current and future generations, compact, walkable and transit oriented communities," she said.

Lauded as an advocate for important regional issues, supporters pointed to her experience as chair of the board's budget committee will be invaluable in navigating the fiscal crisis.

"She knows how to manage a

budget like nobody else," said Sandra Klassen, co-chair of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee and co-chair of its National Affairs group.

**WHEN ASKED** how she would define herself politically, Sharon Bulova said "I'd say I am a fiscal conservative with a social conscience."

A resident of Northern Virginia for 45 years, Sharon Bulova became active in local government in the 1980s, first serving as president of the Kings Park West Civic Association, and then becoming the Braddock District supervisor, a position she held for 21 years before being elected Board of Supervisors chairman in 2009. She faces Republican challenger Spike Williams in the general election on Nov. 8.



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**Book Discussion.** 7 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The Plague of Doves by Louise Erdrich. Adults. 703-242-4020.

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

**"Les Misérables."** 7 p.m. Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, 6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria. Imprisoned for stealing a loaf of bread, Jean Valjean becomes an honest man and mayor of a prosperous town, but violates his parole. Snacks inspired by the musical sold before and after the show. \$10. [makhatcherer@fcps.edu](mailto:makhatcherer@fcps.edu).

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**English Conversation Group.** 10 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Conversation group for adults. 703-938-0405.

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l rides and community spirit, held annually on Memorial Day Weekend along historic Church Street in Vienna with the old Vienna Train Station and Caboose serving as the anchor. Carnival rides, along with the carnival food traditions of popcorn, kettle corn, and funnel cakes, will round out the fare.

On Sunday and Monday of Memorial Day Weekend, Church Street will be closed to traffic from Lawyers Road to Mill Street to allow booths for artisans, retail vendors, political parties and candidates, professional groups, and community organizations.

Local vendors will offer a variety of foods, including pizza, barbecue, hot dogs and hamburgers, Italian sausage, as well as food traditions from countries around the world.

"Viva! Vienna! is produced and sponsored by the Vienna Rotary Club in concert with title co-sponsors, the Town of Vienna and Navy Federal Credit Union. The purpose of Viva! Vienna! is to celebrate commu-



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The carousel attracts children of all ages.

nity, to have fun and to raise funds for worthy causes," said Jim Marshall, former president of the Rotary Club of Vienna.

Howard Svigals, who serves as chairman of the event, noted the festival is designed to bring the citizens of Vienna and surrounding communities together to highlight the impressive spirit of Northern Virginia

and to remember the American heroes who have fought for our nation, some making the ultimate sacrifice. Proceeds generated from Viva! Vienna! are used to support local civic initiatives and contribute to local and international humanitarian activities. In 2011 The Rotary Club of Vienna will be able to donate \$146,000 to these causes. In the past four years, more than \$450,000 was donated from proceeds generated by Viva! Vienna!

"While our focus is local, we are also proud of the fact that we give to selected international causes," said Howard Svigals.

For example, some of the money in the past has gone to the Rotary Foundation, which is working to eliminate polio throughout the world.

"Service above Self" is the Rotary motto and Viva! Vienna! provides the vehicle to serve the community with this celebration and then to help charitable organizations serve specific groups.

### 2011 Viva! Vienna! Town Festival Schedule:

#### Saturday, May 28

10:00 AM Amusement Rides and Food Vendors Open  
Festival Bus Service from James Madison HS/Vienna Metro Starts  
5:00 PM Sandy Spring Bank Stage Entertainment Starts  
10:00 PM Amusement Rides and Food Vendors Close  
Sandy Spring Bank Stage Entertainment Ends  
10:20 PM Festival Bus Service Stops

#### Sunday, May 29

6:00 AM Registration Setup  
6:30 AM Vendors Start Arriving  
9:30 AM Streets Close – Registration Closes  
10:00 AM Amusement Ticket Sales & Rides Open  
Festival Vendors and Food Vendors Open  
Festival Bus Service from James Madison HS/Vienna Metro Starts  
11:45 AM Sandy Spring Bank Stage Entertainment Starts  
12:00 PM E-Waste Collection Center Opens – James Madison HS Parking Lot  
12:30 PM Northwest Federal Credit Union Children's Stage Entertainment Starts  
6:00 PM Northwest Federal Credit Union Children's Stage Entertainment Ends  
Festival Vendors Close  
E-Waste Collection Center Closes – James Madison HS Parking Lot  
10:00 PM Sandy Spring Bank Stage Entertainment Ends  
Amusement Rides and Food Vendors Close  
10:20 PM Festival Bus Service Stops

#### Monday, May 30

8:00 AM Vendors Allowed to Return  
10:00 AM Festival Vendors, Food Vendors and Amusement Rides Open  
Festival Bus Service from James Madison HS/Vienna Metro Starts  
11:30 AM Northwest Federal Credit Union Children's Stage Entertainment Starts  
12:00 PM E-Waste Collection Center Opens – James Madison HS Parking Lot  
12:15 PM Sandy Spring Bank Stage Entertainment Starts  
3:00 PM Memorial Day Tribute – Sandy Spring Bank Stage  
4:45 PM Northwest Federal Credit Union Children's Stage Entertainment Ends  
6:00 PM Sandy Spring Bank Stage Entertainment Ends  
E-Waste Collection Center Closes – James Madison HS Parking Lot  
Festival Closes  
6:20 PM Festival Bus Service Stops  
9:00 PM Streets Reopened

### 2011 Viva! Vienna! Entertainment Schedule

#### Sandy Spring Bank Stage Vienna Town Green

#### Saturday, May 28

5:00 – 5:45 PM Vienna Town Band  
6:15 – 7:15 PM Vienna Choral Society  
7:30 – 10:00 PM The Fabulous Bel Airs

#### Sunday, May 29

11:45 AM – 12:30 PM Eshin Karate Demo  
1:15 – 2:15 PM Rocknoceros\*  
3:15 – 4:05 PM Tom Principato  
4:15 – 4:45 PM Rose Between Thorns  
6:00 – 6:45 PM Blue Transfer Band  
7:00 – 10:00 PM School of Rock

#### Monday, May 30

12:15 – 1:00 PM The Green Zucchini\*  
1:15 – 2:15 PM Pat Sommers Rockshop  
3:00 – 4:00 PM Memorial Day Tribute  
4:30 – 6:00 PM Luke Brindley & Friends

\*Children's Entertainer

#### Northwest Federal Credit Union Children's Stage Vienna Town Green

#### Sunday, May 29

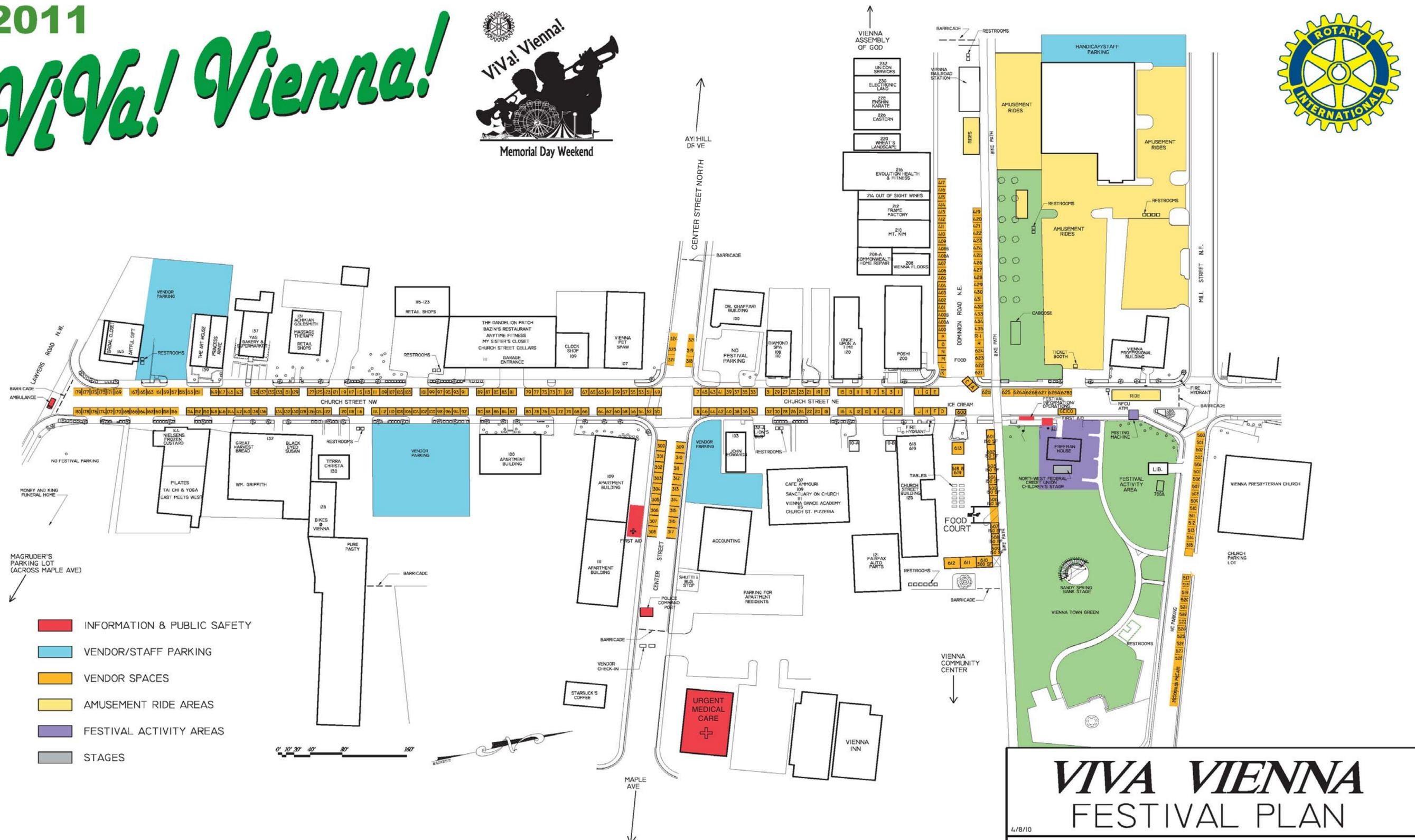
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5:15 – 6:00 PM Noland the Magician

#### Monday, May 30

11:30 AM – 12:15 PM The Bango Man – Frank Cassel  
2:15 – 3:00 PM Mr. Knick Knack  
4:00 – 4:45 PM Noland the Magician

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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**Iris Show.** 1-3 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. The Chesapeake and Potomac Iris Society annual Iris Show and Exhibition. Free and open to the public.

**Yard & Craft Sale.** 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Great Falls United Methodist Church, 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 703-759-3705 or c.wright@longandfoster.com.

**"Peter Pan" Ballet.** 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. George Mason High School Theater, 7124 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. The Kintz-Mejia Academy of Ballet's production with Peter and the Lost Boys against Captain Hook and his band of pirates. Tickets \$25 at the door. 703-893-0404 ext. 217 or www.kintzmejiaballet.com.

**Children's Cartoon Workshop.** 10 a.m. for age 8-10, 1:30 p.m. for age 11-14. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. Create characters, make storyboards, write dialog and more. \$75 includes materials. www.ViennaArtsSociety.org or 703-319-3971.

**The Seekers.** 5 p.m. Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Free. 703-288-9505.

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

**Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Adults. 703-242-4020.



**The pianist Hyun-Mi Chung will hold a Piano Concert at Steinway Recital Hall, Tysons Corner Mall, 1961 Chain Bridge Road, Mclean on Sunday, May 22, at 6 p.m. www.hyun-michung.net.**

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

**18th Century Spring Market Fair.** 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Period music, quilts and other games, children's puppet theater. Blacksmith, plant vendor, seamstress, millinery and stillatory stands. See Farm family and community members in character and costume. Adults \$6, age 3-12, seniors \$3. www.1771.org or 703-903-9330.

**Falls Church Civil War Day.** 10

a.m.-3 p.m. Cherry Hill Park, 312 Park Ave., Falls Church. Bus tour, living history reenactment, Civil War medical tent, spy stories and letter readings, children's activities, live music, tours of Civil War farmhouse and more. Free. 703-248-5171.

**Paperweight Collectors Association Dealers' Fair.** 12-5 p.m. Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive in McLean. Make purchases or have a paperweights identified and valued. \$5 admission fee. Free lecture, "A Paperweight Primer," for new collectors at 1:30 p.m. 703-847-5000 or www.paperweight.org.

**Tea Tasting Seminar.** 1:30 p.m. Great Falls Foundation For The Arts, 1144 Walker Road, Great Falls. Green teas discussed and sampled. \$30. Registration required at Laurie@greatfallsteagarden.com or 703-757-6209.

**Fiesta Latina.** 8 p.m. American Legion Post 180, 330 North Center St., Vienna. Live music by Grupo Cumbao and more. Proceeds benefit the Hispanic Committee of Virginia, providing case management and social services, legal and immigration-related assistance, workforce development programming, small business development assistance, and more for Hispanic immigrants.

**20th Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival.** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Reston Town Center, 12001 Market St., Reston. With over 220 artists, showcasing works in ceramics, decorative fibers, drawing and pastels, furniture, glass, jewelry, leather, metal, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, wood and more. Children's Art Tent, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free admission. www.northernvirginiafineartsfestival.org.



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## Here's What's Happening at MCC

### Summer Class Registration

Began **May 16**, for district residents  
**May 23**, for all others

MCC is offering an exciting assortment of classes, community events, youth activities and visual and performing arts programs from May through August. Jump in!

### Summer's Sensational!

Camp Registration is Ongoing

Your children can pick their own adventures this summer. MCC offers a wide variety of special interest camp programs for all ages.

### Travel and Adventure Film Series Discovering the Dutch

**Wednesday, May 18, 7:30 p.m.**  
\$10/\$8 district residents

Journey beyond the tulips, windmills and gabled houses into the fascinating stories of Dutch history.

### James C. Macdonald Arts Scholarship Final Competition

**Friday, May 20, 8 p.m.**  
Free admission

Local high school musicians will compete for awards.



### It's the Place to Be! McLean Day 2011

**Saturday, May 21**  
**11 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
Lewinsville Park  
Free admission

Come out and enjoy the community's biggest annual party in the park. Vote for MCC Governing Board candidates from 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

### Rocknoceros

**Sunday, May 22, 3 p.m.**  
\$12/\$8 district residents

From Tin Pan Alley to the shores of Jamaica, Rocknoceros hops from genre to genre like a toad on summer asphalt. For ages 4+.

**The McLean Community Center**  
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# Lost in Miscommunication

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the state championship—a first for any Vienna school—and they are competing in the national competition in Wisconsin. He is also a championship basketball team member, first chair violist, and a community and international non-profit volunteer. While no one knows if he would have ultimately made the cut, it is unfortunate that his opportunity was prematurely eliminated.

**THIS OUTCOME** could have been prevented had the system worked in a smooth and proper manner. Superintendent Dale or his designee could fix the mistake if he chooses to exercise his discretion under FCPS Regulation

3355.10, which permits intervention in extenuating circumstances. I can only hope he will do so, and also that FCPS management will take immediate steps to develop a better system for a school of TJ's caliber.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- ❖ That FCPS consider replacing the current TJ application process with an online application process;
- ❖ That FCPS create a new policy to send both email as well as USPS first-class notification of semi-finalist status. E-forms must mirror hard copies;
- ❖ That Kilmer institute policies to confirm to TJ semi-finalists, 24 hours or more in advance of deadline, of complete or incomplete applications (Note: This just in-

volves a checklist and sending an email);

❖ That FCPS ensure complete, thorough coordination between all media, paper sources of information, and employees so that deadlines are identical and correct information is disseminated;

❖ That FCPS respond more quickly to aggrieved parents who deserve a process whereby they can meet expeditiously with FCPS officials; and

❖ That parents who step forward have a way to ensure their child will be given fair consideration without retaliation for speaking out on the child's behalf.

*Julie Kim, an employee of Fairfax County Public Schools, is a former high school teacher and reporter for The Los Angeles Times.*

FAITH NOTES

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

**Vienna Baptist Church**, 541 Marshall Road S.W. in Vienna, is holding a 40th Anniversary Celebration of Vienna Baptist Children's Center. A child friendly service will be held May 22 at 11 a.m. to celebrate. Past teachers, parents and children are invited to attend. A birthday cake will be served at the end of the service. [vbccdirector@vbc-va.org](mailto:vbccdirector@vbc-va.org).

**Trinity United Methodist Church**, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean, Sunday worship services are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for adults is at 9:30 a.m. and for children during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Youth Group for grades 7-12 meets Sunday nights, 6 - 7:30 p.m. A 20-minute service of Holy Communion is held each Wednesday at 12 p.m. 703-356-3312 or [umtrinity.org](http://umtrinity.org).

**St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church**, 1830 Kirby Road in

McLean. The third Sunday service every month at 10:15 a.m. allows children to play active roles in the music and as greeters and ushers. Traditional services are every Sunday at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m. Nursery

The **Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church** Bell Choir 25th Anniversary Celebration will be May 22 at the church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna. A pot luck dinner begins at 6 p.m. followed by the bell performance. [www.andrewchapelumc.org](http://www.andrewchapelumc.org) or 703-759-3509.

**Epiphany United Methodist Church**, 1014 Country Club Drive in Vienna, announced their sermon for May 22 at 11 a.m. will be "Good Theology Has a Way of Doing That." 703-938-3494 or [office@epiphanyumc.com](mailto:office@epiphanyumc.com).

**Vienna Presbyterian Church**, 124 Park St. in Vienna, presents the 12-week program "Passages," for those experiencing separation or divorce. The DivorceCare series meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Cost of materials \$20, scholarships available. 703-938-9050 or [Passages@ViennaPres.org](mailto:Passages@ViennaPres.org).

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# HOME SALES

In April 2011, 80 homes sold between \$1,600,000-\$160,000 in the Vienna and Oakton area. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$1,600,000-\$505,000 range. For the complete list, visit [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com)

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot	AC	Subdivision
2544 BRIDGE HILL LN	5	5	2		OAKTON	\$1,600,000	Detached	1.75		BRIDGES OF OAKTON
9602 THISTLE RIDGE LN	4	3	1		VIENNA	\$1,595,985	Detached	0.83		THISTLE RIDGE
516 DRUID HILL RD	5	4	1		VIENNA	\$1,325,000	Detached	0.51		BEULAH HEIGHTS
9711 MEADOWMERE DR	6	5	1		VIENNA	\$1,079,900	Detached	0.83		MEADOWMERE
11314 TIMBERLINE DR	5	4	1		OAKTON	\$1,075,000	Detached	2.64		TIMBERLINE ESTATES
9505 MACY AVE	5	3	1		VIENNA	\$992,500	Detached	0.33		PANOPOULOS ESTATES
1709 BROADFIELD LN	5	4	1		VIENNA	\$905,000	Detached	0.72		HUNTER MILL ESTATES
10110 OAKTON DR	4	4	1		OAKTON	\$850,000	Detached	0.35		MANOR STATION
1645 MONTMORENCY DR	5	3	1		VIENNA	\$850,000	Detached	0.35		BLUFFS OF WOLF TRAP
2980 TROUSSEAU LN	5	4	1		OAKTON	\$840,000	Detached	0.13		HEARTHSTONE VILLAGE OAK
501 EAST CREEK CT	4	2	1		VIENNA	\$826,000	Detached	0.38		EAST CREEK
2201 CENTRAL AVE	4	3	1		VIENNA	\$810,000	Detached	0.17		CAMPBELLS LANDING
9968 STONE VALE DR	5	4	1		VIENNA	\$805,000	Detached	0.15		COURTHOUSE COMMONS
2818 RIFLE RIDGE RD	5	3	1		OAKTON	\$798,500	Detached	0.57		HUNT VALLEY ESTATES
302 EAST ST NE	5	3	1		VIENNA	\$790,000	Detached	0.26		WESTWOOD VIEW
2605 AMANDA CT	4	3	1		VIENNA	\$790,000	Detached	0.14		AMANDA PLACE
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# What The Future Holds

Students pursue college and careers after high school.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

Sarah Locke applied to Howard University, George Mason University and a few other colleges. In the end, however, she just couldn't see herself going anywhere besides The United States Military Academy, better known as West Point.

"I also looked into R.O.T.C or enlisting but this seemed like a better deal to me. I like the structure," said Locke.

West Point is not for the faint of heart. The academy is highly competitive, with just a 12.65 percent acceptance rate.

Out of the 1,300 people who start out each academy class, only 1,000 or so will make it through the four-year program, according to its website.

Just 10 days after her graduation from high school, Locke will have to report on June 27 for the beginning of Cadet Basic Training at West Point, also called "Beast Barracks."

Women tend to outnumber men in higher education, but West Point is an exception to that rule. Females usually make up just 15 percent of the cadets in each class, according to the academy's website.

Locke said she was inspired by her mother, an African American who was among the first 62 women to graduate from West Point in 1980.

Pat Walker Locke was already in the U.S. Army as an enlisted soldier when West Point opened its doors to women in the late 1970s. At the time, Pat Locke — who was from inner city Detroit — had never heard of West Point, but her battalion leader had encouraged her to apply for a slot at the school.

"There are more women there now than when we were there ... and people are trying to help you instead of keep you out," said Pat Locke, who is extremely pleased to see her own daughter attending the service academy.

"She was so excited. She was running around the house dancing when I got the letter," said Sarah Locke, who attends Mount Vernon High School.

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA** typically sends a large cohort of students to the military service academies each year.

Virginia's 11th congressional district, which includes Fairfax and Prince William counties, had 49

## 2011 University of Virginia Acceptances By High School



The following data are based on information provided by the University of Virginia's Office of Institutional Assessment, Fairfax County Public Schools, Arlington County Public Schools and the City of Alexandria.

School	Number of Students Accepted To UVa.	Number of Seniors (April 2011)	Percentage of Seniors Accepted To UVa.
Thomas Jefferson High School	223	425	52.4%
H.B. Woodlawn High School	16	93	17.2%
McLean High School	50	406	12.3%
James Madison High School	53	454	11.6%
South Lakes High School	37	357	10.3%
Marshall High School	25	286	8.7%
Lake Braddock Secondary School	51	588	8.7%
Langley High School	41	487	8.4%
Oakton High School	44	532	8.2%
Robinson Secondary School	50	624	8.0%
Fairfax High School	39	496	7.8%
Centreville High School	39	507	7.7%
Washington-Lee High School	33	431	7.6%
West Potomac High School	32	422	7.5%
Yorktown High School	31	444	6.9%
West Springfield High School	32	525	6.1%
South County Secondary School	25	442	5.6%
Chantilly High School	32	587	5.4%
Westfield High School	35	669	5.2%
Herndon High School	21	450	4.6%
T.C. Williams High School	29	632	4.5%
Lee High School	18	399	4.5%
Edison High School	16	370	4.3%
Annandale High School	23	557	4.1%
Wakefield High School	12	291	4.1%
Hayfield High School	16	443	3.6%
Mount Vernon High School	6	346	1.7%
Falls Church High School	5	300	1.6%
Stuart High School	0	305	0%
Woodson High School	0*	449	0%*

\* The University of Virginia sent data to The Connection Newspapers that indicated no students were accepted into as freshman into its undergraduate program from Woodson High School this year. Members of the Woodson community have said this is not the case, pointing to at least six students who have reported they will attend the school in the fall.

students accepted to academies in 2011, the most of any congressional district in the country. Virginia's 10th congressional district, which includes northern and western Fairfax County, ranked second in the number of students attending military academies next year.

Several of the students attending one of the academies next year have a family connection to the military already.

"I was influenced by my dad, who is over in Iraq right now," said Jason Ko, a Robinson Secondary School senior who will be attending West Point next year.

In Fairfax County, the number of students attending service academies also appears to be on the rise. In 2005, a total of 40 students from Fairfax County Public Schools attended the five academies. By 2009, that number had increased to 54.

"That is just the kind of lifestyle that is appealing to me," said Lisa Marie Junta, a Springfield resident who is a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.

Perhaps it shouldn't be surprising that Northern Virginia high school students interested in joining the military would pursue a career through a service academy that provides a college education.

A much larger percentage of Northern Virginia high school students attend four-year colleges in general. Last year, more than 60 percent of high school graduates in Arlington and Fairfax counties enrolled in four-year college programs, compared to just 46 percent of Virginia high school graduates overall.

Graduates from the Fairfax County Public Schools overwhelmingly choose to go to school within the commonwealth, which rivals California as having the best public higher education in the country. In 2009, 75 percent of Fairfax high school graduates attending college choose to enroll in the Virginia school, according to a school system report.

U.S. News and World Report regularly ranks the University of Virginia and College of William & Mary among the top 10 public undergraduate programs in the United States. The schools' stellar reputation has been double-edged sword however, creating an incredibly competitive admissions environment in which several high-achieving Northern Virginia students are vying for admission.

## Steep Competition

This year, the University of Virginia saw record-breaking 24,005 applications for its freshman class. William and Mary had 12,820 applications, according to a New York Times database.

The commonwealth's most prestigious universities ended up with similar admission rates of 32.2 percent and 34.6 percent respectively. Private colleges such as Carnegie Mellon (30.4 percent), Connecticut College (31.5 percent) and The George Washington

University (32 percent) have comparable admission rates.

Several well-regarded public schools have higher admissions rates including Georgia Tech (48 percent), University of Texas - Austin (45.6 percent) and the University of Wisconsin - Madison (49.7 percent). A select few, like UCLA (25.28 percent) and the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill (29.2 percent), have lower admission rates than the most selective Virginia universities.

**STILL**, several Northern Virginia families complain about their children's ability to get admitted to the commonwealth's top tier schools. At three Fairfax high schools, fewer than 10 students were admitted to UVa. this year, according to data released by the university.

Yet UVa.'s own data also shows that students applying from Northern Virginia localities were accepted at higher rate than average. The school acceptance rate for applications from Fairfax County (45 percent), Arlington County (43.1), City of Alexandria (40.1 percent) and the City of Fairfax (39.5 percent) was much more generous than the normal 32 percent.

In fact, it is often the next tier of Virginia public schools where students face more trouble getting accepted than that average applicant.

For example in 2009, Fairfax County Public Schools reported that the school system's graduates were often accepted at a lower rate than the average applicant to George Mason University (59.5/63.3), James Madison University (50.2/59.3) and Virginia Tech (51.1/66.7).

One reason that the Northern Virginia community may perceive a shortage of slots at the commonwealth's most selective college, UVa., is because a large share of the students admitted come from one school, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.

Nearly 18 percent of all the students admitted to UVa. from Fairfax and Arlington this year attend Thomas Jefferson. The university accepted 223 Jefferson students into its freshman class next year, which is more than half of the number of students in Jefferson's 425-person senior class. The next largest cohort of

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# Pursuing College, Careers

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accepted students came from the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School in Richmond, where 75 seniors were admitted. Madison High School in Vienna was next, with 53 students.

A fair number of Jefferson graduates choose to attend UVa. Ninety-three students in the 2010 freshman class came from Jefferson, according to the university.

But some parents believe Jefferson students are also more likely to get into other prestigious schools that it is difficult for students from base high schools to access.

From 2005-2009, Fairfax schools sent approximately 100 of its students to Ivy League universities every year, less than one percent of the number of seniors than normally apply to college.

## Out-of-State Decisions

Despite the strong reputation of the Virginia's public universities, many Northern Virginia students still decide to go out of state for school.

Fairfax graduates who are going outside the commonwealth tend to stay close by, according to a school system report.

The popular destinations for seniors include Pennsylvania, North Carolina and New York in 2008 and 2009. West Virginia University (95 students), Pennsylvania State University (73 students) and East Carolina University were the most popular out of the state schools two years ago.

Some Fairfax seniors may also need to go outside of Virginia to get what they need. For example, one of the most popular out-of-state schools for Fairfax residents is Brigham Young University, the flagship college of the Mormon Church in Utah.

"I applied to other colleges but I

have very high standards. I don't want to have to deal with some of the things I have had to deal with in high school," said Katelynn Crompton, who is attending another Brigham Young University, located in Idaho.

Crompton, a West Springfield senior, said she also looked at the Brigham Young in Utah and Brigham Young in Hawaii.

"It wasn't that hard of a decision," said Crompton.

## Forgoing College Altogether

Several students also decided a four-year college is not the right choice for them, even in a highly-educated community like Northern Virginia.

Beth Clapsaddle is one of the 30 percent of Fairfax County students that has decided to pursue an associate's degree instead of a traditional four-year college. She has won two scholarships to the New York Conservatory for the Dramatic Arts, where most of her classmates will either have already attended college or worked professional in the performing arts world already.

"I know it sounds silly but I really want to be on Saturday Night Live. I want to become part of Second City in Chicago," said Clapsaddle, who has been active in the theater and music departments at West Springfield High School.

The New York City-based program will take two years, during which Clapsaddle will live on her own, since there are no student dorms connected to the conservatory.

The high school senior said her parents have been surprisingly supportive of her decision to forego college, though it may have helped that she landed a scholarship to a well-known prestigious arts program.

"I told them that I would really be excited to go away to college,"

she said.

## High School Is The End of The Line

Though Northern Virginia has a higher-than-average rate of students attending four-year and two-year college programs, there are also a fair number of students for whom education stops after high school.

"I want all kids who can excel to the highest level to get to highest level but not all of our students are going to go to college," said School Board Member Brad Center (Lee). Center said one of his own son's is considering going into automobile repair,

which would require some more school but not college-level coursework.

"I do want all kids to get some kind of education after k-12 but it doesn't need to be college," said Center.

Yet students who are Black or Hispanic in Northern Virginia are much more likely to graduate high school with "no plans" for further education — including trade school or apprenticeship programs.

While only 11.7 percent of all Arlington County students graduate high school with no plans, 17.4 percent of its Black students and 18.6 percent of its Hispanic students fall into that category. And only 38 percent of Hispanic students and 53 percent of Black students that graduated from Arlington high schools last year planned to attend a four-year college.

In Fairfax County, the situation is similar. Eleven percent of Hispanic students and 7.3 percent of Black students who graduate from high school have "no plans" for pursuing higher education. Hispanic (26.5 percent) and Black (48.1 percent) students are also far less likely to be attending a four-year university or college.

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**Devin Laedtke** of Vienna presented research titled "Impact of Birth Order and Personality on Romantic Relationships," at the 82nd annual Eastern Psychological Association Meeting in Cambridge, Mass. The Susquehanna University senior is majoring in psychology, and is a 2007 graduate of George C. Marshall High School. She is the daughter of Robert and Laura Laedtke.

may apply at this time. June 1 is a firm deadline to which no exceptions will be made for any reason. Applications must be received no later than June 1. Students applying during the summer round must already have completed Algebra 1 during eighth grade. Additional information regarding eligibility and residency requirements for applicants can be found at [www.TJAdmissions.org](http://www.TJAdmissions.org). All applicants must take the TJ Admissions Test on Monday, June 6. Applications are available at the Thomas Jefferson Admissions Office, 8115 Gatehouse Road, Suite 2600, Falls

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# SPORTS

## Headed in the Right Direction

First round district tournament opponents Marshall and Madison High have made steady boys' soccer progress this spring.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

When Bill Bak learned he had not been chosen as the new Marshall High boys' soccer coach this past offseason, he shrugged it off and focused on his other soccer endeavors which include working with collegiate, high school and youth teams.

But when Marshall's first choice as head coach informed the school he would, in fact, not be able to devote his time to leading the Statesmen's program, Bak was contacted and asked to take over as head coach - just three days before practices were set to start up.

Bak, who has been coaching soccer for over 20 years, accepted the offer and stepped right in as head coach. The transition as the new Marshall coach - Marshall's third head coach in less than a year - went well, according to Bak who has led the Statesmen through a tough season record wise (4-8-1) but a successful one nonetheless as the Statesmen have showed good improvement and good team unity.

Marshall was scheduled to host a first round Liberty District playoff game versus Madison earlier this week on Monday, May 16, at its own Jimmy Miller Stadium. Evening time lightening flashes, however, prevented the postseason contest between the No. 4-seed Statesmen and No. 5 Warhawks from taking place. It was re-scheduled for the following day.

Bak said the biggest challenge he had in taking over the Marshall varsity boys was convincing them that there would be stability from the new coaching staff and its leadership. The team had struggled through a winless 2010 season, going 0-12..

"I felt for the kids because I was their third coach in less than a year," said Bak. "I knew [another coaching change] was going to be difficult for them. The first thing I had to get the guys [to buy into] was that this was a new regime with a new outlook and we were going in a new direction."

Bak said the varsity team has moved in the right direction this



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**Over its final five regular season games, the Madison High boys' soccer team went an impressive 3-1-1.**

season. He also likes the way the Marshall JV team, under coach Shane Kellogg, has played. The Statesmen JVers were 2-4-6 this season and showed competitiveness as well as aggressive play and a determination to play hard from start to finish, all of which bode well for the varsity program's future.

Coach Bak has tried to implement a winning mindset into his varsity team's players. After going without a win last year, the team has needed some strong encouragement and convincing that things could be different this spring. And four wins, following none in 2010, is certainly an improvement. But Bak said that winning games has not been the biggest priority this season.

"There was an understanding early on [with the team] that improvement was the key, not necessarily wins and losses," said Bak. "All in all, we're going in the right direction. We're trying to get the guys to realize that winning is an option. It's just been a matter of getting the guys to realize this is a whole new program."

Bak, prior to accepting the position as head coach, had studied the recent history of the Marshall program, both its varsity and JV teams, and was left with a strong belief that he could help turn the tide even though the Statesmen had struggled over the last several years. It certainly appears that Marshall soccer, although still getting its feet underneath itself, is showing some steady progression.

Some of Marshall's top players this season have been junior defender Brian Szymanski, senior defender Julian Smith, senior midfielder/forward Dylan Goodale, junior midfielder Hotaka Shiomi, and goalies Basheer Al-Kakhan, a junior, and senior David Yearney.

In the win over Madison to close the regular season, Statesmen goals came from Shiomi and Goodale (game-winner). Szymanski recorded an assist in the victory.

**MADISON HIGH BOYS' SOCCER**, meanwhile, has been under the solid guidance of second year coach Travis Beardall. The Warhawks, who were 6-6-1 last year, are currently 5-7-1 going into the postseason. Madison has played solid soccer for the most part. Scoring goals, however, has been a problem. The Warhawks have scored more than one goal in only three of their games.

"We've actually played good soccer overall, but we've had problems finishing [offensive rushes]," said Beardall. "We've played good possession soccer."

Madison, after losing its season opener to visiting non-district opponent Robinson, 1-0, on March 16, won contests against host Falls Church, 4-3, on March 18, and visiting Liberty District opponent Fairfax, 3-0, on March 22. But a difficult five-game losing streak followed, which included setbacks to Vienna-area rival Oakton as well as district rivals Langley and McLean. Most of the games dur-



PHOTO COURTESY/MADISON GIRLS LACROSSE

**Madison celebrates its Liberty District finals win over Langley last Thursday, May 12.**

### SPORTS ROUNDUPS

**The Madison High girls' Lacrosse team** brought home the Liberty District title last Thursday evening, May 12, defeating rival Langley, 17-4. With the finals win, Madison completed district play with an 11-0 record, and remains undefeated at 14-0 overall.

Madison reached the district title match against Langley by defeating Marshall High, 22-6, in a semifinals match. The cross-town contest between the Warhawks and Statesmen was competitive in its early minutes, but Marshall could not find an answer to Madison's shooting power or strong defense.

All-Liberty District Honors for Girls Lacrosse were recently announced, and the First Team All-District players were recognized in a midfield ceremony following last Thursday's Marshall versus Madison district tournament

semifinals game. Both Madison and Marshall teams were well represented.

First Team All-District selections from Madison were: Savannah Bentley, Megan Bisson, Alex Condon, Allison Hahn, Julia Kehoe, Katie Kerrigan, and Taylor Rivera-Silva. First Team selections from Marshall were: Annie Greenwood, Jessica Taylor, and Rachel Waldron.

Madison's Allison Hahn was named the District Player of the Year. Madison coach Amanda Counts was recognized as the District Coach of the Year.

Madison also had several players named to the Second Team. They were: Sam Babbitt, Carly Frederick, Katherine Hahne, Melissa Kellan, and Molly Webb.

From Marshall, Second Team honors went to Kelly Brown and Meredith Crizer.

ing that stretch were close, with the exception being a 3-0 district home loss to Stone Bridge on April 1.

Madison got back into the win column on April 15 when it defeated T.C. Williams, 1-0. In their next game, the Warhawks played district opponent Jefferson to a scoreless tie at home on April 29. They then continued a string of four games without a loss with wins at district foe South Lakes, 1-0, on May 3, and home versus non-district opponent Annandale, 5-3, on May 5.

"We started off the season good, then hit a shaky [spell] in the middle of the season," said Madison senior defender Abass Darab, who recently earned First Team All-District accolades.

Darab said the Warhawks have worked hard in practice to get and take advantage of scoring chances.

"We do a lot of drills that are centered on shooting," he said.

Coach Beardall said his team has received solid leadership from its nine seniors. As the season has moved on, he said the team has

formed more and more into a cohesive unit.

"Team chemistry is always a factor," he said. "We've seen that progress for sure. And we've seen the seniors step up. They've been the glue. We don't have a big-guy striker but we play good possession soccer."

Beardall said his team would like nothing more than to qualify for the Northern Regional tournament. Last year, the Warhawks lost to Jefferson in a first round district tournament game, thus preventing them from earning a region playoff bid. This week's Madison versus Marshall district quarterfinals round winner will not only advance to the district semifinals, but also earn that coveted region playoff berth.

Madison's All-District selections for this season are as follows: First Team - Abass Darab (defense) and Nick Baietti (midfield); Second Team - Reed Iandolo (defense) and Dan Traxler (midfield); Honorable Mention - Ryan Fishel (forward), Mac Perro (defense), and Owen Inkle (goalie).

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File No. 10 CVD 172 (Durham County)

The Plaintiff in the above referenced action, Diane E. Letsu, filed a Complaint for Absolute Divorce On February 21, 2011 in the General Court of Justice, District Court Division of Durham County, North Carolina. You are required to make defense to such pleading No later than 40 days after MAY 11, 2011 and, upon your Failure to do so, the party seeking service against you Will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

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Notice of Availability: Draft Environmental Assessment,  
Pentagon Sentry Program

Agency: Department of Defense

Public Comment Period: May 11 – May 25, 2011

**Summary:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 USC 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and Department of Defense Instruction 4715.9, Washington Headquarters Services has prepared and issued a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the construction of new Secure Access Lane (SAL), Metro Entrance Facility (MEF), and Corridor 8 (COR8) Screening Facilities on the Pentagon Reservation.

The overall purpose of the Proposed Action is to provide permanent, efficient, and appropriately sized facilities to support the Pentagon Force Protection Agency's (PFPA) security screening and vehicle inspection procedures at the Reservation. Construction of new facilities is necessary because the existing security screening and vehicle inspection procedures are performed in temporary, prefabricated facilities that are undersized and are not architecturally consistent with other buildings on the Pentagon Reservation. The Proposed Action would address this issue by constructing new screening facilities at the SAL, MEF, and COR8 pedestrian access point. A No-Action Alternative was also considered, whereby PFPA security screening operations would continue to be conducted in temporary, prefabricated facilities.

The Proposed Action would have the potential for minor, long-term impacts to architectural resources, stormwater runoff, greenhouse gas emissions, vegetation, topography, and infrastructure and utilities. The No-Action Alternative would not result in any environmental impacts.

Based on the Draft EA, the proposed project is not expected to result in any significant adverse effects or impacts on the natural or human environment. It is anticipated that this EA will result in a Finding of No Significant Impact for the Proposed Action.

#### Where Draft EA May Be Reviewed:

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# Girl Power!

Girls on the Run 5K celebrates healthy eating, fitness.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
THE CONNECTION

Months of training paid off as thousands of young girls from throughout the region — accompanied by running buddies, parents and friends — took to the streets of George Mason University May 15 for the Girls on the Run of Northern Virginia 5K race.

“This is an incredible event,” said celebrity chef Spike Mendelsohn, who ran the race alongside 7,500 other participants. “There is such a happy vibe here and it’s exciting to be a part of it.”

Also participating in the race, which drew an additional 2,600 spectators to the GMU campus, were local politicians and dignitaries.

GOTR of Northern Virginia is a nonprofit organization that uses running as a mentoring tool to educate young girls on self-esteem and healthy eating and lifestyle choices. The 10-week program, which currently serves more than 6,500 girls in 200 schools, combines lessons that help adolescent girls in grades 3 through 8 build confidence and develop healthy lifestyles with training for a 5K race.

“These amazing girls are the future powerhouses of our nation.”

—Celebrity chef Spike Mendelsohn

“These amazing girls are the future powerhouses of our nation,” said Mendelsohn, who works closely with First Lady Michelle Obama and the Let’s Move healthy eating initiative in schools. “We need to start teaching healthy eating and lifestyle choices at a young age and this organization perfectly complements that.”

The 3.1-mile race, sponsored by United Healthcare, Inova Hospital, Verizon, Running Brooke, Washington Gas and George Mason University, ended with a finish line festival that included rock music provided by Studio Rock of Northern Virginia, hair coloring and healthy food and training booths.

“This gives a whole new meaning to the term ‘running for office,’” laughed Del. David Bulova (D-37) following the race. “I wish everyone could experience this because there is nothing more inspiring than seeing what these young girls have accomplished out here today.”

For more information on Girls on the Run, visit [www.girlsontherunofnova.org](http://www.girlsontherunofnova.org).



More than 7,500 Girls on the Run participants take to the streets of the campus of George Mason University during Sunday’s 5K race.

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Celebrity chef Spike Mendelsohn receives an official Girls on the Run fedora from executive director Catherine Knightly prior to the start of Sunday’s race.

## SCHOOLS

Tucked away off the wildlife habitat at Louise Archer Elementary School is a secret garden.



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# Growing Minds

Gardens, paths and outdoor learning center mark Louise Archer's environmental mission.

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

**H**ow do you teach young students to be good stewards of the environment?

You let them live it. Louise Archer Elementary School has a National Wildlife Foundation endorsement for its habitat gardens and the school boasts a variety of gardens and outdoor resources, from plant beds and birdbaths to "reading rocks" and an outdoor learning center complete with seating. Most of the environmental landscape at the school comes from parents, alumni and Boy Scouts, at minimal cost to the school.

"Our gardens tie in with the County's goals for its students," said Louise Archer principal, Michelle Makrigiorgos. "Goal 3 is 'responsibility to community.' We are teaching them environmental stewardship through the science and social studies curriculum."

Makrigiorgos pointed to the new plantings in the raised plant beds created by a James Madison High School Eagle Scout. Each grade level selected what they wanted to plant in the seven beds. The third-graders, studying ancient civilization, planted seeds of basil and other herbs that were found hundreds of years ago.

The second grade classes, studying American Indians in the social studies curriculum, focused on the "three sisters," corn, beans and squash.

Makrigiorgos described the school's gardens as an extension of its learning environment.

"We're trying to create outdoor learning opportunities to enhance and extend our students' academic learning," she said.

The habitat garden, certified by the National Wildlife Foundation, was created about three or four years ago. Most of the patio bricks are engraved with the names of donors.

**BEHIND THE SCHOOL**, looking toward Madison High School, rows of wood benches, wedged into the earth, form an outdoor learning center. It, too, was built by an Eagle Scout. The front grounds were cleared by an Eagle Scout last year, and bushes and paths were built making the gardens look like those in a little English village. Scattered in front, back and side clearings are flowers and trees planted by

classes in honor of their teachers. Off the wildlife habitat is a hideaway called "The Secret Garden." A new bird nest sits on a low-hanging branch.

"We all take great pride in what our school looks like," Makrigiorgos said. "It's a partnership of school, parents and community."

"Liz DiFrancisco has really been the catalyst within the PTA to promote the gardens and continue enhancing our environment." DiFrancisco has secured materials and manpower to make the enhancements happen. Her creativity spurred the construction of some unique settings. The "Reading Rocks" are one of them. Large, fairly-flat stones, compliments of the Town of Vienna, line a garden between two structures. Children are invited to sit on the rocks and read while sitting amid nature.

There are butterfly attractions there, a sundial and a rain barrel. Much of the garden designs are DiFrancisco's creations.

DiFrancisco has volunteered with the gardens for seven years, she said. Growing up, DiFrancisco's parents had a big garden. All three of her children have Louise Archer backgrounds, and her youngest, Katie, is in fifth grade there.

"I'm just a mom and I needed a project," DiFrancisco described her original impetus.

The gardens haven't been an expense because the school and its volunteers have been able to use the resources of the community, Makrigiorgos said. "Just by asking, we've been able to get so many things." Local businesses respond when Louise Archer PTA approaches them. "Just ask," said Makrigiorgos.

Makrigiorgos said that she and other school principals are always in contact with one another, sharing their ideas and efforts. Many schools have rain barrels and habitat gardens now.

**THE PLANTS AND GARDENS** at Louise Archer are an ongoing movement. DiFrancisco and colleagues are making identification signs for the plants and flowers.

In the fall, each class planted tulip bulbs. "We came back from spring break and there they were, blooming," said Makrigiorgos. "The kids know 'this is my space.' They had planted something and it grew."

Louise Archer found a way to harmonize with nature in an unstructured manner, with its gardens and reading rocks and pathways and walks and serene nooks.

"We hope it forms lifelong habits and an appreciation and love for what exists [in nature]," said Makrigiorgos. "It's our responsibility to provide these opportunities to teach our students about the environment."

"Our hope is that they will continue that into the future. It's their role, their job."



Classes have begun honoring teachers with a tree planted in the teachers' names.



Liz DiFrancisco was called a 'catalyst' for grounds enhancement by the school's principal, Michelle Makrigiorgos.