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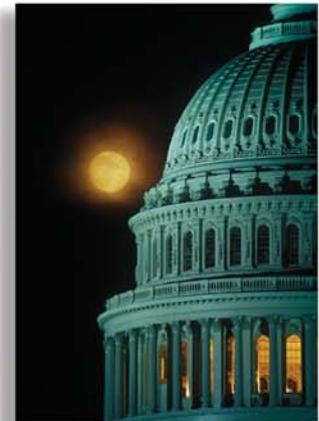
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**Some of the attendees at Del. Mark Keam's (D-35) public forum on Thursday, Sept. 28. Residents and business owners voiced concerns over the increased density the new Tysons Corner would generate.**



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## Focus on Tysons Redevelopment

**Del. Mark Keam hears from voters — loudly — on Tysons Corner plan.**

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

**O**ne message came through loud and clear at the Tysons Corner redevelopment public forum hosted by Del. Mark Keam on Sept. 28: the transformation of Tysons Corner into a city was foisted on taxpayers who have little say in the transformation.

Except for a business interest represented, none of the 20 to 25 guests expressed satisfaction with the increased density of population and office buildings that the redevelopment would bring. Residents, said a few citizens, moved to the Vienna and McLean areas precisely because they did not want to live around a city.

Tysons Corner redevelopment is happening, said Keam, and citizens and local elected officials alike have to work together to protect the interests of residents. "We [Tysons Corner-area residents] didn't ask for this," said Keam. "It came to us. So, what can we do to work around these concerns?"

Keam acknowledged that many of the issues would be dealt with at the Fairfax County level or federal level, but as a delegate whose district embraces the constituency around Tysons Corner, Keam pledged to use his position in the General Assembly to do as much as he could to protect their interests.

Representing the 35th District, Keam has submitted bills before the General Assembly that would factor in additional elements when determining how much state money comes back to Northern Virginia. As an example, Keam cited transportation funding. The Commonwealth returns money to locales for road use based on road mileage. Keam would like to see money given back to Northern Virginia based on road usage. Some laws are in place that are designed to ensure that the region doesn't get its fair share, Keam said.

Vienna Mayor M. Jane Seeman and McLean Citizens Association president Rob Jackson participated in the forum as representatives of their residents.

Seeman spoke first, remarking that Vienna and McLean share similar interests in preserving their respective communities. "We don't want to have to

pay more than our fair share," said Seeman. "Someone needs to help us out, whether it's the county or the state."

**MANY GUESTS WERE CANDID** in their dissatisfaction with the current Tysons Corner redevelopment plans.

"The only people this development benefits are the developers," said Cheryl Jones of McLean. "We didn't ask for this. It was pushed on us by developers."

While most attendees were residents who came to the forum to comment on the impact redevelopment would have on the surrounding Vienna and McLean areas, a few others were business owners. One of them questioned not only the adequacy of the infrastructure, but the taxpayers' responsibility to be the primary funding arm.

Herndon/Oak Hill business owner Jason Stern said that his wife avoids going to the Tysons Corner area now. The traffic and congestion with new development and higher density would only worsen, he said. "I'm pro-business. I'm not pro-stupidity," Stern said.

Plush Gelato owners Dinh and Henry Luong attended the meeting to learn more about how Tysons Corner's redevelopment would affect small businesses in Vienna.

ViennaTysons Regional Chamber of Commerce president Diane Poldy said that redevelopment of Tysons Corner would benefit all the stakeholders in the long run. Businesses would contribute tax revenue and employers would add jobs. As a transit-oriented development, the new Tysons Corner, with its four Metro stations, would take cars off the roads, not add more cars to it. Poldy, too, emphasized the need for more funding from Richmond. The chairman of the Town of Vienna's Business Liaison Committee concurred with the need for a greater share of tax revenue from Richmond.

Linda Miller, who moved to Vienna 20 years ago, was explicit in her disdain for the new Tysons Corner becoming a city in itself. "I could have moved to Ballston or Washington, but I didn't want to live in a city," said Miller. "If Tysons becomes a city, I'm not staying. I'm moving. At some point, we have to say, 'this has to stop,' and stop it now."

Several attendees remarked that Northern Virginia is the economic engine of the state and is, in effect, penalized for its economic success, said Keam.

The Northern Virginia delegation is bipartisan on pushing for a greater percentage of money to come back to Northern Virginia, Keam said. "We're all on the same page," he said.

## Vienna Teacher Takes Music to Tanzania

**Dave Reynolds returns to Vienna Elementary School with memories, ideas and instruments.**

**V**ienna Elementary School music teacher David Reynolds developed an interest in drumming a while ago. In fact, he has taken west African drumming classes and workshops for the past five years. His school band, the VES Jammers, perform their rhythmic music at local events.

When the opportunity arose to visit Africa with Vienna's own musical talent Robbie Schaefer this year, Reynolds counted himself in. After a week in Arusha township with Schaefer, under the auspices of Schaefer's nonprofit organization One Voice, Reynolds returned home to Vienna with a greater appreciation of African culture, as well as music to teach his students. And two instruments used in African music.

"Before I left, my hope was really to be fully immersed in the African culture," Reynolds said. "I was not surprised by how musical the children were, and their passion for life was everything I imagined it to be."

Reynolds knew Robbie Schaefer through Schaefer's son Ethan, who went through Vienna Elementary School. After a concert that Schaefer gave at the Vienna Community Center to benefit One Voice, Reynolds connected with Schaefer. Reynolds knew about Schaefer's Uganda trip where One Voice was launched.

"I love drumming, dancing and singing," said Reynolds. "And drumming, dancing and singing are the heart of a lot of African cultures."

"When I spoke to Robbie after the concert, I told him, 'the next time you go, in whatever capacity you need me, I'd love to be a part of it.'"

On Sept. 10, Reynolds was one of five participants on the One Voice-sponsored trip to Tanzania. The death of Schaefer's nephew brought the intact group back to Washington on Sept. 19. Reynolds described his role with One Voice in Arusha, Tanzania, as "essentially," what he does here. "I was a music teacher there," said



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**Vienna Elementary School music teacher Dave Reynolds with the African drum known as the ngoma. Reynolds returned from a trip to Tanzania sponsored by One Voice on Sept. 19.**

Reynolds, who handled audio equipment, as well. Reynolds said he sang along with Schaefer and taught the children of Shepherds Junior School, a primary school, new songs.

The students of Shepherds Junior School thrive under the direction of school administrator Mama Lucy, Reynolds said. The nonprofit group Epic Change is raising money to build a secondary school that will operate under Mama Lucy's administration. The first class to graduate from Shepherds Junior did so in mid-September.

To date, Epic Change has raised enough money to buy land for the secondary school and begin construction on it. Money is needed to complete the project.

"The big purpose of this trip was to profile the school and fundraise on behalf of it," said Reynolds.

"The kids here are already throwing out ideas," said Reynolds. "I'd especially like to give the kids the opportunity to get involved so they can make a difference in someone else's lives."

"I truly think it's an opportunity to help out other human beings who are less fortunate than we are."

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## NEWS

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) wearing her favorite pair of jeans in her office Monday. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recently proclaimed Oct. 21 "Jeans Day." "We have it within our power to end homelessness as we know it in Fairfax County, and Jeans Day is just one of many great ways we are doing just that," Bulova said.



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# All Denim Created Equal on 'Jeans Day'

On Oct. 21, business can put the 'zip' on homelessness by wearing denim.

By VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

They can be faded, ripped or sun-washed. They can be a \$1,200 pair of Dolce & Gabbana or a \$30 pair of tried-and-true Levi's. The point is the same: wearing jeans can make a difference for the more than 1,500 children and adults who face homelessness today in Fairfax County.

The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce recently announced a partnership with the County's Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH) for a community-wide "Jeans Day 2011" on Oct. 21. The Chamber asked its 500-plus member businesses to offer employees the chance to wear jeans on Oct. 21 for a \$5 contribution.

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# 'Jeans Day' against Homelessness

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"We're proud to provide an opportunity for businesses and their employees to participate in the work to end homelessness that has already been so successful in our community," said Jim Corcoran, president and CEO of the Fairfax Chamber. "Our businesses step up every day to support our community in many ways, but we're especially excited about this opportunity because it's a chance for employees to get involved directly."

Michael O'Reilly, former Mayor of Herndon and chairman of the OPEH governing board, said more than 20 local businesses have signed on to participate.

"This is a great way to raise the awareness of homelessness in our community and for all of us to help those who are really struggling," O'Reilly said.

**ONE LOCAL COMPANY**, Deltek, has already held a number of Jeans Days. The Herndon-based software company recently raised more than \$2,000 for the OPEH.

"We thought the idea was good for three reasons," said Patrick

Smith, vice president of corporate marketing and communication with Deltek.

"Helping raise funds for organizations battling homelessness is a priority for Deltek. It allows our employees to 'dress down' at work, and it is an easy and great way to get all of our employees energized about helping others," Smith said.

Oct. 21 was also officially proclaimed as Jeans Day by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) was on hand at a meeting of the Fairfax Chamber Board of Directors to present the official proclamation for Jeans Day 2011.

"Raising awareness about homelessness in Fairfax County in this creative way is exciting. Jeans Day is a great opportunity for employees working in Fairfax County to get involved in the fight to prevent and end homelessness in an innovative and fun way," Bulova said.

"We have it within our power to end homelessness as we know it in Fairfax County, and Jeans Day is just one of many great ways we are doing just that," Bulova said.

Dean Klein, director of the

OPEH, said Jeans Day is an event held across the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia throughout the year to show support for many causes, including children's health and homelessness.

"In addition, Jeans Day 2011 offers a great opportunity for companies to not only engage their employees to give financially to wear jeans but also to offer easy ways for companies to connect with local homeless organizations to learn more about homelessness and to also volunteer their time," Klein said.

Klein said the majority of people without homes in the community are children and working families.

"Homelessness affects everyone, with social and economic costs to the community, including increased public costs for medical care and education," Klein said.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** on the "Jeans Day" event, or to register a business to participate, go to [www.jeansday2011.eventbrite.com](http://www.jeansday2011.eventbrite.com) or contact Glynda Mayo Hall, Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, at [glynda.hall@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:glynda.hall@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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**Purple Onion catering owner Margot Jones, with executive chef Adam Gooch, and assistant Dago Ortiz in the kitchen of Purple Onion's new headquarters.**

# Purple Onion Comes to Vienna

**Ribbon-cutting, luncheon buffet, welcomes guests to new headquarters.**

Margot grew up in Vienna, in Shouse Village near Wolf Trap, and when the Joneses planned on relocating their catering service from their Fair Lakes cafe, they knew where they wanted to be.

"We live here, we love Vienna," said Margot Jones, who, with her husband, has lived in Vienna for 25 years. "We bought the building. We're here to stay." Margot and Dave have deep connections to Vienna and support local churches and schools.

The two-story building opened for business, actually, on May 15. The building features the kitchen, offices for the staff of 28 full-time employees, and an elegant tasting

BY DONNA MANZ  
 THE CONNECTION

**T**he ribbon-cutting and celebration at the Purple Onion on September 17 had all the earmarks of a well-orchestrated catered reception. Which, come to think of it, is exactly what it was. After 28 years in the food preparation business, Vienna residents Margot and Dave Jones celebrated the grand opening of their new catering kitchen and office complex on Maple Avenue.

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**Guests sampled quiche, chicken salad-filled croissants, fruit salad, green salad and sweets at the grand opening of Purple Onion on September 17. Purple Onion owners Margot and Dave Jones (center) with Mayor M. Jane Seeman and Del. Mark Keam.**



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# Grand Opening

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room where bridal parties can sample food specialties and choose décor and place settings, as well. The main level, housing the kitchen, is approximately 3,00 square feet of gleaming equipment and layout.

The Purple Onion focuses on corporate orders during the work week and special events – from social to funerals – on weekends, including the bridal party food tastings in the upstairs showroom.

Margot was born into a military family living in Germany and raised on local cuisine. She grew up eating foods that most American kids are unfamiliar with but it broadened her culinary horizons. Even as a youngster, the middle child in the family, she pleased her parents and siblings by cooking. She remembers making yogurt as a child.

While attending George Mason University, Margot Jones worked summers in the restaurant at Wolf Trap, then at a gourmet food shop, Le Grand Appetit, in Great Falls where she learned about cheeses from around the world and at Vienna's own Wolf Trap Deli.

Her stint at Le Grand Appetit was her first experience working in catering. The mother of two sons, Margot started catering out of her home kitchen when pregnant with her first boy.

"That was sort-of the beginning of working from my home," said Margot. "I started doing small intimate catering from my kitchen,

things like bridal showers. It was very casual to begin with."

Margot rented a kitchen at Fairfax Food Service in 1994 and produced her food orders from there until the couple realized they needed larger space. In 2001, Margot and Dave bought Pino's Café, in Fair Lakes.

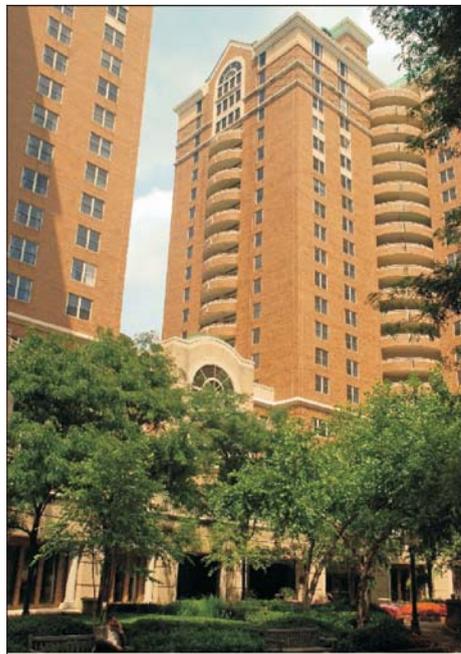
"I love to cook, I love to entertain," said Margot. "But what I've always really liked is making people happy with food."

Forty guests, mostly local friends, took part in the ceremonial ribbon-cutting and lunch buffet in the showroom. Vienna Mayor M. Jane Seeman, Del. Mark Keam and Town Council members were there to congratulate Margot and Dave.

Executive Chef Adam Gooch, with sterling professional credentials, joined Purple Onion Catering in May. He graduated from the Pennsylvania Institute of Culinary Arts in Pittsburgh, and studied in France at La Cordon Blue and Le Ritz Escoffier, as well as the Culinary Institute of America. Chef Adam ran restaurants before becoming part of the Purple Onion team.

Purple Onion's business is up over 40 percent from last year, much of the growth from corporate orders. "We've really been blessed with how our business has grown," said Margot Jones.

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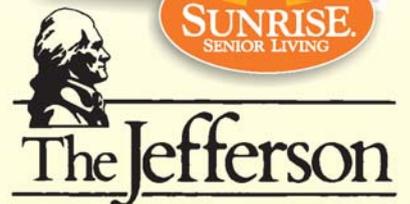
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# OPINION

## A Few Days Left To Register To Vote

**Vote now, who knows what Election Day could bring.**

**T**he turnout was so miniscule for Primary Election Day that you might not remember that it was also Earthquake Day, and that if you were planning to vote when you got home from work, you probably wouldn't have had the chance. Traffic came to a halt, and many commutes took many hours.

**EDITORIAL** Imagine what would happen if we had a repeat of a historic early snow: On Nov. 11, 1987, a foot of snow fell at National Airport. On Nov. 6 and 7, 1953, this area had more than seven inches of snow, according to the National

Weather Service. Seven inches fell in November, 1938. In November, 1904, the area had three inches of snow; November 1910, the area had five inches of snow.

So far, 2011 has been a year of extremes, so is it worth preparing for the great Election Day blizzard? Or possibly just the great Election Day traffic jam?

You can vote in person from now until Nov. 5 if you think that there is any chance you could be away from home for 10 hours on Election Day. Remember that some people spent 10 hours on the GW Parkway one day last winter.

There are only a few days left to register to vote to participate in the Nov. 8 general election if you have not already done so.

Some important dates to remember:

Monday, Oct. 17, 2011 is the deadline to register to vote, either in person or mailed registration postmarked by that date to vote in the Nov. 8 General Election.

Tuesday, Nov. 1 is the deadline to apply for an absentee ballot by mail.

Saturday, Nov. 5 is the last day to vote early, absentee ballot in-person.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Groundless Fears

To the Editor:

In a recent candidates' forum, Dranesville Supervisor John Foust called the completion of Phase II of the Silver line to Dulles Airport crucial to our region's economic health. Recently, controversy has arisen over the proposal to mandate the use of a Project Labor Agreement ("PLA") by the lead contractor for Phase II of the Metro extension project. As someone familiar with the use of PLAs, I can tell you that the use of a PLA is in all of our best interest, and questions over the use of this labor agreement must not be allowed to slow down or stop Phase II of this project.

PLAs are pre-hire collective bargaining agreements that set wage and benefit rates for a specific project. They are increasingly common for large, complex con-

struction projects to ensure that they are built safely by a trained workforce within budget and on schedule. Criticism of these agreements has centered on three points: that the PLA will discriminate against non-union workers, discourage competition, and increase costs.

Phase I of the Dulles Rail project gives ample evidence that these fears are groundless.

The fact is that PLAs do not require union membership and are not in conflict with Virginia's right to work laws. In fact, both union and non-union labor are being used on Phase I. The agreement merely sets the standards and ground rules for bidding on the project.

The fact is that PLAs do not discourage competition. Studies show that non-union contractors

can and do bid on PLA projects and win them. By setting competitive wage and benefit rates, PLAs make it easier for contractors to attract and retain skilled labor for the duration of the project.

The fact is that PLAs do not add costs, in fact they keep the project on time and on budget (even, in some cases, under budget). As Phase I has shown, PLAs' set ground rules prevent expensive cost overruns, and provide a safe and stable work force that mitigates against costly delays. However, if you want to compare Phase I with another local, non-PLA construction project, you need only look at the Springfield Bypass project, which was 300 percent over budget, years late, and involved multiple worker fatalities.

By mandating the use of a PLA, the Metropolitan Washington Air-

ports Authority ("MWAA") is attempting to do what we all want: ensure that this crucial project will be completed safely, in a timely manner, and within budget. The MWAA's experience with Phase I has shown that a PLA is essential to that goal. The PLA is good for local workers, and by extension, for the local economy. PLAs are also commonly known as "Community Workforce Agreements," because they funnel money back into the community in the form of family-supporting jobs, skill training and apprenticeships. This is not a partisan Republican or Democratic issue, it is about efficiency. The inclusion of a PLA for Phase II is fiscally responsible, and taxpayers deserve nothing less.

**Joseph Guerrieri Jr.**  
McLean

## Inaccurate Figures

To the Editor:

Recently, State Senator Janet Howell and House of Delegates Representative Kenneth Plum sent an open letter to Gov. McDonnell, expressing concern about projected increases in the Dulles Toll Road (DTR) fees that will be needed to pay for Dulles Metro Phase 2 (DMP2).

In this letter, they spoke of "some in the community ... using projections that have not been validated, to create concern and confusion". This statement is inaccurate. Applying the same method used by the firm that generated their "validated" projection, Reston Citizens Association's

Reston 2020 Committee issued a paper in April 2011 stating that DTR users would be paying 56 percent of total Dulles rail costs and three-quarters of DMP2's costs. That conservative estimate, never publicly questioned, would put tolls at over \$15 in the mid-2040s, or more than \$6 in 2010 dollars. The only difference from the 2009 "validated" (sponsored by Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA)) results is that the Committee's estimate used updated Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) growth projections and the MWAA's own projection of a one billion dollar increase in

DMP2 costs. Others, including MWAA, have generated higher toll fare estimates still, using other methods. MWAA's most recent estimates for tolls in 2028 — a much shorter horizon than Reston 2020's — range between \$10.75 and \$14.25 (\$ 6.50 and \$8.62 in 2010 dollars), depending on the availability of federal (TIFIA) financing. It remains unclear how MWAA generated these projected toll levels. Some project tolls as high as \$17 within a decade, based on the alternative (and less conservative) forecast presented in the "validated" study referenced by Sen. Howell and Rep. Plum.

Both of the above Representa-

tives have avoided making any public comment on the growing public criticism of MWAA's DMP2 business plan and cost estimates up to now. Why, we cannot understand. Sen. Howell and Del. Plum really ought to seek out the MWAA numbers that we used and acquaint themselves with reality. After all, these are readily available in the public record. While our representatives may be confused at present, we look forward to their becoming more concerned as well. It's time.

**Tammi Petrine and John Hanley**  
Co-Chairs, Reston 2020 Committee

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# Grandmother Guilty: First Degree Murder

Jury recommends 35 years for killing toddler.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

Public defender Dawn Butorac did her best to convince the jury that Carmela dela Rosa was insane when she scooped up her 2-year-old granddaughter and tossed her over a parking-garage railing 44 feet to her death.

But Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Morrogh just didn't buy it. In his closing argument last week to the jury trying the 50-year-old Fairfax woman for first-degree murder, he said, "This isn't insanity. It's depravity."

In the end, following a weeklong trial in Circuit Court, on Oct. 6, the jury of eight men and four women agreed, finding Dela Rosa guilty of first-degree murder and recommending she be sentenced

to 35 years in prison. In January, she'll learn her punishment.

The tragedy occurred the evening of Nov. 29, 2010, on a sixth-floor, outdoor walkway leading from the food court to a parking garage at the Tysons Corner Center. The child, Angelyn Ogdod, was rushed to Inova Fairfax Hospital in critical condition and died there, around 4:30 a.m., the next morning.

During the course of Dela Rosa's trial, it was revealed that she harbored bitter animosity toward her son-in-law, James Ogdod, for getting her daughter Kathlyn pregnant with Angelyn at age 19 before the couple wed. Although they later married and were happy, Dela Rosa never forgave James.



Dela Rosa

HER ANGER even kept her from attending Angelyn's first-birthday party and led to depression and suicide attempts. Through it all, testified clinical psychologist Stanton Samenow, a pattern emerged, one showing a selfish woman who considered her feelings more important than anyone else's.

When Dela Rosa tried to kill herself, he said, she was "self-centered" in that she didn't think about the impact it would have on her family. And after examining her, talking to witnesses and reading "voluminous" medical documents, said Samenow, he wrote that she'd done everything she could to drive away her son-in-law.

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Merrilee Park, which is slightly over one acre in size, is located in Providence Supervisory District and situated immediately adjacent to I-495. Merrilee Park lies within the Merrifield Suburban Center which envisions the future redevelopment of the Merrifield area with a sustainable, urban character.

Since acquiring the property, the Park Authority initiated the master plan process to guide future development of the site. This process seeks to balance local recreation needs and community preferences together with site related issues such as public access, site assets and physical constraints.

The draft park master plan is available online at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/merrilee.htm> or in hardcopy from the Fairfax County Park Authority in the Herry Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406, Fairfax, Virginia.

The meeting will feature a brief presentation outlining the site's current conditions and draft master plan. Following the presentation, the meeting will continue with a moderated public comment session to allow input on the draft park plan. If you would like to speak at the meeting or desire more information, please contact Public Information Officer Judy Pedersen at 703-324-8662 or via email at [parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov). Speakers may also sign up at the meeting.

Comments on the plan will be received by the Park Authority for 30 days after the meeting. The public comment period will close on Friday, November 25, 2011. All comments must be received by this date in order to be included in the official public record. Written comments should be directed to Project Manager Gayle Hooper, Planning & Development Division, Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 421, Fairfax, VA 22035.

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# Dela Rosa Found Guilty

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In an interview following her arrest, which was played in court, she even admitted to police Det. Steve Needels that she was jealous of the attention Angelyn got from the family. "Everybody loves her," she told him. And when James, who was at work when the rest of the family was together at the mall, that night, called his wife at the shopping center, it was the final straw.

"When you picked [Angelyn] up, what were you thinking of?" Needels asked Dela Rosa. She replied, "I was thinking about James." And not once during her lengthy interview with the detective did she inquire about her granddaughter's condition. Angelyn died about six hours later.

In court, Samenow testified that Dela Rosa complained about being "betrayed and disappointed" because of the child. "But she's the one who pushed people away," he said. "People couldn't live up to her

often-unrealistic expectations. When having a major depressive episode, she isolated herself. She wasn't a very social person."

He said she had "a clear, personality disorder [and] had it for many, many years. She was uncompromising and opinionated." In fact, said Samenow, Dela Rosa's husband had almost separated

can do good, sincere things; but inside, there is another set of forces churning."

**JUDGE BRUCE WHITE** told the jurors that, to convict her of first-degree murder, they had to believe that Dela Rosa killed Angelyn maliciously and that the crime was willful, deliberate and premeditated. If they found her insane at the time and believed she didn't intend the results of her act, or couldn't distinguish right from wrong, they were to find her not guilty.

In her closing argument, Oct. 5, Butorac said Dela Rosa was "a completely different person when she was in a major depression. This was a tragedy caused by her mental illness. She had a hard time dealing with things other people could cope with and move on from."

Besides being upset about Kathlyn's unwed pregnancy for SEE SENTENCING, PAGE 11

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— Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney **Ray Morrogh**

from her because of her attitude about Kathlyn's pregnancy. "She was insecure and her behavior ran to extremes."

Butorac said some friends and neighbors described Dela Rosa as kind, friendly and someone who loved her granddaughter. But, countered Samenow, "There's a lot of hate in this woman. A person

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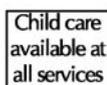


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# Sentencing Set for Jan. 6

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religious reasons, said Butorac, Dela Rosa didn't have a college degree and blamed it for her lack of a better job. So she'd hoped her daughter would get a college education, instead of becoming pregnant. Showing happy photos of Dela Rosa and Angelyn together to the jury, Butorac said, "She really did love her granddaughter."

She also noted the testimony of defense witness Michael Hendricks, a clinical psychologist who said someone with a major depressive disorder could develop psychotic thoughts. And, said Butorac, "That's what happened at the end. [Dela Rosa] was in a downward spiral, far removed from reality."

But prosecutor Morrogh said there was no evidence Dela Rosa was psychotic or out of touch with reality. "She was interacting coherently with her family that night," he said. "Every time she had a suicidal episode, she said, 'I'm fine; I just lost it.' She said the same thing that night, right after she murdered that child."

He said nothing showed she was

hallucinating and didn't know the consequences of her act, or that she was throwing something other than her granddaughter off the footbridge. "Right afterward, she was OK," said Morrogh. "Does it make any sense for her to be insane, one minute, and fine, the next?"

Furthermore, he said Dela Rosa planned to kill the toddler about five minutes before she and her husband, daughter and granddaughter exited the mall and stepped outside. "She stopped at the door and let her husband go first and then she picked up the child," said Morrogh. "She was intent on following through and committed the lowest, possible kind of revenge."

Regarding malice, he said, "To throw an innocent child off a bridge is cruel. She was angry at James, her husband and, basically, at the world, and she decided to take it out on the child. She wasn't delusional. Dr. Samenow told you that, when things don't go her way, she gets rid of the problem, and in this case, she threw the problem off the bridge."

Morrogh said Dela Rosa fully knew the consequences of her actions and that Angelyn's death would devastate her family. "That's the scariest thing, she knew what she was doing," he said. "She made her choice, and her choice was evil. Life is precious, and I can't think of anything worse than the killing of a little girl. We ask you to convict [Dela Rosa] of first-degree murder."

**THE JURY** deliberated six hours on Oct. 6 before reaching its guilty verdict. Angelyn's parents then shared their grief with the jury. Her mother lamented the fact that she'd never see her daughter start school, and her father said no parent should ever have to bury their child.

Morrogh asked for a life sentence for Dela Rosa but, after another hour's deliberation, the jury recommended she receive 35 years behind bars. Sentencing is set for Jan. 6, 2012. Afterward, at a press conference outside the courthouse, he said, "Juries work hard and do a difficult job, and we respect their decision."

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# Home Life Style

## The Next Generation of Green Living

Cutting edge green home design emerges in the region.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

Imagine a home that is so well insulated that a furnace is obsolete. Picture the elimination of rooms that run hot during the summer and basements and tile floors that are frosty during the winter. Visualize trimming your energy bill by 90 percent.

Meet the passive house, dubbed the next generation of green living, and named one of the top green building trends of 2011 by the Earth Advantage Institute, a nonprofit organization that promotes sustainable building practices.

The region's first passive house, a five-bedroom, four-and-a-half bathroom home in Bethesda, was designed by Alexandria-based architect David Peabody of Peabody Architects and built by Potomac-area builder Brendan O'Neill Sr. of O'Neill Development. The home, which sold recently, had a price tag of \$1.4 million.

"This home gets all the heat it needs on the same amount of energy it would take to run two hairdryers," said Peabody. "We

wanted to demonstrate that an approach that reduces basic energy demand is far more cost-effective than an approach that relies on adding expensive technology."

The project began when Peabody, an award-winning pioneer of green architecture, approached O'Neill. Skeptical at first, O'Neill and his son Brendan O'Neill Jr. flew to Illinois to tour the first passive house ever built in the U.S.

"As luck would have it, my son and I arrived during a snow storm," said O'Neill. "We were blown away by the warmth and temperate conditions inside that house. It was incredible. We said, if this is what a passive house can do under extreme conditions, we're going to try one."

**MOUNT VERNON**-based architect Christine Kelly of Crafted Architecture and Falls Church-based contractor Tom Chapa of Potts and Chapa Construction, Inc. incorporated passive solar design into the recent renovation of the Mount



PHOTO BY ANICE HOACHLANDER/O'NEILL DEVELOPMENT

Architect David Peabody and builder Brendan O'Neill Sr. incorporated green design into this home's plans.

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- David Peabody, Peabody Architects

during the demolition, salvaged it and then designed a new sunroom with large windows that are facing south so that as the sun comes into the room, the floor is heated and retains heat and makes it a very comfortable space in the winter time without the use of mechanical systems. A stone floor can be designed to collect heat during the day and then radiate it into the room at night to help keep the space warm."

The Hinsons noticed a difference. "As the weather got chilly and it was going down into the high-40s at night recently, we didn't have to turn our heater on at all. The house never got below 71 degrees," said Enid Hinson.

The Hinsons' remodel received a National Green Building Certification from the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) for meeting NAHB green building standards.

"A green certification is not necessarily a certification that comes with a ton of expenses," said Chapa. "The important thing about certifying a project green is

building smart, not necessarily building expensive. The green inspection is basically certifying that all of the applications [e.g., windows, insulation and duct work] are done tight, efficiently and without any air gaps so that everything can perform at its optimal level."

Kelly says that when it comes to green design, she begins with the basics. "I like taking what was already in the house and repurposing it that so that a lot of materials don't go into the landfills. And then I like to move to insulating. Not only do I like to insulate the new addition, but I like to go back and examine the existing house and figure out how to make that

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Alexandria architect David Peabody designed the Washington-region's first passive house. The home runs on 90 percent less energy than a traditional home.



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Mount Vernon architect Christine Kelly of Crafted Architecture designed an addition for the Fairfax County home of Enid and Laing Hinson. She salvaged stone from the original home and incorporated it into the new design and used large, energy efficient windows to maximize the natural light. Passive solar energy contributes to the comfort of the home.

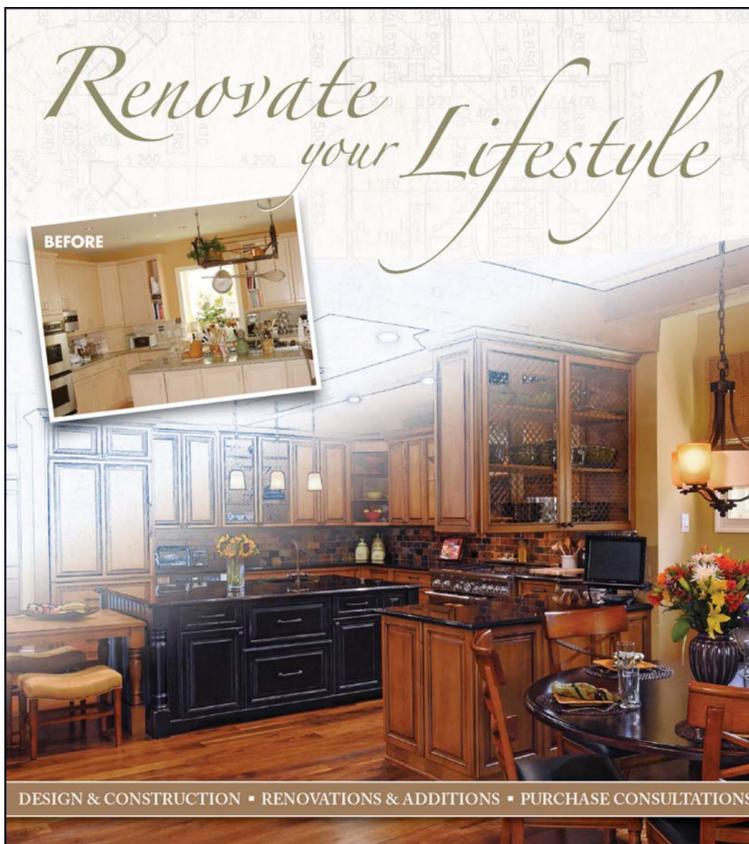
Vernon home of Enid and Laing Hinson. The Hinsons had lived in their home in their Mount Vernon neighborhood for 20 years when they decided that it was time to remodel. The couple decided to go green.

"We've always been interested in recycling, and we also knew that we would be living in this house for the next 20 years, so the additional cost that we might have incurred to ensure that it was energy efficient was probably going to be worth it to us in the long run," said Enid Hinson.

"[Passive solar design entails] designing walls, windows and floors to collect or reflect solar energy and then distribute it as heat during the winter months and shade against the heat in the summer months," said Kelly. "[The Hinsons] had a sun room that had a slate floor, and we took up that slate

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- Christine Kelly, Crafted Architecture, Mount Vernon



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## HomeLifeStyle



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The first passive home in the Washington region runs on the energy it would take to run two hairdryers, says architect David Peabody, who designed the house.

## Benefits of Green Design

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just as tight as well.”

The Hinsons were pleased that they did not have to compromise aesthetic appeal for energy efficiency. “Our house is not bigger; it is just flows better,” said Enid Hinson. “The windows are really energy efficient. We have the [George Washington Parkway] behind our house, and if the doors and windows are closed we cannot hear the traffic noise at all.”

**O’NEILL SAID** his one condition was that the design of the passive house be consistent and compatible with the rest of the homes in the neighborhood. “David hit a home run. We would not have proceeded if the style had not fit in with the others architecturally. It is designed as an integrated system, with site, energy, ventilation, air quality, humidity, health and comfort all taken into account. And yes, you can open the windows.”

Peabody, who is now designing smaller and less expensive passive house models, acknowledges that such homes are more costly to build. “But we’re finding that the marginally higher costs of construction are more than offset by savings in monthly energy bills,” said Peabody. In fact, he says, affordable housing organization Habitat for Humanity is building a passive house in the Washington, D.C., area.

Even though the home is airtight, it is well ventilated. “During heating and cooling seasons, when you don’t want to open the windows, there is an imperceptible but constant flow of fresh air to all the living spaces and exhaust air from all the bathroom and kitchen spaces. Air essentially makes a one-way trip through the house, as opposed to being churned around and around as with standard heating and cooling systems,” said Peabody.

While there are only 23 passive houses in the U.S., in Europe more than 20,000 homes, apartments, offices and schools have been built to passive house standards.



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- Tom Chapa, Potts and Chapa Construction

Although solar orientation is a factor, it is not the same as a passive solar house. Instead, it uses a robust building envelope to achieve as much as 90 percent savings in energy use.

While the passive house concept is still emerging, passive solar design is more prevalent in the region. Solar orientation is a factor in both, but the passive house uses a building envelope to save energy.

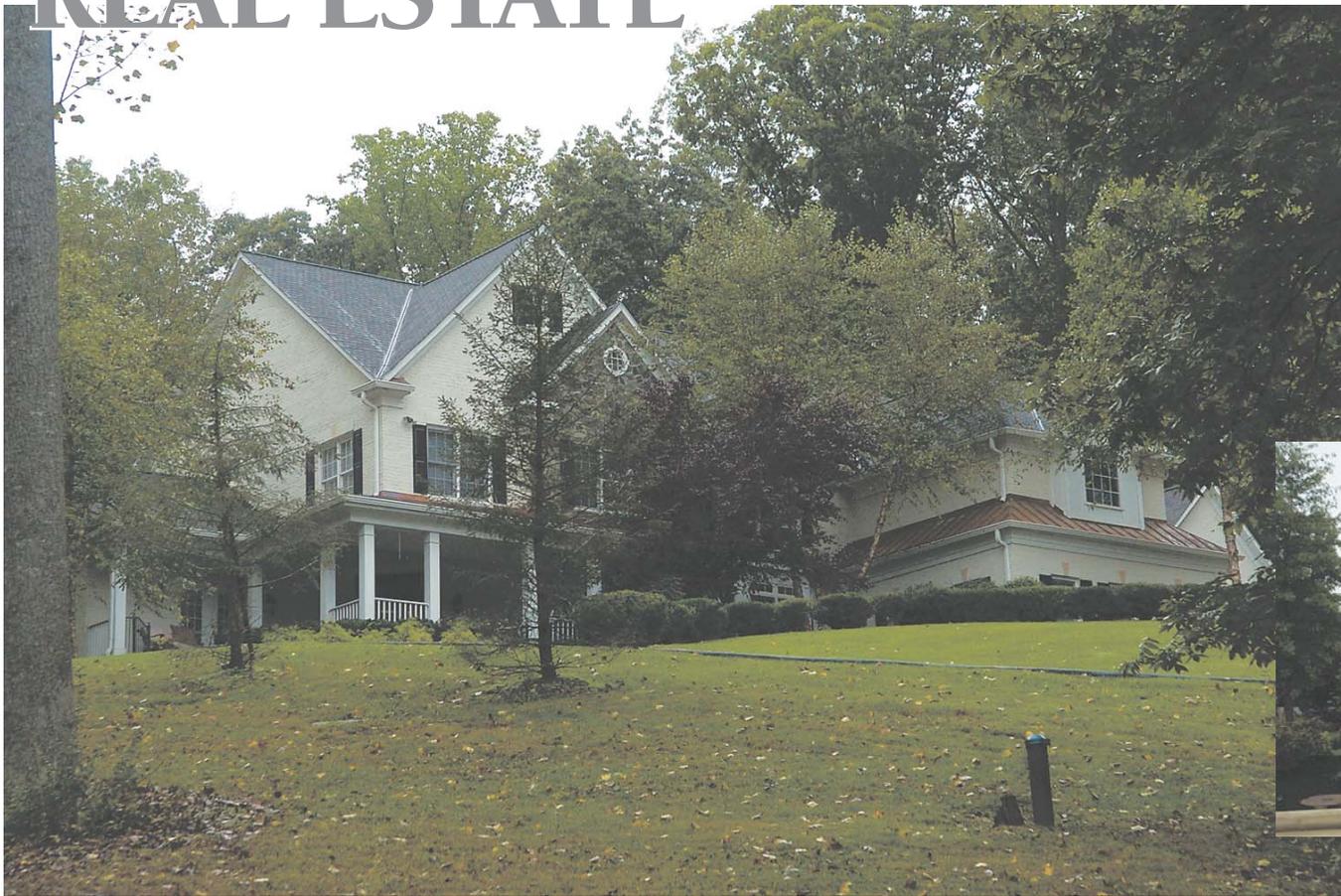
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**2** 11317 Walnut Creek Court, Oakton — \$1,420,000



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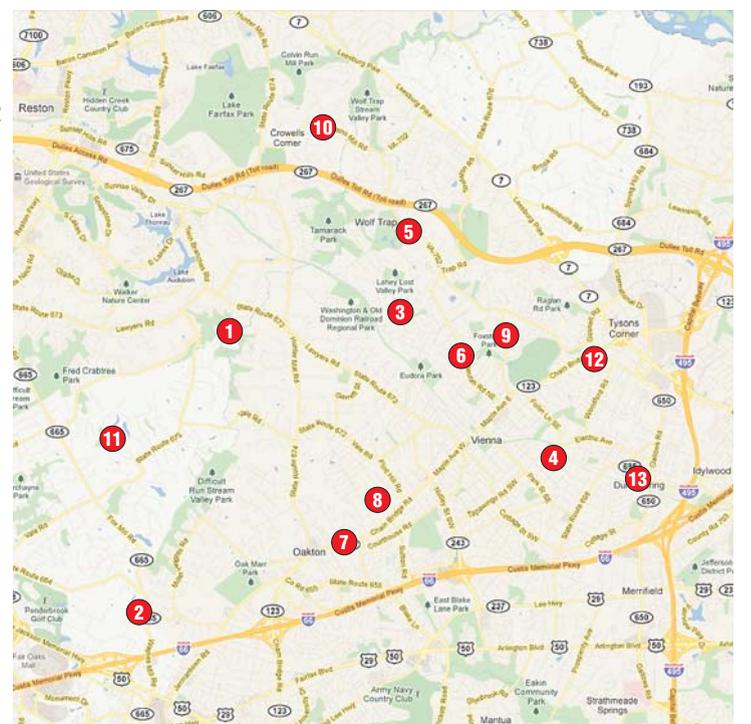
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### FRIDAY/OCT. 14

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**Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Adoption Event.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. PetSmart, 8204 Leesburg Pike, Tysons Corner. Adoption events every Friday. <http://lostdogrescue.org/> and click on Adoptions.

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### Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Open House.

10 a.m.-4 p.m. VVFD, 400 Center St., Vienna. The Open House will help educate the public on the importance of fire safety, prevention and what to do should a home fire occur, and will include fire and rescue operational demonstrations. Explore the fire station, see the various fire department vehicles and meet firefighters and EMTs. Free refreshments plus free fire helmets and balloons for children. Planned activities include Fire Rescue and EMT demonstrations, 911 simulators, learning activities and finger printing for children, blood pressure checks, fire hoses to try out, competitions and prizes for all. [michael.medwedeff@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:michael.medwedeff@fairfaxcounty.gov).

### Kids Show: Robbie Schaefer,

**Songs For Kids Like Us.** 10:30 a.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

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8 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. \$35-\$45, available online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or 703-573-SEAT. [www.wandasyses.com](http://www.wandasyses.com) or [www.patriotcenter.com](http://www.patriotcenter.com).

### Merrifield Fall Festival.

11 a.m.-4 p.m. Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Food, carnival rides, a fire truck train, face painting, rockwall climb, pumpkin painting, shopping, handmade crafts, and live entertainment. Free admission.

### FOHA Variety Sale.

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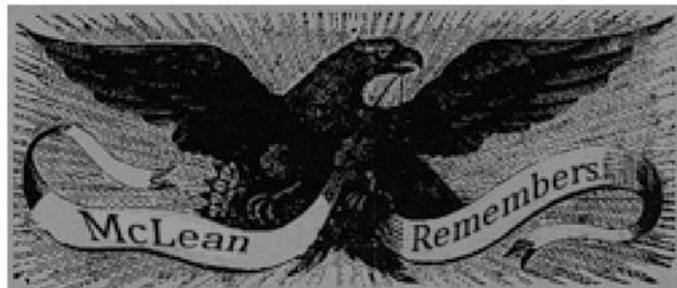
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**Fall Photographers' Field Day.** 7 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Group photo opportunities or take pictures on your own. The Gardens \$5 admission fee; some activities have additional fees associated. [www.nvrpa.org](http://www.nvrpa.org).

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**18th Century Autumn Market Fair.** 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Learn to dip a candle or turn a piece of wood on the carpenter's lathe. Watch a puppet show or make a corn husk doll. See colonial farm family and community members in costume and character as well as turkeys, pigs and other farm animals. Period food and traditional beverages and wares available for purchase. \$6 adults, \$3 children and seniors. 703-442-7557.

**Paul and Storm.** 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**"Auntie Mame."** 2 p.m. James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855 Annandale Road, Fall Church. An eccentric aunt introduces her nephew to a life of madcap parties, silly escapades and more. \$128 adults, \$15 students and seniors. [www.providenceplayers.org](http://www.providenceplayers.org) or 703-425-6782.

**Noel Paul Stookey.** 7:30 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Activist, artist, and founding member of Peter, Paul & Mary. \$25. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Hangin' With Nature.** 1-4 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Enjoy live music, guided tours through the gardens, animal displays, face painting and more. Free with paid admission. [www.nvrpa.org](http://www.nvrpa.org).

**Audubon at Home.** 2 p.m.

Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Cliff Fairweather, naturalist for the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia, will lead a short walk to see brush piles, wildlife pools, pocket meadows and other ways local homeowners can create wildlife habitat. Suggested donation \$5. Reserve at 703-255-3631.

## MONDAY/OCT. 17

**Tyler Ward & Crew.** 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**V.I.P. Vienna.** 10 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Support group for visually impaired persons. Adults. 703-938-0405, TTY: 711.

**English Conversation.** 10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. English practice for non-native speakers. Adults. 703-242-4020, TTY: 711.

## TUESDAY/OCT. 18

### Personalized Internet Training.

2:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A 45-minute one-on-one Internet training session with a technology volunteer. Call for appointment. Adults. 703-790-8088, TTY: 711.

**Mystery Book Discussion.** 6:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Call for title. Adults. 703-790-8088, TTY: 711.

**Practice Your English.** 6:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-790-8088, TTY: 711.

**One-on-One Computer Tutoring.** 3 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn the basics of the Internet, Word and

Excel. Call for appointment. Adults. 703-242-4020, TTY: 711.

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 19

**Disney On Ice: Dare to Dream.** 7 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets \$15-\$70, available at 1-800-551-SEAT, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com); and [www.patriotcenter.com](http://www.patriotcenter.com); [www.disneyonice.com](http://www.disneyonice.com).

**Model Investment Club of Northern Virginia.** 7 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Learn more about investing. Adults. 703-790-8088, TTY: 711.

**Small Wonders.** 10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Short stories. Age 13-23 months with adult. 703-242-4020, TTY: 711.

## THURSDAY/OCT. 20

**The Alternate Routes: A Benefit for Music 4 More and Delta Rae.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

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**Duct Tape Mania.** 7 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Come learn how to make roses and other cool stuff out of duct tape. Age 12-18. 703-938-0405, TTY: 711.

## BULLETIN BOARD

### THURSDAY/OCT. 13

**Fairfax County School Board Candidate Forum.** 7 p.m. American Legion Post 180, 303 Center St., N., Vienna. The Hunter Mill candidates will be featured. 703-242-7651.

**Avoiding Divorce Court I: How to Negotiate or Mediate a Property Settlement Agreement.** 6:30 p.m. The Women's Center, 127 Park St., N.E., Vienna. \$40-\$70. A divorce attorney will guide you through a comparison of mediation and negotiation and provide mediation and negotiation tips. The workshop covers strategies and pitfalls to avoid and a general discussion of the issues that are commonly addressed in an Agreement, from property to support to custody. [www.thewomenscenter.org](http://www.thewomenscenter.org).

**Re-entering the Workforce.** 7 p.m. Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St., N.E., Vienna. \$35 non-members, \$25 members. How to get started, the nature of the job market, what hiring managers seek, proactive and reactive job search strategies, the key steps of a targeted job search, key competitive advantages and how to develop them, and addressing the issue of your absence on your resume. [www.thewomenscenter.org](http://www.thewomenscenter.org).

**Vienna Arts Society Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. 115 Pleasant St. N.W., Vienna. Artist Lori Goll will demonstrate creating a seascape using pastels. Free and open to

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the public. 703-319-3971 or [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org).

### SATURDAY/OCT. 15

**Fairfax Education Summit.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. W.T. Woodson High School, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. The summit, hosted by the Fairfax County School Board, will explore how education is moving away from the industrial model and evolving into an era of customization, and what that means for Fairfax County Public Schools. A keynote panel discussion, moderated by FCPS Superintendent Jack Dale, will include perspectives from a parent, student, teacher, principal, higher education leader, and business leader. [www.fcps.edu/news/summit.htm](http://www.fcps.edu/news/summit.htm).

**Refuse to be a Victim Personal Safety Course.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna. With Retired Vienna Police Department Lieutenant Ben Andrew. Increase awareness and prevent becoming a crime victim. The psychology of the criminal mind, home and phone security, automobile and travel security, personal and technological security, self defense devices and training options and more. This course teaches strategies for avoiding victimization, it is not a hands-on self defense class. Appropriate for all physical abilities. \$35 residents, \$17.50 residents 65 years and older, \$40 non-residents. Class number 232301 A1. 703-255-6360.

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural**

**Foundation Outstanding Educator Luncheon.** 11 a.m. Hilton McLean Tyson's Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. Matic Wright, Principal Director, Manufacturing and Industrial Base Policy at the Department of Defense, will be the Keynote Speaker. Silent auction and a performance of the South Lakes High School Chamber Singers. Purchase tickets at [www.mlkulturalfoundation.org/events.htm](http://www.mlkulturalfoundation.org/events.htm).

### SUNDAY/OCT. 16

**Modern Retirement Strategies: Current alternatives for choosing and funding your residence, health care and living expenses.** 4 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Topics will include aging-in-place, healthcare and assistance with daily living, as well as typical costs, financial concerns and insurance options. Free. Reserve at [jschatz@brucevaughn.com](mailto:jschatz@brucevaughn.com) or 703-496-7182.

### MONDAY/OCT. 17

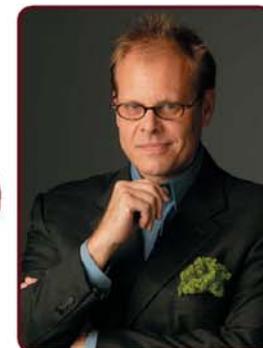
**Creative Thinking Through Watercolors.** Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., N.W., Vienna. A 7-session class with artist Marni Lawson. \$150. 703-577-0967 or [www.viennaartsociety.org](http://www.viennaartsociety.org).



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# Where Vienna Teens Have Fun

**'Club Phoenix' attracts area youth.**

A blue canopy labeled Club Phoenix and the blasting music emitting from the closed doors behind which the Vienna Teen Community Center was hosting its annual Back to School dance on Friday Sept. 16, were some of the earliest impressions of the teen center.

Also called Club Phoenix, the teen center is a place for parents to send their sixth, seventh and eighth graders after school or during the weekends for the variety of activities planned by the center like Back to School dances, holiday celebrations and Halloween parties.

Lauren Holmes, a seventh grader who has been attending the teen center for over a year called it a "tradition" for her and her friends to come here after school or on the weekends.

"The dances are always fun and since a lot of my friends from school come here, I love it," she said.

Apart from being fun, the center is also a nurturing place for teens. It is like a segue from elementary school to middle school and into maturity, said parent Midge Biles. She has been sending her daughters there for the past three years. "I want them to be able to handle social situations without having parents to fall back on."

Additionally, the center puts emphasis on "education first," said Tammy Funk, the center's afterschool coordinator.

Therefore, there is a mandatory half an hour of homework time right after school so that teens can get as much work done as possible. After homework, they usually have a physical activity planned and sometimes events like No Drugs

### In Their Own Words



**Shantell Emerek, 7th grade, Thoreau Middle School:** "My mom wanted to find out what was going on and she found out about this center. I love coming here because of the parties, holiday celebrations and the counselors are a lot of fun."



**Shawna Crystal, 7th grade, Thoreau Middle School:** "I have been coming here since last year and it's a really cool place."



**Lauren Holmes, 7th grade, Thoreau Middle School:** "I usually come here when they have dances because they are a lot of fun."

Nor Tobacco are hosted.

"We want the parents to know that this is a safe place for them to leave their kids without worrying," Funk said.

Consequently, the center has recently seen an increase in numbers with more than 40 teens from all

different grades gathering together for the back to school dance on Friday.

"We have grown a lot in the past few years," Funk said. "More and more parents are becoming aware of how great of a program this really is."

### SCHOOL NOTES

Send school notes to [vienna@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:vienna@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

**Caitlin M. Klimavicz** of Vienna has graduated from Millikin University with degrees in chemistry and music performance-instrumental.

**Steven Howard** of Oakton has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Ga.

**Melissa Bowman** of Vienna has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Manchester College in North Manchester, Ind. The Oakton High

School graduate is a chemistry and Spanish major.

**Julia Rapp** has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at SUNY Cortland.

Five Vienna residents have graduated from Boston University of Boston, Ma. Receiving degrees were **William J. Skehan**, bachelor of arts in political science; **Alexander N. Mandell**, bachelor of fine arts in acting, magna cum laude; **Tanya Khandpur**, bachelor of science in hospitality administration; **Kelley M. Engman**, bachelor of arts in sociology; and **Alexandria E. Kemp**, bachelor of arts in

international relations and bachelor of science in business administration and management, cum laude.

**Jenna A. King** of Oakton has received a bachelor of arts in psychology, cum laude, from Boston University of Boston, Ma.

**Christian Sassano** of Vienna has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Ithaca College's Division of Interdisciplinary and International Studies. He is the son of David Sassano and Carolyn Sassano.

**Joseph Facenda** of Vienna has

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graduated from Ithaca College's Roy H. Park School of Communications. He is the son of Joseph Facenda, Jr. and Mindy Facenda.

**Jaime Bernstein-Ansaldi** of Vienna has graduated from Ithaca College's School of Humanities and Sciences. She is the daughter of John Ansaldi and Lori Bernstein.

Vienna residents **Emma H. Brandon, Lesley A. Harkins, Alexandria E. Kemp, Alexander N. Mandell, Theresa R. Prentice, Sunjay Sethi and Aydar Z. Shaildayev** have been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Boston University of Boston, Ma.

**Kathryn A. Moore** of Vienna has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Colby College of Waterville, Me.

**Jack Rowe** of Vienna has graduated from the Loomis Chaffee School of Windsor, Ct.

**Kristen Barba** of Oakton has graduated from Pace University's Dyson College Arts & Sciences of New York, N.Y.

**Mariano Tissera** of Vienna has graduated from Pace University's Lubin School of Business of New York, N.Y.

**Nicholas McCormick** of Oakton will serve on the 2011-12 Honor Council at Randolph-Macon Academy. He is the son of Michael and Gabrielle McCormick.

**Maretta Fan** of Vienna has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at

Emory College of Atlanta, Ga.

**Pritty Patel** of Vienna has received a doctor of philosophy degree from the Graduate School of Emory University of Atlanta, Ga.

**Minoo Kim** of Vienna has received a bachelor of arts from Emory University of Atlanta, Ga. He is the son of Dr. Young Bong Kim and Hyoun Joo Kim.

**Margaret Wendler** of Vienna has received a doctor of law degree from the Graduate School of Emory University of Atlanta, Ga.

**Vanessa Lukas** of Oakton graduated with honors with a bachelor of arts in biology and anthropology from the College of Arts & Sciences of Washington University in St. Louis. She is the daughter of Vivien Shawn and Frank Lukas.

**Michelle Larsen** of Oakton has been inducted into the veterinary honor society, Phi Zeta - Chi Chapter at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, where she is pursuing a doctorate in veterinary medicine.

A number of Vienna residents have graduated from Marymount University of Arlington:

♦**Hessa Alsagri**, bachelor of arts in art.

♦**Halah Alsharqi**, master of science in information technology, and a graduate certificate in health care informatics.

♦**Barry Connolly**, bachelor of arts in business administration.

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## Cougars Wrap Up Regular Season

Oakton High field hockey player Adelle Clinton (2), a senior midfielder and team tri-captain for the Cougars, puts the pressure on a Robinson player. The Concorde District game, which took place Oct. 4, was won by the host Cougars, 4-1. Oakton, one of the top teams in the region, was scheduled to wrap up its regular season this week with district road games at Centreville (Tuesday, Oct. 11), Chantilly (Thursday, Oct. 13), and Herndon (Friday, Oct. 14). The district playoffs are set to begin next Tuesday, Oct. 18.



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## SPORTS ROUNDUPS

**Reston National Golf Course** will host a 'Rally for the Cure' tournament on Thursday, Oct. 27 to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The four-person scramble will begin at 9 a.m. and will include greens and cart fees, putting contest, lunch, and prizes. Entry is \$85 per player with proceeds going to the foundation. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

"Reston National is proud to partner with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation to raise funds which can help eradicate this tragic disease," said Mark Wesolek, General Manager of Reston National. "Increasing awareness and education is critical."

For more information, or to register for the tournament, go to [www.restonnationalgc.com](http://www.restonnationalgc.com), or call 703-620-9333.

**Local figure skaters**, including several from Northern Virginia,

will be showcasing their abilities in preparation for the South Atlantic Regional Championships. The skaters will perform programs full of jumps, spins and dance moves in a send-off exhibition on Sunday, Oct. 9, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., at the Rockville Ice Arena. There is no admission charge and the public is encouraged to come and support these skaters. A few of the skaters participating in the send-off are: Armin Mabahnnoozadeh (Great Falls); Oleksiy Melnyk (Reston); Kathryn 'Kit' Albaugh (Arlington); Taylor Hoover (Ashburn); Brianna Laxson (Ashburn); Elise Romola (Ashburn); and Madison Vinci (Ashburn).

**The Northern Virginia Senior Olympics** (NVSO), held in late September, drew more than 620 participants. The events were held over a 10-day period with more than 40 events at 18 different venues.

"Our new events, cycling, badminton and volleyball, were big successes," said Betsy Bailey, NVSO chairman. "We had three women's volleyball teams and nearly 40 cyclists, all of who competed at venues in Fauquier County, NVSO's newest jurisdictional sponsor."

During the events, nine seniors over 90 years of age won gold medals, including Cora Parsons (Ashburn) and Trong Trongtonil (Alexandria) in eight ball pool; Carla Convery (Alexandria) in frisbee throw and mini javelin; Chester Myslicki (McLean) in freestyle swimming; Ray Kaminski (Springfield) in Wii bowling; and Mike Lowe (Springfield) in standing long jump. A gold medal in the 80-89 age range went to the Heatherwood Hotties line dancing team from the Heatherwood Retirement Community in Burke. For more information about NVSO or to volunteer, call 703-228-4721 or check the website at [www.nvso.us](http://www.nvso.us).

## Flint Hill in Action

**Flint Hill School quarterback Andy Rehberger sets to pass during the Huskies' home private school football game versus Bishop Ireton last Friday. Flint Hill lost 27-7 to see its record go to 4-1 while Ireton (6-0) remained unbeaten. Flint Hill will be at St. James this Saturday afternoon at 1.**



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# Madison Girls Shine At Octoberfest Meet

**Warhawks, at renowned showcase event, place among the leading teams in three different races.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

The Madison High girls' cross country team put on quite an impressive showing at the recent Octoberfest Invitational, one of the premier high school meets in the state and an event many coaches use as a barometer to see where their teams are competitively with the postseason portion of the season just around the corner.

At the Octoberfest showcase, held on Saturday, Oct. 1 at the Great Meadows course in The Plains, the Madison girls had strong fifth place finishes in three different races — the varsity 'A,' the varsity 'B,' and the JV underclassmen. It was an impressive display of overall team depth by the Warhawk girls' program.

"We had lots of people run very good times," said Madison coach Craig Chasse. "[The fifth place finishes] were real good because there were 56 teams there. The girls have really stepped it up."

In the varsity 'A' race, Madison finished fifth place among 22 teams with 175 points. The top four team finishers were first place non-Northern Region area teams Morgantown, W.V. (first place), Blacksburg (2nd place), third place Jefferson Forest (Region III), and fourth place Ocean Lakes (Virginia Beach).

Madison, which finished ahead of two fellow Northern Region schools in sixth place T. C. Williams and seventh place McLean, had three runners finish among the top 30 — freshman Amanda Swaak (18th place), junior Anna Stone (26th place), and senior Sarah McShane (30th). Madison's other top finishers, in a field of 164 runners, were: junior Christina Galiano (37th), freshman Laura Sullivan (64th), junior Allison Moody (75th), and sophomore Amanda Gormsen (83rd).

In the varsity 'B' race, Madison earned its fifth place finish with 172 points. The top four team finishers were first place Dominion High (Sterling), second place Clover Hill (Midlothian), third place King George (Region I, Battlefield District), and fourth place Governor Thomas Johnson. The Warhawks, with their fifth place finish, placed ahead of sixth place Courtland High (Spotsylvania) and seventh place Edison, a member of the Northern Region like Madison.

Madison's top seven finishers in the 19-team varsity 'B' competition were: junior Margaret Stonerock (25th place), junior Ginger Collier (26th), junior Abigail Head (32nd), sophomore Hannah Henry (42nd),

freshman Grace Rogers (45th), senior Yesenia Stevenson (68th), and sophomore Ashley Sienicki (80th).

And in the JV underclassmen race, the Madison girls (147 points) finished fifth, behind first place Mountain View (Stafford), second place George Mason (Falls Church), third place Ocean Lakes (Virginia Beach), and fourth place Annandale (Northern Region). Eighteen teams competed in all and Madison finished ahead of sixth place James Monroe (Fredericksburg) and seventh place Jefferson Forest (Region III, Seminole District).

Madison sophomore Kelly Ayers (17th place) was the Warhawks' top finisher in the race. She was followed by freshmen Madison runners Kaitlyn Bryan (21st place), Anna Beucler (34th), Mimi Shang (37th), Emma Francois (38th), Kelsey Wadill (39th), and Emily Head (40th). In all, 18 teams (188 runners) competed in the JV underclassmen race.

While Madison, in the three races, did not have any top 15 medal earners, the team success was exemplary.

"We didn't have a single person medal, but as a team we were right there," said Chasse.

**"The girls have really stepped it up."**

— Madison coach  
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At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2011, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges. The hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA.

The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2012, include the following:

1. An increase in the Availability Charge from \$3,600 to \$3,700†.
2. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from \$8,500 to \$9,000.
3. An increase in the Account Charge from \$32 to \$33.
4. An increase in the base Commodity Charge from \$2.04 to \$2.16 per 1,000 gallons of water.
5. An increase in the Peak Use Charge from \$2.95 to \$3.20 per 1,000 gallons of water.
6. An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge and Peak Use Charge.

A copy of the proposed changes can be viewed on our Web site at <http://www.fairfaxwater.org/rates/index.htm>. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed changes should call Ms. Eva Catlin at 703-289-6017. Interested parties may submit written comments to [PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org](mailto:PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org) or mail written comments to:

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Public Hearing Comments  
8570 Executive Park Avenue  
Fairfax, VA 22031

All written comments must be received by close of business on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 to be included in the record of the public hearing.

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## An Even Newer Normal

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



The blip-hopefully-not-splat I wrote about last week: lab tests which reveal/maybe even indicate problems that might cause cancer patients (like me) on presumably life-sustaining drugs to consider modifying and/or stopping their treatment altogether, has become the bane of my existence; it's what I live for, if you know what I mean? The problem is, I rarely know/feel anything different until I'm told (the lab results) that something is in fact different. The prudent course of action which usually follows presents a dilemma: do I continue treating the underlying problem (my stage IV lung cancer) if that treatment is harming/compromising other not-directly-related-to organs or do I stop? The medical version of the ever-unpopular, collateral damage.

Thirty months post diagnosis, and thirty-months-plus-one-week when I started chemotherapy (my oncologist's recommendation was not to wait), I am now mindful of, and beginning to seriously worry about, whether my body will allow me to continue the treatment which so far seems to be keeping me alive; the medical vernacular is "tolerate." Diagnosis-to-date, I have been extremely fortunate that my body has "tolerated" the treatment very well, and rarely has any prescribed treatment/schedule been adjusted because of any adverse – but not totally expected, reaction.

Now however, I fear I'll likely be in the adverse-reaction game. A game that I anticipate won't be much fun, but as long as I'm still able to play, I will be grateful. Moreover, the longer I live and the longer I remain on chemotherapy (which diagnosis-to date, I have now become one of my oncologist's longest-living-on-Avastin patients), the greater the chances/likelihood that I'll have more complications. Complications which, amazingly enough, I've not experienced before and which, going forward, have not been studied. Anticipated, maybe? Solvable? Probably not, but possibly manageable. As my oncologist has told me, we're sort of in uncharted territory here. What levels I'm exhibiting may be permanent, and/or may be characteristic of a terminal patient's decline. It's somewhat of a guess, educated, but still a guess. Ergo, my "new normal." Alive and kicking, but what's keeping me alive may very well be what's kicking my butt. Stopping is not an option – in my mind. But in my body, stopping may be the prudent and life-saving – for the moment, course of inaction. However, stopping what treatment I'm currently receiving doesn't seem like a very proactive pursuit. I don't imagine the cancer is going to heal itself. I believe in truth, justice and the American Way but I'm not Superman. I'm average-man, and I don't presume to have any super powers or unique answers – or clues even, to preventing the growth and spread of the tumors already in my lungs. Though I have made a number of changes to my diet and lifestyle since I was diagnosed, I still can't see eliminating medical treatment has part of my future, unless the treatment is doing more harm than good. Is that what these most recent lab results are beginning to indicate?

Whatever tests, lab work, etc., I may have taken for granted previously because the results were usually within reasonably normal parameters might now be changing – for the worse. Certainly I don't know anything definitively, yet (if ever), and future tests could return to normal, and these most recent results may very well just be a blip. Nevertheless, as I consider the past few weeks of stops and starts and re-tests/follow-ups, I can't help but get the feeling that I may be seeing the future – in the present.

*Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.*

## FAITH

# Church Celebrates 50 Years

**"P**ast is great. Present is Better. Future is Best." Those words were among the opening remarks by Rev. Young Jin Cho,

District Supervisor for the United Methodist Church, Arlington District, addressing those gathered to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Epiphany United Methodist Church in Vienna. And they seemed to perfectly fit the theme of the day, as well as the spirit of the church's membership. The past was well represented. Former members and ministers from around the country were warmly welcomed back. The history of those 50 years was fondly recalled by a number of speakers, including founding Pastor, Rev. Jack Lynch, who spoke with humor of the congregation's beginnings when services were held at local Freedom Hill School.

"We met in captivity," joked Lynch. "Epiphany was the Promised Land, and with hard work and everyone's tireless efforts, one day we were able to cross the Red Sea of Route 7 and come home to our new church."

Other speakers told personal stories of what drew them to Epiphany. Lay Leader, Sandy Underhill recounted the formation of the Weekly Prayer Group, still going strong after 34 years. Some spoke of charitable works and outreach programs, like the Christmas in April Project, doing home repair work for low-income families in the District, or baking and delivering cookies to prison inmates. There were even neighbors of the church, and members of other religious faiths who spoke of the church's impact on the community and on their lives.

Community involvement and service are central to the Epiphany way of life. The Honorable M. Jane Seeman, Mayor of the Town of Vienna was on hand and presented Rev. Bass Mitchell, the church's Pastor, with an official letter from the town, commending the membership for their years of service to the community. She gave particular note to Epiphany's Pre-School program, formed in 1970 and open to all children.

"The Town is grateful for your work in this area," she said. "How many children have you sent out to strengthen our community and the world?"

Present and future were not ignored during the celebration. Epiphany recently brought on board a new Children's Director. Rev. Mitchell talked excitedly about the schedule of events and activities upcoming for all ages, and the talents of several of the children were displayed when the youngsters of the Comets Choir provided a musical offering to the assembly before heading out for Sunday School.

Immediately following the service of celebration, a catered luncheon was held,



**Rev. Bass Mitchell, Pastor; Laurie Genevro Cole, Member, Vienna Town Council; Chap Petersen, State Sen. (D-34), M. Jane Seeman, Mayor, Town of Vienna; and Carey Sienicki, Member, Vienna Town Council and Del. Mark Keam (D-35).**

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**Past and Present: Founding Pastor, Rev. Jack Lynch; former pastor Rev. David Smith; Mrs. Honaker, widow of former pastor, Rev. Honaker; former pastor Rev. David Lough; and Rev. Bass Mitchell, current Pastor.**



**The Youth Luncheon Brigade assisted with table service at the luncheon**

where the reunion of old friends continued, new members and guests welcomed, and the spirit of service was demonstrated by the youth of the church as they waited on tables and served desserts. "See you in an-

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