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ESI IS TRYING TO COVER UP THEIR COAL ASH

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FACTS:

- ESI has refused to commit that it will not use coal ash to construct their 70 foot wall and to cover debris at their proposed massive expansion of the Lorton Landfill.
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- Airborne coal ash dust increases the exposure risk to area residents by this toxic material.
- Post-closure monitoring is only required for 10 years at landfills, which is an insufficient time period to measure toxic releases of heavy metals from the coal ash.
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Spring Hill Station: The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority has announced the substantial completion of the Phase 1 of the Silver Line Project.



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Silver Line Phase 1 Reaches 'Substantial Completion'

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority announced its concurrence Thursday with an April 9 Declaration of Substantial Completion for Phase 1 of the Silver Line Project to extend the Washington region's Metrorail public transit system. The concurrence affirms that the Phase 1 construction by Dulles Transit Partners, a construction consortium led by Bechtel Corp., has satisfied the contract requirements applicable to the project's major functional elements.

"Achieving substantial completion is a significant milestone," said Airports Authority President and CEO Jack Potter. "We have conducted a thorough review of the contractor's submission and are satisfied that Phase 1 has met the contractual requirements that will allow the project to now move to the next steps in the process to begin passenger service. We appreciate the close cooperation among WMATA and our partners in moving this large and complex project forward."

Phase 1 of the Silver Line project is an 11.7-mile segment with five stations serving McLean, Tysons Corner and Reston in Northern Virginia, which are among the fastest-growing communities in the National Capital region. The Airports Authority is managing construction of the project.

The Airports Authority's determination that Phase 1 has reached substantial completion follows a 15-day period during which Airports Authority staff re-

viewed documentation and test results on the work performed by Dulles Transit Partners. The concurrence decision recognizes that work to finalize a number of items will continue beyond the substantial completion date, as outlined in agreements with WMATA and Dulles Transit Partners. Following substantial completion, Dulles Transit Partners will continue working on remaining punch list items and performing other tasks under the agreements. That work relates to train and track communications systems, power equipment, tunnel handrails and cables, elevator, and leak and drainage issues.

The next step in the process toward passenger service is WMATA's decision to take over the Phase 1 project so it can conduct its own inspections, testing, and training. While WMATA is performing these activities, additional reviews of the project will be undertaken by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration and the regional Tri-State Oversight Committee. Following those reviews, WMATA will be in a position to formally accept the Phase 1 project and commence passenger service.

Phase 1 of the Silver Line connects to Metrorail's Orange Line in Falls Church, and runs to the eastern edge of Reston, with four stops in Tysons Corner. Work also has begun on Phase 2 of the project, which will connect the Metrorail system with Dulles International Airport and points in Loudoun County.

Wiehle Avenue Station at night.



PHOTOS BY REENA SINGH/ THE CONNECTION

Chamber board members and elected officials at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

County Chamber Moves to Tysons

FCCC makes new location official with ribbon-cutting party.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce (FCCC) members loyalty runs river deep.

More than 400 people braved the flooding Potomac and heavy traffic due to severe thunderstorms to celebrate the Chamber's Open House and ribbon cutting in Tysons Corner on Wednesday.

"Our tagline is that we're the voice of business in Northern Virginia, so we wanted to have an appropriate facility," said FCCC President and CEO Jim Corcoran. "I really think, with this space, I would be proud to bring anyone from any organization to host an event."

The previous location on Old Courthouse Road could only host events with less than 100 people without breaking the building's fire code. The new location at 7900 Westpark Drive can host hundreds more in their events space. The networking space in the office has windows that span an entire wall with a view of the beltway and three Fortune 500 Companies.

"We were squeezing events in there," he said.

Corcoran said the chamber represents about 650-plus organizations who have nearly 500,000 employees. They will no longer need to rent nearby country clubs or other large event locations - therefore spending more money - to host their events.

He credited Cardinal Bank Senior Vice President and chamber member Todd Rowley for leading the FCCC's search for a new location.

"It was a good team effort," said Rowley.



FCCC President and CEO Jim Corcoran gives the 400-plus crowd remarks about the move.

Current FCC board chairman Mark Moore was also excited about the new location. He has been a member of the chamber for 25 years.

"It's outstanding," he said. "It puts us in the center of the action in Northern Virginia."

He said the process of finding a new space for the chamber took about a year, but he is pleased with how it turned out. With the networking space, breakout rooms, conference area and office space, he said the decision was a good financial move.

"We're all very excited about it," he said.

Silver Spoon Catering owner Audrey Lustre was the event's food sponsor. Her business put together mountains of fruit, cheese, sandwiches and dessert to feed the 500-plus people expected to attend the event before the deluge washed away motivation for some to come. During Corcoran's speech, he gave her an elaborate bouquet for paying for the night's hors d'oeuvres.

"It's a major, major improvement from what they had," Lustre said. "It's also good exposure for them because of the location. I think it'll give members security that the chamber will be some help for them."

Meals Tax Possible for Fairfax County

Tax could generate \$88 million in revenue.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION

At a public hearing on the 2015 budget, Fairfax County resident Kimberly Adams joined numerous other individuals who urged the Board of Supervisors to consider a meals tax.

"To have the quality of life that we've come to depend on in Fairfax County, we must move the needle closer to the regional average when it comes to taxes. We must not be afraid to look for new streams of revenue, such as a meals tax for instance," Adams told the Board of Supervisors at the budget hearings. "Never have I actually thought, well, there's a meals tax in Alexandria, so I'll drive 10 more minutes into Fairfax and order my pizza. I go to the place that's convenient and where I want to eat."

Echoing the concerns of citizens like Adams, Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova announced the establishment of the meals tax referendum task force on April 22, which will study this possible source of revenue and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors by June 17.

"Throughout the past months as this board and the community have deliberated on the advertised fiscal year 2015 budget, a number of individuals and organizations have urged us to put the question of a meals tax to the voters," Bulova said at the meeting.

Kate Hanley and Tom Davis, former chairmen of the Board of Supervisors, will lead the task force in deciding whether a referendum for a meals tax should occur, and when this referendum would appear on the ballot.

IN VIRGINIA, counties are only able to establish a meals tax with a voter referendum.

At a rate of 4 percent, a meals tax could generate at least \$88 million. Many cities within and around Fairfax County have a meals tax.

"Several of our surrounding jurisdictions have a meals tax, but the Town of Clifton, Prince William and Loudoun counties do not. I have and will continue to be adamantly opposed to a meals tax and any referendum on this issue as it is directed at a single industry. I believe this is the wrong time to add another tax on our county residents and while some of it will be paid by visitors the bulk will be paid by our county residents," Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity wrote in an email on April 30.

In April 1992, voters struck down a meals tax proposal that appeared on the ballot in Fairfax County.

"There has been a growing sentiment during recent years for our board to once again allow the voters to decide whether or not they wish to avail themselves of this additional source of revenue. Reasons for urging this include the desire to diversify the revenues we have available to fund schools, public safety, parks, libraries and human services," Bulova said.



Kimberly Adams spoke in favor of a meals tax at the public hearings on the Fairfax County budget in early April.



Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova announced on April 22 the creation of a meals tax referendum task force.



PHOTOS BY JANELLE GERMANOS/THE CONNECTION

At the public hearings on the Fairfax County budget, several citizens urged the Board of Supervisors to consider a meals tax in order to continue to "Invest in Fairfax."

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland, who has proposed a meal tax several times in the past, said that voters need to be better informed this time as to why they should vote for the tax.

"To be quite frank, the last time we put it to referendum, there was almost silence on the side of why we were asking people to do it. Most important, the questions should be what are we going to do with the money if it passes and we have a meals tax," Hyland said.

Adams, who is president of the Fairfax Education Association and part of the new "Invest in Fairfax" coalition, said at the budget hearings that the extra revenue is needed for Fairfax County services that citizens depend on.

"If you can afford to eat out in a nice restaurant, you can afford to pay the four percent tax," she said.

AT A RECENT Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce event, Lee District Supervisor Jeffrey McKay told members that Fairfax County needs to diversify its revenue and that there was pressure from school advocates to consider a meals tax.

"Will it pass if it's put on the ballot? I don't know. I think it's unlikely, to tell you the truth," McKay said at the event.

The meals tax referendum task force includes a coalition of organizations within the county, including the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, the Fairfax Education Association, the Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance, and the Federation of Citizens Associations.



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The 2013 Inaugural Class Of The Young Women's Leadership Program visits Facebook In Washington, D.C. with Del. Barbara Comstock, far right.

Rising Stars

Del. Comstock announces new class of Young Women's Leadership Program.

Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34) has officially notified the second class of her Young Women's Leadership Program of their acceptance into this program.

"This year we received even more applications to the Young Women's Leadership Program and I am honored to have each and every one of the 80 young women in the 2014 Class. These young women are rising stars in our community and I'm confident that they will bring their passions and unique perspectives to the program. I hope that the Young Women's Leadership Program will help inspire this next generation of female leaders to bring their intelligence, drive and solutions to their communities, families and careers," Del. Comstock said.

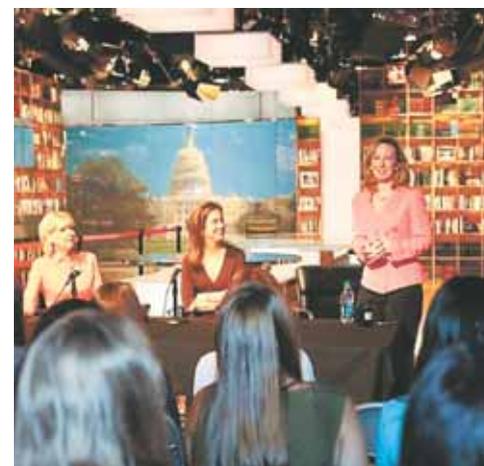
The Young Women's Leadership Program provides young women enrolled in middle school and high school the opportunity to meet and interact with women in leadership positions in government, politics, medicine, business and a variety of professions throughout our community.

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women will be able to learn about career opportunities in various fields, develop their leadership skills, identify their strengths and interests and practice effective communication with others to help realize their future educational and career goals.

This program is scheduled to begin this summer with a kick-off event in June and will continue through the fall. Last year, program participants had the opportunity to meet women leaders affiliated with Facebook, NVTC, "Meet The Press," National Review, the Virginia House of Delegates, the Virginia Governor's Mansion, US House of Representatives, CNN, the White House and many other interesting employers, entrepreneurs and professions.

Del. Comstock currently serves as the Chairwoman of the House Science and Technology Committee. She also serves on the House Commerce and Labor and the House Transportation Committees. Del. Comstock represents parts of McLean, Great Falls and Vienna in Fairfax County and parts of eastern Loudoun County.



Del. Barbara Comstock at "Meet The Press" studio for a Leadership Program event with Executive Producer, Betsy Fischer Martin, and former National Review Washington Editor, Kate O'Beirne.

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MOTHER'S DAY PHOTO GALLERY

Pictured are three generations. From left to right: Sally Burns, Caity Comstock, Delegate Barbara Comstock. Sally is Barbara's mother and Caity is Barbara's daughter.



Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova: "Just minutes after giving birth to my daughter Karin in 1971. I was 24 and we are in Fairfax Hospital."



Nicki Costa and her son, Hunter Costa of Great Falls, share an ice cream together.



Kristin Clark Taylor, of Great Falls, enjoys the cherry blossoms with her daughter, 24, Mary Elizabeth Taylor.



Sharon Bulova's daughter Karin with her first child, Finnian ("Finn") in Seattle on June 23, 2011.

Dianne Van Volkenburg of Great Falls with her four children last fall.



Joey Gatt (9) of Great Falls and his mom, Krista Gatt, enjoy a cool and relaxing day at the pool in Antigua during Spring Break in March 2014.

SCHOOLS

Pictured is the Churchill Road Chess Team, after winning the White Oaks Chess Challenge. From left (front row) are: Ashley Fuentes, Raka Adakroy, Cami Diba, Nidhi Gumpella; (middle row) Tarushi Goel, Jonathan Deng, Reevu Adakroy, Wyatt Fesler; (back row) Nicholas Liu, Eric Chen, Oviya Dass and Spencer Brooks.



PHOTO BY KIM MORAN

Churchill Road Chess Team Wins White Oaks Challenge

The Churchill Road chess team won White Oaks Chess Challenge on April 28. Led by their coach, David Mehler, this is the first time that the Churchill Road team has won this tournament since 1999. Team members

included: Raka Adakroy, Reevu Adakroy, Spencer Brooks, Eric Chen, Oviya Dass, Jonathan Deng, Cami Diba, Wyatt Fesler, Ashley Fuentes, Tarushii Goel, Nidhi Gumpella and Nicholas Liu.

Dranesville District Democratic Committee, Providence District Democratic Committee and Fairfax County Young Democrats Invite Members of the Public to a **DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FORUM & STRAW POLL**

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Yes to the Meals Tax Referendum

Voters could decide on the tax in November.

Economic diversification is worthy goal. All of your eggs shouldn't be in one basket. All of your revenue shouldn't come from one source.

In Fairfax County, adding a meals tax at the same level as Arlington, Alexandria, Falls Church and the City of Fairfax, 4 percent, could generate \$88 million a year. The county estimates that 25-30 percent of the meals taxes collected would be paid by non-county residents.

The inability to implement alternative revenue sources will mean continued dependence on one basket. The combined increase in the real estate property tax rate and home values

means that most homeowners will be paying hundreds of dollars more in property taxes regardless of their ability to pay.

In Virginia, localities have only the powers explicitly granted to them by the General Assembly. In Northern Virginia, the economic engine of the state, this has translated into heavy dependence on the real estate property tax to fund everything, because localities are allowed few revenue options.

EDITORIAL

Fairfax County has a task force studying the possibility of holding a required referendum to let voters decide on adding a meals tax. It would be applied to "ready-to-eat foods and beverages wherever they are sold," but not vending machines.

Former Board Chairman Kate Hanley and former Board Chairman and U.S. Rep. Tom Davis will chair the task force and report back to the Board of Supervisors in mid June. If su-

perisors approved the referendum, it could appear on the November ballot.

It's interesting that historically, Fairfax County voters overwhelmingly give the thumbs up to authorizing capital improvements to schools, parks and roads via bond sales, but in 1992, voters said no to the meals tax. It will be up to elected officials and advocates for schools, parks, libraries, public safety and human services to help make the case for the increase.

(Taxing income is a power the Commonwealth of Virginia retains for itself, and it is a mechanism that sends money from Northern Virginia to other parts of the state while forcing Northern Virginia localities to depend on property taxes.)

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BOS Budget Falls Short for FCPS

BY ILRYONG MOON
FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
CHAIRMAN

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) continues to state that education is its top priority but its actions clearly do not match its words — not when county spending next year will increase by 3.6 percent while Fairfax County Public Schools' (FCPS) budget is projected to increase by just 1.6 percent over last year's adopted budget. Overall, FCPS will receive 52.4 percent of the county's budget, down from 52.7 percent this year. While this percentage change seems small, that equates to more than \$12 million that FCPS would have received.

In his April 22 newsletter to residents, Supervisor Pat Herrity makes several misleading assertions about the FCPS budget. He suggests that the School Board already has available funding to meet the school system's needs, beyond the amount that will be transferred from the county and state. We would like to correct these misperceptions.

Supervisor Herrity suggests increasing the salary "lapse rate" (a salary lapse occurs during a job vacancy). FCPS' budgeted lapse savings are based on historical trends. FCPS has taken several steps to adjust compensation accounts in the FY 2015 budget including using lower salaries to budget for vacant positions and for new positions due to enrollment growth. Whatever is remaining in the compensation accounts, combined with other savings generated throughout the year, go into the ending balance which we use to fund the following year's budget.

Supervisor Herrity suggests eliminating pay raises for administrators to save \$13 million. The cost of providing a step increase for all employees is \$41 million. Of that amount, the cost for the administrative positions in schools is \$1.7 million and central administrators account for \$300,000. To achieve his goal of \$13 million in savings, pay raises would need to be denied to employees who directly serve students including advanced academic resource teachers, work experience teach-

ers, instructional support teachers, school counselors, librarians, audiologists, physical and occupational therapists, English for speakers of languages teachers, professional technical project teachers, public health attendants, public health training assistants, school-based technologists, psychologists, social workers, school clerical, school custodial, and school administration.

Supervisor Herrity also claims that many of our teachers are doing administration instead of teaching. He states that if we "take the total number of students in the school system and divide it by the number of full time equivalent teachers (emphasis added), we should get a class size of 12." As our class size is not as such, he alleges that our teachers must be doing administration. This canard has been raised before by Supervisor Herrity and it is irresponsible for him to continue to deliberately mislead the public by using deceitful teacher-student ratios in his comments. This doesn't result in purposeful conversation, but rather distracts the community

from the real issue of fully funding schools. To clarify once again, "full time equivalent teachers" are much more than classroom teachers. They also include special education teachers, English for Speakers of Other Languages teachers, instructional coaches, speech therapists, guidance counselors, librarians, music, physical education teachers, and more. Although these professionals do not have assigned classrooms, they are all teaching and working directly with students. It takes more than a single classroom teacher to provide a well-rounded and full education for FCPS students.

Moving forward, it's critical in budget discussions that disingenuous arguments are not used to refute or support one's position. This should not be seen as a School Board versus Board of Supervisors debate. We are partners. The School Board will continue to work closely with the Supervisors in an effort to develop long-term sustainable funding for FCPS and to meet the expectations of the community to maintain our world-class school system.

LETTERS

Timely Discussion On Drug Abuse

To the Editor:

Through columns on your newspaper website like "Avoidance Better Than Arrests, Prison, Death" my attention has been drawn to your spotlight on forums focused on drug prevention in high schools. With the increase in use of drugs for recreational use among youths, this is a timely and well-covered issue in your news-

paper.

The drug prevention forum covered by your paper called "Protecting Against the Realities of Substance Abuse," put on by Parents Reaching Out To Educate Communities Together (PROTECT), provides a new approach to talking about drug awareness and prevention that could help parents better understand and approach the

rise in drug culture in youths. By bringing in police officers, former drug users and dealers, and families affected by drugs, parents were able to hear their stories and learn ideas like how to recognize signs earlier that may indicate drug use in their children.

As a former student at the [Madison] high school where the forum was held and as an adult now who has had friends struggle

with drug addictions, I find it extremely important and well received that this topic is being highlighted in your publication. This is an issue in children today that needs to be addressed because prevention of drug use is always better than detection of drug use for all parties involved.

Rebecca Rosen
Vienna

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WEEK IN MCLEAN

Pizza for Charities at McLean Day

McLean Rotary will be the only pizza vendor at McLean Day—offering delicious Domino's pizza, in addition to its regular, popular hotdogs and drinks. McLean Rotary Club members have manned a hotdog booth at McLean Day since 1975. The booth was originally established in memory of recently deceased Rotarian Fred Earle, who was also known fondly in the community as The Mayor. The McLean Rotary Club subse-

quently established the McLean Day food and drink stand for fundraising and club fellowship. At its current location next to the rear entrance to Lewinsville Park, the Rotary booth is convenient to other food vendors and children's rides.

McLean Rotary has supported the community with fundraising and fun for nearly 40 years. The club established the annual McLean Chocolate Festival in 2012 and participates in a fall Monte Carlo evening to also raise funds for the community. The McLean Rotary Club meets for lunch on Tuesdays at noon in down-

town McLean. Please go to www.mcleanrotary.org for details.

McLean Youth Soccer Fundraiser, May 8

McLean Youth Soccer Scholarship Fundraiser will be held on Thursday, May 8, at Pulcinella - The Italian Host Restaurant, 6852 Old Dominion Drive in McLean.

Support McLean Youth Soccer's Scholarship Fund by dining in or ordering take out from Pulcinella Italian Host Restaurant on

Thursday, May 8, from 5 to 9 p.m. 6852 Old Dominion Dr., McLean. For takeout or reservations for large groups, call 703-893-7777.

When you present the flyer posted on the MYS website, 20 percent of the proceeds from your dinner will be donated to the MYS Scholarship Program. http://assets.ngin.com/attachments/document/0054/9101/Pulcinella_Flyer.pdf

Also available for take-out orders - Mention "MYS Fundraiser" and bring the flyer when you pick up your order. Please visit the club's website for more information: www.mcleansoccer.org

BULLETIN BOARD

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THURSDAY/MAY 8 – FRIDAY/MAY 9

Mature Driving Safety Program. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Town of Vienna | 127 Center St. S., Vienna. The Vienna Community Center will host the AARP mature Driving Safety Program, May 8 and 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This two-day comprehensive classroom driver retraining course is geared to the needs of motorists 50 and older. Graduates of the course could receive a 5 to 10 percent discount from their car insurance company. The cost of the course is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members and is paid on the first day of class. Advanced registration is required and registration cannot be taken over the phone.

MONDAY/MAY 12

McLean Senior Source Training session, at the Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue, McLean from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. McLean Senior Source needs more trained volunteers to staff the Desk which is open 10 a.m. to 2 pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

TUESDAY/MAY 13

NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees) Chapter 1116 Meeting. 1:30 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, Vienna. Guest speaker, Whitney Winn, Outreach Manager, Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, reporting on the status of the Silver Line. For info., call 703-938-9757.

MONDAY/MAY 19

McLean & Great Falls Celebrate Virginia will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The group will be discussing plans for their Aug. 24, 2014 event commemorating the bicentennial of the burning of the nation's Capitol during the War of 1812. If interested in taking part in the organization and its upcoming event contact Carole Herrick at 703-356-8223.

ONGOING

Vienna Toastmasters. 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., at the Vienna Community Center on the 2nd floor room opposite the elevator, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna. A friendly place to get comfortable with public speaking and impromptu speaking for new and experienced speakers. Open to the public.



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Despite Advances, Many Virginians Remain Uninsured

Affordable Care Act has expanded coverage, but more than 800,000 still have no health insurance.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Since the federal marketplace for health insurance became available through the Affordable Care Act, more than 216,000 Virginia residents have selected a plan. But that's only a small fraction of the 1,030,000 Virginians who currently don't have health insurance.



So what is the state of the uninsured in Virginia? That's difficult to answer, partly because some key statistics are not yet known and the politics of the Affordable Care Act are still unfolding. About 400,000 of those who do not have health insurance are awaiting the conclusion of the budget showdown currently underway in Richmond, where Republicans and Democrats are split about the wisdom of accepting federal money to expand Medicaid, a program that offers health insurance to those who live in poverty or with disabilities. State officials say 470,000 of those without health insurance are eligible for the marketplace, although it's unclear how many of the 216,000 who have signed up for a marketplace plan already had insurance and were just looking for a better deal.

The most recent data from the Department of Health and Human Services suggests that 87 percent of enrollees were uninsured before signing up. But federal officials only collect information about existing coverage when the recipients qualify for a subsidy or tax credit. As a result, some say the states that run their own exchanges have better information because they ask for the information in a variety of ways, creating a balanced range of responses. By that measure, the percentage of people who sign up for marketplace health insurance had no previous insurance about 70 percent to 75 percent of the time.

"That is still way over half of them being previously uninsured, which is a good thing by my lights," said Len Nichols, director at the Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics at George Mason University. "Of course, the number that would be covered who were previously uninsured would more than double that if Virginia would expand Medicaid."

"What is happening to the uninsured in Virginia really sits in the House of Delegates. Will they agree with the Senate and the governor and accept large infusions of federal money to expand Medicaid coverage for the commonwealth or not?"

— Len Nichols, director at the Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics at George Mason University

ESTIMATES FROM the Census Bureau show that parts of Northern Virginia have some of the highest concentration of adults and children without health insurance. Manassas Park City, for example, has the highest concentration of uninsured adults in Virginia, 28 percent. Manassas Park City also has the third highest rate of uninsured children in Virginia, 11 percent. Meanwhile, information compiled by the Urban Institute shows that Fairfax County has 136,000 residents who lack health insurance.

"If you look at the rate of people without health insurance in Fairfax County, it doesn't look that high," said Deborah Oswalt, executive director of the Virginia Health Care Foundation. "But if you look at the raw number of people without health insurance, that's a lot of people."

Supporters of the Affordable Care Act say the law has already started making progress for the uninsured in Virginia. For example, people can no longer be denied coverage because they have a preexisting condition. And the mandate that employers offer health insurance to their workers have removed people from the rolls of the uninsured. Plus allowing adult children to stay on their parents' plans until the age of 26 has already helped many people keep insurance they would have lost. By some estimates, without the Affordable Care Act about 1.3 million Virginians would lack health insurance.

"It's an excellent first step," said Del. Scott Surovell (D-44). "It takes time for people to fully understand what's out there and what's available. We're talking about people who are struggling with medical expenses and jobs and don't have lots of time."

ALTHOUGH THE NEW statistics show some progress in Virginians without insurance selecting a plan through the federal marketplace, most of the attention in recent weeks has focused on the political fight over expanding Medicaid. For the first two years, the federal government would pick up 100 percent of the cost for that program. After 2020, though, Virginia would be on the hook for providing 10 percent of the cost of the program.

"That's \$240 million in today's dollars, but by 2020 that's going to be about \$400 million because of Medicaid inflation," said Del. Dave Albo (R-42). "It took me 15 years to get money for roads, and every time we had a surplus almost all of it got eaten up by Medicaid. So there's a lot of us that don't want to obligate Virginia to something we can't afford in the future."

Supporters of expanding Medicaid say Virginia can't afford turning down the deal, in part because money from taxpayers will be taken regardless of whether it's spent in the commonwealth or not. That means Virginia taxpayers will be funding Medicaid expansion in New York and California while low-income people in Virginia continue to suffer. By one estimate, that means about \$2 billion would be collected here in Virginia and diverted to help expand Medicaid in other states.

"What is happening to the uninsured in Virginia really sits in the House of Delegates," said Nichols. "Will they agree with the Senate and the governor and accept large infusions of federal money to expand Medicaid coverage for the commonwealth or not? At the moment, the choice and fate of the uninsured is up to them. At some point, again, it will be up to the voters."

Airbag Thefts on the Rise in Fairfax

Doesn't take long to steal.

BY SYDNEY KASHIWAGI
THE CONNECTION

This year, Fairfax County has become one of the biggest suppliers of stolen airbags for Virginia's auto parts black market.

Since January, more than 50 airbags have been stolen in Fairfax County alone, and, in April, Arlington reported that a dozen airbags had been stolen.

"There's a huge demand for it on the black market," said AAA Mid-Atlantic Spokesman John Townsend. "It's one of the hottest items in terms of auto parts."

Brand new airbags typically run for about \$1,000, but a sto-

len one can cost anywhere from \$50 to \$200 according to the National Insurance Crime Bureau. And each year, about 50,000 airbags are stolen from around the country, which cause an annual loss for drivers and insurers of about \$50 million.

A manager of an auto body repair shop in Fairfax says that for the past five years that he's worked at the repair shop, he has seen at least one to two customers come in each year who have had their airbags stolen. He said that he mostly sees Honda vehicle owners come into the shop with stolen airbags.

According to Townsend, airbag theft is especially prevalent in the region because cars are often about

10-years-old, and once a car is over 5-years-old, he says that parts become more valuable than the car itself.

But regardless whether a car is old or young, Townsend says that thieves can steal airbags in just a matter of a few minutes, even in broad daylight.

"All it takes is a special tool to break into it and just pop it," said Townsend.

Fairfax County police spokeswoman Shelly Broderick says that although the majority of cars robbed in Fairfax were locked, thieves did not hesitate to smash the cars' windows to take the airbags. When airbags are stolen, she says that they are also often sold to repair shops.

Unlike other stolen auto parts, it's often difficult to tell whether or not an airbag has been stolen.

If your airbag is stolen, Townsend recommends contacting your insurance provider immediately.

But for those who are getting a new airbags installed, Townsend says that to ensure the airbag you are getting wasn't stolen before, you should always go to a reputable auto body shop and purchase the airbag directly from the dealer or manufacturer so that it's sealed when you get it. Townsend also recommends that drivers always ask their insurer to take a second look at the airbag before it's installed.

"If you buy one [an airbag] that's been compromised, it can compromise your safety and not only your safety but the safety of you passengers and anyone else you have riding in the car," said Townsend. So far, Broderick says that no



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Fairfax County police warn residents to not park their cars in vacant dark areas.

other airbag thefts have been reported since the April 4-10 stealing spree, but that Fairfax residents should never leave valuables out in their vehicles, or park in dark vacant areas. Broderick recommends that if residents see any suspicious

activity in their neighborhoods, to call police immediately. Anyone with information about these airbag thefts is asked to contact Fairfax County Crime Solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS(8477).

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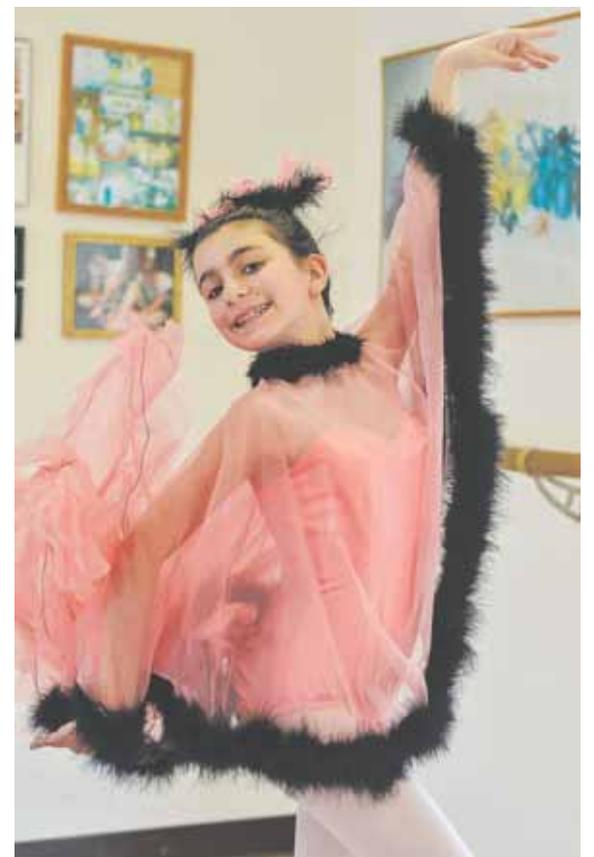
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Rita Parks and Justine Verheul pose for a photo at the Haddad ballet studio in Great Falls. Both will be in the May production of 'Alice In Wonderland.'



Students at the Haddad studio, including Serena Karam, will be in a ballet production of 'Alice In Wonderland' on May 11 at the Madeira School.

'Alice' Comes to Madeira

Haddad Studio of Classical Ballet presents 'Alice In Wonderland' on May 11.

BY RYAN DUNN
THE CONNECTION

The girls gain an opportunity to enjoy performing and dance before an audience of people," said Margaret Haddad. "This time the show is 'Alice In Wonderland'." Since 1962 Margaret A. Haddad has taught the Nicholai Legat method of Russian Classical Ballet across the globe in locations including England, Lebanon, Kenya. In 1987, Haddad opened her studio in Great Falls. There, talented young people learn the Legat Syllabus, emphasizing grace, unison and discipline.

Haddad was one of the first English students accepted to the Legat School of Russian Ballet which was developed by Nadine Nicolaeva and Nicolai Legat. Located in Scotland, the Russian Ballet Society is committed to preserving and maintaining the Classical Russian Ballet style and the Legat System via teaching and examination qualification exams.

As an adult, Haddad moved frequently and was grateful her ballet education at the Legat School enabled her to have a career as a ballet instructor. "When I left Nairobi, I had 500 students," said Haddad. "I carry on doing what I was taught to do... the girls have to have a love of ballet in order to participate." Haddad runs a school that emphasizes good character traits, as well as ballet skills.

In addition to studio practice, the Haddad studio has two big shows, a winter performance of "The Nutcracker," and a spring show. Previous spring shows covered the Snow Queen, Bambi, and Sleeping Beauty. "We follow the story completely," said Haddad. The ballet begins with Alice played by Claire



Rita Parks, Margaret Haddad and Justine Verheul at the Haddad ballet studio in Great Falls. Both Parks and Verheul have been taking the teacher training program at the Haddad studio.

Banducci falling through the rabbit hole. In the second act, Alice goes to the tea party and meets the Queen of Hearts (Justine Verheul) and the Duchess (Sarah Parks).

The spring ballet show is set for Saturday, May 11 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and will be held at the Madeira School at 8328 Georgetown Pike McLean. The shows have a cast of 65 persons, with some students having up to three or four characters. "I am just excited to be on stage again," said Justine Verheul, who has been taking the teacher training program at the studio.

Rita Parks, a resident of McLean organized and prepared the costumes for this show. "My daughter has been dancing since she was four and I have been helping with costumes for nine years," said Parks. "This is the second time my daughter has performed in 'Alice', so it is exciting to see her in a bigger role." This will also be her daughter's final performance with the studio. "We want to have the same impact on others as Mrs. Haddad," said Sarah Parks.

For more information about Haddad studio, visit www.haddadballet.com or call 703-759-3366.

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Fairfax County Park Authority Invasive Management staff meet with Burke Stream Restoration Project volunteers.

Longfellow Middle Goes Green

Longfellow Middle School students celebrated Earth Day and Arbor Day working on the Burke Stream Restoration Project on April 26 and May 3. Students and parent volunteers removed invasive weeds and planted a new bed with native plants. The Burke Stream Restoration Project is part of Longfellow Middle School's journey toward Green Flag Status under the Eco Schools USA program hosted by the National Wildlife Foundation. Terri Harley,

Longfellow's Eco-Action Project Leader and volunteer with the Fairfax County Park Authority's Invasive Management Area program, met with FCPA IMA Coordinator, Erin Stocksclaeder, four naturalists and a botanist to develop a project plan for Burke Stream. More information on Fairfax County's Invasive Management Volunteer Program can be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resource-management/ima/#volunteering



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Burke Stream Restoration Project volunteers.

SCHOOL NOTES

Send school notes to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com by Friday.

Longfellow Middle School students **Aaditya Singh, Franklyn Wang, and William Sun** have qualified to the United States of America Junior Mathematical Olympiad (USAJMO) 2014. The USAJMO is an invitation only competition where the MAA invites the top scoring 230 students (10th graders and below across the US) based on a combination of their performance in the AMC-10 and AIME competitions. See more at: <http://www.maa.org/node/79/#USAMO>

Courtney Cross, of Great Falls, graduated from Bishop O'Connell high school. She is a sophomore at Villanova University and was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of 2013.

Matthew Kent, of Vienna, was named to the Dean's List at Carnegie Mellon University for the fall semester of 2013.

Lindsay Weber, a 2010 graduate of James Madison High School, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of 2013 at Radford University.

Julian Kell, of Vienna, was named to the Dean's List at University of New England for the fall semester of 2013.

Kate E. DeWeese, daughter of Randi and Steve DeWeese of Vienna, graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School, and first-year student in the Bachelor of Arts Program, has been inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta honor society at Bucknell University.

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CALENDAR

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FRIDAY/MAY 9- SATURDAY/MAY 10

"Perfect Wedding." Friday-Saturday at 8 p.m. Sundays at 2 p.m. The Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. An awkward morning-of-the-wedding situation and then spins out of control in the McLean Community Players production of this farce/romantic comedy. 703-790-9223. www.McLeanPlayers.org. \$16-\$14.

SATURDAY/MAY 10

Ayr Hill Garden Club Plant Sale. 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Vienna Town Green, 131 Church Street, NW, Vienna. The annual Ayr Hill Garden Club plant sale returns. These are plants that have grown well in Vienna supplied from the gardens of AHGC members. Selections for sun and/or shade, deer resistant plants, and drought tolerant plants will be offered.

Recycle Your Bike. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Potomac School, 1301 Potomac Road, McLean. Each year since 2005, the Potomac School has held a used bike collection to benefit Bikes For The World, a locally-run 501(c)(3) charity that collects unused bicycles from the United States and sends them to its partners overseas, where the bikes become much-needed transportation for people who otherwise would have none.

Taste of Asia 2014. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Everest College, 8620 Westwood Center Drive, Vienna. Sample food, learn about Asian countries, try on clothes, get your name written in different languages and more.

Fourth Silent Auction Benefit. 1-4 p.m. The Frame Factory, 212 Dominion Road NE, Vienna. The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna (SCOV) is hosting its Silent Auction Art Benefit at the Frame Factory. Enjoy light refreshments while chatting with local artists and viewing their donated art work. Free and open to the public.

Tai-Chi & Stretch. 8-9 a.m. The Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. Free. 703-288-9505.

The Folsom Prisoners. 5-7 p.m. The Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Avenue,



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From left — Julie the chambermaid (Rebecca Fischler) gives her opinion of the goings on to the members of the wedding party (Carole Steele, Jessica Inzeo, Will MacLeod, and Caity Brown) in the McLean Community Players' production of 'Perfect Wedding.' Playing at the Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave, McLean through May 10, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

McLean. Free. 703-288-9505.

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SUNDAY/MAY 11

Mothers for Mental Health. 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Turner Farm, 925 Springvale Road, Great Falls. A positive day raising money for suicide prevention, bereavement camps for kids, and to

bring light onto the epidemic of young people taking their lives in our community. Activities include family fun rides and activities, including moon bounces, climbing wall, pony rides, games and face painting, silent auction, 5K run/walk, 5K ride in Turner Farmer Park, and more. www.beckylovefoundation.org.

Mother's Day Lakota Mission Benefit Lunch and Music. 11:30 a.m. The Church of the Good Shepherd (United Methodist), 2351 Hunter Mill Rd., Vienna. Feast on a variety of buffalo-based plates (alternatives available) and hear music by Brooklyn, NY-based singer-songwriter Natalie York in special fundraiser for 21st Lakota summer mission trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation., VA. Lunch immediately follows church's 10:15 a.m. worship service. Advance reservations requested at www.GoodShepherdVA.com

Mother's Day Brunch Celebration. 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Sheraton Premiere at Tysons Corner, 8661 Leesburg Pike, Tysons Corner. The Brunch is \$45 per person for adults and just \$15 for children ages 4-11. Children under the age of four are free. For reservations: 703-448-1234. The Brunch will include pastries, seasonal fruits, and a delicious seafood display, as well as expansive waffle, omelet and carving stations. In addition, the Chef has added a few surprises like grilled flank steak, fettuccine nests with roasted chicken and chipotle pork barbeque ribs with a creamy polenta.

Mother's Day at Wildfire. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Wildfire, Tysons Galleria, 3rd floor, McLean. Spit Roasted Leg of Lamb with garlic, spinach and au gratin potatoes. Or, choose to celebrate with Wildfire's signature Roasted Prime Rib of Beef or Oven Roasted Lump Crab Cakes. For reservations, call 703-442-9110.

SATURDAY/MAY 17

Tai-Chi & Stretch. 8-9 a.m. The Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. Free. 703-288-9505.

Emy Tseng. 5-7 p.m. The Palladium Civic Place

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Kilmer Center Run, Walk & Roll. 7:30 a.m. Kilmer Center, 8102 Wolftrap Road, Vienna. For children and young adults with significant intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities. Activities include a 5K Run, 1 mile Walk and Roll (multi-terrain wheelchair accessible race course), and Wellness Expo/Community Resource Fair. Entry fee of \$20 per participant includes a t-shirt. To register, visit www.fcps.edu/kilmercenter/. To volunteer, contact Sarah DiGioia at sedigioia@fcps.edu.

SUNDAY/MAY 18

Breakfast Buffet 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Vienna's American Legion Post 180, 330 Center Street, N, Vienna. Adults \$8, children \$3: omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, etc. Open to the public, proceeds benefit



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Madison's Rachel Brennan, left, scored a goal against the Saints on Monday.



Senior midfielder Alex Condon scored a goal for Madison during the Warhawks' May 5 contest against St. Stephen's & St. Agnes.



Senior Katie Kerrigan scored three goals against St. Stephen's & St. Agnes on May 5.



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Langley sophomore Taylor Hosley, left, and Marshall junior Alexander Stockero battle for the ball during Langley's 3-1 victory on May 1.

Langley Boys' Soccer Beats Marshall

The Langley boys' soccer team defeated Marshall 3-1 on May 1, improving its record to 7-1-2. The Saxons have not lost since dropping their opener against Yorktown on March 19.

Langley will play at Chantilly at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7. Marshall will travel to face McLean at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 8.

Langley Tennis Beats Madison

The Langley boys' tennis team defeated Madison 8-1 on May 2.

With its win, Langley finished its season undefeated and first in Conference 6. With its 5-2 record in Conference 6, McLean finished in second place in the conference. Madison, South Lakes, and Yorktown all finished with 4-3 conference records and thus will engage in a three-way playoff this coming week.

In singles action, Langley's Kevin Shen (10-0), James Schenck (10-0), Chase Lewis (10-4), Hammy Abuhamda (10-3) and Nick Smoyer (10-4) each won their respective matches.

The Langley doubles teams of Shen/Abuhamda, Schenck/Lewis and Smoyer/Stavros Kontzias also won.



CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Senior midfielder Sepehr Harandi and the Langley boys' soccer team beat Marshall 3-1 on May 1.

Madison Girls' Lax Learns From Season's Toughest Challenge

Warhawks fall to national power St. Stephen's & St. Agnes.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

For the St. Stephen's & St. Agnes girls' lacrosse team, it was a chance to learn from a recent mistake. For the Madison Warhawks, it was a chance to learn from an elite form of competition.

Each team benefited from Monday's private/public matchup of defending state champions. The Saints, however, did so while pulling out a victory.

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes, a private school powerhouse in Alexandria, improved to 23-1 with a 13-8 victory on its home field. Madison, a public school program in Vienna, trailed by two after Kierra Sweeney's goal with 14:42 remaining in the second half cut the SSSA lead to 8-6, but the Saints responded with five consecutive goals and handed the Warhawks (10-1) their first loss of the season. SSSA scored six of the game's first seven goals, but Madison closed the first half with a 3-0 run, cutting the Saints' lead to 6-4 at halftime. During the break, the Saints made it clear they wanted to avoid a letdown similar to what they experienced against Roland Park Country School (Baltimore) on April 26, when they suffered their lone defeat of the season, 12-11.

"A few weeks ago, we played at Rowland Park and it was kind of the same situation," Saints junior Ellie Majure said. "We walked into halftime kind of with our faces drawn and we were kind of like, 'We're up by a few goals,' and it did not end well for us.

[Today], we went into halftime, we were like, 'This cannot happen again, you need to get pumped up,' and everybody got their adrenaline going and got real excited."

St. Stephen's, the defending VISAA state champion, responded, scoring the first two goals of the second half before pulling away late. Majure led the way with four goals and added an assist. Olivia Mikkelsen, Darby Philbrick and Ellie Carson each scored two goals for the Saints, and Avery Donahoe, Abby Bailey and Sophie Davidson each had one. Donahoe and Philbrick each had two assists.

SSSA head coach Kathy Jenkins, who has amassed more than 600 victories in 39 years with the program, praised the Warhawks, who have won two of the last three VHSL state championships.

"I went to the state finals to watch last year and I was really impressed with their stick skills and how fast they move the ball," Jenkins said. "They're not [a] typical public school [program, where] one girl tries to run it. They move the ball down the field. As you could see, all those passes, kids were breaking. ... I think it's exciting to see the public schools are getting closer to the private. It was a great game. It's too bad more people didn't have an opportunity to see it."

Madison entered Monday's contest with a 10-0 record, with nine wins coming by at least eight goals. The Warhawks' only test came on April 16, when Madison edged Westfield 16-15.

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes, ranked No. 2 in the nation by laxpower.com, provided Madison with its toughest test to date. The

Hearing Loss Doesn't Have to be Life-changing

“What?” May is Better Hearing and Speech Month.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

On any given workday, you might find Arlington resident Erin Weiner sitting in a family-friendly restaurant causally coloring or playing games with a young child. At first glance, she might be mistaken for any young mother entertaining her offspring while they wait for a meal. In actuality, Weiner, who is a speech-language pathologist, is employing what she describes as an innovative approach to therapy that involves working with a child in his or her natural environment.

“Real-time therapeutic sessions help children develop skills that they can effectively apply to day-to-day life,” said Weiner, of Erin’s Place for Therapy in North Potomac, Md.

Hearing loss affects more than 36 million Americans. During the month of May, Better Hearing & Speech Month, Weiner and other speech and hearing professionals



PHOTO COURTESY OF ERIN WEINER

Speech-language pathologist Erin Weiner holds a therapy session with a young patient in a natural environment.

are working to raise awareness about communication disorders and the treatments that are available.

“Most people don’t realize how the loss of hearing is interfering with their lives,” said Michael V. Massa, AuD., of Massa and Associates, Doctors of Audiology with two offices in Alexandria. “Hearing loss is usually gradual and a spouse or family member will notice it first.”

Massa says that while hearing loss is most common in people aged 50 and older, it can affect patients from newborns to the elderly. Recognizing the warning signs and finding the proper treat-

ment can be life-altering. “People come back and say ‘if I had known how much this would have helped, I would have come to see you much earlier,’” said Massa.

EARLY DETECTION IS CRITICAL. “Hearing loss can affect one’s ability to communicate with and engage others in the community,” said Jeffrey Edge, rehabilitation services manager for the Fairfax County Health Department. “The earlier you detect a hearing loss, the sooner you can take steps to hopefully decrease the impact of the loss on communication. Early detection of hearing loss is most

important with infants and children as hearing is critical to developing speech and language skills and learning.”

Edge points to research from the National Institute of Health, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, which shows that speech and language development begins in the first six months of life and children who get treatment early develop better language skills than those who don’t.

There are certain signs that tell parents their children might be experiencing hearing loss. “Is the child responding to their name when the child isn’t looking at you?” asks Weiner. “Are they speaking as much as their peers? Are they saying ‘What?’ a lot? Do they seem to be reading your lips? If a fire truck with its sirens on goes by does the child look up? Are they having problems speaking at the right volume?”

Weiner, who provides oral, motor articulation, language therapy and auditory processing treatments, said problems with audio processing can often be difficult to diagnose. “You have to determine

if the issue is auditory processing or hearing loss. This can be difficult to distinguish. With auditory processing, someone might keep saying ‘What?’ and they probably heard you, but the message is not getting to their brain.”

Hearing loss in newborns can be hereditary or congenital, said Massa, but it is often caught early because of state laws that require newborn hearing screenings. “At birth we can tell if a child’s hearing is normal or not and this is critical because they have to develop speech,” said Massa.

MASSA SAID THAT the number of Americans with hearing loss has doubled within the past 30 years. “Some of that is due to the fact that we have so many baby boomers,” he said. “Inner ear hearing loss is the most common type of loss.”

Sudden hearing loss is another common hearing disorder that usually occurs in one ear. “With sudden hearing loss, time is of the essence,” said Massa. “The person needs to be seen right away. Studies show that they have a better chance of recovering if treatment begins right away.”

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

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As difficult and challenging as our most recent winter has been, and as hot and humid as our summers typically are, I (like many others I'm sure), would certainly appreciate a break/brake in my cash flowing out and instead enjoy its staying power – in my bank. Not that it earns any interest idling as it does there; nevertheless, its presence in my checking account without immediately being in demand would create a sense of solvency, false though it may be (and a temporary sensation at that), and likely make a positive contribution to my seasonal situation. I don't mind being thrown a bone once in a while.

Moreover, given the circumstances and reality of living in the never-enough-resources world, any discount, reduction or delay, real or imagined, in the ongoing and recurring utility bills, would be a most welcome improvement. If the heat and air conditioning indeed stayed off, and I didn't need to be warm any more than I needed to be cool, I'm sure I could make the adjustment. Paying less probably wouldn't be a hardship. I'm not too proud to admit it, though I'm not begging.

I'm not asking for a multi-month sojourn from my utility bill reality. I'm just asking for a month. One month where I could stop the bleeding and possibly pay forward to get ahead rather than pay backward to not be in arrears. I don't believe I'm asking for a lot. And neither do I think I'm being greedy. However, I agree it may be wishful thinking. Nevertheless, it's a request worth making. And as unpredictable – respectfully speaking, not criticizing – as the weather can be, a little help would go a long way; in dollars and in sense. Otherwise, I might have a dickens of a time paying for heat AND air conditioning in the same month. Then it would be the worst of times.

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As it approaches its 100th year, McLean Day holds a special place in the heart of the community. The annual outdoor festival has been a part of growing up and raising a family in McLean for many years. The event also holds fond memories for its organizers at the McLean Community Center (MCC), chiefly Sam A. Roberts III, who has worked to put the festival together for 25 years and who will be retiring early next year.

McLean Day 2014: Celebrating Our Hometown will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road. The event is free and open to the public.

McLean Day began as fundraiser for Franklin Sherman School in 1915, and was the first festival of its kind to be held in Fairfax County. The McLean school and Civic League and the McLean Volunteer Fire Department sponsored the event, which was held in an open field adjacent to the school. The festival went on for several weeks and was held before the Democratic Primary in August. Attractions in the early years included carnival games, a jousting tournament, a baby show, dancing, musical performances and homemade refreshments. Over the intervening years, the sponsorship of McLean Day passed from one community organization to the other, until 1975 when the McLean Community Center began to produce it.

Roberts was hired as the director of Special Events in 1989, the same year the Center collaborated with community groups and finally moved McLean Day to its current home at Lewinsville Park.

"I was charged with continuing the tradition and making the festival better," said Roberts. "In the early days, there were six people who helped make McLean Day what is it today: Frank Opeka, Tommy Lukas, Carol Lukas, Lila Asar, Mary Anne Hampton and Trisha Hamilton. Their combined ideas and creativity helped me to enlarge the festival."

Tommy Lukas, who served as master of ceremonies of the McLean Day stage from 1989 to 2011, is featured on the cover of MCC's Summer 2014 Program Guide. Roberts' staff, which includes Special Events Coordinator Peggy Moore and Special Events Assistant Nadia Kader, works all year on the event, which attracts as many as 15,000 people. One other person also helped Roberts refine the festival over the years, his daughter Mandy. "My daughter is now 26, but she grew up at McLean Day and was my best critic. She helped me see what chil-



Tommy Lukas



John Foust and Sam Roberts.



Nathan Tvedt and Winston Oughourli ride the Full Tilt at McLean Day 2013.

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dren of various ages wanted in a festival."

Roberts said he gets pleasure and a sense of accomplishment for his efforts when he sees family members laughing and happy. "When I see a father with his son on his

shoulders and a mother holding hands with her daughter as they leave, I know we have met our goal of providing a family-friendly, safe experience; one that provides a sense of pride in our community. This is truly a

gift to our tax district."

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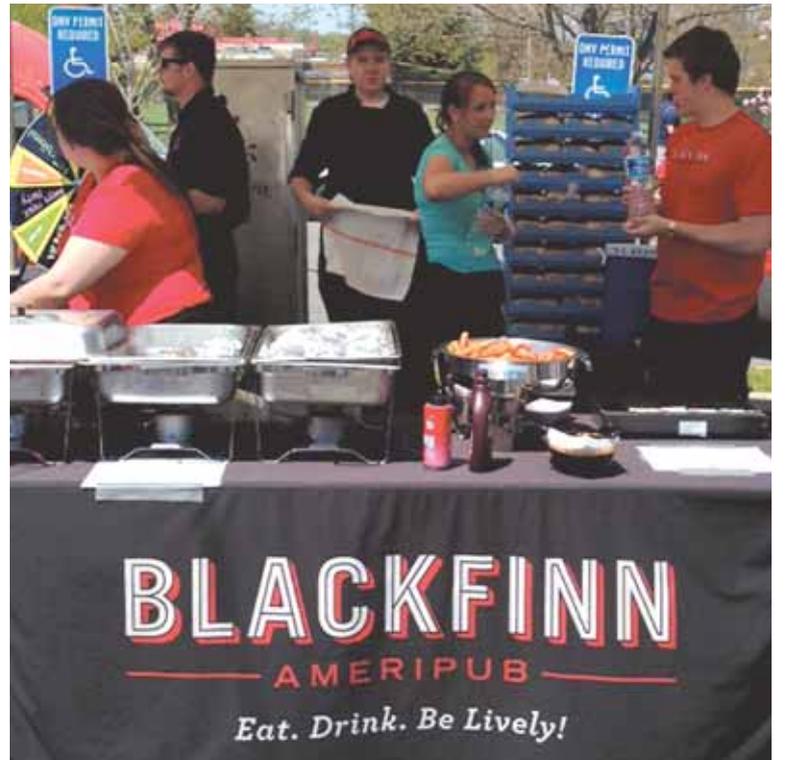
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Dancers from the McLean Community Center perform on the main stage during McLean Day 2013.

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Save Time and Energy

Use the Center's convenient shuttles to and from Lewinsville Park.

McLean Day Festival attendees can save time and energy by using the McLean Community Center's three free shuttle buses that will make travel to and from Lewinsville Park, the site of McLean Day 2014, much easier. The festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 17. The park is located at 1659 Chain Bridge Road.

Parking is prohibited at the park all day and parking on surrounding streets is limited, so patrons can leave the driving to the capable, experienced drivers who work the festival each year.

SHUTTLE BUSES will be available from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the following locations:

❖ McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue. Meet the shuttle at the Center's front entrance.

❖ McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Rd, across from Franklin Sherman Elementary

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❖ Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1545 Chain Bridge Rd. Meet the bus at the church entrance.

❖ The Center also runs small transportation carts, similar to those used in airports, from the rear of the Lewinsville Senior Center, 1609 Great Falls Street. Riders can meet the carts on Evers Drive by following the signs to the pickup location.

For more information, contact the Center at 703-790-0123/TTY: 711, or visit: www.mcleancenter.org/special-events.

The McLean Day 2014 Festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, in Lewinsville Park. Use the shuttle. There is no parking at the park that day.



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Maggie Womack and Ansley Barrington ride the Orbiter at last year's McLean Day.

Get Ready to Enjoy Fun Times at McLean Day 2014

Residents of McLean welcome the happy return of fun in the sun each year with a familiar kickoff — their hometown festival, McLean Day. Sponsored by the McLean Community Center, the event is the perfect place for friends, neighbors, local businesses and organizations to come together to enjoy all that makes their community special. McLean Day 2014: Celebrating Our Hometown will be held on Saturday, May 17, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road. Admission is free.

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99 Years of Bringing the Community Together

McLean Day began in 1915 when the McLean School and Civic League sponsored a festival to raise funds for school and community projects. The first McLean Day was held in a field adjacent to Franklin Sherman School and featured a jousting contest. Various community organizations sponsored McLean Day, until McLean Community Center began producing the festival in the mid-1970s. It moved to its current home at Lewinsville Park in 1988, due to an expansion at MCC and an increase in the number of participants. Next year, the festival will turn 100 and it has only gotten better with age.

Take Two Minutes to Vote for MCC Board Members

Eleven district residents are running for seats on the 2014-2015 MCC Governing Board. Five adults are vying for three adult seats and six teens are vying for two student seats, one for Langley High School and one for McLean High School. The Center asks residents of Dranesville Small Tax District 1A, to cast their votes to elect and re-elect members to the 11-member Governing Board. The election will be held at the

park from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The voting booth is located just inside the entrance to the park. Residents may vote by absentee ballot if they are unable to attend the festival. Voting instructions and candidate information are available online at the Center's Website: www.mcleancenter.org.

Take a Ride, Take Two, Take Three

Vertigo, a large ride that swings riders high in the air, will make its debut at McLean Day this year. Just one of the many large carnival rides provided by Reithoffer Shows, Vertigo will be joined by the Orbiter, the Zipper, Full Tilt, Pharaoh's Fury, Starship 3000 and bumper cars. Unlimited ticket wristbands will be available for \$15 at the sales booth from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets must be purchased with cash only. The large carousel rides and slides are free. There are also free children's rides located throughout the park, including a special area called the KidZone Midway, which has small, mechanical rides and bounces for toddlers and small children.

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Visitors to McLean Day 2013 play volleyball at Lewinsville Park.

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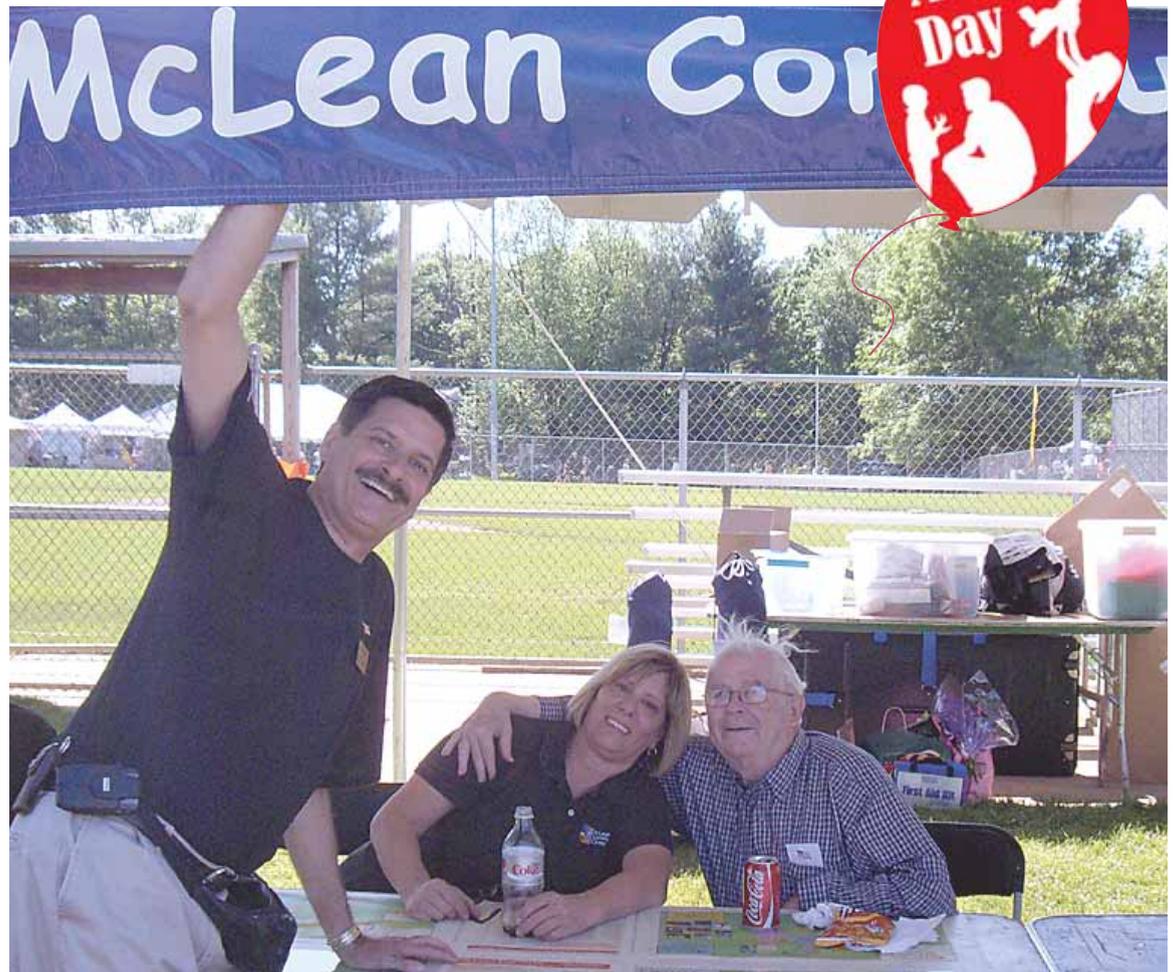
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Lots of Laughs Onstage

The Alden has lined up a variety of entertainers for the McLean Day stage. Capitol Steps cast member Traci Stephens will be the master of ceremonies.

Crowd favorites, Mutts Gone Nuts will return to perform their comic routines and comedian Brian Curry will share his unique brand of interactive humor. The McLean High School Jazz Ensemble will perform music of the classic big band era as well as contemporary pieces. Young dancers who are enrolled in the Center's Joy of Dance classes will begin and end the day with group performances. At 3 p.m., the McLean Citizens Association will present its annual Teen Character Award.

Parking and Free Shuttle Service

Parking is not available at Lewinsville Park on the

day of the festival, so MCC strongly encourages participants to use its free shuttle service.

Starting at 9:30 a.m. and continuing throughout the day, shuttle buses will run from the park to McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Rd., Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1545 Chain Bridge Road, and MCC, 1234 Ingleside Avenue. Parking also is available at the Lewinsville Senior Center, 1609 Great Falls Street, and the Center will run airport-style shuttle carts to the park from Evers Drive, located at the rear of the building.

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Let's All Have Fun

Patrons are encouraged to be aware of their surroundings and to report suspicious activities to Center staff and Police and Fire personnel.

Alcohol, cigarettes and other controlled substances are not permitted on the grounds. P

olitical candidates and other vendors must contain their activities to their assigned booth spaces. Soliciting is not allowed outside of the booth areas or on the grounds of the park during McLean Day.

Find Out More

For festival updates, driving directions, shuttle bus stop locations and a festival area map, visit: www.mcleancenter.org/special-events or call the Center at 703-790-0123/TTY: 711. The Center's telephone will be answered from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the day of the festival.

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Come Hungry!

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Details

The festival will be held rain or shine. Voting and wristband sales begin at 10:30 a.m. The rest of the festival opens at 11 a.m. Parking will not be allowed at Lewinsville Park on the day of the festival. Free Handicapped-equipped shuttle buses will run from McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge

Rd.; Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1545 Chain Bridge Road; and MCC, 1234 Ingleside Ave. and will drop off passengers near the voting tent. Shuttle carts, similar to the ones used at airports, will also run from Evers Drive (located behind the Lewinsville Senior Center) to the Nathaniel Lane entrance to the park. Parking is avail-

able at the Senior Center. These carts are not handicapped accessible.

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McLean Day Stage



Don't miss **Mutts Gone Nuts**, Comedian **Brian Curry**, Young Dancers and **Teen Awards**



Mutts Gone Nuts

The entertainment on this year's McLean Day stage includes the return of audience favorite **Mutts Gone Nuts** and the addition of a new face, comedian **Brian Curry**. Other featured performers include **Joy of Dance** student groups and the **McLean Citizens Association's** presentation of their annual **Outstanding Character Award for Teens**.

Produced by the **McLean Community Center (MCC)**, the festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, at **Lewinsville Park**, 1659 Chain Bridge Road. Admission is free.

Alden Stage Schedule

(Subject to change)

11-11:30 a.m.

Joy of Dance

Students enrolled in MCC's **Joy of Dance** classes will showcase what they've learned.

12:15-1 p.m.

Mutts Gone Nuts

Mutts Gone Nuts, a comedy dog

act that promotes the adoption of rescue animals, will perform hilarious skits suitable for the whole family.

1:15-2 p.m.

Brian Curry, Magician

Magician **Brian Curry** is one of DC's busiest magicians. He was awarded the **National Theatre's "All Stars of Magic Award"** and was called "Northern Virginia's Most Popular Magician" by *The Washington Post*.

2:15-2:45 p.m.

Mutts Gone Nuts

We'll welcome back this popular act with canine appeal.

3-3:15 p.m.

McLean Citizens Association Teen Character Awards

The **McLean Citizens Association** will present its **Outstanding Teen Character Award**.

3:15-4 p.m.

To be determined.

4:30-5 p.m.

Joy of Dance

Students enrolled in MCC's **Joy of Dance** classes will return to showcase what they've learned and close the show.

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Joy of Dance

Produced by the McLean Community Center (MCC), the festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road. Admission is free.

Parking is not allowed at Lewinsville Park on the day of the festival.

Starting at 9:30 a.m. and continuing throughout the day, shuttle buses will run from the park to Lutheran Church of the Redeemer at 1545 Chain Bridge Rd, McLean Baptist Church at 1367 Chain Bridge Road and MCC, 1234 Ingleside Ave. Parking also is available at the Lewinsville Senior Center, 1609 Great Falls Street; shuttle carts will run from Evers Drive at the rear of the building to Lewinsville Park.

The festival will be held rain or shine. For more information, call 703-790-0123/TTY: 711, or visit: www.mcleancenter.org/special-events. The Center's telephone will



Brian Curry

be answered from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the day of the festival.



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Here's What's Happening at MCC

Jammin' Juniors Roger Day

Wednesday, May 7, 12:30 p.m.
McLean Central Park Gazebo
Free admission

Studio Rep "Code 20: Proceed to Improv"

Thursday, May 8, 7-9 p.m.
Old Firehouse Teen Center
Free admission



Old Firehouse Teen Center
Open House for
Rising 7th Graders
Thursday, May 8, 6-7:30 p.m.

5th-6th Grader Party
Cinco de Mayo
Friday, May 9, 7-9 p.m.
\$30/\$20 MCC district residents

Jazz Masters with John Eaton
Saturday, May 10, 1 p.m.
Free admission

Jammin' Juniors
Farmer Jason
Wednesday, May 14, 12:30 p.m.
McLean Central Park Gazebo
Free admission

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Friday, May 9, 7-9 p.m.
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McLEAN DAY 2014

Vote for MCC 2014-2015 Governing Board Members

Take two minutes to vote for the three adult and two teen positions that are open.

It is not all fun and games at McLean Day. The McLean Community Center's annual Governing Board election takes place from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the festival on Saturday, May 17. Residents of Dranesville Small District 1A are encouraged to stop as they enter Lewinsville Park and take two minutes to vote at the election booth, which is located right inside the park entrance at 1659 Chain Bridge Rd.

The board sets policy and provides general oversight for all the facilities and programs of the Cen-

ter, including the Robert Ames Alden Theatre and the Old Firehouse Teen Center.

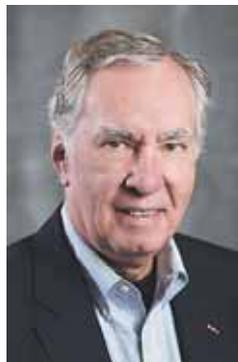
Three adult positions and two youth positions are open this year.

The adult candidates who receive the three-highest vote counts will serve three-year (3) terms. Youth candidates, one from the McLean High School boundary area and one from the Langley High School boundary area, will serve one-year (1) terms. Youth candidates do not have to attend these schools to serve on the board.

Adult Candidate Personal Statements:

Thomas F. Donnelly

I decided to run for the McLean Community Center Board of Directors to become more involved in community affairs. I have been a resident of McLean for 23 years and have served on the Board of Directors for McLean Little League since 1996 and as the league's chief umpire for the past 17 years. I have been active in community affairs, serving for six years as the president of the McLean Estates Homeowners Association and am currently with McEneaney Associates in the McLean office. I have been married to my wife, Joan, for 35 years and have one son, Evan.



many classes and community activities at MCC. I've served as President of Franklin Sherman PTSA and was on the PTSA of Cooper and Langley. I am a "veteran" of McLean Little League and served on the MLL Board for five years. I'm a loan officer with Everbank. My daughter, Hilary, served on the MCC Board as the Langley High School representative. Now it's my turn to serve. Thank you for your vote.

Lathan Turner

I moved to McLean in 2006 while an officer in the U.S. Air Force assigned to the Pentagon. I fell in love with McLean because of its strong sense of community. When I left active duty and became a strategy consultant, it was an easy decision to settle here permanently. As a Board member, I will protect and promote the programs, facilities, and the Center's impressive schedule of events. I want to ensure that the McLean Community Center remains a viable and vibrant venue that serves all of our residents. I respectfully ask for your vote! Please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/lathan.turner>.



Sean A. Dunn

Over the last nine years, with the full support of my family, I've been elected by the McLean community to serve on the MCC Governing Board on three successive occasions. As Chairman, Treasurer, and in other roles, I have helped MCC restrain growth in expenses, negotiate with a key developer over options for downtown McLean, and liaise with our visual programming partner, MPA. I have led or supported initiatives to plan more strategically, manage a burgeoning cash reserve, and reduce the tax rate multiple times. I humbly offer my candidacy one last time and hope to win your vote.



Chad Quinn

When I take my family to a show at The Alden, a gallery opening, pick my girls up from dance class, and even when I am knee-deep in MCC budget spreadsheets, I remark how lucky I am and how much I love serving this community! I thank my fellow board members for electing me Chair of the McLean Community Center Governing Board. Our work together advocates for ALL the interests of our diverse community. We are delivering tangible results today. I am asking for your vote to continue working with my peers to finish what we started. www.votechadquinn.com.



Deborah S. Sanders

Since 1982, I have been a resident of McLean District 1A and have a long history of serving the community. During this time, my family and I participated in



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Youth Candidate Personal Statements:

McLean High School area

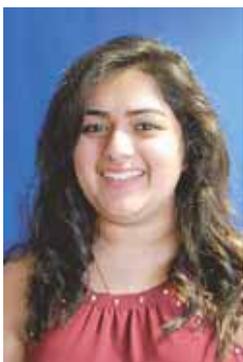
Nathaniel Buchwald

I have loved every minute of my childhood in McLean. It has been a great place for me to grow up. Because it has been so good to me, I want to give back to the community so that others can enjoy it as I have. The McLean Community Center is a foundation of this fantastic community, and working on the governing board would be a great way to give back to McLean. If elected to the board, I will do everything in my power to make sure that the MCC continues to be a center of activities in McLean.



Devika Chadha

As a resident of McLean, a sophomore at McLean High School, I am qualified to be elected to the board. I have many happy memories of our community, whether it was taking dance or art or being a girl scout. I want to create the same and give back to our community, because being involved is important. My special interests include the arts and how they are showcased in our community. Additionally, I am involved with the



Tartan Literary Magazine, Red Cross Club, Latin Club, and have organized a local toy drive for Inova hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Madison Kloster

I would like to serve on the McLean Community Center Board as the McLean High School representative because I have always been interested in leadership. This would be a tremendous opportunity for me to try out a leadership position, which would prepare me better for the future. I would be a beneficial addition to the MCC board, because I am a youth and could represent their interests at MCC. I am also attentive and creative and could bring new ideas to MCC and will help as much as I can to make MCC better.



Aneesh Susarla

I am a sophomore at TJHSST, and as an active and involved member of the McLean community, am running to be a student representative on the MCC Board. My past leadership roles and experiences will allow me to assist the board in meeting the objectives. I have already served the community in many ways, such as tutoring kids, volunteering, and participating in events. I am passion-



ate about this opportunity and the position will allow me to help even more people in our district. I am keen about giving back to the community that has given me the opportunities to succeed.

Amanda Whitfield

Growing up in McLean has been a safe and nurturing experience. I am a junior at McLean High School. I play varsity basketball, serve as a freshman mentor, and also coach a McLean Youth basketball team. I am running for this position because I would like to have a voice in this great community where I have been so privileged to grow up and it is my responsibility to help improve the McLean community. Also, I believe that I can be an exceptional liaison to help voice the youth's ideas when working with other individuals.



Langley High School area:

Tarun Kamath

I am a sophomore currently attending TJHSST. I have lived in McLean for over 10

years, and I have a good understanding of the community interactions. I also do volunteer work around the community: I participated in the annual flea market and tutored at my local elementary school. I also participate in Policy Debate, which specializes in the discussion of the pros and cons of policy making, a skill I hope to utilize on the MCC.

I am committed to use MCC forum to help in getting schools involved in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics projects and competitions.

Write-in Candidates are allowed.

Write-in candidates must have at least 10 votes from 10 residents of the Center's tax district in order to have their votes counted. For youth write-in candidates, the 10 votes must come from teens who live within the same high school boundary area as the candidate.

Residents who are not able to attend McLean Day may vote by absentee ballot through Wednesday, May 14. Residents may request absentee ballot packages by phone (703-790-0123, TTY: 711) or E-mail (elections@mcleancenter.org), or they can pick them up at the Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue. Completed ballot packages must be received at the Center by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14.

For more information call the Center at 703-790-0123, or visit www.mcleancenter.org.



MCA Presents Teen Character Awards

The McLean Citizens Association will present its Outstanding Teen Character Award at 3 p.m. on the Alden Stage. Pictured from 2013, Teen Character Award winners Ben Wang, McLean Citizens Association President Sally Horn, Alex Soltany, William Davis, school board member Janie Strauss, Alex Riddell, Anna Pope, Charlotte Heffelmire, Jade Davis, Azeta Peters and Ben Wiles of Fairfax County.

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