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## 'Secret Garden' at McLean High

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The Garden begins to thrive through the care of Mary Lennox, played by Grace Myers. A McLean High School Choral Society production of "The Secret Garden" will run May 29 to June 1 in the school's Burke Auditorium.

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# NEWS

Great Falls resident Robin Dillon-Merrill, writes down her group's thoughts during a community meeting at Langley High School.



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## Letting Them Sleep In

Residents crowd 'later school start time' meetings.

BY REENA SINGH  
THE CONNECTION

The first week of Fairfax County Public Schools meetings on possible later school start times are over.

Dozens of parents, teachers and concerned citizens showed up at Langley High School district's community meeting May 20 to debate between four options laid out by the school district.

"Sleep is absolutely essential for health," said George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Science associate professor Dr. Daniel Lewin. "It is critical for productivity, safety and wellbeing."

The meeting began with a speech from him on the importance of sleep for students going through puberty and how it can impact everything from attendance rates to crash statistics.

"Weekend sleep does not make up for a loss of sleep during the weekdays," he said. "We're asking our teens to essentially fly to California for the weekend and fly back home by Monday for the start of the school week."

**ACCORDING TO A SURVEY** taken, he said only 6 percent of 10th grade students and 3 percent of 12th grade students got the allotted nine hours of sleep on a regular basis.

The options that were open for discussion were:

❖ Option one: To start high schools at 8:30 a.m. and end it at 3:20 p.m. Middle schools will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 4:20 p.m. Elementary schools will start between 7:50 and 9:15 a.m. and end between 2:25 and 3:50 p.m. Cost is approximated at \$7.6 million.

❖ Option two: To start high schools between 8:10 and 8:20 a.m. and end between 3 and 3:10 p.m. Middle schools will start at 7:20 a.m. and end at 2:15 p.m. Elementary schools will start at 7:45 a.m. and end at 2:20 p.m. Cost is approximated at \$4.7 million.

❖ Option three: To start high schools between 8 and 8:10 a.m. and end between 2:40 and 2:50 p.m.

Middle schools will start at 7:20 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. Elementary school schedule will remain the same. Cost is approximated at \$5.6 million.

❖ Option four: High schools will start at 9:15 a.m. and end at 4:05 p.m. with the exception of one school that starts at 9 a.m. Middle schools will start between 8:20 and 8:30 a.m. and end between 3:10 to 3:50 p.m. Elementary schools will start between 7:40 and 9:15 a.m. and end between 2:20 and 3:50 p.m. Cost is approximated at \$2.8 million.

Parents sat in tables of seven or eight and listed pros and cons for each option - then decided on the option they felt best represented their table. At the end of the meeting, every table had a representative speak about what the table decided on.



Group Eight discussed the school start time options during the community meeting at Langley High School.

**OPTIONS ONE AND FOUR** were the most popular. Most groups decided that the middle two options were not good ideas.

However, it was not just parents that were included in the

conversation. Teachers from Langley High School made sure their voice was heard. Science Department Chair Mary Landis was concerned about the students as well as teachers who lived outside of the area who would get home late every night if school ended later.

"For clubs at sports that start at 4 or 5 p.m., our students already don't get back until 8 or 9 p.m.," she said. "That's going to push it up two hours, so they'll get home at 11 p.m. or later."

She also said teachers may opt to work at other schools closer to their own home. Many teachers stay back for at least one hour - if not later if they coach a team or sponsor a club. Those who teach at Langley High School but live on the opposite end of the county would have to fight rush hour traffic on Georgetown Pike and the beltway for nearly an hour to get home.

However, a video from Superintendent Karen Garza showed that early start times was a strong possibility for all the schools.

"Time is needed for people to adapt to change," she said. "The goal in general is to do the greatest good for the greatest number of students."

Dates for additional community meetings can be found at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/starttimes.shtml>.



PHOTO BY REENA SINGH/ THE CONNECTION

Dozens of community members went to the Tysons Corner open house at Spring Hill Elementary last week.

## Visiting 'New Tysons'

Residents get a peek into the future at Tysons Open House.

BY REENA SINGH  
THE CONNECTION

As Tysons Corner continues to develop, curious residents are starting to get a feel for its identity.

Fairfax County Park Authority hosted an open house at Spring Hill Elementary on May 19 to display what the urban center's cityscape - complete with green spaces and high rise buildings - could look like in the next five to 25 years.

The event is to allow the public to know what Tysons is becoming and what's to come," said county Public Information Officer Brian Worthy. "The process has been very transparent and we want to keep it that way."

About six developers, ranging from Capital One to Metrorail, set up stations around the school's cafeteria to answer any questions the 100+ visitors might have.

The county showcased what their plan for the green spaces might look like.

Barbara Byron, Director of the county Office of Community Revitalization felt that having stations rather than speeches would be more effective.

"We felt from the beginning that people had a lot of questions, but they all had different interests," she said.

Those interested in Capital One's new high rise building, for example, could head over to the company's Director for Workplace Solutions Chris Calhoun. However, he joked that many visitors asked him about a company he was not affiliated with.

"They wanted to know where the Wegman's will be," he said, laughing.

A pedestrian bridge will con-

nect the current headquarters building to the new one, which is scheduled to be occupied as soon as 2018. The number of stories in the 470 foot building is still to be determined.

Dittmar's space, on the other hand, will be primarily residential with a hotel component. The site, on Westpark Drive and Leesburg Pike, is 1/8th of a mile from one of the four upcoming metro stations in the area.

"We're here for community awareness," said Dittmar Project Manager Chris Brigham. "I think the key feature will be the neighborhood park, which features a play area, sports court and walkways."

McLean resident Kerstin Neighbour said a community cannot be built around high rise buildings and green spaces, however.

"I want to know where the elementary school for the Tysons children is going to be," she said. "I think all children should be able to walk to school."

She felt that Spring Hill Elementary, the school all three of her children attended - and walked to - will suffer overcrowding as more families move into the urban center.

"Communities should start with schools and libraries," she said.

Vienna resident Fred Skaer came to the open house out of curiosity rather than concern. He joked that he knew about Tysons Corner when it was just a gas station.

"I'm retired, so I'm not too concerned about transportation, but I'm eager to see one of the feeder buses come through my neighborhood," he said. "The main reason I came is because I know so much is happening in Tysons."





In the back row, Team Reizenschein, from left: Angela Wei, Christopher Kang, Megha Narayanan, Matthew Cox, Rohit Narayanan. In front, Team Regulated Additives, from left: Chris Barre Chandler Wimmer, Gabriel Wimmer, Walker Haynes.



PHOTOS BY BRUCE HAYNES

Onstage, team Reizenschein receives the Excellence Award banner, the highest title in the competition.

# Robotics World Champions Welcomed Home to McLean

Middle and elementary school students triumph in California.

BY RACHEL STONE  
THE CONNECTION

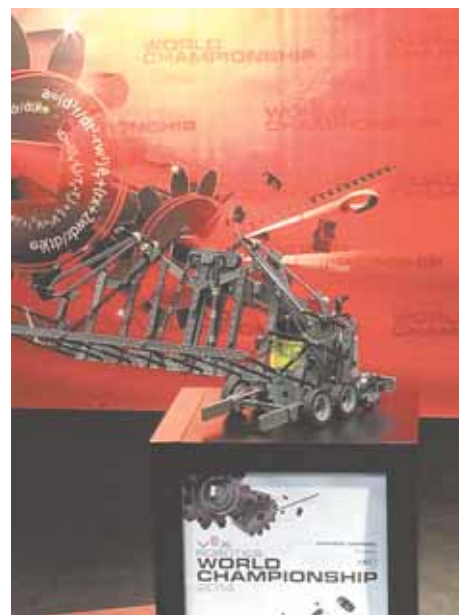
another competition, let along that we'd be first in the world."

McLean and Great Falls welcomed home world champions in April, when two elementary and middle school teams returned from the VEX World Robotics Championships in Anaheim, Calif. The competition brought together 760 outstanding teams from 27 countries, in which their robots solved an engineering challenge and the students presented their original scientific findings. After four days of competing, in what culminated seven months of intensive preparation, the students of the McLean Robotics Institute were presented seventh place in the Teamwork Challenge, and the Excellence Award overall, the highest award in the championship.

This year's robotics teams, named "Reizenschein" and "Regulated Additives," comprised students ranging from third to seventh grade, from Churchill Road, Longfellow, and the Potomac Schools. They gathered their talents together under the supervision of Anant Narayanan, or Mr. Nari, who founded the McLean Robotics Institute in 2010. "I'd say our progress is surprising," said seventh grade member Matthew Cox, "When we started... I don't think we ever realized that we'd be doing

**IN THEIR RESPECTIVE TEAMS**, these students honed their skills in science and technology to develop the most effective robot to play in the game. "We had a total of 13 different robot designs, which was sometimes frustrating," described fifth grader Christopher Kang. The robot evolved in its claw, gearing, and various angle configurations throughout its lifespan. The students took on a variety of roles in each phase of creation, including programmer, researcher, designer, and writer. As the youngest member of the team, third grader Megha Narayanan recalled, "I kept the stress level down, and the energy level up!"

But for these children, pursuing robotics is more than simply building a machine: it is a means of self-expression. "We aren't necessarily the robots we create," remarked sixth grader Rohit Narayanan, "We have favorite TV shows, we're extremely picky eaters, we like speaking obscure languages." Indeed, their passions for learning were manifested in many ways, from learning German words as a communicative team code, to exploring Smithsonian exhibits together, to collecting their findings into published children's illustrated books. "The team members are my friends," said sev-



The robot built by Team Regulated Additives. The team won the world title for Robot Skills, and 7th place overall in the Teamwork Challenge.

enth grader Gabriel Wimmer.

The rising prominence of the McLean Robotics Institute represents a filling void of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) opportunities for young people in the McLean-Great Falls commu-

nity. Coach Nari, who also coached youth soccer for many years previously, spoke of his vision for a Science and Technology Center in McLean, where children could participate in scientific opportunities as frequently as they might attend practices and games for their competitive sports. Many skills and lessons extracted from athletics—perseverance, teamwork, resolution, commitment—are likewise experienced in the STEM world. And meanwhile, female members like Angela Wei are looking for more girl power to join hers.

But for now, these students are happy to reminisce in the thrilling memories of the competition. "The announcers called the words 'commercially published' and we all sort of jumped up!" recalled fifth grader Christopher Kang. The team accepted their trophies and banners in front of thousands of other competitors, after festivities such as a Parade of Nations and a visit from Tony Hawk. "It was really quite a show," remembered Bruce Haynes, who accompanied his son, Walker, in California.

**THE TEAM** would say that this is only the beginning of their explorations in robotics. With the coming summer and fall seasons ahead, its members can now know the community anticipates and supports whichever challenge they rise to next. Those interested in participating with the McLean Robotics Institute can email [info.mcleanrobotics.org](mailto:info.mcleanrobotics.org) for more information.

## WEEK IN MCLEAN

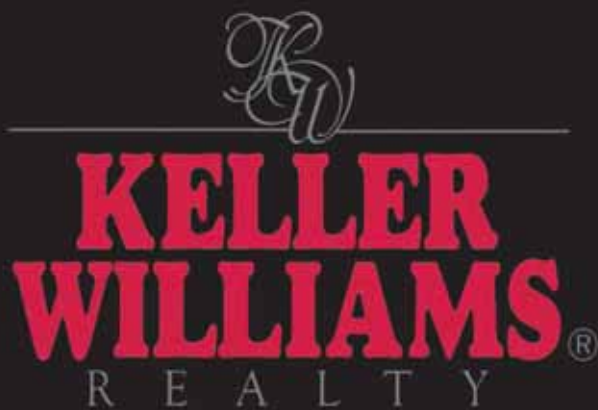
### Teen-to-Teen Mental Health Summit on June 5

The Josh Anderson Foundation and Safe Community Coalition (SCC) present "Teen-to-Teen Mental Health Summit", on Thursday, June 5, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., at Alden

Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. A panel of local teens from Langley High School, McLean High School and Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology will be sharing their stories about living with anxiety and depression and how they want to erase the stigma of talking about these issues among their peers and in the community. This will be followed by parent and teen breakout

groups with discussion facilitated by educators and mental health professionals. This is a free event, but, seating is limited. Reserve your seat today at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A48A4A722A46-teentoten>. For more information visit [www.joshafoundation.org](http://www.joshafoundation.org) and [www.safecommunitycoalition.net](http://www.safecommunitycoalition.net).





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# OPINION

## New Measure: More Living in Poverty

Many households living in poverty in our region, invisible to most of us most of the time.

Inside the Beltway, that is Alexandria, Arlington and parts of Fairfax, 32 percent of children are living in poverty or near poverty. In Fairfax County, 26 percent of children live in or near poverty.

This is according to the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia.

“While Northern Virginia counties and cities enjoy some of the highest median incomes in the nation, the Virginia Poverty Measure shows that the extent of economic deprivation in the region is significantly greater than suggested by official poverty statistics.”

Taking into consideration the high cost of

housing and other necessary goods, poverty rates for Northern Virginia residents are surprising. Inside the Beltway, the Virginia Poverty Measure showing a poverty rate of 12.3 percent, much higher than the official rate of 7.4 percent. In Fairfax, the Virginia Poverty Measure shows a poverty rate of nearly 10 percent (9.7 per-

cent). In Fairfax, that's more than 100,000 individuals living in poverty.

But for the most part, the affluent residents in our area do not see any of this poverty. Our schools and neighborhoods are economically segregated.

### EDITORIALS

### COMMENTARY

BY KENNETH R. “KEN” PLUM  
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)



Recently the New York Times editorial board wrote about the “health care showdown in Virginia.” Their comments were not favorable. “In Virginia, there are 400,000 low-income people who can’t afford health care coverage but don’t qualify for federal subsidies,” they wrote. “If they lived across the state line in Maryland, West Virginia or Kentucky, which have expanded their Medicaid programs, they could get the coverage they

need.” The reason they cannot; “a group of recalcitrant Republicans in the House of Delegates” have blocked Medicaid expansion at every opportunity. Highly regarded retired editorial writer for the Virginia Pilot, Margaret Edds, wrote about the current impasse in Virginia two weeks ago. Drawing on her extensive command of Virginia’s history, Edds points out that Virginia was the last state to join Social Security in the 1930s. She argues that there is a moral imperative that “we cannot afford to take this risk” of not expanding Medicaid. She writes that “design-

ing a health care system that embraces everyone is the right thing to do.” Reston resident, Elliot Wicks, in a recent letter to the editor makes the same argument that closing the coverage gap morally is the right thing to do.

In an unprecedented move, the Virginia Chapter of the American Association of Retired People (AARP) called a press conference to announce that letters sent by the Speaker of the House and other Republican lawmakers to their constituents over age 60 contained “inaccurate information about changes in Medicare.” These letters from Speaker Howell and other lawmakers im-

plied that expanding Medicaid in Virginia would hurt Medicare beneficiaries. “Expanding Medicaid to uninsured Virginians won’t harm the Medicare program or its beneficiaries,” the AARP spokesperson said.

## Father’s Day Photos

Father’s Day is June 15, and as in years past, The Connection will publish a gallery of photos of fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers and sons and daughters. Send your photos, including names of everyone in the photo, ages of children, town of residence and a brief description of what is happening to editors@connectionnewspapers.com

— MARY KIMM.

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# Some Good News and a Lot of Uncertainty

## Realtors discuss the mortgage market at finance summit.

BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE CONNECTION

The Northern Virginia Association of Realtors (NVAR) hosted Finance Summit 2014 at their Fairfax Headquarters on Wednesday, May 21. The event brought together a panel of speakers with an impressive collection of credentials and expertise. Moderator Ken Harney's "Nation's Housing" column is nationally syndicated. Harney is also a member of the Federal Reserve Board Consumer Advisory Council, an author and commentator on real estate and mortgage issues, and the host of CNBC's "Real Estate Magazine" weekly television program.

Tony Porto, Regional Manager from event sponsor Access National Bank, opened the program. "There are some 11,000 members in your organization," he said, "and more than 50 choices of lenders. Service is what will differentiate one from the other." Porto had pens flying across notepaper when he explained the key features of a new lending product being offered by Access for loans up to 760K with no PMI and only 5 percent down required.

Joseph Minarik, Sr. V.P. and Director of Research – Committee for Economic Development, was the first presenter to address the gathering. With multiple degrees from Yale and Georgetown, and a background that includes a post as the Chief Economist of the Office of Management and Budget during the Clinton administration, Minarik warned that the financial "crystal ball" was cloudier than ever, particularly since "there is no real history for a downturn such as we have experience over that last seven years." Minarik spoke of the "Shadow Labor Force" – those who had virtually quit looking for work during this time – and the fact that no one could truly predict how many of them would come back into the workforce, and at what levels of productivity and income.

**A FORMER COLLEAGUE** of current Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen, Minarik expressed faith in the Fed and its monetary

### VIEWPOINTS

## What are your thoughts about the current mortgage environment: How is it affecting real estate market in Northern Virginia?"

— ANDREA WORKER

### Margaret Ireland, Associate Broker, Weichert

"Interest rates are actually pretty good, especially compared to where they've been in the past. But the public doesn't see that. I agree that there needs to be a bit of a let up in all of the rules and regulations and challenges to the buying process, still keeping the risks in mind to avoid a repeat of this collapse."



### Tracey Barrett, Barrett & Associates, LLC, Elite Group Realtors

"Whatever is going on, with proper coaching I can set up expectations to meet goals and deadlines. It's still a good time to buy, and a good time to sell. Rates are historically low, sellers can still get excellent prices. We all may have to work a little harder, but good business is there."



### Andy Krumholz, Keller Williams Reston

"For most buyers the mortgage marketplace has not impacted their ability to obtain financing. The loan underwriters remain conservative in their analysis and are requiring more documentation from the borrowers than ever before. This often will elongate the loan approval process a bit, but typically does not hinder the borrowers ability to obtain financing. Borrowers need to be prepared to respond quickly to lenders questions and provide comprehensive information when asked."



policies, but less in the country's fiscal policy. "We are still at risk," he said. "We are not pre-destined to have a happy ending."

Steve Farbstein, Chairman, Virginia Bankers Association Mortgage Executives Committee and Richard Owen, VP Community Bank Division & Government Relations – Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group, did a combined presentation that spoke to some of the changes brought to the lending market by the 2,319 pages of the Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. Most realtors in the room acknowledged that they had not as of yet felt any

real negative effects from the legislation, even though it kicked in on Jan. 11 of this year. Farbstein credited much of the smoothness to the start up to the "Dodd Frank checklists that banks, brokers and other lenders have been working on for months." Both Farbstein and Owen reminded their audience that a strong realtor/lender partnership was still the best way for both to succeed, and to best satisfy their mutual customer – the homebuyer. The duo projected an overall positive outlook on the current mortgage market, saying that credit availability is getting better, homeownership in the region is up, while

delinquencies and foreclosures are down. "Yes, rates are rising a bit," said Owen, "but maybe we should use the times of the Savings and Loans crisis as a reminder. Compared to 17, 18, even 21 percent, 4 percent looks pretty good to me."

When it was his turn to present, Ken Harney took some time to chastise the lending policies that demand "a too high credit score, keeping many qualified people out of the buying process." Harney is also critical of the high, layered fees that he sees as "blocking growth." "There have been five increases in FHA lean fees in the last several years." Harney sees the mortgage market in something of a "vicious circle." Although he strongly agrees that no one wants to see a return to the boom/bust housing market, "too many people are afraid to let one (risky loan) through."

### THE PROGRAM'S FINAL SPEAKER

apologized in advance of his remarks. "Sorry," said Stan Collender, Exec. VP, Qorvis/MSLGroup. "I don't have a PowerPoint. And I really only have a few things to say, starting with 'get use to it.'" Collender, who has worked for the House and Senate Budget Committees as well as three U.S. representatives on the House Budget and Ways and Means Committee thinks the way things are right now is the new normal for at least the rest of the decade. Providing numerous firsthand anecdotes of what he sees as fairly entrenched partisan politics on the Hill, Collender's prediction is that this Congress "will name some new post offices, but that's about it. There will not be any new Federal dollars, nothing new in the Federal budget arena, certainly no tax reform before 2019 at the earliest. "Describing a continued "tight and difficult period," Collender thinks that this will translate into people less likely to sell, even those ready to downsize. Many realtors in the room nodded in agreement, some commenting that the lack of inventory in some of the price ranges is definitely a barrier to their business.

The 2014 Finance Summit is just one of the many forums, seminars, networking events and educational programs offered by the NVAR at both their Fairfax headquarters, at the NVAR Herndon Center and elsewhere. More information is available on their website at [www.nvar.com](http://www.nvar.com) and on their Facebook page.

### FARMERS MARKETS

#### SATURDAYS

**Reston Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-noon. Saturdays, May 3-Nov. 9. Named the best farmers market in Northern Virginia by Virginia Living Magazine. Lake Anne Village Center, 11401 North Shore Drive, Reston. [www.restonfarmersmarket.com](http://www.restonfarmersmarket.com).

**Oakton Farmers Market.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Year round. Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. [www.smartmarkets.org/](http://www.smartmarkets.org/)

**Great Falls Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Year round. Great Falls Village Centre, 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. [www.celebrategreatfalls.org/FarmersMarket.html](http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/FarmersMarket.html).

**Vienna Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Faith Baptist Church Parking Lot, 301 Center Street South, Vienna. [www.viennafarmersmarket.com](http://www.viennafarmersmarket.com)

#### SUNDAYS

**McLean Farmers Market.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Parking lot of the National Automobile Dealers Association 8400 Westpark Drive, McLean. [www.smartmarkets.org/](http://www.smartmarkets.org/)

**Tysons Farmers Market.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. NADA Campus, Greensboro & Westpark Drive. [www.tysonspartnership.org](http://www.tysonspartnership.org)

#### WEDNESDAYS

**Reston Farmers Market.** 3-7 p.m. 12001

Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. [www.smartmarkets.org](http://www.smartmarkets.org).

**Frying Pan Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. [www.farmersmarketfryingpan.nova-antiques.com](http://www.farmersmarketfryingpan.nova-antiques.com).

#### THURSDAYS

**Herndon Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursdays, May 1-Nov. 13. Twelve Vendors sell a variety of products including kettle corn and fresh made Italian pasta. Old Town Herndon, 700 Block of Lynn St, Herndon. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/herndonmkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/herndonmkt.htm)

#### FRIDAYS

**McLean Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Fridays, May 2-Nov. 21. Vendors include an orchard and winery company and specialty berry farm. 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mcleanmkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mcleanmkt.htm)

**Kingstowne Farmers Market.** 4-7 p.m. Fridays, May 2-Oct. 31. Giant Parking Lot, 5955 Kingstowne Towne Center, Alexandria. Vendors products include fresh organic honey, pies and rolls. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm)



## NEWS

# School Board Passes Budget

### Schools to cut out more than 700 positions countywide.

BY REENA SINGH  
THE CONNECTION

**F**airfax County Public Schools' 2.5 billion budget passed during a six hour meeting Thursday.

The School Board approved the fiscal year 2015 budget 9-3 after debating through a list of amendments, approving a step increase for employees in November but cuts out more than 700 positions countywide.

Mount Vernon representative Dan Storck, Braddock District representative Megan McLaughlin and Springfield representative Elizabeth Schultz opposed both the adjusted budget and the two amendments that passed during the meeting.

"We knew we were going to have to cut things that we cared about, and that \$97 million is full of things we cared about," said Hunter Mill representative Pat Hynes. "The money is not there. We have combed through our budget and it is not there."

Reductions totaling \$97 million represent not only employee positions, but also the reduction of \$3.9 million in health and retirement benefit costs.

**THE BOARD** also eliminated the fees for International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement exams, taking on the \$4 million burden in the budget. Some board members felt that money could have gone towards other line items, like more Head Start and pre-kindergarten classrooms than the two that were approved at the meeting.

Storck prefaced his vote hours earlier by stating he would not be able to approve of a budget that had not gone through the democratic process. He felt the modifications presented after the county Board of Supervisors approved the school transfer did not represent the board's wishes.

He made a motion to divide the budget motion to allow board members to vote on each budget modification.

"The purpose of dividing the motion is for the board to approve of something rather than to accept it at default," he said.

However, the motion failed.

"If it takes until 5 a.m., I really don't care," said Schultz, who agreed with Storck. "That's what we were elected for."

She said that "if we didn't start from a place of principle, I don't think I'll be able to agree on the whole thing."

The two amendments that passed during the six-hour session included reducing funding for out-of-school support due to the savings projected by a partial in-school suspension position lost at Thomas Jefferson School of Science and Technology and increasing the staff reserves by 3.0 positions.

Fairfax Education Association president Kimberly Adams brought a group from the FEA during the public comment period to let the board know before they voted what teachers will face if compensation is kept low with the increasing demand on hours and students.

"This budget is definitely full of furious cuts," she said after the meeting. "When you cut 731 positions, you increase the workload for everyone else."

She noted that the money being spent to pay for IB and AP exams could have been spent on moving the step increase in pay to October rather than November.



PHOTOS BY REENA SINGH/ THE CONNECTION

**The Fairfax County School Board voted on the final budget modifications at the last meeting.**



**The Fairfax Education Association appears before the board's budget decision.**

**"We knew we were going to have to cut things that we cared about, and that \$97 million is full of things we cared about."**

**—Hunter Mill representative Pat Hynes**

**ON THE COUNTY'S END**, Adams said an \$11.5 million increase could have been "doable," and would have only cost taxpayers another half cent.

However, she was happy that there is already a proposed full step increase and 1 percent increase in cost of living wages on the table for the FY 2016 budget.

School Board Chair Ilryong Moon adjourned the meeting at 1 a.m. before the consent agenda could be voted on, due to the time. The items will be voted on at the next board meeting.

His comments echoed Adams' thoughts on hoping the county would have done more for the schools.

"We appreciate the Board of Supervisors' efforts to increase the transfer this year although we remain disappointed that the board did not fully fund our transfer request," he said in a press release. "We are committed to continuing the cooperative, collaborative process that was established during this budget cycle in future years."

Additional budget information can be found at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2015.shtml>.



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### "Me and My Dad"

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**Morgan Poirier and Jack Lichtenstein, eighth graders at Cooper Middle School, are organizing 'Bands for Bikes' Concert on Saturday, June 7.**



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## 'Bands for Bikes'

**Cooper eighth graders organize 'Bands for Bikes' concert.**

**W**heels to Africa is a youth-led all volunteer 501c(3) that collects used bikes for the needy. Now a college freshman, Winston Duncan founded this organization when he was just 10 years old. During a trip to Africa with his mom, a Winston was struck by the distances children had to walk for basic needs like food and water. He decided to take action. Since 2005, over 5,000 bikes have been donated to children in African villages.

After hearing this story, long-time friends Morgan Poirier and Jack Lichtenstein, eighth graders at Cooper Middle School, teamed up to organize a benefit for Wheels to Africa. The lessons that Poirier and Lichtenstein are learning in their school Civics class also prompted them to take action and create change by affecting the lives of others. They decided that a rock concert would be a fun way for their friends and community to support Wheels to Africa. They named their concert "Bands for Bikes." Lichtenstein, who is the drummer for two local, award-winning, teen rock bands, The Unexpected and Static, recruited his bands to perform at the event. He also called upon his older brother Alex, a college sophomore at NYU, to book his band called Scott's Run. Poirier also recruited his siblings, Tyler, Connor and Devon to pass out and post flyers at local businesses and at their schools, Churchill Elementary and Langley.

The teen musicians of Static who are volunteering

to perform at this concert are: Alyssa Bedell (Langley High School), Andrew Hullman (The Potomac School), David McCarthy (McLean High School), Jack Lichtenstein and Bryan Bedell (Cooper Middle School).

The Unexpected consists of: Eric Stein (Longfellow Middle School), Bryan Bedell and Jack Lichtenstein (Cooper Middle School). Scott's Run includes Langley High School and Flint Hill School Alumni Alex Lichtenstein, Cameron Pulley, Jeff Small, Jonathan Ledesma, Calvin Baxter, Aaron Frederick and Keith Kunze. This regional favorite released an album earlier this year.

The community has been very supportive of the boys' efforts. Poirier asked 1-800-PACKRAT to provide storage containers for the bikes and to co-sponsor the benefit. Bach to Rock, the music school where Lichtenstein and many of these musicians study, is also a co-sponsor. So join the fun on Saturday, June 7, by donating a used bike from noon to 8 p.m. and attending the all ages, family-friendly main event: the "Bands for Bikes" rock concert from 6-8 p.m. All of these activities will be taking place at the Old Fire House Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean.

A bike donation is not required to participate in the fun. Concert admission is \$10 per person, and there will be prizes, pizza and great music. Community service is available for teens, so please volunteer or pre-register to attend at [www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A49AFAD2BA57-bands](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A49AFAD2BA57-bands). You can also just show up at the door! For more information, please visit [www.wheels-to-africa.org](http://www.wheels-to-africa.org) or email [d\\_duncan@comcast.net](mailto:d_duncan@comcast.net) or [angeladjones@live.com](mailto:angeladjones@live.com)

**WHEN AND WHERE**

Location: Old Fire House Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean  
 Date: Saturday, June 7, 2014  
 Concert: From 6 – 8 p.m. (for kids of all ages)  
 Used bike donation drop off from 12 – 8 p.m.



**Archibald Craven, Alex Stone, and Mary Lennox, played by Grace Myers, find home in garden.**

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## 'Secret Garden' at McLean High

**McLean High Choral Society presents new production, gets another chance.**

BY REENA SINGH  
 THE CONNECTION

**A** McLean High School Choral Society production of "The Secret Garden" won't be the final production for the society as previously feared.

The classic production, complete with Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright, will run May 29 to June 1 in the Burke Auditorium with the promise of another year's worth of productions.

Thursday through Saturday's production will be at 7 p.m. Sunday's production will be at 2 p.m.

"Orphaned in India, 11-year-old Mary Lennox returns to Yorkshire to live with her embittered, reclusive uncle Archibald and his invalid son Colin," wrote parent Brent Stone in a press release. "The estate's many wonders include a magic garden which beckons the children with haunting melodies and the 'Dreamers,' spirits from Mary's past who

guide her through her new life."

Many of the students - many of which have won state awards for their theater work - would have been affected by budget cuts in the arts. However, the Choral Society program was saved for another year.

In a note to the school community, MHS principal Ellen T. Reilly and Choral Director Linda Martin stated, "The program will remain the same in the 2014-15 academic year with the exception of moving the Madrigal class into the school day. There will be a separate Women's Chorus, Men's Chorus, and Advanced Women's Chorus (Armonia); we will also offer Music Theory and AP Music Theory.

"This solution helps the school system with its staffing issues, while preserving the long tradition of choral groups at McLean High School."

The play will be at 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. Tickets, \$10 for students and \$15 for adults, can be bought in advance at <http://www.mhschoralsociety.com>.

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## THURSDAY/MAY 28-SATURDAY/MAY 31

**Book Sales.** Ongoing book sales at all libraries except George Mason, Tysons-Pimmit and Woodrow Wilson.

## FRIDAY/MAY 30 - SUNDAY/JUNE 22

**"Bat Boy: The Musical."** Check website for times. 1st Stage Theatre in Tysons, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. A musical comedy/horror spoof and satire on American prejudice featuring a half-boy, half-bat creature as the main character. Admission: \$15-\$32. <http://www.1stStageTysons.org/>. 703-854-1856.

## FRIDAY/MAY 30

**"Making a Comeback: Books That Move Us," a benefit for the Stroke Comeback Center.** 12 - 2 p.m. Crowne Plaza Tysons Corner, 1960 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. The center is there for stroke survivors and wounded warriors after insurance for therapy ends - even though the patient is still regaining the ability to communicate. The non-profit Stroke Comeback Center operates on a sliding fee scale; no one is turned away for inability to pay. It is a safe, comfortable and effective place for an injured person to reclaim a good life. [www.strokecomebackcenter.org](http://www.strokecomebackcenter.org)

**Vienna Summer Concerts on the Green.** 6:30 p.m. Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue E, Vienna. Featuring Bill Emerson and the Sweet Dixie Band - Bluegrass. Bring chairs and picnic blankets. For the complete summer schedule, visit <http://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=879>.

## SATURDAY/MAY 31

**Salvador Dali: The Sculpture Collection Opening Premiere.** 6-9 p.m. Wentworth Gallery, 1807 U. International Drive, McLean. Premiere event for renowned sculptures on exhibition and available for acquisition thru June 15. Free. RSVP at 703-833-0111.

**Langley Varsity Baseball Team Vs. Alumni.** 1 p.m. Nike Field 5. The 2014 Langley High School Varsity Baseball team coached by Kevin Healy takes on the Langley Alumni coached by Charlie Ayoub. Join us to recreate a little Great Falls community history dating back to the 1930s!

**Maria Spearman (Tai-Chi and Stretch).** 8-9 a.m. The Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. 703-288-9505.

**The Grandsons (Mixed Rock).** 5-7 p.m. The Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. 703-288-9505

**Spring into Summer at Tysons West.** 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. 1500 Cornerside Blvd., Tysons. DJ music, sidewalk chalking, hopscotch, a Bounce House, Jump Bunch action, and playful activities for all. [www.tysonswest.com](http://www.tysonswest.com)

**Bow Making Workshop.** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls. Participants make their own bows from scratch. The cost is \$160 per person. Register online. For information, call 703-759-9018. <http://parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov>

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 31-JUNE 1

**Great Falls Spring Show and Sale.** 9 a.m. Village Green behind the Old Brogue Irish Pub/Katie's, 760 Walker Rd., Great Falls. Discover and delight in original art, limited edition prints,



Head out to the Great Falls Spring Show and Sale this Saturday, May 31 through Sunday, June 1. Discover and delight in original art such as this image created by artist Robert Maclay, limited edition prints, note cards, wall hangings, wearable fiber creations, home décor and more - something quite special for the individual collector or a perfect gift for a friend, hostess, relative or teacher.

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## SUNDAY/JUNE 1

**Against the Current + King The Kid + Once Upon A Time.** 2 p.m. Jammin'Java- Mei, 227 Maple Ave East, Vienna. The Current is a 5-piece pop band with a growing social media presence and their first EP on the horizon. \$10-\$15. 703-255-1566.

**Amadeus Orchestra with Rachel Franklin, piano.** 4 p.m. St. Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. There will be a pre-concert lecture 45 min. before the concert, with reception following the concert. \$30. Free for students 17 and under. 703-759-5334.

**An Evening with Bobby Long.** 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave East, Vienna. A student of songcraft, England-born Bobby Long's reverence for American music runs deep, with influence ranging country to folk singers to modern day luminaries. \$15. 703-255-1566.

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**Summer Concerts on the Green.** 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Centre Green. Experience Mike Terpak and the sounds of Blues Explosion. <http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/>

**Annual Pet Blessing.** 2 p.m. Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna. Each pet will receive a certificate and blessing and a small gift charm. For more information go to <http://www.antiochdoc.org/> or call 703-938-6753. The public and all pets and caregivers are invited to attend.

## MONDAY/JUNE 2

**The Hello Strangers and Zoe Muth and the Lost High Rollers.** Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave East, Vienna. \$12.

**Zoe Muth and the Lost High Rollers.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave East, Vienna. Muth brings us ten heartrending tales of the leaving and the left behind in her trademark style of infusing moments

of despair with hope and levity, channeling influences from classic country ballads to early folk-rock. \$12.

**2014 Celebrate Great Falls Foundation Golf Tournament.** 7:30 a.m. Hidden Creek Country Club, Reston. All proceeds of this year's tournament will go to our three local elementary schools - Great Falls, Forestville and Colvin Run Elementary. [www.greatfallsgolf.org](http://www.greatfallsgolf.org)

## TUESDAY/JUNE 3

**Aaron & The Spell + Besides Daniel + JD Eicher.** 8 pm. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave East, Vienna. Aaron & The Spell's debut, Sing, includes a stunning mix of honeyed ballads and simmering soul. \$10-13. 703-255-1566.

## THURSDAY/JUNE 5-SUNDAY JUNE 8

**Celebrate Fairfax!** Celebrate Fairfax!, Northern Virginia's largest community-wide celebration, arrives June 6-8 to the Fairfax County Government Center. Twenty-five acres of vendors, exhibitors, rides, and nightly fireworks. 703-324-FAIR (3247) for all details.

## FRIDAY/JUNE 6- SUNDAY JUNE 8

**Disney's Beauty and the Beast.** 2 and 8 pm. Wolf Trap- The Filene Center, 1551 Trap Rd, Vienna. "Be Our Guest!" Belle and her enchanted entourage prove love conquers all in this family-favorite musical with Oscar-winning score featuring "Something There" and "If I Can't Love Her." \$22-\$80. 703-255-1900.

## SATURDAY/JUNE 7

**Applause Unlimited presents "The Magic of Hans Christian Andersen".** 2 p.m. The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Ave, McLean. In this award-winning show two puppeteers combine their talents to present three Hans Christian Andersen's best loved stories with puppetry, masks and storytelling. Ages 4+. \$15. 703-790-0123.

## SUNDAY/JUNE 8

**A Rhapsodic Duo.** 4 p.m. St. Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Pianist Thomas Pandolfi, known for his intensity and technical brilliance, along with cellist Doug Wolters, cellist of the Gettysburg Chamber Orchestra, present a variety of works for cello and piano. \$25. [www.musicinmclean.org/2013-](http://www.musicinmclean.org/2013-)



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# SPORTS

**The Langley men's varsity 4 won a state championship. Pictured from left: coach Mike Lehmann, Liam Fitzmorris, Alex Kiess, coxswain Charlie Bavisotto, John Waugh, and Owen Shenk.**



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## Langley Crew Collecting State, National Accolades

**Saxons experiencing record-breaking 2014 season.**

**M**edals. Trophies. Championships. The Langley High School crew team just wrapped up a record-breaking 2014 season at the Scholastic Rowing Association of America National Championship regatta on the waters of Mercer Lake, N.J. Langley qualified six separate boats for this top regatta, three of which advanced to the semifinals, and two boats — the women's varsity four and the men's varsity four — fought through all the tough competition to the finals.

The Langley varsity women placed second in the nation, the first time that Langley has medaled at nationals. The varsity men's four, with a ferocious charge in the final meters of its semifinal, placed fourth in the nation, earning a place by less than a second. Langley's formidable lightweight men's four finished seventh in the nation.

At the Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championship Regatta (states) on the Occoquan River on May 10, the Langley boats brought home six separate state championships. The Langley men's varsity four, women's varsity four, men's lightweight four, men's junior varsity eight, women's junior varsity four, and the men's 2nd four all took home championship trophies. The men's team also picked up the coveted men's team trophy — another first for the Saxons.

**The Langley men's varsity four won finished fourth in the nation. Pictured are: Owen Shenk, John Waugh, Alex Kiess, Liam Fitzmorris, and coxswain Charlie Bavisotto.**



**The Langley women's varsity 4 finished second in the nation. Pictured from left: coxswain Sabrina Lamont, and rowers Meagan Fountain, Nirosha Beekhuysen, Stephanie Dubois, and Katie Robinson.**

Langley's team is led by a talented group of coaches, including Ashley Leake, Josh Baum, Lindsey Churchill, Matt Fanny, Julie Sutliff, and head coach Mike Lehmann. Lehmann, who is a former U.S. Olympic team coxswain, will be leaving Langley to become the head crew coach for his alma mater, Notre Dame.

Langley Crew can be followed on Twitter, @LangleyCrew, and at langleycrew.com.

### SPORTS ROUNDUPS

## Madison Baseball Beats Langley for Conference 6 Title

The Madison baseball team defeated Langley 3-0 on May 23 to win the Conference 6 championship.

Madison entered the tournament as the No. 1 seed. After receiving a first-round bye and an automatic region tournament berth, the Warhawks defeated Washington-Lee 6-0 in the semifinals on May 20 before blanking the Saxons in the final.

It's the second consecutive conference/district championship for Madison, which improved to 19-2 and has won 10 games in a row.

Langley entered the tournament as the No. 3 seed. The Saxons beat No. 6 Hayfield 7-1 in the quarterfinals on May 16 and defeated No. 7 McLean 5-2 in the semifinals on May 20 before falling to Madison. Langley's record is now 13-9.

Madison will host Herndon in the opening round of the 6A North region tournament at 4 p.m. on Friday, May 30. Langley will host Westfield.

## Madison Girls' Lax Beats Yorktown for Title

The Madison girls' lacrosse team cruised to a 17-2 victory over Yorktown on May 23 in the Conference 6 championship game. It was the Warhawks' fourth consecutive conference/district title.

Madison's Alex Condon was named conference Player of the Year, and Madison head coach Amanda Counts was named Coach of the Year. Rachel Brennan, Sigourney Heerink, Condon, Katie Kerrigan and Kierra Sweeney each received first-team honors.

## Langley Boys' Lax Wins Conference 6

The Langley boys' lacrosse team defeated Yorktown 10-9 on May 23 in the Conference 6 championship game.

The Saxons have bounced back from a 5-5 start to win seven games in a row.

## McLean Beats Madison for Conference 6 Softball Title

The McLean softball team edged Madison 6-5 to win the Conference 6 softball championship on May 23.

McLean improved to 21-2 and has won 16 games in a row.

## South Lakes GK Vigen Named Conference 6 POY

South Lakes goalkeeper Sara Vigen was named Conference 6 girls' soccer Player of the Year.

## South Lakes Track Teams Win Liberty Conference Championships

Multiple victories by junior Delaney Wickman and senior Danielle Hale, record performances by the girls' 4x400 and 4x800 relay teams and top-three finishes by senior Khayri Denny paced South Lakes High School to victories in the Conference 6 outdoor track and field championships May 20-21 at SLHS.

The South Lakes girls finished with 168 points, followed by Washington-Lee (127), McLean (64.50), James Madison (55), Fairfax (46), Langley (34.50), Hayfield (17) and Yorktown (15). The SLHS boys scored 175 points, out-pacing McLean and James Madison, who tied for second with 80 points. Langley scored 65 followed by Washington-Lee (62), Hayfield (28), Fairfax (24) and Yorktown (13).

The top six finishers in the individual events and the top three team in the relays qualify for the Northern Region Championship, scheduled for May 29-30 at James Robinson Secondary School.

The Seahawks dominated the girls' hurdle events with Devyn Jones winning the 100 meter hurdles in 15.8 and junior Maya Rodriguez finished second in 16.59. Rodriguez won the 300 meter hurdles (48.24) just ahead of teammate Claire Nieuwsma (48.26). Jones finished fifth in that race (49.55) and SLHS freshman Alivia Damper was sixth (50.22). Both Jones and Damper will compete in the 300 at region, giving SLHS four competitors in that event.



## AAUW to Hold Book Collection Saturdays

In preparation for its 45th Annual Used Book Sale to be held Sept. 19-21, the McLean Area AAUW will have four used book collection Saturdays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. May 31; June 21; July 19; and, Aug. 9.

Desirable contributions include musical CDs as well as DVDs of television series and movies; recent editions of histories, including military histories, biographies, political analyses, gardening, health, general literature and business and economics books. AAUW also needs travel books published since 2009 and, as always, treasured collectibles and special art books, mystery stories, children's and general interest adult books.

The collection hours are shorter than in previous years and books cannot be left at the Bank outside of the collection hours. Sale proceeds support the professional development and scholarships for women.

## A Documentary on Inequality at McLean Church

The public is invited to a free breakfast featuring a documentary narrated by economist Robert Reich on growing income inequality in the U.S. and the risks that presents for our economic recovery and even our political system and democracy. The event will take place Saturday, May 31, 8:30 to 11 a.m., at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. The film will be followed by an open discussion on how faith values might influence our response to these worrisome trends that both President Obama and Pope Francis have highlighted. With simple language and even humor, Reich examines

how our policies and laws since the 1980s have resulted in a disproportionate share of income going to the top, exacerbating poverty and leaving the middle class anxious and feeling worse off. For more information, contact the church, 703-356-7200, or Ray Martin, 703-556-0123, or martinrs@aol.com.

## Fundraiser Supporting LiftMeUp!

A fundraiser for LiftMeUp! has been announced by HBC Realty Group's (Keller Williams Realty) Community Charity Champions. Come to dinner on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Pulcinella Italian Host in McLean to support LiftMeUp! Enjoy dinner and know that approximately 70 percent of the proceeds from food and drink will go to the charity, as long as the diner brings the flyer for the event. Contact HBC Realty Group at 703-734-0192 or visit [www.HBCRealtyGroup.com](http://www.HBCRealtyGroup.com) to receive a flyer.

Lift Me Up! has been providing safe and effective therapeutic riding lessons to children and adults with disabilities in Great Falls since 1975. The money raised at this event will go to the "Good fences make good neighbors" campaign to help pay for improvements to the property that will ensure the safety of horses and riders. Lift Me Up! is building new fences along the Georgetown Pike and replacing older fencing around the property as well. Fencing keeps horses and people where they are supposed to be and is essential to the operation of the program.

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### SATURDAY/MAY 31

**Inequality for All Documentary.** 8:30 a.m. Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. A documentary narrated by economist Robert Reich on growing income inequality in the U.S. and the risks that presents for our economic recovery and even our political system and democracy.

7 p.m.-9 p.m., Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. A panel of local teens from Langley High School, McLean High School and Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology will be sharing their stories about living with anxiety and depression and how they want to erase the stigma of talking about these issues among their peers and in the community. This will be followed by parent and teen breakout groups with discussion facilitated by educators and mental health professionals. This is a free event, but, seating is limited. Reserve your seat today at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A48A4A722A46-teentoteen>. For more information visit [www.joshafoundation.org](http://www.joshafoundation.org) and [www.safecommunitycoalition.net](http://www.safecommunitycoalition.net).

### TUESDAY/JUNE 3

**The Great Falls Senior Center** (GFSC) holds a luncheon hosted by River Bend Country Club, 375 Walker Road, Great Falls, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch includes appetizer, entrée, and dessert choices with coffee or tea. Reservations are limited, at a cost of \$30 per person (tip and tax included). Call Deeda Calderazzo 703-759-4605 for information and reservations.

### SATURDAY/JUNE 21

**McLean Child Safety Inspection.** 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Lewinsville Center, 1609 Great Falls Street, McLean. The McLean District Police Station holds child safety seat inspections once per month.

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Just as "everyone knows Geico can save you 15 percent in 15 minutes," that is, if you watch television, listen to radio, access the Internet or even sit on the beach at Ocean City and watch the single-engine planes flying by pulling banners; so too do people know that when your primary care physician tells you that you need to meet with an oncologist to discuss your recent medical results, you should bring along family, friends, advocates, doctors, lawyers, etc. (your presumptive "team"), because, well, you know why: your life may depend on it.

It's also common, anecdotal knowledge that the patient receiving the diagnosis (in my case, a cancer diagnosis), is likely not hearing as many words as they think they are hearing. Moreover, as much as the patient is listening and concentrating on what the doctor is saying, the shock of the words, especially after the "c" word is uttered, does something to your cognitive functioning. It doesn't exactly stop, but it's no longer working as efficiently. Hours later (or even minutes later, outside of the doctor's office), when you're reviewing and discussing – and attempting to digest the words/diagnosis/prognosis you just heard, and perhaps even consider the treatment protocols recommended and the likely dramatic change in your life/future (heck, present), it all becomes a blur and your memory is hardly what you remember. It's not a blank by any means, but neither is it as clear and concise as you expected it to be.

Having other/multiple sets of ears listening to the same advisory from your oncologist as you the patient hears returns some of the clarity that's missing from your own recollection. Generally speaking, in this environment, there is a need for some dispassionate perspective, and often the patient is way too connected – obviously, to process the information and be the least bit objective. Aside from this need for a team, there is also a need to capture and maybe even synthesize the information presented for future consideration. We didn't, but I've heard stories of patients who had team members with clipboard in hand taking notes and/or using recording devices for replays later. The collection and replay of information helps the patient be certain that what he thinks he heard (or what he's already forgotten) is either correct and/or not lost in the extremely stressful moment. Having an agreed-to sense of what your new reality is, what your treatment options are going forward, what the likely consequences of those options are, and quite frankly, what the likely outcome is for all of it, is a tremendous amount of information to keep together and in some kind of order when your brain has just been split apart (figuratively speaking) by words you thought you'd never hear: "cancer, terminal, inoperable" said in your direction.

Unfortunately, there's no real preparation or training for this kind of experience. As strong and as capable as you may think you are, a cancer diagnosis disrupts everything. At the initial meeting with your oncologist, what you hear and what you remember are not always the same. "Team" members can confirm what was said, and there's lots of comfort in that at a time when, somehow, some way, you need to be comfortable.

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For more information about the Naval Academy, visit: [www.usna.edu](http://www.usna.edu) or the USNA Admissions Facebook page.

**Ten Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students** earned top 10 finishes at the DECA International Career Development Conference held recently in Atlanta.

The following FCPS students earned a top 10 finish at the national level:

- ◆ Paige Ahmed, Sophie Eaton, and Lauren Fisher of Robinson Secondary School, Learn and Earn Project.

- ◆ Conor Boyle and Emma Heiden of Marshall High School, Marketing Communications Team.

- ◆ Sydney Applegate and Mason Hawkins of Oakton High School, Hospitality Services Team.

- ◆ Michael Briody and Wes Hammerschmidt of Marshall High School, Buying and Merchandising Team.

- ◆ Claire Heiden of Marshall High School, Principles of Marketing.

A total of 37 FCPS students were recognized as finalists at the 2014 competition.

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.

**Aline Dolinh**, 15, is a sophomore at Oakton High School in Vienna and has been appointed as the National Student Poet by the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities. Dolinh will participate in readings and workshops at libraries, museums and schools in Virginia as well as create community service projects to expand their reach while increasing engagement in the literary arts.



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Guests at Langley High School recite the pledge of allegiance before the annual Fourth of July fireworks show last year.

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Children jump with the aid of harnesses and bungee cords at last year's June Fest.



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The audience watches fireworks from the bleachers at Langley High School last year.

## History is Hot This Summer

### MCC events highlight good old days.

BY REENA SINGH  
THE CONNECTION

McLean Community Center has events scattered through the summer to keep boredom at bay for history buffs - and everyone else - during the hottest months.

A dance session, a traditional Independence Day celebration and a visit from James and Dolley Madison are all lined up at MCC.

The Sunday Soiree Series Dance from 3 to 5 p.m. on June 8 is the sole event of the three that has a cost to enter. Admission is \$5, which MCC Director of Special Events Sam Roberts III said is a great price for an afternoon of refreshments and dancing.

"They've got a buffet of sandwiches and fruit," he said. "We do have a new band, as well."

The event is held at MCC located at 1234 Ingleside Avenue.

The band - Hot Club of D.C. - plays gypsy jazz music from the 1920s through 1950s. Attendees have a 3,000 square foot dance floor to spread out on. Roberts said the event, which usually has dates scattered in the spring and fall, attracts up to 70 people per soiree.

**THE FIREWORKS** show, held at Langley High School, attracts many more people. Thousands more.

"Between 6,000 to 8,000 people attend every year," said Roberts. "This will be our last year at Langley High School because they are going under construction for five years."

**"The community center has been hosting the firework show since the inception of the facility."**

— MCC Director of Special Events  
Sam Roberts III

Celebrate Virginia, Inc. with help by MCC and several other local organizations. Seating is limited, so come early.

"It will be held exactly 200 years after the British burned down the city of Washington," said event Chairperson Carole Herrick. "James Monroe, Dolley Madison and James Madison fled from D.C. to the place that is now known as McLean."

Herrick will be playing the role of Dolley Madison. James Madison will be played by the actor that does re-enactments at Montpelier, John Douglas Hall. She said the event is more of an informative conversation rather than a re-enactment.

"This is a really big thing for McLean," she said. "The Madisons are a really big deal here. McLean is changing and many new residents really don't know the story."



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The grand finale of the annual Fourth of July fireworks lights up the sky at Langley High School.

The fireworks show will move to Cooper Middle School next year.

The free Independence Day celebration and fireworks show will be held at the school stadium on July 4 at 8 p.m. with a rain date on July 5. Fireworks, shot by East Coast Pyrotechnics, Inc., starts at dark.

"The community center has been hosting the firework show since the inception of the facility," said Roberts.

He said parking is always tight at the school and recommends visitors park at the community center or St. John's Episcopal Church and ride the free shuttle to the event. Parking is free.

Another event celebrating history is An Afternoon with the Madisons, a "chat" with impersonators of James and Dolley Madison to commemorate McLean's role during the War of 1812 when Washington D.C. burned to the ground.

The free event will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Aug. 24 at the community center and is sponsored by McLean and Great Falls

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** of the events, visit <http://www.mcleancenter.org/special-events/upcoming>.

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# Summer Fun Fairs & Festival 2014

## May

### THROUGH JUNE 16

**Arlington National Cemetery 150th Anniversary Observation.** Join the 150th anniversary commemoration of the establishment as a National Cemetery. Features guided tours, lectures, and ceremonies. Ticketed and free. Check [www.arlingtoncemetery.mil](http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil) for details.

### WEDNESDAYS THROUGH AUG. 6

**Twilight Tattoo: A Military Pageant, Arlington.** 7 p.m. Fort Myer, Arlington. Listen to an hour long ceremony by the 3rd US Infantry Regiment, the US Army Drill Team, the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, as well as many more. Free. Visit [www.usarmyband.com](http://www.usarmyband.com) for more.

### THURSDAY-SUNDAY/ MAY 29-JUNE 1

**34th Annual Herndon Festival.** The Town of Herndon's Parks and Recreation Department hosts the annual Herndon Festival. This is a town-wide event and attracts more than 80,000 people from the greater Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area. There is no admission fee to enter the Herndon Festival. Visit [www.herndonfestival.net](http://www.herndonfestival.net) for more.

### FRIDAYS/MAY 30-AUG. 22

**Rosslyn Summer Film Festival.** 8-10 p.m. Gateway Park. Enjoy work and office-themed movies, including *Horrible Bosses* and *Office Space*, Fridays in Rosslyn. Free. Visit [www.rosslynva.org](http://www.rosslynva.org) for more.

### SATURDAY/MAY 31

**Arlington, Celebration & Pancake Breakfast.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The Ball-Sellers House, 5620 S. Third Street. The Ball-Sellers House will be open all day for free tours after the pancake breakfast and then will invite visitors to relax under the wisteria arbor after the parade for colonial treats and lemonade. Visit [www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org) for more.

**Spring into Summer.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tysons West, 1500 Cornerside Blvd., Tysons Corner. Activities for all ages, plus goodies, sidewalk chalking, hopscotch, and a bouncy house. Bring bikes for donation to Bikes for the World. Free. Rain or shine. 703-476-9377.

**Vintage VA Winefest Bus Trip.** 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Clyde's, Reston Town Center, 11905 Market St., Reston. Hop on the All-Inclusive Vintage VA Winefest Bus, including VIP admission ticket, amenities and souvenirs. \$49.99+. Call 703-251-4800.

### SATURDAY/MAY 31-SUNDAY/JUNE 1

**Great Tastes of Tysons.** 1-6 p.m. Lerner Town Square at Tysons II, 8025 Galleria Drive, at the Tysons Corner Metro Stop (between Tysons Corner Mall and the Galleria). Enjoy a festival of all sorts of food. Visit [www.tasteytysons.com](http://www.tasteytysons.com) for more.

**Vintage Wine and Food Festival.** Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. A fun-filled day with food, musical entertainment and more. Visit [www.vintagevirginia.com](http://www.vintagevirginia.com) for more.

**Clifton, Tournaments for Turf: Moonlight Madness.** 6 p.m. Braddock Park, Braddock Road, Clifton. All night (begins 6 p.m., Sunday, May 31 and wraps up Sunday morning), co-ed adult softball extravaganza includes three-game, 55-minute game guarantee. \$275-\$300. Registration deadline: May 28. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/)

tournaments-for-turf or call 703-324-8759.

**Great Falls Studios Spring Art Show & Sale.** Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. 790 Walker Road, Great Falls. Twenty-five Great Falls Studios member artists – painters in oil acrylic, watercolor and mixed media, potters, photographers, jewelers, fiber artists, a weaver and one who works in glass – are participating. Visit [www.greatfallsstudios.com/calendar.php](http://www.greatfallsstudios.com/calendar.php) for more.

**Springfield Days/Party in the Park.** 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m., South Run Park, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. Springfield Days is a community wide celebration that includes a 5K run, "Pet Fest," car show and more. Movie in the Park begins at dusk. Visit [www.springfielddays.com](http://www.springfielddays.com) for more.

## June

### SUNDAY/JUNE 1

**Cardboard Boat Regatta.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Witness the cardboard boat creations race along Lake Accotink's shoreline at 2 p.m. \$4 vehicle fee. Call 703-684-0285 or email [julie.tahan@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:julie.tahan@fairfaxcounty.gov). Visit [www.springfielddays.com](http://www.springfielddays.com) for more.

**Herndon Festival 5K/10K Races.** 7:30 a.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave, Herndon. 703-787-7300.

### SUNDAYS/JUNE 1 -AUG. 17

**Concerts on the Green.** 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Green. Sundays in June, July and August. Visit [www.gfvcca.com/concerts.htm](http://www.gfvcca.com/concerts.htm) for more.

### MONDAYS/JUNE 2-AUG. 25

**Crystal Screen: In Flight.** 1851 S. Bell St. Rain or shine. Movies begin after sunset. Free. Visit [www.crystalcity.org](http://www.crystalcity.org) for more.

### MONDAY/JUNE 2

**Reston, Annual Golf Tournament.** 7:30 a.m. Hidden Creek Country Club, 1711 Clubhouse Road, Reston. Proceeds to benefit local elementary schools. Register online at [www.celebrategreatfalls.org](http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org).

### THURSDAY/JUNE 5- JULY 17

**Sunsets with a Soundtrack at Brucker Hall.** 8 p.m. Brucker Hall on Fort Myer, Arlington. Sit back and enjoy the sounds of the U.S. Army as they commemorate and acknowledge different historical events. Free. Visit [www.usarmyband.com](http://www.usarmyband.com) for cancellations and location changes.

### FRIDAY/JUNE 6

**Go West! Alexandria West End Food Truck Rodeo.** 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Parking lot of Southern Towers Apartments, 4901 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Visitors can look forward to favorite trucks like the popular Red Hook Lobster truck, sips from local Port City Brewing Co. as well as non-food vendors and children's activities. Free admission. Visit [www.AlexandriaWEBA.com](http://www.AlexandriaWEBA.com) for more.

### FRIDAY/JUNE 6-SUNDAY/JUNE 8

**Celebrate Fairfax! Festival.** Friday: 6 p.m.-midnight; Saturday: 10 a.m.-midnight; and Sunday: 11 a.m.-7p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Musical performances, rides, games and food. Call 703-324-3247 or visit [www.celebratefairfax.com/](http://www.celebratefairfax.com/).

### THURSDAY/JUNE 5-26

**Alexandria, War of 1812 Outdoor Concert Series.** Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m. Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria. Pack a picnic dinner and blanket and enjoy a concert on the Carlyle House's lawn, featuring live 1812-themed music of the era. 703-549-2997. Suggested donation \$5. Visit [www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/1812](http://www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/1812) for more.

### FRIDAYS/JUNE 6-AUG. 22

**Herndon Friday Night Live!** 6:30 p.m. 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. Listen to great music on Friday nights during the summer. Visit [herndonrocks.com/schedule.php](http://herndonrocks.com/schedule.php) for more.

### SATURDAY/JUNE 7

**Alexandria, Canine Cruise.** 11 a.m. Also July 19 and Aug. 9. Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St., Alexandria. Tour the Alexandria Seaport on this 60-minute waterfront excursion. Dogs must be on 6 ft. flat leash at all times. \$15/adults; \$9/children; dogs ride free. Call 703-684-0580 or visit [www.PotomacRiverboatCo.com/canine-cruise.php](http://www.PotomacRiverboatCo.com/canine-cruise.php).

### SATURDAY/JUNE 7

**Relay for Life.** 1 p.m. Herndon Middle School, 901 Locust St., Herndon. Visit [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org) for more.

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/ JUNE 7-8

**Lake Anne Plaza's Chalk on the Water Festival.** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza Waterfront, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. If you ever wanted to paint the bricks without getting in trouble, all ages are welcome to paint Lake Anne Plaza in a Technicolor hue as participants turns the plaza into a chalk art gallery. \$5-\$15. Register at [www.chalkonthewater.com](http://www.chalkonthewater.com) for more.

### SUNDAY JUNE 8

**Lake Anne Summer Film Festival.** 8 p.m. (sundown). Recurring monthly on the 2nd Sunday (July 13, Aug. 10 and Sept. 14). Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. For a full list of films shown, visit <http://lakeanneplaza.com/event/lake-anne-summer-film-festival/>

### THURSDAYS/JUNE 12-AUG. 28

**Take a Break Concert Series.** 7-9 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 11404 Washington Plaza W, Reston. On Thursdays, take a break with this outdoor concert series. Visit [www.restoncommunitycenter.com/take-a-break.shtml](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com/take-a-break.shtml) for weekly lineup.

### FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 13-14

**Taste of Reston.** Friday: 3-11 p.m.; Saturday: noon-11 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Carnival games and rides with a family fun zone. Visit [www.restontaste.com](http://www.restontaste.com) for more.

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 13-15

**Tinner Hill Blues Festival.** Various locations around Falls Church. The Tinner Hill Blues Festival is the only three-day event in Falls Church. There will be all kinds of blues for all ages, all weekend, all over town. Visit <http://tinnerhill.org/blues-festival> for more.

### SATURDAY JUNE 14

**War of 1812 Commemoration Boat Cruise.** Boarding at 6:45 p.m., cruise 7-10 p.m. Alexandria City Marina, 1



The F.F.C. Caporales Universitarios de San Simon provides a lively and energetic performance at the 2013 Celebrate Fairfax Festival.

## When & Where

Celebrate Fairfax takes place Friday, June 6 - Sunday, June 8, at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Friday, June 6: 6 p.m.-midnight; Saturday, June 7: 10 a.m.-midnight; and Sunday, June 8: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Visit <http://celebratefairfax.com/> for details.



Emma and Jack Carey with mom Tara Carey, at Centreville, meet one of the donkeys at the petting zoo at the three-day 2013 Celebrate Fairfax Festival.



Alex Childs, of Springfield, tests his agility in the midway game Wipeout at the three-day 2013 Celebrate Fairfax Festival

Cameron St. This tour includes period-inspired food, accounts of the Battle of the White House at Fort Belvoir and Fort Washington. \$75; \$100/sponsor-level. 703-746-4242. Visit [www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/](http://www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/) 1812 for more.

**Art in the Courtyard.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Lorton Station Town Center. Artists from the Workhouse Arts Center, Torpedo Art Factory and Historic Occoquan will be featuring their works including paintings, jewelry, sculpture, photography, blown glass, pottery, wood work, and digital artwork. Visit [www.lortonstationtowncenter.com/calendar-of-events.html](http://www.lortonstationtowncenter.com/calendar-of-events.html) for more.

**Mount Vernon Nights: Alt Washingtonia (Bavarian).** 7-8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Alt Washingtonia performs traditional Alpine dances from Germany and Austria. Performances include the long alphorns, yodeling and singing, cowbell-ringing, musical saw, button-box accordion, zither, and mountain dulcimer. Visit [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org) or call 703-584-2900.

**Once Upon a Time... (Costume Ball Fundraiser).** 7:30-10 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. The evening includes music, dancing, silent auction, food, and performances by cabaret vocalists. Costumes with a fairy-tale theme are not required for entry, but there will be door prizes for the most

imaginative costumes. Admission is limited, so early reservations are strongly recommended. \$40. Visit [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org) or call 703-584-2900.

**Become a Pilot Family Day and Aviation Display.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. National Air & Space Museum, 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. See 50 visiting vintage, recreational, military, and homebuilt aircraft, on display outside the Center for one day only. Talk to pilots and find out what skills are needed to fly. Inside the Center, test your piloting skills in flight simulators, talk to aviation experts, and enjoy story time and hands-on activities with the kids. Visit <http://becomeapilot.si.edu> for more.

**Father's Day Golf Tournament.** Burke Lake Golf Center, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Teams of two compete in an 18-hole scramble format in three divisions: Father/Jr. 7-12; Father/Jr. 13-17; Father/Adult partner. Closest to the pin contests. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in all three divisions. Limited to first 48 teams. Registration begins two weeks prior to event. \$65/team. Fee due at time of registration, includes lunch. Call 703-323-1641.

### SATURDAY/JUNE 14

**The Old Town Arts and Crafts Fair in collaboration with ArtsFEST.** 2-8 p.m. Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria and the Torpedo Factory

Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Visitors can browse artisan stalls and purchase handmade pieces while enjoying live entertainment, or watch performances and participate in special activities. Free. Call 703-838-4565 or visit [www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/arts2014](http://www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/arts2014) for more.

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/ JUNE 14-15

**Engine #62 Trackless Train Rides at Lake Fairfax.** 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Hit the pool and hitch a ride on the trackless train, running on the second week of June, July, and Aug. Special runs also May 31, June 1, and July 4. Waterline park opens May 24. \$3. Call 703-471-5416.

### SUNDAY/JUNE 15

**Free Father's Day Museum Tours.** 1-5 p.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Free for visiting fathers. Call 703-746-4242 or visit [www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/calendar-of-events/summer](http://www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/calendar-of-events/summer).

**Crystal Car: Father's Day Auto Festival.** 2-6 p.m. 2121 Crystal Dr. Features sports cars, muscle cars, electric cars, a beer garden, and more. Free. Visit [www.crystalcity.org](http://www.crystalcity.org) for more.

**Sully Antique Car Show.** Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Up to 400 cars on show field, restoration displays, all the

## Celebrate Fairfax

Celebrate Fairfax!, Northern Virginia's largest community-wide celebration, takes place June 6-8 at the Fairfax County Government Center. Presented by Celebrate Fairfax, Inc, the annual festival hosts tens of thousands of visitors during the three-day run.

The 25-acre site is filled with more than 300 exhibitors, food vendors, crafters and interactive activities. Celebrate Fairfax! showcases live concerts on eight stages, ExxonMobil Children's Avenue, a petting zoo, the Fairfax County Karaoke Championship, carnival rides, and great festival foods. Another fun activity for children is the Inova Train Ride.

Nightly fireworks, presented by Leidos, are a highlight of the festival, and one of many great family programs. This year's Bud Light Main Stage features top national headline performers: The All American Rejects, Cheap Trick and The Hunts.

For more information on any of the festival's programs, or to become a part of the festival as a volunteer, sponsor, performing artist, or simply to attend, visit <http://celebratefairfax.com/>, or contact the Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. office at 703-324-3247.

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food and wine tasting and a food and dessert competition between local restaurants. Free (tickets required for food and wine samples). 703-746-5592. Visit [www.AlexandriaFoodandWine.com](http://www.AlexandriaFoodandWine.com)

**Strawberry Festival.** 2 p.m. Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Play croquet, savor strawberry ice cream and learn school lessons about Machens grove. Visit [www.parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov) for more.

**Ballroom Social Dance.** 7:30-10:30 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Put on your dancing shoes and come out to the Workhouse for an evening of social ballroom dance. Bring a friend, a date or a group and enjoy a casual, fun night out. Visit [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org) for more.

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 21-22

**Relay for Life.** 5 p.m. Long Bridge Park Field 1. 475 Long Bridge Drive, Arlington. Visit [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org) for more.

**Relay for Life.** Only Saturday. 6 p.m. George Mason High School. 7124 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Visit [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org) for more.

### SUNDAY/JUNE 22

**Herndon Centennial Golf Course Short Game Challenge.** 8 a.m. 909 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. 703-471-5769. Visit [www.herndongolf.com](http://www.herndongolf.com) for more.

**Sundaes in the Park.** 1 p.m. Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 7701 Royce St., Annandale. Bring the family for a Sunday stroll along the paths around Hidden Oaks Nature Center and stop by the campfire area for a ice cream sundae before or after your visit. Create your own confection with the toppings and enjoy a scoop of farm fresh vanilla ice cream while it lasts. Sundaes \$2. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-oaks](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-oaks) for more.

### WEDNESDAYS/JUNE 25-AUG. 20

**Frying Pan Farm Arts in the Parks.** 10-11 a.m. Frying Pan Farm Park Amphitheater, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid-friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. Call 703-437-9101.

### FRIDAYS/JUNE 27-AUG. 29

**Braddock Nights Concert Series.** 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield or Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Listen to musical performances in the great outdoors. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/) for location and schedule.

### SATURDAY/JUNE 28

**Del Ray Music Festival.** Noon-9 p.m. 2701 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. This event will feature local food vendors, children's activities and a variety of live music, ranging in genre from reggae to jazz, blues to rock. Free. Visit [www.DelRayMusicFestival.com](http://www.DelRayMusicFestival.com) for more.

### SATURDAYS/JUNE 28-AUG. 23

**Burke Arts in the Parks.** 10-11 a.m. Burke Lake Park Amphitheater, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment

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### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 6-8

**Disney's Beauty and the Beast.** "Be Our Guest!" Belle and her enchanted entourage prove love conquers all in this family-favorite musical with an Oscar-winning score featuring "Something There" and "If I Can't Love Her." Tickets: \$22-\$80.

### WEDNESDAY/JUNE 11

**Trey McIntyre Project.** 8:30 p.m. In their final DC performance, this inventive and bold contemporary ballet company performs to Queen's glam-rock stylings. Tickets: \$10-\$44.

### THURSDAY/JUNE 12

**Ringo Starr & His All Starr Band.** 8 p.m. Celebrate an era with a band of rock 'n' roll virtuosos from the Beatles, Santana, Toto, and more. Tickets: \$35-\$65.

### FRIDAY/JUNE 13

**Il Volo.** 8 p.m. Pop-opera trio of Italian teen heartthrobs combines soaring voices with playful charm. Tickets: \$30-\$65.

### SATURDAY/JUNE 14

**Louisiana Swamp Romp.** 2 p.m. The Big Easy party is back! Dance to Louisiana's hottest Cajun, zydeco, and brass bands and jump in the second line parade. Tickets: \$30.

### WEDNESDAY/JUNE 18

**John Butler Trio.** 7:30 p.m. There's nothing "Better Than" acoustically driven roots-rock and reggae ballads from heartfelt Australian multi-instrumentalists. Tickets: \$32-\$40.

### THURSDAY/JUNE 19

**Daryl Hall & John Oates.** 8 p.m. Still making your dreams come true with unforgettable soul and rock anthems, these Rock and Roll Hall of Famers are the most successful pop duo of all time. Tickets: \$35-\$60.

### FRIDAY/JUNE 20

**Pixar in Concert.** 8:30 p.m. All your favorite animated Pixar films on the big screen including *Finding Nemo*, *Up*, *Toy Story*, and *Monsters, Inc.*, paired with memorable scores played by the National Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: \$30-\$58.

### SATURDAY/JUNE 21

**Grease Sing-A-Long.** 8:30 p.m. Rev up your vocal chords for an ultimate summer night with the Rydell High gang and sing-a-long with the hits you're hopelessly devoted to as the original 1978 film is projected in-house and on the lawn with lyrics on screen. Tickets: \$25-\$38.

### WEDNESDAY/JUNE 25

**Ben Folds.** 8:15 p.m. Front man of Ben Folds Five and judge of NBC's



**Pixar in Concert: Watch all your favorite animated Pixar films on the big screen including Finding Nemo, Up, Toy Story, and Monsters, Inc., paired with memorable scores played by the National Symphony Orchestra June 20.**

The Sing-Off showcases his new piano concerto and orchestral arrangements of pop hits with the National Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: \$25-\$60.

### FRIDAY/JUNE 27

**Handel Giulio Cesare.** Check website for exact showtimes (also on Sunday, June 29 and Tuesday, July 1). New production, sung in Italian with English superlites. Inside the Opera preshow talk begins one hour before curtain. Tickets: \$36-\$88.

### SATURDAY/JUNE 28

**Beethoven's 9th.** 8:15 p.m. Triumphant performance of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" masterpiece and more by premiering singers and one of the world's leading orchestras in its only 2014 DC-area appearance. Tickets: \$25-\$65.

### SUNDAY/JUNE 29

**Diana Ross.** 8 p.m. Motown's supreme legend has inspired generations of singers with an endless stream of No. 1 hits from "You Can't Hurry Love" to "I'm Coming Out." Tickets: \$35-\$60.

**Handel Giulio Cesare.** Check website for exact showtimes (also on Tuesday, July 1). New production, sung in Italian with English superlites. Inside the Opera preshow talk begins one hour before curtain. Tickets: \$36-\$88.

### TUESDAY/JULY 1

**Pilobolus.** 8:30 p.m. Wild creativity and daring, athletic modern dance. Tickets: \$10-\$48.

**Handel Giulio Cesare.** Check website for exact showtime. New production, sung in Italian with English superlites. Inside the Opera preshow talk begins one hour before curtain. Tickets: \$36-\$88.



## FARMERS MARKETS



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### The Open Air Market in the Lake Anne Plaza features artisans, global imports and health products

8 a.m.-noon at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd. Visit [www.Clarendon.org](http://www.Clarendon.org). 703-812-8881.

**Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays from April 27-November. Brings fresh nutritious foods to people of all income levels. Located at the entrance to Four Mile Run Park at 4109 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit [www.4mrmrmarket.org/](http://www.4mrmrmarket.org/) for more.

**West End Farmers Market.** 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays from May-November. Fresh, locally grown, in-season vegetables. Vendors also sell fresh-squeezed orange juice, fresh-baked pastries and more. Located at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive, Alexandria. Visit [www.westendfarmersmarket.org](http://www.westendfarmersmarket.org).

**Lorton Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays, May 4-Nov. 2. Featuring fresh produce, a Swiss bakery and potted plants and herbs. VRE Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Boulevard, Lorton. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/lortonmkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/lortonmkt.htm)

**McLean Farmers Market.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Parking lot of the National Automobile Dealers Association 8400 Westpark Drive, McLean. [www.smartmarkets.org/](http://www.smartmarkets.org/)

**Tysons Farmers Market.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. NADA Campus, Greensboro & Westpark Drive. [www.tysonspartnership.org](http://www.tysonspartnership.org)

**Fairfax Farmers Market.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, May 11-Oct. 26. 10500 Page Avenue, Fairfax. [www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com/](http://www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com/)

**Fair Lakes Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 4501 Market Commons Drive, Fairfax. [www.greentowns.com/initiative/farmers-market/fair-lakes-farmers-market-fairfax-va](http://www.greentowns.com/initiative/farmers-market/fair-lakes-farmers-market-fairfax-va).

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**Fair Lakes Farmers Market.** 3:30-7 p.m. 4501 Market Commons Drive, Fairfax. [www.greentowns.com/initiative/farmers-market/fair-lakes-farmers-market-fairfax-va](http://www.greentowns.com/initiative/farmers-market/fair-lakes-farmers-market-fairfax-va).

### THURSDAYS

**Rosslyn Farmers Market and Concert.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursdays, May 29-Sept. 25, across the street from Cupid's Garden Sculpture, 1401 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. The market offers fresh foods and goods from regional vendors including bread and pastries, farm-fresh and organic produce, herbs and spices, exotic teas and specialty coffees. Visit [www.rosslynva.org/do/rosslyn-farmers-market1](http://www.rosslynva.org/do/rosslyn-farmers-market1).

**Annandale Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Thursdays, May 2-Nov. 7. Featuring a master gardener plant clinic on site to answer questions about plants and landscaping. Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale. 703-941-1730. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/annandalemkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/annandalemkt.htm)

**Herndon Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursdays, May 1-Nov. 13. Twelve Vendors sell a variety of products including kettle corn and fresh made Italian pasta. Old Town Herndon, 700 Block of Lynn St, Herndon. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/herndonmkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/herndonmkt.htm)

**Fairfax's Government Center Farmers Market.** 3-7 p.m. Thursdays, May 1-Oct. 30. Ten vendors including a Middle Eastern delicacy bakery and custom organic ice cream shop. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/governmentcentermkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/governmentcentermkt.htm)

**Lorton Farmers Market.** 3-7 p.m. Thursdays. New Hope Church, 8905 Ox Road, Lorton. [www.smartmarkets.org](http://www.smartmarkets.org).

### FRIDAYS

**McLean Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Fridays, May 2-Nov. 21. Vendors include an orchard and winery company and specialty berry farm. 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mcleanmkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mcleanmkt.htm)

**Kingstowne Farmers Market.** 4-7 p.m. Fridays, May 2-Oct. 31. Giant Parking Lot, 5955 Kingstowne Towne Center, Alexandria. Vendors products include fresh organic honey, pies and rolls. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm)

### SATURDAYS

**Arlington Farmers Market at Courthouse.** Adjacent to the Arlington County Courthouse Parking Lot, at the intersection of N. Courthouse Road and N. 14th Street. This is a 'producer only' market with more than 30 producers. From January through March, the market is open on Saturdays 9 a.m.-noon. Visit [www.arlingtonfarmersmarket.com](http://www.arlingtonfarmersmarket.com) for a list of vendors.

**Clarendon Farmers Market.** Year-round, has locally produced breads and pastries, organic vegetables, flowers, soap, sorbet and more. Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m.-noon at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd, Arlington. Also year round on Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m. at Clarendon Metro Station. Visit [www.Clarendon.org](http://www.Clarendon.org). Call 703-812-8881.

**Old Town Farmers Market.** 7 a.m.-noon Saturdays, year round. Sells meat, dairy, fish, fruits and vegetables. Local farmers and artists have been selling products there since 1753. Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-746-3200 or contact [oldtownfarmersmarket@alexandriava.gov](mailto:oldtownfarmersmarket@alexandriava.gov).

**Del Ray Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays, year round. Features fresh vegetables and fruits in season, meats, eggs, fresh pasta and sauces, Amish cheese, yogurt, bakery goods and more. Located at the corner of East Oxford and Mount Vernon avenues, Alexandria. Contact [pmiller1806@comcast.net](mailto:pmiller1806@comcast.net).

**Mount Vernon Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays, May 31-Oct. 18. Fresh local food, artisan crafts, live music, kids activities, cooking demonstrations and special events. Corner of Cleveland Ave. and Snoqualmie St., Mount Vernon. Visit [www.mountvernonfarmersmarket.org](http://www.mountvernonfarmersmarket.org).

**Burke Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-noon. Saturdays, May 3-Nov. 22. 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/burkemkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/burkemkt.htm)

**Reston Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-noon. Saturdays, May 3-Nov. 9. Named the best farmers market in Northern Virginia by Virginia Living Magazine. Lake Anne Village Center, 11401 North Shore Drive, Reston. [www.restonfarmersmarket.com](http://www.restonfarmersmarket.com).

**Oakton Farmers Market.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Year round. Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. [www.smartmarkets.org/](http://www.smartmarkets.org/)

**Springfield Farmers Market.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Springfield Mall, 6417 Loisdale Road, Springfield. [www.smartmarkets.org](http://www.smartmarkets.org).

**Great Falls Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Year round. Great Falls Village Centre, 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. [www.celebrategreatfalls.org/FarmersMarket.html](http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/FarmersMarket.html).

**Vienna Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Faith Baptist Church Parking Lot, 301 Center Street South, Vienna. [www.viennafarmersmarket.com](http://www.viennafarmersmarket.com).

**Fairfax Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, May 10-Nov. 1. 10500 Page Avenue, Fairfax. [www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com](http://www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com).

### SUNDAYS

**Clarendon Farmers Market.** Year-round, has locally produced breads and pastries, organic vegetables, flowers, soap, sorbet and more. Saturdays and Sundays,

### SATURDAY/JULY 12

**Obon Festival.** 5:30 -9 p.m. Highlighting Japanese culture at Ekoji Buddhist Temple, 6500 Lakehaven Lane, Fairfax Station. Visit [www.ekoji.org](http://www.ekoji.org) for more.

**USA & Alexandria Birthday Celebration.** 7:30-10 p.m. at Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St., Alexandria. Enjoy a concert by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, birthday cake, food and fireworks. The evening culminates in Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture." Free. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov](http://www.alexandriava.gov) for more.

### SATURDAY/JULY 19

**Clifton Film Festival.** 4 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Clifton Film Fest is an award winning indoor and outdoor film festival. Original films made by the surrounding community are showcased. Visit [www.cliftonfilmfest.com/index.html](http://www.cliftonfilmfest.com/index.html) for more.

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 19-20

**Claude Moore Colonial Farm 1771 Market Fair.** 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Sit in the shade and savor roast chicken and spicy sausages, enjoy dancing and singing with the fiddler, test your water color and writing skills with Mr. Andrews at the Stationer. Visit <http://1771.org> for more.

## August

### SUNDAY/AUG. 3

**Bolivian Independence Day Children's Festival.** 4:30 p.m. GMU, Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A Bolivian Independence Day celebration complete with dance, music and singing. Tickets: \$10-\$15. Visit [www.proboliviausa.org](http://www.proboliviausa.org) for more.

### SUNDAY/AUG. 24

**27th Annual Pakistan Independence Day Festival USA.** Noon at Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. The Pakistan Independence Day Festival includes musical performances, rides and games. Visit [www.pakistanfestivalusa.com](http://www.pakistanfestivalusa.com) for more.

### SATURDAY/AUG. 30

**Lake Anne Jazz Festival.** 1 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza (Waterfront), 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Showcasing a variety of talented local emerging artists and national jazz performers. Beer garden on site. Visit [lakeanneplaza.com/event/8th-annual-jazz-blues-festival/30](http://lakeanneplaza.com/event/8th-annual-jazz-blues-festival/30).

## September

### MONDAY/SEPT. 1

**Herndon Labor Day Festival.** Noon-6 p.m. at Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Great music, a craft show, food, 12 wineries and micro-brews and culinary demonstrations. Visit [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov) for more.

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

**Tyson's BBQ, Bourbon and Beer.** Tyson's Townsquare. Join us at the festival for a great day of beer sippin', bourbon tastin', music listenin', cigar smokin', and barbeque eatin'. Visit [www.beerandbourbon.com/tysons/show-info](http://www.beerandbourbon.com/tysons/show-info) for more.

in an informal kid friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. Call 703-323-6601.

### Mason District Arts in the Parks.

10-11 a.m. Mason District Park Amphitheater, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. 703-941-1730.

### E.C. Lawrence Arts in the Parks.

10-11 a.m. E.C. Lawrence Park Amphitheater, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. 703-631-0013.

### SUNDAY/JUNE 29

#### 2nd Annual Tour de Tysons

**Bicycle Races.** 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Jones Branch Drive, Tysons Corner. Ten bicycle races, food trucks and vendors. The Tour de Tysons is a fun experience for the whole family — compete or simply enjoy. Visit [www.tysonspartnership.com](http://www.tysonspartnership.com) for more.

**Summer Concert Series: The United States Navy Band, The Commodores.** 6-7 p.m. 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. Listen to a free musical performance on the Museum's lawn. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/events/detail.cfm?id=10362> for more.

## July

### FRIDAY/JULY 4

#### Great Falls Fourth of July

**Celebration.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre, 776 Walker Road, Great Falls. Walk/run, parades, festivities, fun and food. Fireworks at Turner Farm Park on Saturday, July 6. Visit [www.celebrategreatfalls.org](http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org) for more.

**Lorton's Fourth of July Parade.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. VRE Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Lorton's fourth annual Independence Day parade.

#### Mount Vernon's An American

**Celebration.** 8 a.m.-5 p.m. George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Fireworks in patriotic colors fired over the Potomac River. The event also includes an inspirational naturalization ceremony for 100 new citizens, military reenactments, a special wreath-laying ceremony, free birthday cake for all and a visit from the "first" first couple, "General and Mrs. Washington." Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more.

#### Herndon 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.

6:30 p.m. Bready Park at the Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. A family-fun event featuring games, arts and craft activities, bingo, food face painting, balloon artists, and fireworks. Visit [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov) for more.

#### Fairfax's Independence Day

**Celebration.** 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m. in the Downtown Fairfax Historic District. Independence day parade, historical tours, games, entertainment and fireworks. Visit [www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration) for more.

#### Vienna 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival and

**Fireworks Show.** 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Live musical entertainment, arts and crafts for kids, antique and classic car show and fireworks. Visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) for more.



## Top Ten

Here's your top ten list of events to check out this summer.

**Spring into Summer.** May 31, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tysons West, 1500 Cornerside Blvd, Tysons. Hang out in Tyson's newest hub with playful activities for all ages, plug goodies, sidewalk chalking, hopscotch and a bouncy house. Bring bikes for donation to Bikes for the World. Free. Rain or shine. 703-476-9377. [www.tysonswest.com](http://www.tysonswest.com)

**Great Tastes of Tysons.** May 31-June 1, 1-6 p.m. Lerner Town Square at Tysons II, 8025 Galleria Drive, at the Tysons Corner Metro stop (between Tysons Corner Mall and the Galleria). Enjoy a festival of food, right in the crossroads of Tysons. [www.tastetysons.com](http://www.tastetysons.com)

**Great Falls Studios Spring Art Show & Sale.** May 31, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; June 1, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. 790 Walker Road, Great Falls. Find 25 Great Falls Studios member artists - painters in oil acrylic, watercolor and mixed media, potters, photographers, jewelers, fiber artists, a weaver and one who works in glass - all in one place at the GFS Spring Art Show & Sale. <http://www.greatfallsstudios.com/calendar.php>

**Concerts on the Green.** Sundays; June 1- Aug. 17, 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Green. Come out with your picnic baskets and chairs for an entertaining evening of live, free music. Find the schedule at <http://www.gfvcca.com/concerts.htm>

**Annual Golf Tournament.** June 2, 7:30 a.m. Hidden Creek Country Club, 1711 Clubhouse Rod, Reston. Participate in this community event, with proceeds benefiting local elementary schools. Register online at [www.celebrategreatfalls.org](http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org)

**2nd Annual Tour de Tysons Bicycle Races.** June 29, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Jones Branch Drive, Tysons Corner. Come delight in the fanfare with 10 bicycle races, food trucks and vendors. <http://www.tysonspartnership.com/>

**Great Falls Fourth of July Celebration.** July 4, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre, 776 Walker Road, Great Falls. Celebrate Independence Day this year with parades, patriotic festivities, and food. Fireworks at Turner Park Farm on July 6. [www.celebrategreatfalls.org](http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org)

**Vienna 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival and Fireworks Show.** July 4, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. In the heart of Vienna, celebrate Independence Day this year with live musical entertainment, arts and crafts for kids, and an antique and classic car show! Fireworks at sundown. <http://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=894>

**Claude Moore Colonial Farm 1771 Market Fair.** July 19- 20, 11 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. A day at the Claude Moore Colonial Farm is a realistic jump back in time. [http://1771.org/?page\\_id=940](http://1771.org/?page_id=940)

**Tysons World Music Festival.** Sept. 13, 11 a.m.- 11 p.m. Tysons Square Tysons II, Tysons Boulevard. Calling all music lovers to a full day of local and national performers, fine arts, and charity benefit. Continue your summer fun here, just at the turn of the season. <http://www.tysonspartnership.com/>

**Tysons BBQ, Bourbon, and Beer.** Sept. 20, 12- 6 p.m. Tysons Townsquare at the Tysons Corner Silver Line Metro stop. A great day of beer sippin', bourbon tastin', music listenin', cigar smokin' and barbeque eatin'. <http://www.beerandbourbon.com/tysons/show-info>

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**Lifetime Learning Coffee & Conversation**  
Friday, May 30, 10:30 a.m.-noon  
Free admission

**Old Firehouse Teen Center Rising 7th-9th Grader Dance**  
Friday, June 6, 7-10 p.m.  
\$10/\$5 members

**Applause Unlimited "The Magic of Hans Christian Andersen"**  
Saturday, June 7, 2 p.m.  
\$15/\$10 MCC district residents

**Perspectives Speaker Series Piper Kerman**  
Sunday, June 8, 2 p.m.  
Free admission

**Sunday Soirée Dance**  
Sunday, June 8, 3-5 p.m.  
Admission: \$5

**National Gallery of Art**  
Monday, June 9  
\$58/\$53 MCC district residents

**John Eaton with Tommy Cecil in Concert "Jazz, Blues and Broadway"**  
Saturday, June 21, 8 p.m.  
\$27/\$18 MCC district residents

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Singer-dancers, from left: Vanessa Strahan, Ali Burk, and Rachel Mayman.

## The Best of Broadway at Langley

### 'There's No Business Like Show Business!' for Langley Choirs.

BY RACHEL STONE  
THE CONNECTION

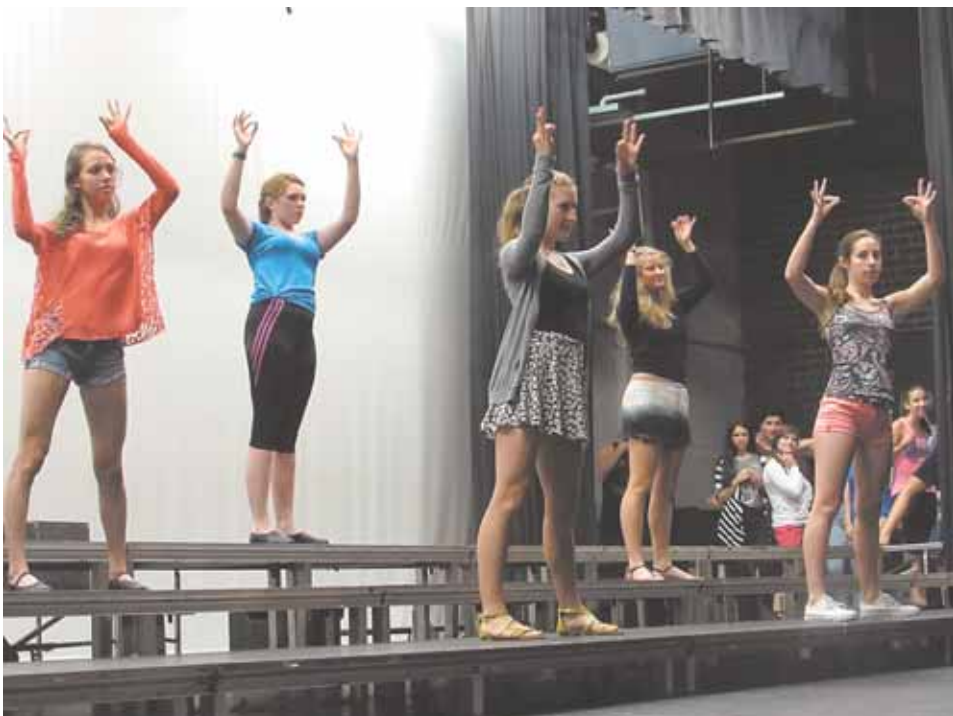
Get the best of Broadway and your favorite classics with Langley High School's Spring Choir Show: "There's No Business Like Show Business!" Students have been preparing since late March to produce a fully costumed and choreographed performance, featuring musical selections from Mamma Mia to The Addams Family Musical.

This is the only performance of the school year in which students both sing and dance, donned in '70s clothing and feather boas, instead of traditional gowns and suits. "The night is a Broadway showcase," said senior Madeline Chalk, "and I couldn't be more excited to end this year with a bang."

Choir Director Mac Lambert is enthusiastic for the show, even while supervising back-to-back practices during and after school. "This is the only occasion when I am not on stage conducting, allowing the performers to really connect with the audience," he remarked. He expressed his appreciation for the parents and volunteers who bring together the show behind the scenes.

The choral department—consisting of the Treble, Select Treble, Women's Chamber, Concert, Voicemale and Madrigal choirs—faced limited practice time after this year's snow day and testing schedules. Still, these artists rose to the challenge and are ready to "put on a good show," said Voicemale member Calvin Tang. "I'm also nostalgic for the Green Day pieces," he mentioned, "They used to be my favorite band."

The Langley Choir Department invites you and your family to enjoy the show at 7:30 p.m. on May 29 and 30. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 each from any member of the choir, or at the door. The duration of the show is expected to be (a dazzling) two hours. In the words of Newsies, come see why these students have "Something to Believe In!"



An ensemble of female singers practice their choreography with style.



PHOTOS BY CHI PHAM

The Langley HS Orchestra will present its end-of-year concert, 'Out of This World,' on June 3.

## Langley High Orchestra Travels 'Out of This World'

In a spectacular concert filled with space-inspired theme songs and music sparked by the solar system, the Langley HS Orchestra will present their end-of-year "Pops" concert on Tuesday, June 3, at 7 p.m. in the Langley HS Auditorium. During this unprecedented collaboration with the LHS science department, the orchestra will transport the audience "Out of This World" with music and special effects that have traveled through time.

Selections presented by Langley's four orchestras will include music from familiar movies such as "Star Wars," "Jurassic Park," and "E.T." One of the orchestras will test the acoustical limits of the Langley

HS Auditorium with "Jupiter," a movement from Gustav Holst's "The Planets." The senior musicians will continue the LHS Orchestra tradition of playing a "Senior Song" at the conclusion of the concert. This is the last orchestra concert in the LHS Auditorium, due to imminent renovations.

The concert is free and the public is invited. Elementary and middle school students are encouraged to attend so that they can see how exciting orchestral music can be at Langley HS. The concert will be conducted by Dr. Scott McCormick, Langley Orchestra Director, and Ms. Bo-Min Son, Freshman Orchestra and Cooper MS Orchestra Director.



Scott McCormick conducts the Langley HS Orchestra.