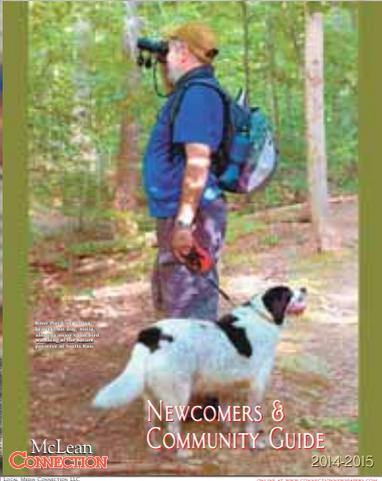


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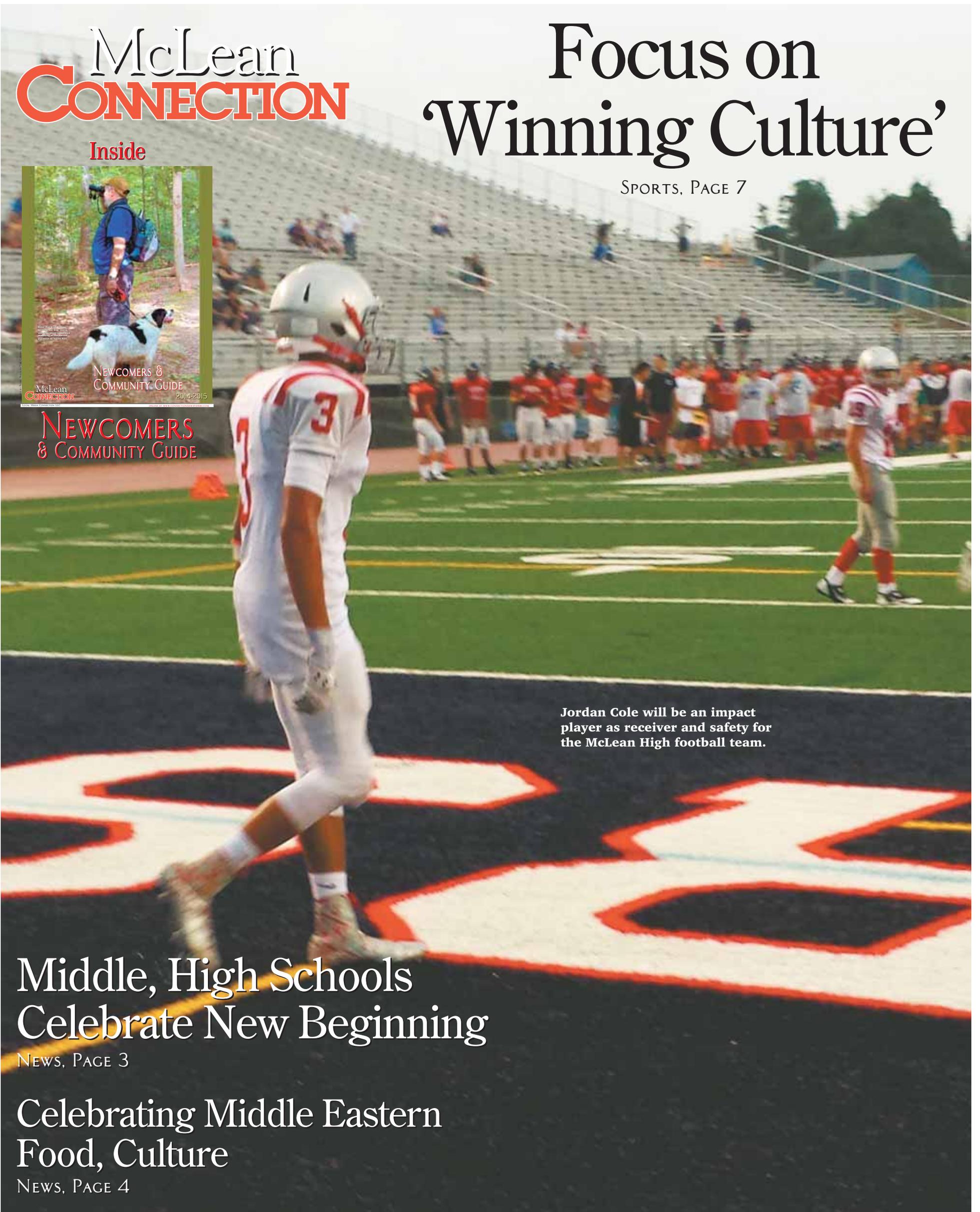
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Middle, High Schools Celebrate New Beginning

Cooper Middle stresses creative thinking; Marshall High welcomes new principal; Highlanders take Ice Bucket Challenge.

BY LIZZY BROWN-KAISER
THE CONNECTION

While no one likes summer ending, teens and teachers of the McLean community have been buzzing with excitement over the start of the upcoming school year. With several county-wide changes made by the Fairfax County School Board, McLean middle and high schools are looking forward to welcoming their students and staff to start a new year.

Principal Arlene Randall and Assistant Principals Frank Stevens and Cherith Pierson of Cooper Middle School are prepared to start a new and improved school year. This year, Cooper will try out two new programs; "CELL" and "CREATE." "CELL," an acronym for "Cooper Empowering Lifelong Learning," will occur every day during the middle school's intervention period until January and will be spread out throughout the remainder of the year. "During this time, students will focus on study and organizational skills, along with goal setting," Randall said. "With 'CREATE,' students will be able to choose from a list of categories to design an interdisciplinary project that they will construct a proposal for, work on, and display at a festival in April." Some examples of "CREATE" projects include Rube Goldberg machines, skits, etc. "We really want to stress creative thinking here at Cooper. Middle school students spend so much time focused on technology so we think it's important for them to get away from that a bit and instead channel their creativity," said Pierson. "We want our students to go above and beyond by doing ordinary things extraordinarily." The Cooper Middle School administration is eager

Principal Arlene Randall (right) and Assistant Principals Cherith Pierson and Frank Stevens of Cooper Middle School, one of two FCPS middle schools that McLean children feed into.



PHOTOS BY LIZZY BROWN-KAISER/THE CONNECTION

to welcome their students so that they can achieve these goals for the upcoming school year.

THIS YEAR, Marshall High School welcomes its new principal, Jeff Litz, along with new additions constructed in the school's \$55 million renovation. "Over the summer, Marshall's biggest focus has been renovating. Over the school year, our focus will be to utilize our new building to its greatest potential," Litz said. "The Davis Center is the last instructional place to be completed and we expect to have all furniture moved in very soon. The whole project is to be completed by Nov. 14." The high school looks forward to hosting a grand opening in June for the Marshall community to celebrate the new state-of-the-art building. With 1,850 students enrolled at Marshall this year, the

administration hopes to maintain their "small school, big heart" motto. "Any school's biggest challenge is providing the highest quality of education for every student," Assistant Principal Dan Daus said. "Some students advocate very well for themselves while others don't, so that's where we come in. We want to motivate kids without pushing them too hard." One program that is highly valued by the students of Marshall High School is ethics day. "At the end of the year, seniors are surveyed about their likes and dislikes for the school year. Ethics day was one of the seniors' favorite experiences," said Litz. "We've made ethics day really relevant for our students in working with a cyber ethics module and dealing with social media issues. Unfortunately, this is something students and administrators have to deal with a lot but this

program really gave our seniors an opportunity to work like adults."

MCLEAN HIGH SCHOOL opened its doors for new and returning students with a "Highlander Kickoff" on Aug. 26. While McLean will not be undergoing any major changes this school year, it will have some new staff and programs. "This year we'll welcome 12 new staff members throughout our departments," said Assistant Principal Jamie Lane. "We're also going to have a 'System of Support Advisor' who will work with our administration in order to reduce the number of out-of-school suspensions. Additionally, we plan on having our first 'Junior Focus Day' on Feb. 4, where our juniors will explore several post-high school options." The school will also be affected by changes in the calendar made by the county school board. "Teachers are going to have much more time for grading and planning with the implementation of four strategic planning days throughout the year. In addition to teacher work days, these days will occur the day before each quarter ends and students will be released 2 hours early," said Principal Ellen Reilly. "We think that these days will allow everyone to step back and breathe. We want our students to be able to look back on their high school years. Obviously we want our students to strive for academic success and challenge themselves, but we also want them to have fun." McLean plans on achieving this balance by offering yoga during morning study hall also known as "Highlander Time." Additionally, the high school will be participating in the currently trending Ice Bucket Challenge to raise awareness for ALS. "After the 'Highlander Kick-Off,' students will get their ice buckets filled, donate money if they choose to and then at 6:30, we'll video-tape the school-wide ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. We'll be nominating Marshall, Langley, and Madison High School for the challenge."



From left - Marshall High School's new Principal Jeff Litz and Assistant Principal Dan Daus in the school's brand new library that was inspired by a Barnes & Noble bookstore.



McLean High School's Principal Ellen Reilly (right) and Assistant Principal Jamie Lane prepare to welcome their students at the "Highlander Kickoff" on Tuesday, Aug. 26.



PHOTO BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

Young Holy Transfiguration church members help out during the food festival held over Labor Day weekend for two days.



PHOTO COURTESY OF HOLY TRANSFIGURATION MELKITE GREEK-CATHOLIC CHURCH, McLEAN

Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic church volunteers sell sweets hand-made by church members. The festival will sell 12,000 pieces of sweets over the two-day festival on Labor Day weekend.

Middle Eastern Food Festival Returns for 22nd Year

Festival hosted by Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church features, food and sweets, family activities and traditional culture.

21st Annual Middle Eastern Food Festival

Labor Day weekend, Saturday, Aug. 30, 11a.m. to 11p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 31, noon to 6 p.m., Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church, 8501 Lewinsville Road, McLean. Middle Eastern dishes – from shawarma wraps to plated dinners - sweets, Arabic coffee, and activities for families and children. Lamb dinner Saturday at 6 p.m. and Sunday, all day, \$14.

For more information, go to www.MiddleEasternFoodFestival.com or call 703-734-9566. Free admission.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Food and festival-lovers alert! The annual Labor Day weekend Middle Eastern Food Festival is upon the McLean/Vienna area once again. And if you've wondered how a Northern Virginia foodfest can go through 200 pounds of lamb, 400 pounds of beef, 450 pounds of chicken, 180 pounds of butter and 12,000 pieces of sweets, this is your opportunity to find out.

On Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 30 - 31, Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church, on Lewinsville Road in McLean hosts its annual Labor Day weekend Middle Eastern Food Festival, featuring an abundance of meats, savories and sweets, folkloric music, and activities for children. The two-day festival is open to the public and no admission is charged. "This is our opportunity to share our foods and traditions with the community," said sweets chair, Samira Bailey.

Baking and food preparation began in June. The freezers in the church kitchen hold hundreds of cookies. "We use the best ingredients we can find," said Bailey. "We bring in our traditional foods, especially the holiday sweets. To us, holidays are very important and food and sweets are a part of family traditions." Many of the sweets are symbolic, Bailey said, and Grandma, Auntie, and Mama would remind the children why they were making what they were. Baklava, a favorite Arabic treat in America, would have been served at weddings and births. "When there is baklava, there's something to be happy about," Bailey said. And desserts are not served at funerals, only at "happy occasions."

THE FESTIVAL'S MAIN ROLE is to share the food traditions, culture and faith of Holy

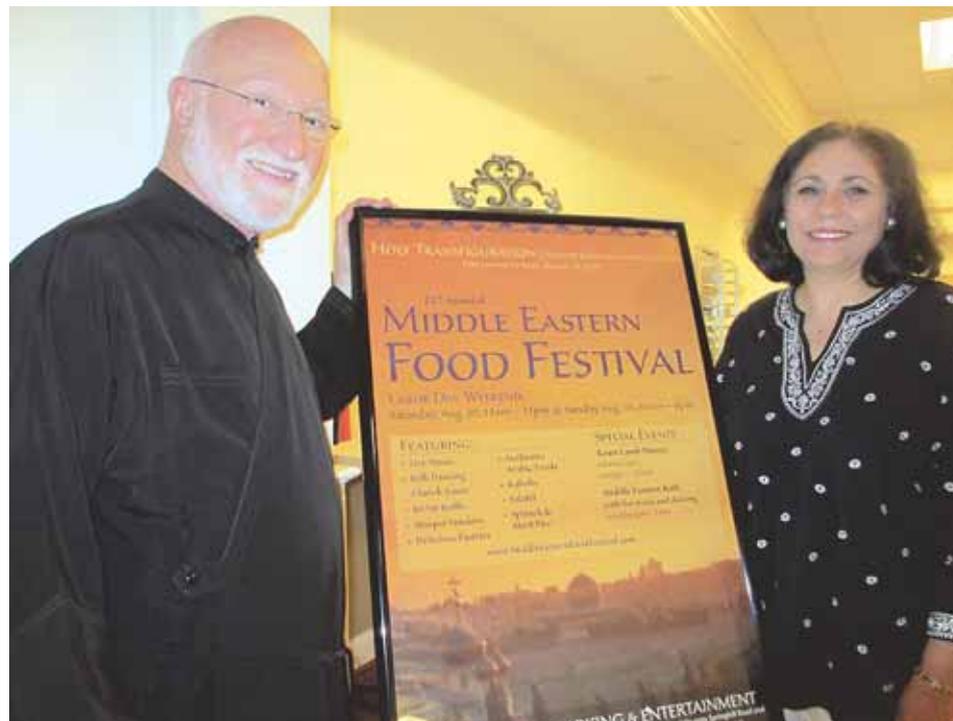


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Father Joseph Francavilla and Middle Eastern Food Festival "sweets" chair Samira Bailey, of Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church in McLean, are ready for the church's 21st Annual Middle Eastern Food Festival on Labor Day weekend.

Transfiguration parishioners with others outside the church. Family and hospitality are treasured. "When you share a meal with someone, especially at their table, then there is a bond created, a bond of hospitality and friendship," said Holy Transfiguration pastor, Father Joseph Francavilla. "So, how can I be your enemy if I've broken bread with you?"

He said the food festival builds bridges of understanding between different cultures and different faiths.

The festival draws diverse ethnic groups, various faiths, from through the metro-D.C. area, who share communal dining tables.

In its 21st year, the festival has helped

raised funds for the church. In 2013, parishioners decided to donate 10 percent of the proceeds from the festival to children of refugees in the Middle East. They will be doing the same this year. "The children are the most vulnerable," said Father Francavilla. "They don't understand what is going on around them. They see the hardships, the bodies." Refugees, said the priest, come to churches for help because social assistance in the Middle East countries is poor. "Even the churches are being overwhelmed," he said. "We give assistance to anyone who asks, regardless of faith." Church and community response was generous last year. Along with the congrega-

tion, festival guests donated to the fund. Father Francavilla said the church took what it made and added to it, rounding off the figure to \$10,000 and sending the money to bishops in the dioceses of Egypt Syria, and Lebanon. In September, Patriarch of the Melkite Greek-Catholic Church, coming from Syria, will accept the contribution.

Father Francavilla said the festival has been voted the "best" Labor Day food festival by readers of Washingtonian magazine.

"You should come because it's a chance for you to have a wonderful time, eat delicious food, make new friends and learn about our faith and our folklore," said Bailey.

ADMISSION to the festival and parking are free. Sweets are sold by the piece – and keep in-mind that there are 12,000 pieces – and entrees and a la carte are sold by plates. Shawarma wraps (lamb, beef or chicken) and chicken shish kebab sell for about \$8 each. Mixed platters range from about \$7 to \$10, and the spit-roasted lamb dinner is priced at \$14. A la carte items range from \$3 to \$6 each. Sweets prices vary, and the baklava and the date or nut-filled maamoul are stand-outs.

Kids' activities include pony rides and a bounce house. Vendors sell Middle Eastern goods, and, on the back lawn, meats are grilled, carved and served.

For more information, go to www.MiddleEasternFoodFestival.com or call 703-734-9566.

FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

Temple Beth Torah, a Reform Jewish congregation and member of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), holds services and Religious School in the heart of Chantilly. The congregation offers the Northern Virginia Jewish community services that provide numerous spiritual, educational, support and social opportunities including religious school for member children age 3 through Bar/Bat Mitzvah and confirmation. Our congregation welcomes all members of the community to attend any of our services or events. For more information, a newsletter, or a membership package call Jennifer Harding, 703-217-8938 or visit www.BethTorah.net

Upcoming service and event schedule:

❖ Shabbat Service, Friday, Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m., New/Prospective Member Shabbat

❖ Religious School, Sunday, Sept. 7, 10:30 a.m. - First day of religious school

❖ Picnic, Sunday, Sept. 7, 12:30 p.m. - Annual Brotherhood Picnic, Frying Pan Farm Park

❖ Ladies' Book Club, Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7:30 - Join us for this "pot-luck" style book club that meets every other month on the second Tuesday of the month. This club is open to all women. Plan to bring a drink or appetizer to share. We will be discussing "This is Where I Leave You" by Jonathan Tropper.

Community Rally and Family Fun Day will be held at The Hunger Church, Charles Wesley United Methodist Church, 6817 Dean Drive, McLean on

Sunday, Sept. 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday School for all ages - 9 to 10 a.m.

Outdoor Worship Service - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Family Fun and BBQ Picnic - 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Enjoy a fun filled Rally Day and Family Fun Day featuring an outdoor worship service, barbeque picnic lunch, and family fun activities, including a moon bounce, games, crafts, and more. The event is casual and bring your own lawn chair or blanket, if you prefer.

We hope to see you for study, worship, fellowship, and fun. www.TheHungerChurch.org

The Antioch Christian Church offers a time of Prayer and Healing on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for anyone wanting encouragement and healing through prayers. People are available to pray with you or for you. Antioch Christian Church is located at 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna. www.antiochdoc.org

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. www.jssa.org/growth-learning

HAVEN of Northern Virginia offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org

McLean Bible Church Fitness Class at Body & Soul Fitness. Gain balance, energy and strength at 9:45 a.m. Mondays and Fridays. Free childcare for registered students. bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 1830 Kirby Road in McLean, holds a third Sunday service every month at 10:15 a.m. which allows children to play active roles in the music and as greeters and ushers. Traditional services are every Sunday at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m.

Vienna Christian Healing Rooms are open, every Saturday, 1-5 p.m., at 8200 Bell Lane. A team of Christians is available to anyone requesting prayer. Free and open to the public. 703-698-9779 or www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com

Chesterbrook United Methodist Church is at 1711 Kirby Road, McLean. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for adults and children. 703-356-7100 or www.ChesterbrookUMC.org

Centering Prayer Group meets Fridays, 9:30 a.m. at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna. The hour includes a brief reading related to Centering Prayer, followed by a 20-minute prayer period. E-mail Martha Thomas at mmthomas211@hotmail.com or call the church at 703-759-3509.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and the Jewish Outreach Institute offer the Mothers/Parents Circle, an umbrella of free educational events and resources. Jewish rituals, ethics and the creation of a Jewish home, regular meetings and group Shabbats and holidays. Participants include Sha'are Shalom, Congregation Beth Emeth, Temple Rodef Shalom and the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia. ShalomDC.org



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Back to School: Good Steps, Good Intentions

The first day of school in Fairfax County is Tuesday, Sept. 2, but Monday, Sept. 8 is the beginning of something important.

For the first time in decades, elementary school students will have a full day of school on Mondays instead of being sent home hours early. This action makes so much sense in for families with children in elementary school. The ability of Superintendent Karen Garza to facilitate this change to go into effect right away is remarkable, and we hope a promise for more changes ahead.

Earlier this week, the American Academy of Pediatrics issued a policy statement calling for later start times — not earlier than 8:30 a.m. — for high school and middle school students. It's

not impossible although some school systems would have you believe that it can't be done. It's time to make that change in Fairfax County.

The science is undisputed. From the abstract: "A substantial body of research has now demonstrated that delaying school start times is an effective countermeasure to chronic sleep

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loss and has a wide range of potential benefits to students with regard to physical and mental health, safety, and academic achievement. The American Academy of Pediatrics strongly supports the efforts of school districts to optimize sleep in students and urges high schools and middle schools to aim for start times that allow students the opportunity to achieve optimal levels of sleep (8.5–9.5 hours) and to improve physical (eg, reduced obesity risk) and mental

(eg, lower rates of depression) health, safety (eg, drowsy driving crashes), academic performance, and quality of life."

You can read the report here: <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2014/08/19/peds.2014-1697.full.pdf>

Back to school nights begin this week and run into October. For parents and students, there is no more important event that to turn up at Back to School Nights for your children, introduce yourself to teachers and open the lines of communication. Here is a link to a daunting list of Back to School Nights in Fairfax County:

<http://www.fcps.edu/news/backtoschool/bts-chronological.shtml>

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Real Jobs' and 'Real Taxes'

To the Editor:

In Leesburg on August 21, Supervisor John Foust, in discussing his opponent Delegate Barbara Comstock, said "I don't think [Comstock's] even had a real job." This is a stunning statement given that he surely knows that Delegate Comstock, a lawyer, has served as a congressional staffer, a federal employee, a partner in a law firm, and a small business owner. This is in addition to serving for three terms in the Virginia General Assembly and raising three children.

Why does Supervisor Foust think these jobs are not "real?" Was this an effort to persuade his audience, that Delegate Comstock is unqualified for the U.S. Congress because she is unfamiliar with the work place? Or was this an effort to distract from the real domestic and foreign policy issues that should be debated by those who aspire to serve in the U.S. Congress? Or merely an attempt to demean Delegate Comstock?

Northern Virginia voters need to know if Supervisor Foust believes that federal employees, congressional staffers, lawyers, and small business owners are not working "real" jobs. They are paying "real" taxes - something near and dear to Supervisor Foust judging from his voting record to increased property taxes and his proposal for a restaurant/meals tax.

The 10th Congressional District has been represented with honor, integrity and distinction for the past 34 years by Congressman Frank Wolf. Voters deserve to hear the candidates' views on crucial economic and foreign policy issues that will come before Congress. I expect Supervisor Foust to discuss

the substantive issues and refrain from personal attacks on Delegate Comstock.

Sara Brady
Vienna

Running for 'Real Job'

To the Editor:

Fairfax County Supervisor John W. Foust, Democratic congressional candidate from Northern Virginia, seems to have discovered one of those worse-than cures to treat political foot-in-mouth disease: suggest you do not consider elective office to be a real job, then list your opponent's superior qualifications and experience to serve in the post you seek for yourself.

In the course of his "Women's Priorities Tour," Mr. Foust questioned whether his opponent, Republican state Delegate Barbara Comstock, has "even had a real job." Presumably, Mr. Foust knew at the time that Comstock is an elected official, so one may fairly ask, with some trepidation perhaps, whether Mr. Foust considers being an elected public official a real job.

Of course he may have simply forgotten Ms. Comstock's current job, though in attempting to soothe the inevitable rash of outrage over his initial statement, Mr. Foust remembered that Ms. Comstock had once been employed by a congressional committee and also by the Justice Department. As reported, and as Mr. Foust no doubt knew but did not say for obvious reasons, Ms. Comstock was also once a top aide to Congressman Frank Wolf (R-Va.), whose pending retirement has created the vacancy for which Ms. Comstock and Mr. Foust are

competing.

Not a very good balm to be applied by someone who has no federal experience himself but wants the real job of congressman.

Tyler Posey
McLean

Well-deserved Endorsements

To the Editor:

The recent endorsement of Barbara Comstock by both the

National Association Realtors and the Virginia Association of Realtors is not only well deserved, but speaks volumes as to the impact that both Barbara and Congressman Frank Wolf have played in helping further both our local economy and that of the country. As a Virginia resident for nearly 30 years and a Realtor for nine years, I know firsthand what Barbara has meant to our community. Barbara received these endorsements because of her longstanding commitment to pro-growth economic policies and common sense legislation. I am confident that she will be a strong voice in furthering this approach once she is elected to the U.S. Congress.

Having met Barbara Comstock in 2009 when she was running her first campaign for state delegate, I have proudly endorsed her since then. I say proudly because she has yet to disappoint either myself, or our community, in what she has accomplished in Richmond. Whether it's stepping in to break deadlocks on roadway construction projects or ensuring that communities impacted by past storms received the appropriate attention, she has always been there. I have no idea how she manages to do so, but Barbara is always there for

Memorial Day remembrances, Fourth of July parades or our local Military Appreciation Monday events.

I personally can't wait to see how she takes this same level of commitment, energy and unabashed patriotism to the Hill as our next Congresswoman!

Bob Nelson
Great Falls

Facing Homelessness

To the Editor:

In his opinion piece ("Homelessness: Source of Trauma for Children," Connectionm August 13-19, 2014), Dean Klein, the Director of Fairfax County's Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, clearly enumerated the reality for hundreds of homeless families and their children in the County. While most of them are working, these families do not earn enough income for them to access affordable housing. According to a study completed by George Mason University in 2012, nearly half the households earning less than \$40,000 in annual income in the Mount Vernon and Woodlawn communities have trouble finding or maintaining housing for their families.

At Good Shepherd Housing & Family Services, a 40-year-old homeless services and affordable housing provider serving the Mount Vernon community, we have seen many such families struggling to access affordable housing. They are living on the brink of homelessness — or are, in fact, experiencing a spell of homelessness. Last year we helped

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SPORTS



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McLean will operate out of the spread offense under first-year head coach Shaun Blair and coordinator Chris Weiler.

Blair Looks to Instill Winning Culture at McLean

Highlanders trying for first playoff berth since 2011.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Shaun Blair spent eight seasons as an assistant coach with two of the more successful high school football programs in Northern Virginia. Now a first-time head coach, Blair, 35, is in charge of transforming an average team into a winner.

Blair enters the 2014 season as the head coach of the McLean football team. He takes over a program that finished 15-16 over the last three seasons, including a trip to the playoffs in 2011. From 2007-2013, McLean posted a 31-42 record, including an 8-3 mark in 2010, with three playoff appearances, but no postseason victories.

Winning seasons and playoff victories were part of the culture at Blair's previous two coaching stops. From 2006-2010, he was an offensive assistant at Robinson under then-head coach Mark Bendorf, who led the Rams to state championships in 1997 and 2001. In Blair's last two seasons with Robinson, the Rams went 19-5 with a pair of playoff wins.

From 2011-2013, Blair was a defensive assistant at Lake Braddock under head coach Jim Poythress, who led the Bruins to the state playoffs in 2009 and 2010. In Blair's three seasons with Lake Braddock, the Bruins went 28-8 and reached the 2013 region semifinals.

"Bringing that kind of football culture from what the Burke area has been exposed to with Coach Bendorf and Coach Poythress [is a focal point]," Blair



Jordan Cole will be an impact player as receiver and safety for the McLean High football team.

said, "[along with] instilling values about school and your program and playing for more than yourself."

Offensively, Blair and coordinator Chris Weiler have implemented a spread attack led by senior quarterback Brian Maffei.

"He is one tough guy," Blair said. "... His development has been exponential from the kid we've seen on film."

Maffei's top receiving threat is senior Jordan Cole. Tight end Owen Pilewski will also figure into the passing game.

Leading the way on the ground will be running back Chris Merrill.

"He's elusive," Blair said. "The thing that sets him apart is he has phenomenal vision. He sees it all develop as he's carrying the football."

Jack Holland, Tom Shue and Pilewski could also receive carries.

Defensively, the Highlanders will operate out of a base 4-3

alignment. Cole and Shue will be the safeties. Senior Nelson Sera is an enforcer at middle linebacker.

"He gets [to the ball carrier]," Blair said, "with a pretty angry attitude."

Sam Higbee will be another difference maker at linebacker. Brandon Hill is a standout along the defensive line. Blair said one goal for the Highlanders is to improve by one game from last year's 5-5 record, giving McLean a winning season. Another goal is to get in the playoffs.

"They're a proud group of young men," Blair said, "and we want to get a game better than they've been before."

McLean will open the season on the road against Washington-Lee at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 5. The Highlanders' first home game is Sept. 19 against Falls Church.



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Oakton sophomore Maddie Rouse, right, scored two goals during the Cougars' 5-1 victory over Osbourn Park on Monday.

Oakton Field Hockey Bounces Back

The Oakton field hockey team trailed early in its contest against Osbourn Park on Monday as the Yellow Jackets scored in the opening minutes.

As it turned out, a little adversity was all the Cougars needed to get going.

Oakton responded with a pair of first-half goals and added three in the second half during a 5-1 victory over Osbourn Park at the Under the Lights tournament at Lee High School.

Sophomore Maddie Rouse and junior Makenzie Brooks each scored a pair of goals for Oakton, and senior Sydney Applegate had one.

"I think it was almost good for [Osbourn Park] to score because it woke [the Cougars] up and made them realize they need to be ready as soon as they're going into the game," first-year Oakton head coach Allison Ryneski said. "I think they responded very well as we

dominated pretty much the rest of the first half."

Rouse's goal with less than 19 minutes remaining in the first half tied the score at 1-all. Brooks scored with less than 15 minutes left in the opening half, giving the Cougars a lead they wouldn't relinquish.

"Definitely, that's what we needed," Oakton senior Jackie Toye said of Osbourn Park's early goal. "Sometimes it just takes that mistake in order for us to get going again. From that point on, we seemed a lot more with it, our passes were better and we just overall played a lot better."

Ryneski said Toye and senior Devon Thomas are two of Oakton's top players.

"They know the game," Ryneski said, "[and they] know where to put the ball."

Oakton will travel to face Madison at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 3.

— JON ROETMAN



Madeline Weaver and the Oakton field hockey team overcame an early Osbourn Park goal to beat the Yellow Jackets 5-1 on Monday.

CALENDAR

Send announcements to north@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged.

THURSDAY/AUG. 28

The Band Perry. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap - The Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Performance by country-pop trio The Band Perry. \$35-\$60. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.
Artists Meet for Coffee. 8:30-10 a.m. Katie's Coffeehouse, Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Local Artists meet for Coffee; do drop in! 703-759-2759.
Patrick Henry Book Club. 1:00 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Discussion on The Big Burn by Timothy Egan. 703-938-0405.

FRIDAY/AUG. 29

Pokemon League. 3 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Come play Pokemon with friends. 703-938-0405.

SATURDAY/AUG. 30

21st Annual Middle Eastern Food Festival. 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church, 8501 Lewinsville Road, McLean. Middle Eastern dishes - from shawarma wraps to plated dinners - sweets, Arabic coffee, and activities for families and children. Visit www.MiddleEasternFoodFestival.com or call 703-734-9566. Free admission.

Free Tai Chi Beginners' Practice. 8-9 a.m. McLean Central Park basketball court, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd, McLean. Open to all, including first-timers, every Saturday morning. 703-759-9141 or www.freetaichi.org/practice.shtml.

Great Falls Farmers Market. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Great Falls Village, 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. Don't forget to bring your recyclable bag. www.greatfallsfarmersmarket.org.

The Fresh Beat Band Live in Concert! 2 p.m. Wolf Trap - The Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Performance by Nick Jr.'s TV band. \$25-\$50. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

SUNDAY/AUG. 31

George Benson with Special Guest Andreas Varady. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap - The Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Jazz and pop performance. \$25-\$55. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 2

Colvin Run Tuesday Dance for Everyone. 6:30-10 p.m. Colvin Run Community Gall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Come participate in weekly dance lessons ranging from 'Dance of the Month to General with Hustle, Shug, Latin and more. Admissions: \$12. 703-435-5620 or Ed Cottrell, EdCottrell@MACP.org.



PHOTO BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church volunteers will sell traditional dishes and hand-made sweets at the 21st Annual Middle Eastern Food Festival on Labor Day weekend, Aug. 30-31 at 8501 Lewinsville Road, McLean.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 4

Gipsy Kings with Special Guest Ole' Noys. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, The Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Rumba to guitar rhythms of flamenco's royal family! Admissions: \$35-\$50. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 5

Cirque Dreams - Jungle Fantasy. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, The Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Come and watch the acrobatics in a musical adventure that New York Magazine calls "the grandest circus spectacle east of Vegas." Admissions: \$25-\$50. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Old Firehouse Teen Center Back-to-School Party for 7th-9th graders. 7-10 p.m. OFTC, 1440

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Drop-in Chess. 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Weekly drop-in chess games in the library meeting room. All ages welcome.

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SATURDAY/SEPT. 6

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Cars & Coffee. 7-9 a.m. Katie's Coffee House, 760 Walker Road, Great Falls. Every Saturday come find an assortment of antique, custom, exotic, sports cars and more! With coffee!

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Jody Marshall. 5-7 p.m. The Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. Outdoor Celtic and folk music. Free. 703-288-9505.

Vienna Woman's Club Open House/Membership Drive. 1-4 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave E, Vienna. viennawomansclub.org.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 7

Colbie Caillat Gypsy Heart Tour. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, The Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Grammy award-winning pop star comes to Wolf Trap for a one-night performance. Admissions: \$30-\$100. Philip Cangelosi, 703-255-1900 ext 1729.

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Vale Club Open House. 1-3 p.m. Vale School House, 3124 Fox Mill Road, Oakton. The Friends of Vale School House/Vale Club will host an open house for prospective members. Come visit the historic schoolhouse and hear about the organization. www.valeschoolhouse.org

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Read to the Dog. 4:30-5:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Beginning readers can practice reading to a furry friend. Call to sign-up. 703-757-8560.

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LETTERS

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nearly 120 of these families in our area to find permanent affordable housing.

As Dean Klein noted, the consequences of homelessness do not end quickly. Especially when children are involved and have suffered the trauma of homelessness, the effects may be lifelong. Moreover, they suffer from emotional or behavioral problems that interfere with learning at almost three times the rate of other children. Children should never have to wonder where they'll be sleeping on any given night. In our County some 700 children do wonder.

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David Levine

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NEWS

Afternoon with the Madisons

200th anniversary of D.C. fire.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

Dressed in the high fashion of the early 1800s, Carole Herrick and John Douglas Hall spoke eloquently about the War of 1812 as if it happened yesterday.

Interactive play “An Afternoon with the Madisons” was shown exactly 200 years from the date that British soldiers set Washington D.C. ablaze to give locals a history lesson at the free event at McLean Community Center’s Alden Theater Sunday.

“The War of 1812 is probably America’s least understood war,” said Roger Mudd, McLean and Great Falls Celebrate Virginia honorary chairman and award-winning news anchor.

McLean residents packed each of the 370 seats in the theater to learn about how James Madison and his wife were scrambling around McLean and other parts of northern Fairfax County to save the nation’s important documents, artifacts and paintings.

James Madison, played by historical performer Hall, and Dolley Madison, played by M&GFCV co-chairman Herrick, spoke several monologues to the audience as if they were guests at Montpelier, recounting their perspectives of the three days surrounding the attack on the nation’s capital and the inspiration behind Francis Scott Key’s “Star Spangled Banner.”

“If any of you believe Mr. or Mrs. Madison fled through your neighborhood 200 years ago, you might consider applying for a historical marker,” said Mudd jokingly.

One of the artifacts famously saved by Dolley Madison was an iconic portrait of George Washington that currently hangs in the White House’s east room.

Herrick as Mrs. Madison recounted how she was so sure the British would be driven away by the American militia that she began preparing a 40-guest victory feast as she packed her bags to flee the president’s house.

“I was so sure of our militia,” she said.

With James Madison fighting with the generals and the militia, she changed her mind about the outcome of the battle when she heard the Americans were ordered to retreat. Because she had no other way out, she had to cross the chain bridge out of the nation’s capital, a frightening experience.

“I could only hope you inform your children’s children about my accounts today,” said Hall.

McLean resident came to the event to learn more



PHOTO BY REENA SINGH/THE CONNECTION

James Madison, played by John Douglas Hall, and Dolley Madison, played by Carole Herrick at “An Afternoon with the Madisons.”

“Patriotism surfaced after the burning of the city, after the signing of the treaty. ... Before that, we were separate states, but after, we became a nation.”

— Carole Herrick

about her community’s history.

“They summed it up so well by stating that we know so little about the war of 1812,” she said. “It was our second war with the British, and it really helped us with our standing as a world power after.”

McLean resident Sue Christie came to support her friend Herrick, talking about the M&GFCV co-chair’s knowledge about McLean’s place in the war.

“I was surprised because I somehow thought the war was longer than it was,” she said.

The sponsor group also presented a new award, the Henry C. Mackall award, to Roger Mudd for his dedication to historical education and preservation in the community.

“Patriotism surfaced after the burning of the city, after the signing of the treaty,” said Herrick. “Before that, we were separate states, but after, we became a nation.”

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And Another Thing I'm "Righting" On

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Not only did last week's CT Scan indicate shrinkage, where necessary – and stability, where hoped for – it also accomplished these hoped-for goals after only two months of chemotherapy (still infused every three weeks) rather than the normal three months of chemotherapy. So depending on how the calendar/treatment schedule actually fell, I probably received two fewer infusions than usual, yet all the radiological indications – and interpretations – continue to be encouraging; after five and a half years, no less. I think I'm entitled to use the word amazing – and lucky, too.

Certainly I've made lifestyle changes, as you regular readers know, though I'm hardly the poster child for outliving-your-terminal-stage-IV-non-small-cell-lung-cancer-diagnosis. I haven't incorporated all the suggestions made to me, but I have listened – and learned, of course. Still, I'm proud of the path I've traveled, which wouldn't have happened without the help and guidance of friends and family who I trusted, and who I know had my best interests at heart. And I have survived, thrived almost, because of their persistence.

But change is not, and has not been easy for me. In fact, "change" might as well be a four-letter word, although I do use my share; never in print, and less frequently in public probably wouldn't kill me. But I'm also good at rationalizing my behavior – both good and bad, so doing/not doing and providing plausible, semi-defensible explanations (maybe even denials) has become one of my best mechanisms. Ultimately, my bottom line in all of these attempts at modifying my behavior is stress reduction – which equates to self-preservation, if you want to know the truth – and doing so in a way that is consistent with my personality, allowing me to maintain the effort. I don't suppose starting and stopping would solve much. It's sort of like a placebo effect. If I think something I'm doing is working, then maybe it is. The mind is a terrible thing to waste and I want to give it every opportunity to bring me back to "normal" health. For all I know, some new pill I've started, some new behavior I've assimilated, something (like sugar) I've reduced is all working together to make me whole again. And since I generally don't look for trouble – considering that trouble has already found me, I try to leave well enough alone until a little birdie tells me otherwise (anybody, anywhere; any source, anyhow; any medium, any way). Now I don't want to knee-jerk myself into a decision. I'll make a few inquiries, I'll do a little research, but overall, I won't make the pursuit my life's work.

In spite of it all, and in spite of me and my peculiarities, I approach this week's five-and-a-half-year, post-diagnosis anniversary with less fear and trepidation than perhaps I should. But as I've said many times previously, and again in this column: "What do I know?" Enough to keep me up and at 'em and alive and reasonably well, I suppose. And way more than I had a right to expect and almost too much to understand. I've never asked "why me?" but I've always thought "why not me?" And so it goes – and has gone; maybe my level of ignorance has been a sort of bliss. However, if I really understood what ails me, I might not be so glib about it.

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

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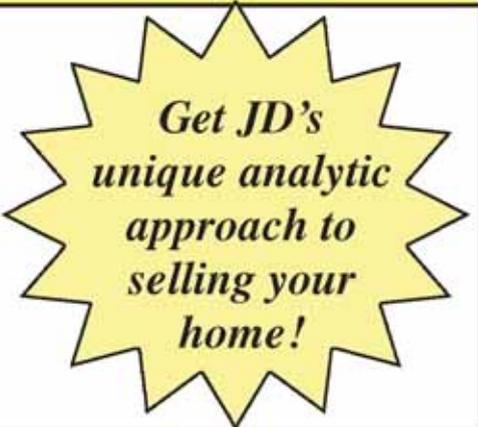


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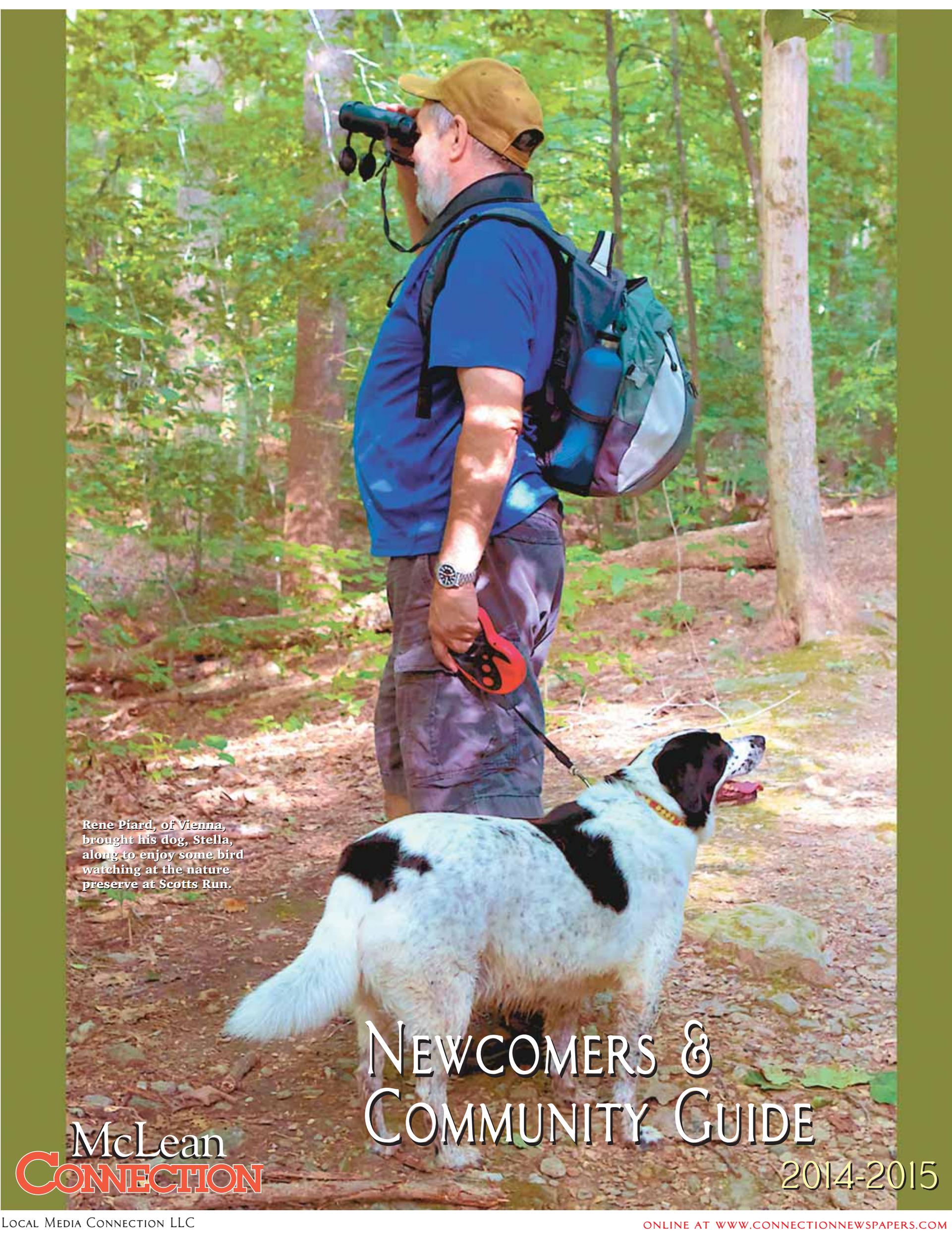
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Rene Piard, of Vienna, brought his dog, Stella, along to enjoy some bird watching at the nature preserve at Scotts Run.

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Welcome to Fairfax County

BY SHARON BULOVA/CHAIRMAN
FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Welcome to Fairfax County, the best place in the country to live, work and play. Fairfax County is home to a fantastic public school system, top tier business and shopping opportunities, compassionate human services, and some of the best parks and open spaces in the D.C. Metropolitan region. This summer featured the long-awaited opening of the WMATA Silver Line, which connects the Reston and the Tysons areas of the county to the entire Metrorail system.

Last June, I cut the ribbon to open a new segment of our Fairfax County Cross County Trail, named after former Chairman (now congressman) Gerry Connolly. It was his vision, while serving on our board, to build and connect trail sections to make it possible for someone to hike through all nine county magisterial districts. The northern end of the trail begins in Great Falls National Park at the breathtaking Potomac River and travels south to the historic Occoquan River.

The trail passes through stream valleys and meadows, then winds through fascinating Laurel Hill, site of the former Lorton Prison. In addition to parkland and a golf course, these grounds are now home to the Workhouse Arts Center where visitors can watch artists in action and enjoy plays, performances and community events such as



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Thumbs up for Silver Line: The long-awaited opening of the WMATA Silver Line, which connects the Reston and the Tysons areas of the county to the Metrorail system.

Springfest every April.

Fairfax County has something for everyone. Northern Virginia Community College offers more than 160 degrees at the associate's level and numerous certificate programs. Its partnership with George Mason University provides families and stu-

dents with a seamless, cost-effective path to a four-year degree.

George Mason University, recently named one of the top five "Up-and-Coming Universities" by U.S. News and World Report, is also recognized as one of America's Best College Buys by Forbes magazine. Under the

presidency of Dr. Angel Cabrera, Mason is fast taking its place as a university for the world.

Fairfax County is known for its business-friendly climate. Time Magazine has described us as "the epicenter of the Washington region's job boom" and "one of the great economic success stories of our time." Although home to eight Fortune 500 company headquarters (corporate giants such as Northrop Grumman and Booz Allen Hamilton) about 97 percent of the companies in Fairfax County are small businesses with fewer than 100 employees. We are a great location for startups.

Of course, Fairfax County's greatest asset is a population that is welcoming and engaged. People from all over the globe have made Fairfax County their home, enriching our community with diverse cultures and entrepreneurship. Visit Fairfax County's website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov to learn more about what Fairfax has to offer.

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Thanks for making Fairfax County your home.

Top Issues Facing McLean Community

Tysons, traffic important topics for McLean residents.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

As Tysons Corner booms and the new Silver Line stations become more successful, McLean will be undergoing changes over the next few years.

The McLean Citizens Association and other community leaders will be working to ensure the new Metro stations are successful, Tysons becomes a community, traffic reduces on Route 7 and update McLean itself.

The traffic on Leesburg Pike heading through Tysons Corner becomes heavily congested during rush hour.

"The new Silver Line will help alleviate traffic congestion on Rt. 123 and Rt. 7," said Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust in an email.

He stated that he played a major role in obtaining funding for the road's wid-



PHOTO BY REENA SINGH/ CONNECTION NEWSPAPERS

Some citizens are complaining that the rail cars at the McLean station are causing noise pollution.

ening.

"Thanks to HB 2313, the first major state transportation bill since 1986, the County can now address serious traffic problems in our area," he said. "I anticipate that some

of these funds will be used to provide remaining funds and accelerate the Rt. 7 widening project."

McLean Citizens Association President Sally Horn said newcomers and longtime

residents can come to a meeting specifically addressing traffic mitigation with the director of Fairfax Department of

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Top Issues to Tackle in McLean

FROM PAGE 3

Transportation in the urban center at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 14 at the McLean Community Center.

Horn hopes that McLean itself sees improvements, namely to add sidewalks and update the downtown area.

"We want our community to be walkable," she said.

ABOUT 24 SIDEWALK PROJECTS will soon be underway to make that wish come true.

"Improving pedestrian and bicycle safety and connectivity has been a major objective during my time in office," said Foust. "Since taking office I have obtained funding for 80 pedestrian improvements, many of them are in McLean."

He said his constituents also want better walkways and bicycle paths to the newly opened McLean and Tysons Corner Metro stations.

Horn said she also hopes to see McLean Central Park updated and the recreation facilities enhanced.

"The question will be when will the money be there, when will the bonds be there to make this a reality?"

She hears from others that they want to see downtown McLean revitalized. Foust said the county has been approving - and is still approving - parts of

the Master Plan that shape downtown McLean. The area will be the site of many orange cones for a while.

"The undergrounding of power and other utility lines along a portion of Chain Bridge Road

and Old Dominion was completed in late 2013," he said. "For a variety of reasons, the project had been stalled until I took office. In addition, VDOT will replace the traffic signals that presently hang from unsightly wires with the more attractive mast arms."

The opening of the Silver Line was a day of celebration in the county. However, not everyone is happy with the new Metro stations. Horn said there are some people in town who are claiming they create noise pollution when they roll over the tracks so close to McLean.

"Those who live near the Metro stop are hearing lots of noise," she said. "We'll be



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Tysons Partnership Executive Director said commuters will see more connectivity between the stations soon.

working with Metro over the next year to take care of the problem."

Foust said he was aware of the issues as well.

"I advocated for and obtained new sound walls along the Beltway protecting McLean communities from Express Lanes noise," he said. "Working with the community, Delegate Scott, Senator Janet Howell, and I obtained approval and funding for the VDOT soundwalls that are being installed along the Dulles Connector between Rt. 123 and I-66. They should be in place by the end of the year."

Soundwalls will reflect sound to keep nearby neighborhoods quieter.

A MAJOR PROJECT that Tysons Partnership is undertaking is to turn the urban center into a community. Until recently, Executive Director Michael Caplin said, a person could ride their bike down the middle of many of

Tysons' streets without seeing a car. Since the spring, a farmers market and a string of festivals have been added to Tysons' event calendar. Caplin thinks the Silver Line will help this mission become a success.

"The Silver Line makes McLean & Tysons available to the entire DC metro region," he wrote in an email. "This increases demand for hotels, office space, retail and restaurants. Silver Line Metro also makes it possible for people without a car who live to the east of Tysons to consider employment in Tysons. It also increases residential options for people who work in DC; they can enjoy homes in Fairfax County and the good lifestyle here, and ride the Silver Line to work in D.C. or beyond."

He said new buildings for residential and commercial purposes are being built quickly, but does not feel their construction hinders traffic. He also noted that while there currently is not a lot of connectivity between all of the Silver Line Metro stations, bike paths and walking paths are currently being planned by the county.

"Visit the Fairfax County government website for routes and times," he said. "Also visit www.Tytran.com - the Tysons-wide transportation resource website."

"Those who live near the Metro stop are hearing lots of noise."

— McLean Citizens Association President Sally Horn



Citizens hope to see downtown McLean fixed up soon.

AREA DEMOGRAPHICS

Great Falls

Zip code: **22066**

Population: **18,099**

Race: **White-14,428 (79.7%), Black/African American-370 (2%), American Indian and Alaska Native-29 (0.2%), Asian-2,548 (14.1%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-778 (4.3%)**

Total housing units: **6,153**

Owner-occupied housing units: **5,497 (94.3%)**

Households with individuals under 18 years: **2,678**

Households with individuals 65 years and over: **1,526**

Median household income: **207,949**

Mean family income: **305,426**

Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **24.8%**

Source: U.S. Census 2010; American Community Survey 2012

McLean

Zip code: **22102**

Population: **21,985**

Race: **White-14,668 (66.7%), Black/African American-14,688 (66.7%), American Indian and Alaska Native-43 (0.2%), Asian-5,175 (23.5%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-1,481 (6.7%)**

Total housing units: **10,471**

Owner-occupied housing units: **5,476 (56.2%)**

Households with individuals under 18 years: **2,626**

Households with individuals 65 years and over: **2,075**

Median household income: **117,885**

Mean family income: **261,962**

Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **41.3%**

Zip code: **22101**

Population: **29,887**

Race: **White-24,098 (80.6%), Black/African American-498 (1.7%), American Indian and Alaska Native-42 (0.1%), Asian-4,130 (13.8%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-1,549 (5.2%)**

Total housing units: **11,345**

Owner-occupied housing units: **9,034 (83.1%)**

Households with individuals under 18 years: **4,190 (38.5%)**

Households with individuals 65 years and over: **3,813 (35.1%)**

Median household income: **175,926**

Mean family income: **273,397**

Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **28.7%**

Zip code: **22043**

Population: **24,302**

Race: **White-15,725 (64.7%), Black/African American-1,095 (4.5%), American Indian and Alaska Native-107 (0.4%), Asian-4,732 (19.5%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-4,013 (16.5%)**

Total housing units: **9,735**

Owner-occupied housing units: **5,575 (59.5%)**

Households with individuals under 18 years: **2,985 (31.9%)**

Households with individuals 65 years and over: **1,847 (19.7%)**

Median household income: **102,057**

Mean family income: **141,315**

Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **39.6%**

Source: U.S. Census 2010; American Community Survey 2012

Vienna/Oakton

Zip code: **22182**

Population: **24,863**

Race: **White-18,425 (74.1%), Black/African American-695 (2.8%), American Indian and Alaska Native-22 (0.1%), Asian-4,594 (18.5%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-1,304 (5.2%)**

Total housing units: **9,020**

Owner-occupied housing units: **7,099 (82.5%)**

Households with individuals under 18 years: **3,530**

Households with individuals 65 years and over: **2,233**

Median household income: **164,388**

Mean family income: **217,756**

Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **29.8%**

Zip code: **22181**

Population: **14,879**

Race: **White-11,274 (75.8%), Black/African American-416 (2.8%), American Indian and Alaska Native-45 (0.3%), Asian-2,230 (15%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-1,197 (8%)**

Total housing units: **5,429**

Owner-occupied housing units: **4,234 (79%)**

Households with individuals under 18 years: **2,055 (38.3%)**

Households with individuals 65 years and over: **1,231 (23%)**

Median household income: **157,036**

Mean family income: **209,649**

Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **29.4%**

Zip code: **22180**

Population: **23,491**

Race: **White-16,854 (71.7%), Black/African American-768 (3.3%), American Indian and Alaska Native-74 (0.3%), Asian-3,907 (16.6%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)-2,628 (11.2%)**

Total housing units: **8,386**

Owner-occupied housing units: **6,379 (75.2%)**

Households with individuals under 18 years: **3,172 (37.4%)**

Households with individuals 65 years and over: **2,093 (24.7%)**

Median household income: **125,905**

Mean family income: **168,627**

Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home: **34.7%**

Source: U.S. Census 2010; American Community Survey 2012

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High Schools Aiming High

Recent news from Herndon, Langley and McLean High.

BY JANIE STRAUSS
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER/DRANESVILLE

Herndon, Langley and McLean High Schools offer a rich program of courses, extracurricular activities and events. Check their websites for detailed descriptions. www.fcps.edu/HerndonHS, www.fcps.edu/LangleyHS and www.fcps.edu/McLeanHS

Concerts, plays and athletic events are open to the public and a great way to get to know a school community.

Here is a sampling of recent school news.

HERNDON HIGH SCHOOL

- ❖ HHS will complete the planning phase this year for their renovation. Construction will likely begin in 2016-17.
- ❖ The Step Team has won their second world championship and the marching band will perform at Disney World in April.
- ❖ The Virtual Business Enterprise class has represented Virginia three times in national competitions.
- ❖ HHS has the largest number of National Board Certified teachers in a single FCPS schools.
- ❖ Herndon continues to field a competitive robotics team and offers a Navy JROTC program.

❖ Herndon is a "kids at Hope" school with an expectation of success for all students.



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LANGLEY HIGH SCHOOL

*Langley High School will begin their renovation in December of this year. Classes will continue with the help of 32 temporary classrooms in the new Quad Ville located in the parking lot. On campus parking will be reduced. With the auditorium under construction in the first phase this year, orchestra, band and drama performances will take place in other spaces. Please continue to come to events, but check for new locations.

*Last year, the volleyball team won the state championship, the science Olympiad team was second in the state and the Saxon Stage's performance of "The Children's Hour" won a Cappie for the best play and Jamie Joeyen-Waldorf won for graduating critic.

❖ The All Langley Read is "The Adoration of

- Jenna Fox" by Mary Pearson.
- ❖ The Langley Leap, a senior internship program, will be offered again in June through Government classes.

MCLEAN HIGH SCHOOL

*MHS, renovated some years ago and having experienced enrollment growth in the last few years, may see no uptick in enrollment this year.

- ❖ McLean's Critics team, Emma Paquette (rising critic) and Alex Stone (lead actor in a musical) won Cappies.
- ❖ Luke Ferris, a member of the USA Aquatics Special Olympics Team, has made the Team USA for the World Special Olympics.
- ❖ The Symphonic Band will perform at the National Concert Band Festival in Indianapolis.
- ❖ Dawn Allison, a MHS counselor, has been selected as the 2013-2014 FCPS Outstanding Career Center Specialist.
- ❖ McLean's principal, Ellen Reilly, has a special page on the school website called Reilly's Raves that highlights various student and staff accomplishments – like Catherine Overberg who graduated with perfect attendance from kindergarten through high schools. Check it out.



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The chamber covers all of McLean and the majority of Tysons Corner. www.mcleanchamber.org.

Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce

The chamber offers business-related programs and services to members in the region. www.vtrcc.org/.

Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce

The chamber facilitates industry-focused councils, thought leadership groups, community partnerships and many other opportunities for its more than 600 member companies to expand their networks and raise their profiles in the highly competitive Northern Virginia market.

www.fairfaxchamber.org/ or 703-479-9075.-0

Asian American Chamber of Commerce

Located in Tysons, it offers programs to Asian and Pacific business communities in the region. www.asian-americanchamber.org/.

U.S. Lebanese Chamber of Commerce

A privately held business association founded in 2010 offering networking and resources to Lebanese Americans. 703-761-4949.

Great Falls Business and Professional Association

Advances community welfare by encouraging high business and professional ethics and practices. Supports patronage of local retail and professional services. Supports Celebrate Great Falls Day, the Great Falls Freedom Memorial and other community developments and events. 703-759-3011, 703-759-4155 or www.greatfallsbpa.com.

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FACETS

FACETS began as a meal distribution outreach effort in 1988, today is an established nonprofit organization with programs to provide shelter, food, and medical attention for those unable to provide for themselves. FACETS offers a multifaceted array of volunteer opportunities across all of our programs to include administrative and office opportunities at our main office in Fairfax City. Take a moment to learn more about available volunteer opportunities, then kindly sign up for an orientation where you will learn more about becoming a volunteer for FACETS as well as complete an application. 703-352-5090 or <http://facetscares.org/>

Affordable Housing Corporation (AHC)

AHC, a nonprofit developer of affordable housing, operates in Vienna to provide quality homes for low- and moderate-income families. AHC also offers services for residents and homeownership opportunities. www.ahcinc.org/index.html.

Northern Virginia Family Service

NVFS addresses the needs of many communities in our region by providing services like foster care and multicultural human services. See extensive volunteer opportunities on their website. 703-385-3267 or www.nvfs.org/.

Committee for Helping Others (CHO)

CHO is a Vienna organization committed to providing simple, loving charity to those in need. CHO is currently seeking volunteer drivers for their furniture and transportation programs. Their 14th Annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Service is Tuesday, Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road. 703-281-7614 or www.cho-va.com.

Family PASS

Family PASS strives to step in before families lose their housing by providing rental subsidies, extensive case management and other assistance including education, job training, child care, food, transportation, health care, help with children's issues and counseling. Volunteer opportunities include drivers, event hosts, food drive organizers and tutors. 703-242-6474 or <http://familypassfairfax.org/>.

So Others Might Eat

SOME is a 40-plus-year-old Washington, D.C. based organization with church partnerships throughout Northern Virginia and a storage facility in Vienna. SOME works to meet the immediate daily needs of needy adults and children with food, clothing and health care, with the goal of breaking the cycle of homelessness by offering services such as affordable housing, job training, addiction treatment and counseling, to the poor, the elderly and individuals with mental illness. www.some.org/

AFCEA Educational Foundation

AFCEA provides educational scholarships and continuing education and training programs for people in the hard sciences disciplines related to the Department of Defense. www.afcea.org/education/scholarships/.

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Kurdish Human Rights Watch

KHRW began in 1989 with the mission to enable Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), refugees, asylee newcomers and homeless individuals to achieve self-sufficiency and economic independence through direct assistance and capacity-building. Volunteers and advocates can adopt a refugee or refugee family, sponsor a critically ill child from Iraq to receive medical care, promote women and democracy in Iraq, promote human rights in Iran, and donate to the scholarship fund for refugee youth. 703-385-3806, admin@khrw.org, or www.khrw.org.

Friends of Guest House

Offers structure, supervision, support and assistance to female ex-offenders who sincerely want to improve their lives and break the cycle of incarceration. Friends of Guest House offers the only program for women of its kind in Northern Virginia, and receives countless inquiries every year. Volunteers provide a wide range of services, including (but not limited to): computer training, planning, coordinating and taking clients on field trips, assisting with writing resumes, grocery shopping, leading exercise classes, providing legal assistance, GED tutoring and preparation, clerical, office and yard work, and researching & coordinating external resources (for example, job leads, housing opportunities, dental care, etc.) info@friendsofguesthouse.org, http://friendsofguesthouse.org/ or 703-549-8072.

Homestretch

Created in 1990, Homestretch is the largest provider of transitional housing in Fairfax County and offers a wide variety of services that are focused on helping the homeless better their lives through education. Individual and group volunteer opportunities available. 703-237-2035, http://homestretchva.org/ or info@homestretch-inc.org.

New Hope Housing

In 1978, it opened the first homeless shelter in Fairfax

County. New Hope Housing is the oldest and largest provider of shelter to the homeless of Northern Virginia. Its mission is to provide both shelter and the tools to build a better life. Volunteering positions include working with children, working with adult residents and working with shelter or post-shelter housing options. 703-799-6503, admin@newhopehousing.org, or http://www.newhopehousing.org/.

Pathway Homes

Established in 1980, Pathways focuses on providing housing and support services to individuals with serious mental illnesses, with the mission to help these individuals reach their full potential and lead stable lives. They offer both in-home programs, semi-independent houses and assisted living facilities. Volunteer positions include one on one interaction, group work, and more. info@pathwayhomes.org, 703-876-0390, www.pathwayhomes.org.

Shelter House

Shelter House follows the Housing First model, with the main priority to re-house every family that begins one of their six unique housing programs. Formed in 1981, when several ecumenical groups came together to better serve Fairfax County's low-income population. Volunteer opportunities vary by shelter; see website for details. 703-955-7876, info@shelterhouse.org, www.shelterhouse.org.

Volunteers of America-Chesapeake

One of the nation's largest and most comprehensive human services organizations with a history covering over a century, VOAC operates the Baileys Crossroads Community Shelter, and provides assistance through medical care, counseling, education and training for people in poverty. Volunteer opportunities vary by location; more information can be found on the website. 301-459-2020, info@VOAches.org, www.voaches.org.

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WELCOME TO McLEAN AND YOUR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

McLean Community Foundation reaches out to all corners of the community to benefit McLean residents. Over the past 30 years, MCF, the non-profit arm of the McLean Citizen's Association, has funded educational and civic endeavors and projects to enhance the arts, improve our environment, and support social services programs. MCF has funded more than \$1,000,000 in grants, contributing to the many and varied projects at work here.

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Children's Trust Fund (CTFund)

CTFund is a completely youth-run organization dedicated to helping malnourished and impoverished children in developing countries achieve a healthy and happy start to life. CTFund staff is composed solely of teenagers who are passionate about changing the lives of children around the world who are not as fortunate as they are. www.ctfund.org/.

McLean Community Foundation

The MCF provides grants to schools, other nonprofits and organizations like the volunteer fire department. MCF is currently seeking donations. www.mcleancommunityfoundation.org.

McLean Rotary Club

MRC sponsors several youth initiatives and Stop Hunger Now events. Members will get involved in their communities and share their time and experience with young people. www.mcleanrotary.org.

Junior League of Northern Virginia

JLNV is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. JLNV's purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. 703-442-4163 or www.jlnv.org.

SHARE of McLean

SoM seeks donations of grocery gift cards and more. Checks and gift cards can be sent to: Holiday Celebration, Share, Inc. PO Box 210, McLean, VA 22101. 703-284-2179. www.SHAREofMcLean.org.

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Celebrate Great Falls

Hosts annual events such as the Christmas Tree Lighting and a Fourth of July Parade, and raises funds for the three local elementary schools. Celebrate Great Falls is currently looking for volunteers to help with general tasks, events and marketing. 571-293-0474, www.celebrategreatfalls.org or info@CelebrateGreatFalls.org.

Great Falls Rotary Club and Foundation

The newly founded organization has plans in the works to fund scholarships and currently is looking for volunteers to offer whatever combination of time, talent or resources works for them. www.rotarygreatfalls.org/.

Friends of Colvin Run Mill

Friends of Colvin Run Mill is dedicated to assisting the Fairfax County Park Authority in enhancing the Colvin Run Mill Historic Site and its educational programs. The restored Colvin Run Mill, a working example of 19th century water powered grist milling technology, serves as an educational focal point for visitors, children and families. 703-759-2771 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/crm/.

Friends of the Great Falls Library

A group of book-lovers that raises money to expand programs for children and outreach at the Great Falls Community Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike. 703-757-8560, 202-429-3806 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/.

Great Falls Ecumenical Council

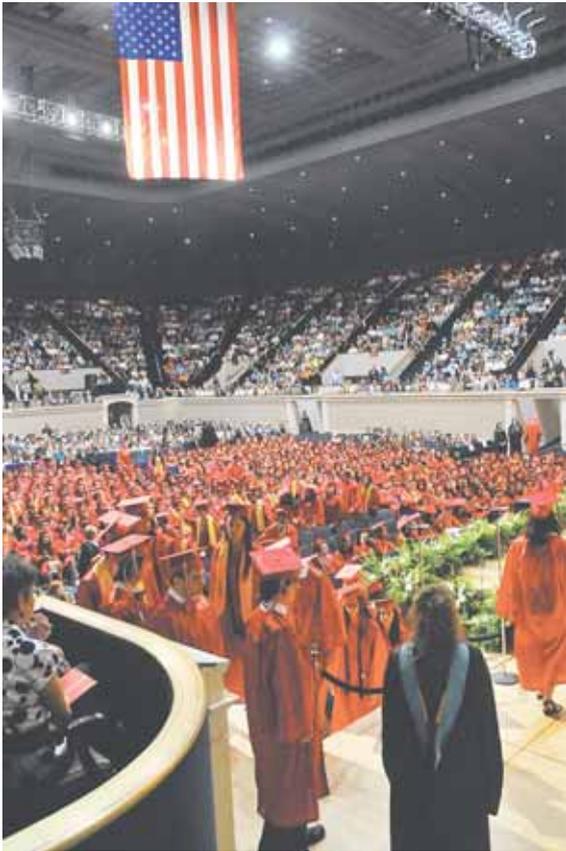
The Great Falls Ecumenical Council has members from all the churches in Great Falls. The group supports Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, the Good Shepherd alliance housing for the homeless, Pedals for Progress in April, after-graduation parties for local high schools, Camp Fraser and a 5K walk/run and blood drive on July 4. It also sponsors blood drives throughout the year. The council hosts ecumenical worship services at Thanksgiving, on Good Friday, a sunrise service at Great Falls National Park on Easter Sunday and a January ecumenical service. 703-759-6068.

Great Falls Optimist Club

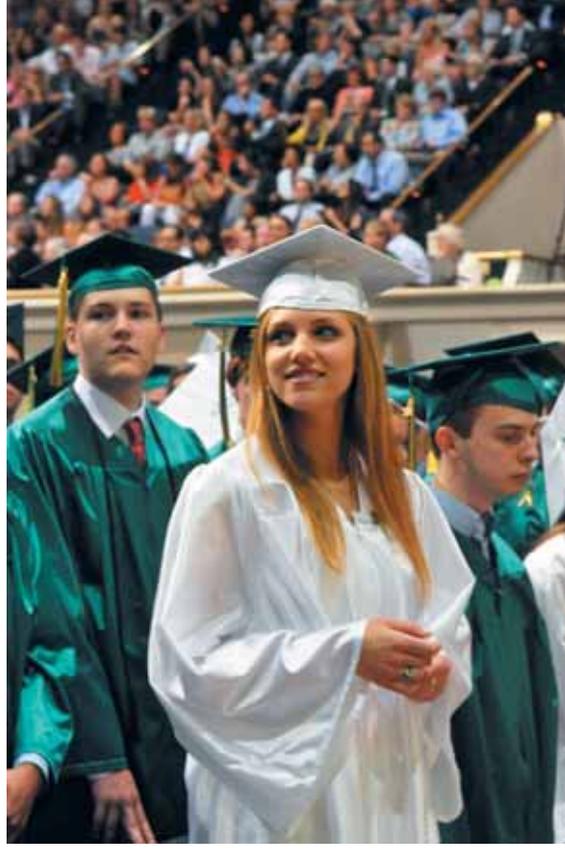
A group of men and women committed to programs that educate youth and help

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The McLean High Class of 2014 receive their diplomas on Tuesday afternoon, June 17.



The 2014 Langley High graduates scan the balconies looking for family and friends at the graduation ceremony on Tuesday, June 17.

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 SUPERINTENDENT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY
 PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Welcome to the 2014-15 school year. The start of a new school year is always an exciting time for students, parents, and educators. Our dedicated staff has been working hard to prepare for another school year that builds on our tradition of excellence at Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). Fairfax is a community that embraces its newest residents and the cultural diversity that makes our county such a desirable place to be. For many families and businesses, the decision to relocate to a new area is often dependent on the quality of the local public schools. FCPS has a well-deserved national reputation for excellence.



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As we enter a new school year, we are projecting an enrollment of 186,785 making FCPS the nation's 10th largest school district. Fairfax County high schools are among the most academically rigorous in the U.S. and are cited every year as among the top high schools in the country. Our classrooms are led by teachers who inspire, motivate, and prepare students with the knowledge and skills they will need for the future. Our dedicated teachers promote the success of every student and create a caring learning environment where every student is valued and recognized as an active learner.

Working closely with our school board, parents, teachers, and community stakeholders, we have made a number of positive and exciting changes for our system during my first year as superintendent. We developed the FCPS Portrait of a Graduate that will serve as a foundation on which to build a long-range strategic plan for the school system and will lessen the focus on standardized, high-stakes test-

ing and place greater emphasis on engaged students, project-based learning, and authentic assessments of student learning. The Portrait of a Graduate will ensure that our students are collaborators, communicators, creative and critical thinkers, global citizens, and goal-directed and resilient individuals when they leave FCPS.

Other significant changes that we have made include:

- The launch of full-day Mondays for all elementary students. The change will increase instructional time for students and dedicated planning time for teachers. The change to full day Mondays received overwhelming support in our community and will benefit students, teachers, and our families.

- A new standard school calendar that eliminates the need to make up inclement weather days at the end of the school year if fewer than 13 days are missed while providing two full weeks for winter break.

- The new Bailey's Upper Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences. A first of its kind for Fairfax County, this new school is being converted from a five-story office building at 6245 Leesburg Pike to provide enrollment relief for the overcrowded Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences. The new campus will house grades 3-5, while the existing campus will house preschool to grade 2.

- A new CrisisLink text messaging tool for students and parents needing mental health support and resources. Crisis line staff respond to the text messages 24 hours a day. The text number is 703-997-5444.

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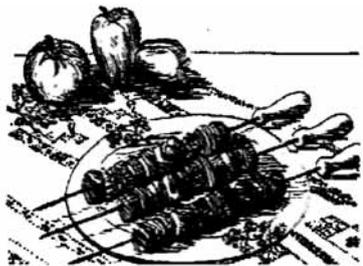
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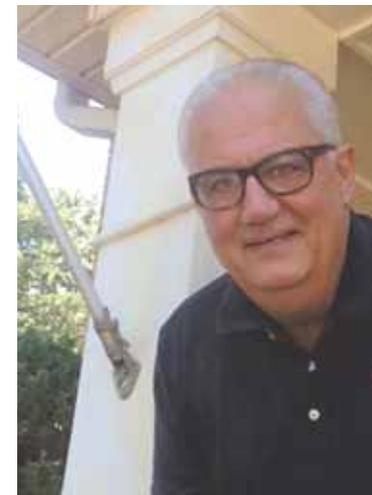
VIEWPOINTS

What is the Best Part of Living in McLean?

— BIJAN TODD

Dean Popp, retired Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Army, McLean resident for 25 years

(Speaking of the McLean Hamlet Neighborhood): “I think the defining two pieces to the McLean Hamlet neighborhood are its sidewalks and its underground utilities. I don’t think it’s the architecture or the number and size of the homes; that can be found anywhere. What’s really unique about the Hamlet is that we have sidewalks. And if you think about it, go to any neighborhood you want to, including downtown McLean, including Tysons, including \$5 million homes in Great Falls and elsewhere, and you don’t see that! Sidewalks are like roads for humans, and where you have roads, you have cultural and economic and educational and athletic endeavors. The other piece is the utilities underground, which makes this place so much more pretty and livable, and it doesn’t just create a network of wires and poles everywhere. A third piece as well is the fact that we have the right amenities here, with the pool and tennis club, and we have an excellent elementary school.”



Marie Ragan, retired music and drama teacher, McLean resident for 45 years

“Proximity to things, like downtown. I like being able to go downtown in half an hour, sometimes. I like the proximity to the beltway and to the stores around me. I also like that it’s far enough away from city living. And also the stores are all around us, and shopping. People come from all over to go shopping, and I love to shop. The restaurants are good; we have the best of everything near us, and there’s a good mix of people. There are people from different backgrounds. But the reason we moved to McLean was for the schools; we were the best public school system around.”



Kelly Olafsson, real estate agent, McLean resident for 10 years

“It’s so convenient to everything. You can get to D.C. in no time flat, and it’s business central. There’s lots to do as far as businesses as well as restaurants. It’s just a great place to live. There are fun things to do and never a time where you can’t figure something fun, whether it’s a movie, or a restaurant or Wolf Trap. The airport is convenient too; it’s easy to get in and out and go vacationing. The monuments in D.C. are always a blast, which is why relatives love to visit.”



Mary Doyle, homemaker, McLean resident for 47 years

“Well, it’s very convenient. The best part is its location. It has very good schools, and it’s just a very good place to live. We moved here because we were near a pool and a school, and my children could walk to the pool and the school. We’ve had wonderful neighbors, and we’ve also had a wonderful McLean Civic Association, where they’ve done so much for McLean. The people can come together, they’ve built our Rec Centers, and they also make sure that we don’t lose sight of being the kind of town we want to be.”



Alex Inglese, commercial broker, McLean resident for 49 years

“For me, it’s my home. I’ve traveled a lot and work has taken me out of the area, but I always come back here. It’s home for me. It’s always been a safe, comfortable environment. It’s got great schools, it’s got lots of jobs, and it’s always growing. My background is in development, so it’s interesting to watch what’s happening with the new metro sites, and how McLean’s evolving. When I was a kid, I thought, ‘Well, maybe I’m just gonna leave and never come back,’ but I just keep coming back here and I wound up raising my family here because it has so much to offer.”



Betty Holmes, retired Stenographer in the Oncology Department of Hazelton Laboratories, McLean resident for 45 years

“It’s a community all its own. It’s been created mostly by people years ago who were born here and have lived here. It’s a versatile community, and it’s a mixture of all ethnicities and religions. It’s also convenient to Washington; so convenient that it’s almost a part of it, but I’m glad it’s not the city. It has enough of the southern influence to be a happy place to live. McLean just has everything!”



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them expand their horizons and avoid pitfalls as they mature. The Optimists sponsor the "Just Say No" program and an oratorical contest as well as the Adeler Jewelers Children's Festival. They sponsor boys and girls softball and baseball teams and Operation Smile. 703-938-5858.

Great Falls Trailblazers

The Trailblazers support development and maintenance of trails, both stonedust and natural surface, in Great Falls. They monitor development to ensure compliance with the trails designated in Fairfax County's Comprehensive Plan trails map and actively work to complete trails on

Georgetown Pike and Walker Road. They meet monthly at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday, except August and December, at the Old Schoolhouse in Great Falls. 703-759-2059 or www.geocities.com/greatfallstrails/.

Great Falls Woman's Club

This diverse group makes things happen in the community and looks to residents to join in. For the last two years, the club has raised thousands of dollars with a Casino Night Gala and fundraiser to support construction of a new fire station for professional and volunteer firefighters and paramedics in Great Falls. While they perform community service, raise money and award women's scholarships, members of the Great Falls Woman's Club have

programs that foster camaraderie within the club. Membership includes many former Great Falls Newcomers. 703-757-6234.

Friends and Newcomers of Great Falls

Newcomers of Great Falls helps new residents of Great Falls and its school district meet each other and assimilate into the community. The nonprofit organization offers more than 300 members a variety of activities and programs along with opportunities for leadership, community service and support to local charitable and civic organizations. The Newcomers provide financial support for such community charities as Camp Fraser, Lift Me

Up and the Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department. 703-757-7962 or www.gffnva.org/.

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NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE



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McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Boulevard: This park, tucked in the center of McLean, is the “perfect place to enjoy a Sunday morning,” said resident Nancy Eveleigh. Complete with a trail, playground, gazebo, picnic tables and large grassy areas, this park is only a short walk from both the Dolley Madison Library and the McLean Community Center. During the warmer months, the McLean Community Center sponsors the free Summer on the Green concert series in the gazebo, where residents can hear a variety of music every Sunday.

Places That Make McLean Special

For newcomers: A guide to the staple places of McLean.

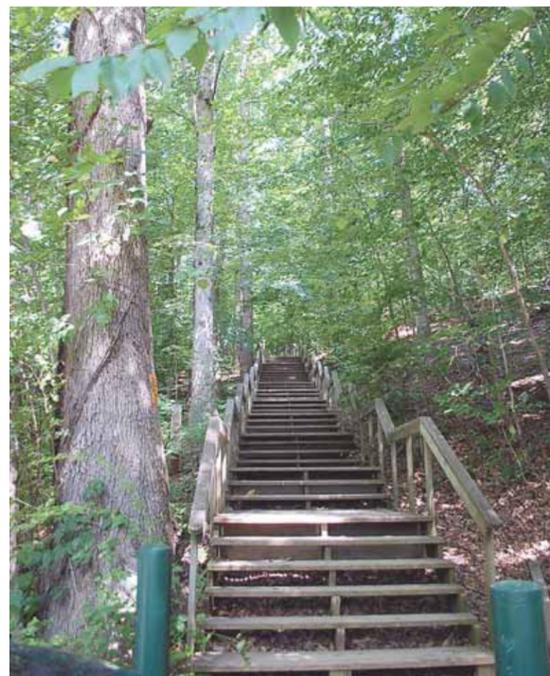
From parks to a theater, a shopping center to a library, this area has it all. People of all ages can find classes to take at the community center, see a play at the Alden or enjoy a hike by the Potomac. There are weekly farmers markets, outdoor concerts and even outdoor movie screenings.

The community of McLean flocks to these places, and there is something for everyone to love in this pocket of Northern Virginia.

— EMMA HARRIS



The McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue: Funded by Dranesville district tax-payers, this center brings together community members of all ages. The MCC boasts over 400 classes annually with “anything and everything you can think of,” said Geogre Sachs, executive director of the Center. It also sponsors community events and programs, including the hugely popular McLean Day every May. With many halls and classrooms, the Center is also a home to community groups and private events.



Scott’s Run Nature Preserve, 7400 Georgetown Pike: Between the Potomac River and Georgetown Pike lays Scott’s Run. This nature preserve has multiple hiking trails and historical sites that weave between running water and the Potomac River. While swimming is prohibited, there is a small waterfall that attracts many picnicking residents over the weekends. This park is maintained by the Fairfax County Park Authority, and many student programs are run here.



Tysons Corner Center, 1961 Chain Bridge Road: This is the commercial center of Northern Virginia with over 300 stores and soon-to-be apartments and a hotel. As of last month, the new Metro Silver Line now runs directly to the center, drawing people from all over the D.C. Metro area for shopping, dining and entertainment. The green area just recently opened and now screens free movies every Saturday evening. There are also concerts, camps and Fall events that are open to the public.



Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue: This is the public library of McLean. Recently renovated in 2010 and 2011, the library now has ample reading spaces, including rooms for meetings and desks with views of the forest behind the building. The building also hosts many events, including book groups and language practices.



Clemyjontri Park, 6317 Georgetown Pike: Situated on a donated 18-acre property, this is a park “where every child can play.” There are large playgrounds, a carousel and gazebo. In 2010, Clemyjontri became the place in Virginia to have a Liberty Swing, the world’s only wheelchair accessible swing, according to the Friends of Clemyjontri website.



Lewinsville Park, Chain Bridge Road: Athletes of all sorts congregate here. This Fairfax County park has two turf fields, a basketball court and a baseball field. A short walk from McLean High School, younger residents play games of capture the flag, quidditch and rugby on these fields, said Karna Malaviya, a recently graduated McLean High School student.



The Palladium Civic Place Green, 1450 Emerson Avenue: With a large fountain and adjacent café, this area sits in the heart of McLean. Over the summer free concerts are held here, welcoming residents and guests alike.



The Old Firehouse Teen Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road: Sponsored by the McLean Community Center, this firehouse welcomes middle and high school McLean teens. It hosts weekly dances, after school programs and trips, said George Sachs, executive director of the McLean Community Center. On Saturday, Aug. 23, it will be hosting the 24th Annual Block Party.

PARKS

AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO MAJOR PARKS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

National Parks

GF Great Falls National Park

9200 Old Dominion Drive, McLean
www.nps.gov/grfa
Great Falls Park is open daily from 7 a.m. until dark. The Visitor Center and bookstore are open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily, spring through fall seasons. Picnic, hike along the Potomac River. Swimming and wading in the Potomac are prohibited.

GW George Washington Memorial Parkway

www.nps.gov/gwmp
703-289-2500
The GW Parkway includes more than 25 sites, ranging from historic homes to wildlife preserves. Join a ranger for a free program or explore sites independently. Some park sites, including Turkey Run Park, Theodore Roosevelt Island, Great Falls Park, etc., close at dark. The Parkway itself remains open 24 hours a day to vehicle traffic.

WT Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts

1551 Trap Road, Vienna
www.nps.gov/wotr/
The only national park dedicated to presenting the performing arts. From May through September, multiple amphitheatres in the park present musicals, dance, opera, jazz, and popular and country music. Explore the park without the crowds from October - April. The Barns at Wolf Trap offer indoor entertainment through the winter months.

State Park

MN Mason Neck State Park

7301 High Point Rd. Lorton
www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/mas.shtml#
703-339-2385 or 703-339-2380 (visitor center)
masonneck@dcr.virginia.gov

The park's visitor center was expanded in 2010 to include a new exhibit room, gift shop and meeting room. There are several exhibits in the center, and with a view of Belmont Bay. Visitor center staff can answer questions and provide information on park trails, facilities and local points of interest. Pond study, bird watching, canoe trips, nature walks and talks, and GPS adventures are just a few of the exciting programs offered by park rangers.

FH Fountainhead Regional Park

7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station
www.nvrpa.org/park/fountainhead/
703-250-9124
The observation deck of the Marina Building at Fountainhead commands a spectacular view of the widest point of the Occoquan Reservoir. Summer activities include catfish tournaments, children's fishing tournament, paddleboat tours and more.

Regional Parks

BR Bull Run Marina Regional Park

7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville
www.nvrpa.org/park/bull_run/
Main park open all year for picnicking, hiking and family camping. Bull Run Public Shooting Center open all year. Group Camping open daily Jan. 7 through Nov. 11. Mini and disc golf open April through October. Hours vary.

BR Atlantis Waterpark

(at Bull Run Marina Regional Park)
7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville
www.atlantisbullrun.com/
703-631-0552
Atlantis Waterpark features pools, a giant dumping bucket, waterslides, and fun-filled activities for all ages. Atlantis is open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, and is a member of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority Family of Waterparks. Atlantis also features picnic pavilions, a deck great for sunning and playing, as well as plenty of shade. Neptune Reef snack bar sells food, beverages and sweets.



One of the beautiful features of the grounds at Meadowlark is the Korean Bell Tower and its surrounding garden.

MBG Meadowlark Botanical Gardens

9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna
www.nvrpa.org/park/meadowlark_botanical_gardens/
703-255-3631
This 95-acre complex of large ornamental display gardens and unique native plant collections is open year round and include walking trails, lakes, more than 20 varieties of cherry trees, irises, peonies, an extensive shade garden, native wildflowers, gazebos, birds, butterflies, seasonal blooms and foliage. The Atrium's indoor tropical garden setting is a popular meeting, reception, wedding and workshop location. Interpretive displays accompany a restored 18th-century cabin. A picnic area beside the Gardens is available to visitors. Meadowlark presents gardening and

horticulture workshops, tours, field trips, concerts and volunteer programs.

OR Occoquan Regional Park

9751 Ox Road, Lorton
www.nvrpa.org/park/occoquan/
703-690-2121
This park offers 400 acres of recreational space and a touch of the past with its historic brick kilns and the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial. Park lands, trails and associated waters are part of the Fairfax Cross-County Trail. Kayak rentals. One hour Tour Boat Rides on the Occoquan River to Belmont Bay and back. Offered Saturdays noon-5 p.m., Sunday 1-8 p.m., April 2 through Nov. 27. \$10 adults, \$5 children 12 and under, under age 4 are free.

PB Pohick Bay Regional Park

6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton
www.nvrpa.org/park/pohick_bay/
Pohick Bay is located on the Potomac River 25 miles south of the nation's capital. The boat launch facility is one of only three public access points to the Potomac River in northern Virginia.

Sources: National Park Service, Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, Virginia State Parks and Fairfax County Park Authority. Map courtesy of Fairfax County Park Authority. Designed & compiled by Jean Card and Laurence Foong. Photos by Renée Ruggles.

Pohick Bay offers canoes, kayaks, paddle boats and jon boats for rent on the weekends, as well as family and group camping, hiking, picnic areas and a large play area for children. For those interested in swimming, the park offers one of the largest, outdoor freeform pools on the east coast. Pohick Bay Regional Park, located on Mason Neck Peninsula is an ecologically fragile land that shelters an abundance of wildlife, including the bald eagle. Nature lovers can expect to see blue birds, osprey, heron, deer, beavers and rare sightings of river otters.

PB Pirates Cove Waterpark

(at Pohick Bay Regional Park)
6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton
www.piratescovepohick.com
703-339-6102

Pirates Cove Waterpark is located at Pohick Bay Regional Park. Visitors can cool off under the 300-gallon dumping bucket, fire the water cannons and splash down the waterslide or search for buried treasure at Buccaneer Beach sand play area. Pirates Cove also features picnic pavilions, a deck for sunning and playing, as well as plenty of shade. Captain's Galley snack bar features food, beverages and sweets. Pirates Cove is open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

PB Pohick Bay Golf Course

10301 Gunston Road, Lorton
www.nvrpa.org/park/pohick_bay_golf_course
703-339-8585

This scenic golf course is located on the Mason Neck Peninsula in Lorton. Pohick Bay's practice facility features a driving range with practice putting and chipping greens, and lessons from PGA pros. A full-service pro shop features an array of name-brand golf clubs, equipment and apparel. Other services include club making, custom club fitting, regripping, reshafting and tournament coordinating.

SR Sandy Run Regional Park

10450 Van Thompson Road, Fairfax Station
www.nvrpa.org/park/sandy_run/
703-690-4392

The park is open to the public for the purpose of education, training, practice, and racing for competitive and recreational sculling and rowing. Only shells and other boats authorized by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority may be launched from the docks or shoreline of Sandy Run. Sandy Run offers a facility for team training and competition for Olympic, college, high school and club canoe, kayak and crew athletes.

Arts Center

LAC Workhouse Arts Center

9601 Ox Road, Lorton
www.lortonarts.org
703-584-2900

The Workhouse Arts Center consists of seven studio buildings, the main galleries and the recently opened Youth Arts Center. Visitors are encouraged to interact with artists. In addition to visual arts, the Workhouse Arts Center is home to performing arts, including theater, film



A stunning spot to fish, found in the middle of Great Falls National Park.

institute, musical and dance performances. The education department supports both the visual and performing arts, offering classes and workshops in a variety of disciplines. Future plans for the Workhouse include an event center, amphitheater, Workhouse Theatre, restaurants, apartments, music barn and garden/horticultural area. Other buildings on site, yet to be renovated, may provide for other activities such as a visitors center, a blacksmith shop, theatre scene shops and rehearsal space.

Major Fairfax County Parks

BLP Burke Lake Park & Golf Course

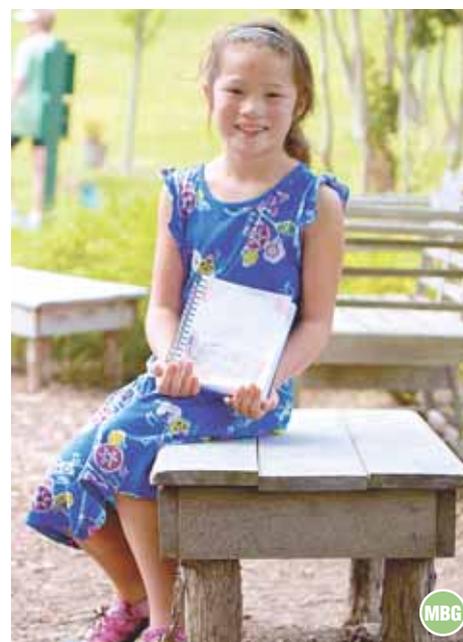
7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station
volleyball, driving range, 18 hole, par 3, minigolf, trails, playground, campgrounds, fishing
883.4 acres, multiple resource park

CJP Clemyjontri Park

6317 Georgetown Pike, McLean
fitness, picnic areas and playgrounds
18.6 acres, special purpose park

ELP Ellanor C. Lawrence Park

5040 Walney Road, Chantilly
baseball, soccer/football (unlit), basketball (unlit), community center, nature center, amphitheater, trails
650 acres, multiple resource park



Charlotte, from Vienna, shares a sketch that she made of the bridge, across the pond from the Children's Garden at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens.

FPP Frying Pan Farm Park

2717 West Ox Road, Herndon
historic structure, biking/equestrian/hiking trails, open areas, playground
135.3 acres, multiple resource park

GSG Green Spring Gardens

4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria
Community Center, historic structure, biking/hiking trails, open areas, gardens
30.9 acres, special purpose park

HPP Hidden Pond Park

8511 Greeley Boulevard, Springfield
tennis (lit), nature center, amphitheater, hiking/nature trails, playground, fishing
25.6 acres, community park

HMP Huntley Meadows Park

3701 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria
nature center, historic structure, biking/hiking/nature trails, observation tower, boardwalk
1444.8 acres, natural resource park

LAP Lake Accotink Park

7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield
basketball, volleyball, minigolf, trails, picnic
448.1 acres, multiple resource park

LFP Lake Fairfax Park

1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston
softball (lit), soccer/football (unlit), amphitheater, carousel, campground, tour boat, picnic shelters
479 acres, multiple resource park

FRA Lee District Park

6601 Telegraph Road, Franconia
softball, soccer/football, tennis, basketball, volleyball, trails, treehouse, sprayground, accessible playground
138 acres, district park

MDP Mason District Park

6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale
softball (lit), soccer/football (unlit/lit), basketball (lit), tennis (lit), shuffleboard, dog park, amphitheater, biking/hiking/fitness
121.2 acres, district park

NWP Nottoway Park

9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna
baseball (lit), soccer/football (lit), basketball (lit), tennis (lit), trails, picnic
90.9 acres, district park

RBP Riverbend Park

8700 Potomac Hill Street, Great Falls
nature center, historic structure, biking/equestrian/hiking trails, picnic areas, craft room
411.2 acres, multiple resource park

SRN Scotts Run Nature Preserve

7400 Georgetown Pike, McLean
historic structure, historic/hiking/nature trails, fishing
384.3 acres, natural resource park

SRD South Run District

7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield
baseball, soccer/football, basketball, tennis, rec center, equestrian, playground, swimming
196 acres, district park

WFP Wakefield Park & RECenter

8100 Braddock Road, Annandale
softball, soccer/football, basketball, tennis, rec center, biking, fitness trail, skate park
292.6 acres, multiple resource park

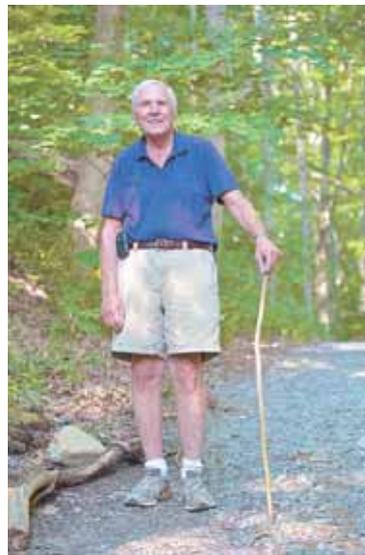


The Meredith family came to the Mason Neck State Park, from Arlington, to do some exploring and wildlife spotting.

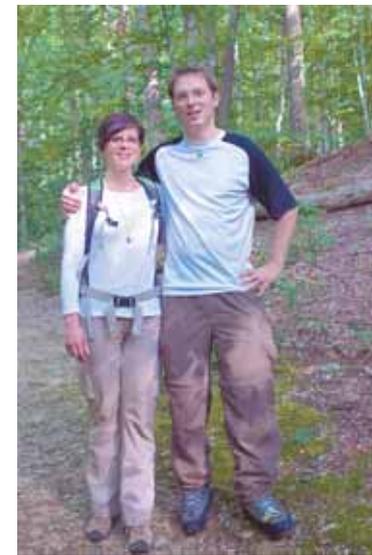
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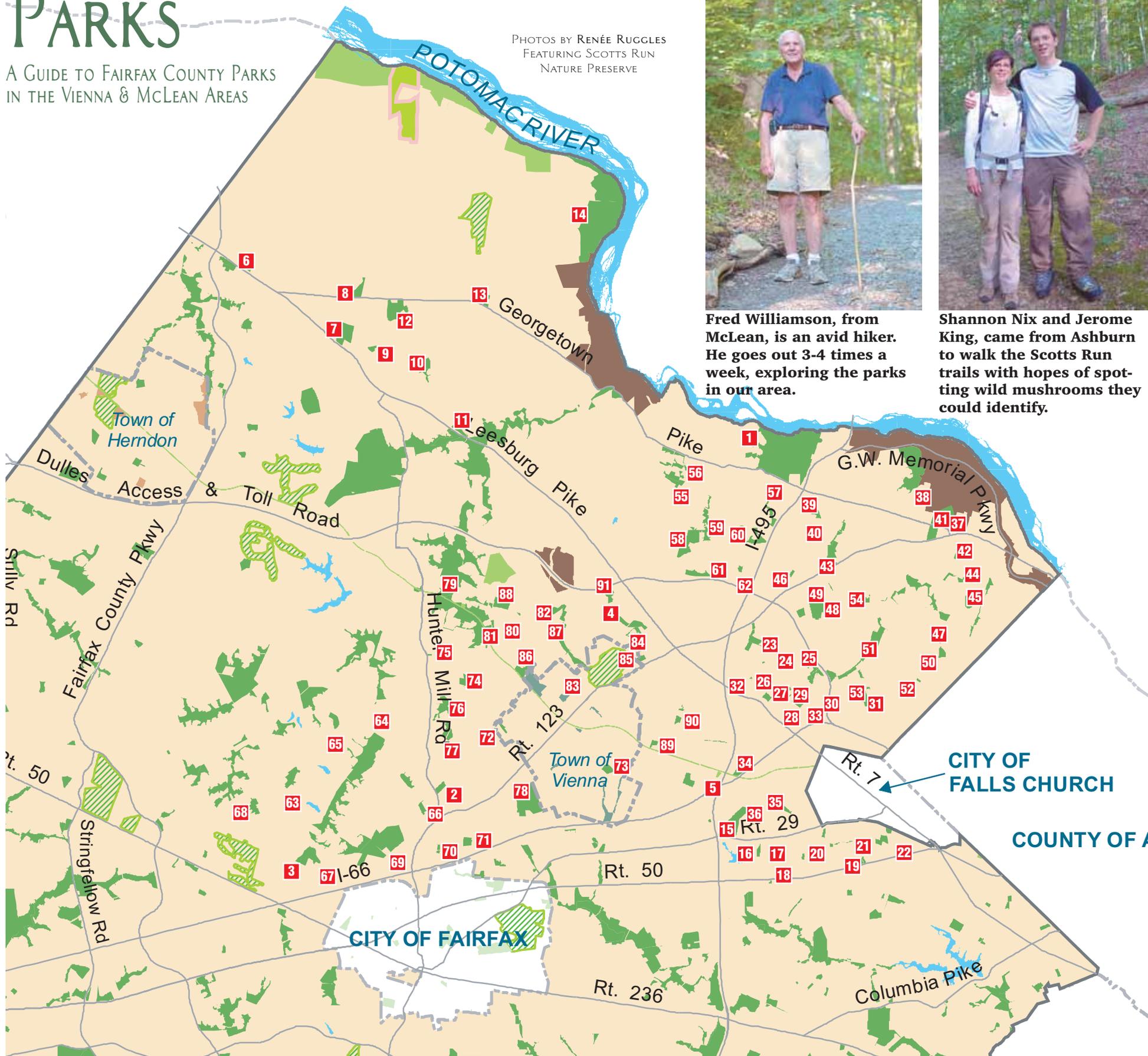
PHOTOS BY RENÉE RUGGLES
FEATURING SCOTTS RUN
NATURE PRESERVE



Fred Williamson, from McLean, is an avid hiker. He goes out 3-4 times a week, exploring the parks in our area.



Shannon Nix and Jerome King, came from Ashburn to walk the Scotts Run trails with hopes of spotting wild mushrooms they could identify.



Map Number Park Name
Address, City
Property Class

- 1 Tollbrook Ridge**
720 Boyle Lane, McLean
Neighborhood Park
- 2 Oakton Community**
2841 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton
Community Park
- 3 Waples Mill Meadow**
11329 Waples Mill Road, Oakton
Multiple Resource Park
- 4 Heritage Resource**
Westwood Ct, Vienna
- 5 Dunn Loring**
2540 Gallows Road, Vienna
Community Park

6 Holly Knolls
1010 Redberry Court, Great Falls
Neighborhood Park

- 7 Great Falls Nike**
1089 Utterback Store Road, Great Falls
District Park
- 8 Windermere**
11000 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls
Community Park
- 9 Lockmeade**
1104 Riva Ridge Drive, Great Falls
Community Park
- 10 Lexington Estates**
10401 Shesue Street, Great Falls
Neighborhood Park
- 11 Colvin Run Mill Site**
10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls
Cultural Resource Park

12 The Turner Farm
925 Springvale Road, Great Falls
Community Park

- 13 Great Falls Grange**
9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls
Community Park
- 14 Riverbend**
8700 Potomac Hill Street, Great Falls
Multiple Resource Park
- 15 Jefferson District**
7900 Lee Highway, Falls Church
Multiple Resource Park
- 16 Pine Spring**
7600 Willow Lane, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park
- 17 Tyler**
7216 Rice Street, Falls Church
Neighborhood Park



The Strozers, of Falls Church, came to Scotts Run so that their young son could skip stones in the stream. It's one of his favorite things to do.

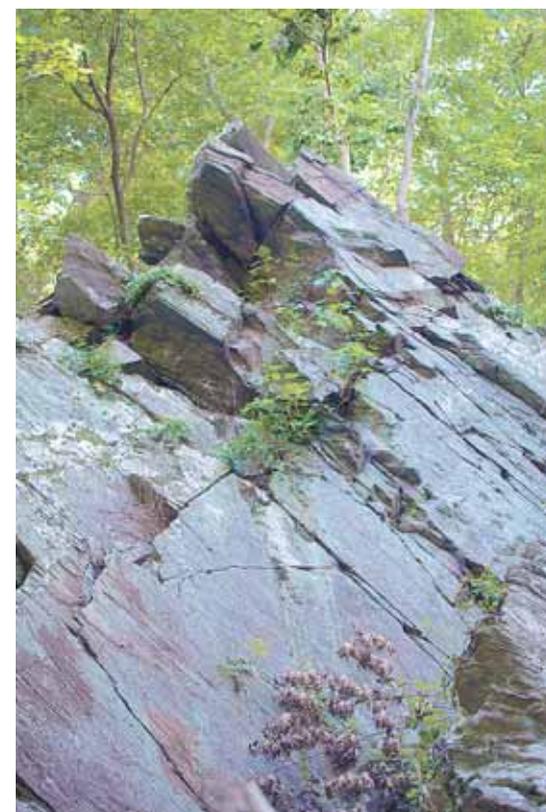


One of the most popular features of Scotts Run Nature Preserve is the waterfall that feeds into the Potomac River.

- 18 Devonshire**
2826 Edgehill Ave, Falls Church Neighborhood Park
- 19 Jefferson Village**
2932 East Tripps Run Rd., Falls Church Community Park
- 20 John Mastenbrook-Greenway Downs**
2858 Woodlawn Avenue, Falls Church Neighborhood Park
- 21 James Lee School Site**
2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church Community Park
- 22 Azalea**
2905 Cleave Drive, Falls Church Neighborhood Park
- 23 Westgate**
7508 Magarity Road, Falls Church Community Park
- 24 Pimmit View**
1905 Storm Drive, Falls Church Neighborhood Park
- 25 Olney**
1840 Olney Road, Falls Church Community Park
- 26 Fisher**
7620 Fisher Drive, Falls Church Neighborhood Park
- 27 Tysons Pimmit**
2026 Burfoot Street, Falls Church Neighborhood Park
- 28 Pimmit Hills**
2061 Arch Drive, Falls Church Neighborhood Park
- 29 Griffith**
2013 Griffith Road, Falls Church Neighborhood Park
- 30 Mt Royal**
7141 Idylwood Road, Falls Church Neighborhood Park
- 31 Haycock Longfellow**
6650 Kirby Court, Falls Church Community Park
- 32 Lisle**
7744 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church Neighborhood Park
- 33 Lemon Road**
7210 Idylwood Road, Falls Church Neighborhood Park
- 34 Idylwood**
7715 Virginia Lane, Falls Church Community Park

- 35 Hollywood Road**
2700 Hollywood Road, Falls Church Neighborhood Park
- 36 Lee Landing**
2780 Hollywood Rd., Falls Church Neighborhood Park
- 37 Langley Fork**
6250 Georgetown Pike, McLean District Park
- 38 Langley Oaks**
6504 Bright Mountain Road, McLean Natural Resource Park
- 39 Cooper Intermediate School**
977 Balls Hill Road, McLean Community Park
- 40 Churchill Road**
7098 Thrasher Place, McLean Community Park
- 41 Clemyjontri**
6317 Georgetown Pike, McLean Special Purpose Park
- 42 Dolley Madison Estates**
6139 Long Meadow Road, McLean Neighborhood Park
- 43 McLean Central**
1468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean Community Park
- 44 Potomac Hills**
6125 Kinyon Place, McLean Community Park
- 45 Marie Butler Leven Preserve**
1501 Kirby Road, McLean Special Purpose Park
- 46 McLean Knolls**
1400 Balls Hill Road, McLean Neighborhood Park
- 47 Linway Terrace**
6246 Linway Terrace, McLean Community Park
- 48 McLean High**
1609 Davidson Rd, McLean Community Park
- 49 Lewinsville**
1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean District Park
- 50 Chesterbrook School Site**
1753 Kirby Road, McLean Community Park
- 51 Kent Gardens**
6621 Byrnes Drive, McLean Community Park
- 52 Franklin Woods**
1938 Birch Road, McLean Neighborhood Park
- 53 Kirby**
2020 Kirby Road, McLean Neighborhood Park
- 54 Bryn Mawr**
6700 Tennyson Drive, McLean Neighborhood Park
- 55 Old Dominion School Site**
8211 Hunting Hill Lane, McLean Community Park
- 56 Greenway Heights**
8203 Riding Ridge Place, McLean Community Park
- 57 Scotts Run Nature Preserve**
7400 Georgetown Pike, McLean Natural Resource Park
- 58 Spring Hill**
1239 Spring Hill Road, McLean District Park
- 59 McLean Hunt**
8003 Old Falls Road, McLean Neighborhood Park
- 60 Timberly**
1173 Swinks Mill Road, McLean Community Park

- 61 McLean Hamlet**
8119 Dunsinane Court, McLean Community Park
- 62 Falstaff**
7717 Falstaff Road, McLean Neighborhood Park
- 63 Foxvale**
3104 Hunt Road, Oakton Community Park
- 64 Gabrielson Gardens**
2514 Leeds Drive, Oakton Special Purpose Park
- 65 Clarke's Landing**
11100 Vale Road, Oakton Community Park
- 66 Oakborough Square**
2890 Oakborough Square, Oakton Neighborhood Park
- 67 Tattersall**
3405 Miller Heights Road, Oakton Community Park
- 68 Wayland Street**
11813a Wayland Steet, Oakton Community Park
- 69 Oak Marr**
3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton Multiple Resource Park
- 70 Borge Street**
3030 Borge Street, Oakton Neighborhood Park
- 71 Blake Lane School Site**
10033 Blake Lane, Oakton Community Park
- 72 Peterson Lane**
575 Malcolm Road NW, Vienna Neighborhood Park
- 73 Cunningham**
1001 Park Street, SE, Vienna Community Park
- 74 Lawyers Road School Site**
10049 Lawyers Road, Vienna Neighborhood Park
- 75 Fox Hunters**
10319 Lawyers Road, Vienna Neighborhood Park
- 76 Kemper**
10206 Garrett Street, Vienna Community Park
- 77 Ashlawn**
10230 Dunfries Road, Vienna Community Park
- 78 Nottoway**
9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna District Park
- 79 Tamarack**
1850 Horseback Trail, Vienna Community Park
- 80 Symphony Hills**
9675 Clarks Crossing Road, Vienna Neighborhood Park
- 81 Clarks Crossing**
9850 Clarks Crossing Road, Vienna District Park
- 82 Wolf Trails**
9328 Old Courthouse Road, Vienna Community Park
- 83 Foxstone**
1910 Creek Crossing Road, Vienna Community Park
- 84 Raglan Road**
8590 Raglan Road, Vienna Community Park
- 85 Freedom Hill**
8531 Old Courthouse Road, Vienna Cultural Resource Park
- 86 Eudora**
2027 Labrador Lane, Vienna Community Park
- 87 Waverly**
1801 Abbotsford Drive, Vienna Community Park
- 88 Lahey Lost Valley**
9750 Brookmeadow Drive, Vienna Cultural Resource Park
- 89 Tysons Woods**
8425 Overlook Street, Vienna Neighborhood Park
- 90 Briarcliff**
2158 Silentree Road, Vienna Neighborhood Park
- 91 Ashgrove**
8881 Ashgrove House Lane, Vienna Cultural Resource Park



The varying landscape of Scotts Run offers a great place both to appreciate nature and go for a challenging hike.

ENTERTAINMENT

Year-round Festivals

A list of annual community events in the area.

LIST COMPILED BY EMMA HARRIS

August 2014

SATURDAY/AUG. 30

Lake Anne Jazz & Blues Festival. 1 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza (Waterfront), 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Showcasing a variety of talented local emerging artists and national jazz performers. Visit lakeanneplaza.com/event/8th-annual-jazz-blues-festival/30.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 30-31

War of 1812 Signature Event. Noon-5 p.m. Alexandria Waterfront, 3 Cameron Street, Alexandria. Visitors are invited to delight in interactive historical exhibits, boating activities and food trucks. Features a tug-of-war, cricket match and yacht race as well. 703-746-4242. Free. Visit www.visitAlexandriaVA.com/1812

September 2014

MONDAY/SEPT. 1 - SUNDAY/SEPT. 7

Annual Workhouse Clay National Ceramics Exhibition. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. This exhibition represents the depth and breadth of contemporary functional and sculptural ceramic artworks being created throughout the country. Visit http://www.workhouseceramics.org/index.php?p=1_15_Clay-National-2014.

MONDAY/SEPT. 1

Herndon Labor Day Festival. 12-6 p.m. Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. Downtown Herndon celebrates Labor Day with an annual festival - °great music, a craft show, food, wineries, micro-brews and culinary demonstrations will all be there. Visit www.herndon-va.gov

SATURDAY/SEPT. 6

Virginia Indian Festival. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls. Tribal dancing, songs and drumming make history come alive each September at the Virginia Indian Festival at Riverbend Park. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/quicktakes/#FA14QT7.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 6-7

37th Annual Burke Centre Festival. 9:30 a.m.-10 p.m. 6060 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke. Burke Centre's signature event, which celebrates the spirit of the community each year with rides, activities and live entertainment for all ages to enjoy. Visit http://www.burkecentreweb.com/sub_category_list.asp?category=37&title=Annual+Festival.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 7

Reston Triathlon. 7 a.m. Lake Audubon, Twin Branches Road, Reston. Swim, bike and run in the "Reston World Championships." Visit www.restontriathlon.org/tri.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 11-18

16th Annual Fall for the Book Festival. George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A week-long, multiple-venue, regional festival that brings together people of all ages and interests. Visit www.fallforthebook.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

18th Annual CCE Irish Folk Festival. Noon-8:30 p.m. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax and The Auld Shebeen Irish Pub, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax.

All are invited to enjoy, free of charge, the "pure drop" - the beauty and depth of Irish music, dance, language and sport as it has taken root and come into full flower in our community. Visit <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/fairfax-irish-folk-festival>

Silver Live Music and Food Truck Festival. 12-10 p.m. 1800 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Listen to performances from renowned local and national



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acts and find displays of fine arts and a variety of refreshments to benefit the Spirit of Hope Children's Foundation. Visit <http://tysonspartnership.org/event-calendar/tysons-world-music-festival/>.

Lorton's Fall Festival. 11 a.m. Lorton Station Town Center, 8998 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Enjoy a magic booth, pumpkin painting, photo booth, games, prizes and more. Visit www.lortonstationtowncenter.com/calendar-of-events.html

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 13-14

King Street Art Festival. 10 a.m.-7p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Old Town, King Street, Alexandria. At this community festival, art enthusiasts can discover spectacular paintings, life-size sculptures, jewelry, photography, ceramics and more. Visit www.artfestival.com/Festivals/Alexandria_Festival_of_the_Arts_Alexandria_Virginia_September.ASPX

SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

5K/10K Dulles Day on the Runway. 7:30 a.m. 14390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy., Chantilly. The full length of the runway will be closed off for runners to experience a flat, fast course and a unique look at the airport grounds. All race proceeds will benefit Special Olympics Virginia, the Committee for Dulles Community Outreach and the Washington Airports Task Force. Visit <http://committeefordulles.org/5-10K.html>.

Dulles Day Plane Pull. 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Dulles International Airport. Teams of 25 are pitted against one another to see who can pull a 164,000+ pound Airbus 12 feet the fastest in Special Olympics Virginia's "heaviest" fundraiser. Visit <http://www.planepull.com>.

Beer, Bourbon & BBQ Fest. 12-6 p.m. 8025 Galleria Drive, McLean. Attend for a day of beer sippin', bourbon tastin', music listenin', cigar smokin' and barbecue eatin'. Your admission buys a sampling glass so you can enjoy all you care to taste while attending seminars in the tasting theater and enjoying live music all day. Visit www.tysonspartnership.org/event-calendar/tysons-bbq-bourbon-and-beer-festival.

Mount Vernon Colonial Market and Fair. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Ferty colonial-attired

artisans demonstrate 18th-century crafts and sell traditional wares such as baskets, woodcarvings, tin and ironwork, leatherworkings, weavings, furniture and much more. Visit <http://www.mountvernon.org/plan-your-visit/calendar/events/colonial-market-fair/>

Paint Herndon Celebrate the Arts. 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. The annual Paint Herndon event is a celebration of the arts and the anniversary of the opening of ArtSpace Herndon, complete with a painting competition. Visit www.artspaceherndon.com/paint-herndon/.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 20-21

2nd Annual Arlington Festival of the Arts. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Highland Street in the Clarendon District, Arlington. More than 100 artists will showcase their work including paintings, jewelry, pottery, glass, and much more. Visit artfestival.com for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 21

Herndon Kids Triathlon. 7:30 a.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon. This kids triathlon gives youngsters an opportunity to compete in one of the fastest growing sports in the United States. The event is designed for any youth, ages 6-16, regardless of athletic ability or prior triathlon experience. Visit www.herndon-va.gov.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

Clarendon Day. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Near Clarendon Metro station, 3100 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. A celebration of the Clarendon neighborhood and a showcase for the people who make the neighborhood great with activities, live entertainment and food. Visit www.clarendon.org/clarendon-day.

Reston Multicultural Festival. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. A celebration of the diversity and community spirit that is found in Reston, this annual event brings together the people of Reston to celebrate the rich medley of cultures. Visit <http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com/MulticulturalFestival.shtm>.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 28

Walk to End Alzheimer's. 3 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Walk and fundraise to further the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. Visit <http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk/Calendar?formid=5317&type=frontrun&cid=18124>

NatureFest. 1-5 p.m. Runnymede Park, 195 Herndon Parkway, Herndon. Explore various nature stations throughout the park including butterflies, bees, life in the meadow, web of life and much more with live animal shows throughout the day. Visit www.herndon-va.gov.

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THURSDAY/OCT. 2

3rd Annual Reston Town Center Help the Homeless Walk. 12 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11959 Market St, Reston. Walk from Mayflowers Floral Design Studio on The Promenade to the Embry Rucker Community Shelter and back. Funds will enable Cornerstones to provide essential resources and services for individuals and families in the community who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Visit http://www.cornerstonesva.org/events_list/hth.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 3-5

Fall Wine Festival and Sunset Tour. 6-9 p.m. Mount Vernon Estate, 3200 George Washington Memorial Pkwy., Mount Vernon. Enjoy live blues and spectacular views of the Potomac River while sampling wine from 16 Virginia wineries. Visitors learn about the successes and failures of our Founding Father's wine endeavors, enjoy live blues music, and meet "George and Martha Washington" on the Mansion's piazza. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 4

Art on the Avenue. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. 2301 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. A multicultural arts festival celebrating the community's diversity through the arts in the Del Ray neighborhood in Alexandria, Virginia. Visit www.artontheavenue.org.

Oktoberfest Vienna. 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Historic Church Street, Vienna. Enjoy beer, wine, food, music, kids activities and more. Visit <http://viennaoktoberfest.org/>

SUNDAY/OCT. 5

McLean Project for the Arts ArtFest. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. McLean Central Park, 468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. The park is transformed into a lively landscape of mini art galleries showcasing and offering for sale the work of a diverse group of 50 juried artists. Visit www.mpaart.org.

19th Annual Paws for a Cause 3K Walk. 12 p.m. Weber's Pet Supermarket, 11021 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Paws for a Cause benefits Fairfax Pets on Wheels, Inc., an all-volunteer organization dedicated to providing pet visitation to residents of nursing homes and hospitals since 1987. Visit www.fpow.org/event-685795.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 11-12

Oktober Fest Reston. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Enjoy food, wine, beer, live entertainment, a carnival and the Anthem Great Pumpkin 5K at Northern Virginia's largest fall festival. Visit <http://www.oktoberfestreston.com>.

SATURDAY/OCT. 11

Fall Festival in Old Town Historic Fairfax. 10209 Main Street, Fairfax. What started out as a small market for artisans has grown to a festival with over 400 arts, crafts and food vendors, children's activities and entertainment for all ages. Visit <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/fall-festival>.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 16-NOV. 1

Great Pumpkin Gathering. 6-10 p.m. 1800

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ENTERTAINMENT

Great Falls citizens of all ages were encouraged to take part in the parade and participate in the July 4th celebration this year.



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Tysons Blvd., McLean. Artisan pumpkin carvers showcase a dazzling display of pumpkin art beyond your wildest imagining. Visit www.tysonspartnership.org.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 17-19

19th Annual Craftsmen's Fall Classic Art & Craft Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Features original designs and work from hundreds of talented artists and craftspeople from across America. Visit http://www.gilmoreshow.com/craftsmens_classics_chantilly_fall.shtml.

SATURDAY/OCT. 18

Historic Hallows Eve. 4 p.m. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Experience the traditions of Virginians in the 18th and 19th centuries by celebrating All Hallows Eve with storytelling, fortune telling, fall foods and family gatherings. Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site>.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 18-19

Claude Moore Colonial Farm 1771 Market Fair. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Warm yourself by the fires and enjoy the splendor of autumn with crisp local apples, warm savory meat pies and hearty breads, or let Market Fair entertainers, tradesmen and the militia amuse and educate you. Visit www.1771.org.

Tyson's Harvest Festival. 12-6 p.m. 1800 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Stroll through the arts and crafts booths and taste some of the fun flavors of fall. Visit <http://tysonspartnership.org/event-calendar/tysons-harvest-festival>.

SUNDAY/OCT. 19

Neighbors Feeding Neighbors 5K. 9 a.m. 7925 Jones Branch Dr., McLean. Even though Northern Virginia is considered one of the wealthiest jurisdictions in the country, we still face a poverty rate of about 5 percent - more than 90,000 people are living in poverty and 30 percent are children. Come run or walk to help feed our neighbors. Visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/McLean/NeighborsFeedingNeighbors5K>.

FRIDAY/OCT. 24

Spooktacular. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Herndon Community Center, 814

Ferndale Avenue, Herndon. Enjoy ghoulish games, a spooky craft and a children's show. Visit www.herndon-va.gov.

SATURDAY/OCT. 25

Volunteer Fest 2014. A region-wide day of community service that mobilizes hundreds of volunteers to help nonprofits accomplish tasks that they would not have the time or resources to do on their own. Visit <http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/non-profits/volunteerfest.php> for times and locations.

Clifton Haunted Trail. 7-10 p.m. Chapel Road, Clifton. A terrifying annual event that winds through Clifton's 8 Acre Park. Visit cliftonhauntedtrail.com.

Air and Scare. 2-7 p.m. Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy., Chantilly. See the spooky side of air and space at the annual Halloween event. Arrive in costume for safe indoor trick-or-treating, creepy crafts, spooky science experiments and other Halloween-themed activities. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/events/air-and-scare/>.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 29

68th Annual Vienna Halloween Parade. 7 p.m. Maple Avenue, Vienna. With the theme of "Celebrating the Tradition of Vienna Girls Sports," come in costume to celebrate Halloween. Visit www.viennava.gov.

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SATURDAY/NOV. 1

The Robinson Marketplace. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 5305 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Shop at over 80 vendors at the Holiday Market, raffle and silent auction sponsored by the Robinson Secondary School PTSA. Visit www.robinsonptsa.org.

TUESDAY/NOV. 4

Election Day. General Election. Visit www.sbe.virginia.gov/ and www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm

TUESDAY/NOV. 11

Arlington National Cemetery Veterans Day Ceremony. Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington. About 5,000 visitors attend the annual remembrance ceremonies in the Memorial Amphitheater. Visit www.arlingtoncemetery.mil.

SATURDAY/NOV. 22

Turkey Trot 5K Race. 4 p.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon. The course takes you through Herndon Centennial Golf Course grass and paved paths, parts of the W&OD paved trail and vehicular paved road. All canned food will be donated to LINK. Visit www.herndon-va.gov

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 19-SUNDAY/JAN. 4

Lights Festival. 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. Almost two and a half miles of light displays and a Holiday Village to celebrate the season. *Visit www.bullrunfestivaloflights.com.

FRIDAY/NOV. 28

Alexandria Tree Lighting. 7-9 p.m. Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Annual event featuring lighting the City tree, performances and a visit from Santa to open the Christmas season. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Calendar.

FRIDAY/NOV. 28-TUESDAY/JAN. 6

Christmas in Mount Vernon. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Mount Vernon decks the halls with themed Christmas trees on the estate and festive greenery in the Mansion. Visit www.mountvernon.org/christmas.

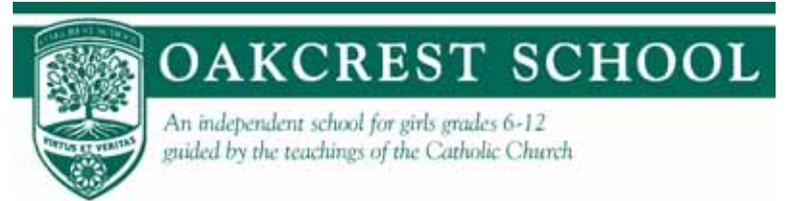
December 2014

MONDAY/DEC. 1

Church Street Holiday Stroll. 6-9 p.m. Freeman House and Store, 131 Church St. N.E., Vienna. Enjoy fun family-friendly activities including a visit from Santa, petting zoo, free hot chocolate and roasting marshmallows at supervised bonfires. Visit www.viennava.gov.

SATURDAY/DEC. 6

44th Annual Campagna Center Scottish Walk Parade. 11 a.m. Old Town Alexandria, parade begins at St. Asaph and Wolfe Streets. More than 100 Scottish Clans, pipe and drum bands, Scottish dancers, re-enactment groups, Scottie dogs, dignitaries and, of course, Santa Claus will march through the streets of Old Town. Visit www.campagnacenter.org/events/scottish-christmas-walk-weekend or www.visitalexandriava.com/events/44th-Annual-Campagna-Center-Scottish-Walk-Parade/983/.



Open House

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2014
2:00-4:00 P.M.

*Presentation by Head of School: 2:45 p.m.

Come speak with our students, faculty, parents and administration. Learn more about our rich liberal arts curriculum, our vibrant advisory, arts, sports and service programs, and the difference our graduates are making in the world.

Find out more at Oakcrest.org



What's on the Ballot; How to Vote

Election Day is Nov. 4, 2014, but you can vote as early as Sept. 19.

Every year is Election Year in Virginia. This year, every Virginia voter will choose one member of the U.S. Senate and their member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Two of Northern Virginia's three house seats are open seats with the retirement of two longstanding members, Jim Moran (D-8) and Frank Wolf (R-10).

This area has very high rates of voter registration, but voter turnout varies significantly from year to year. For example, two years ago in 2012, a presidential election year, 71.78 percent of Virginia registered voters turned out to vote. But in 2010, more comparable to this year, only 44.01 percent of Virginia registered voters turned out to vote.

In Fairfax County, with a population around 1,130,900, there are 713,025 registered voters as of July 1, 2014, up from 676,802 in 2012. (Population data from U.S. Census and voter data from Virginia Department of Elections.)

In Alexandria, with a population of about 148,900, there are 97,883 total registered voters as of July 1, 2014. That's down from 101,887 total registered voters as of July 2, 2012.

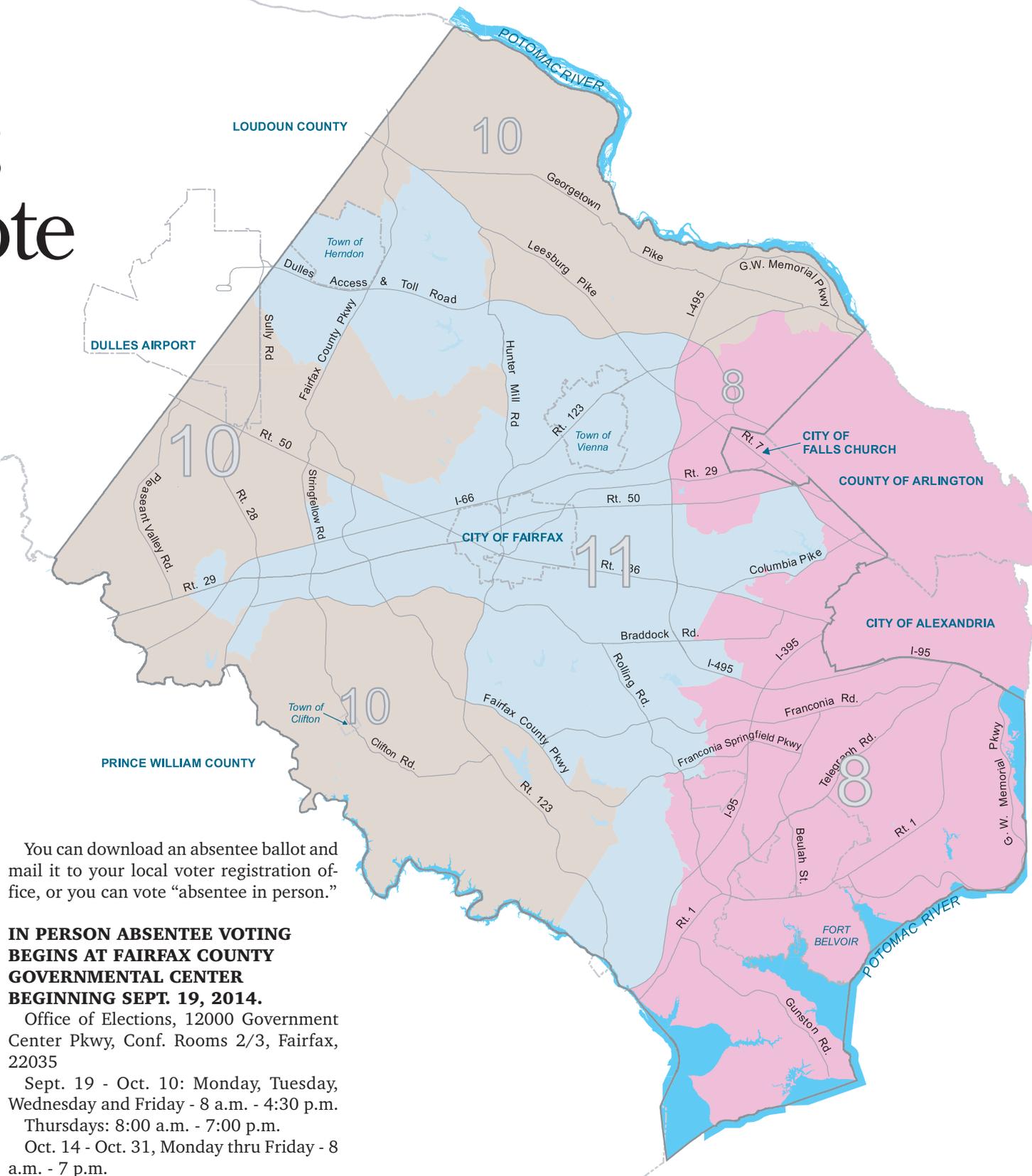
In Arlington, with a population of about 224,900, there are 162,100 total registered voters as of July 1, 2014, up from 157,236 on July 2, 2012.

REGISTER, CHANGE OF ADDRESS: In order to vote on Election Day, you must be registered at your current address no later than Oct. 13, 2014. You can check your registration status online by going to www.sbe.virginia.gov.

VOTING EARLY, ABSENTEE

Virtually every voter in Virginia is eligible to vote absentee, which includes voting in-person absentee at a variety of locations between Sept. 19 and Nov. 1.

There are many reasons that voters are allowed to vote absentee, but the most broad of these applies to almost anyone with a job: "Any person who, in the regular and orderly course of his business, profession, or occupation, will be at his place of work and commuting to and from his home to his place of work for eleven or more hours of the thirteen that the polls are open (6 a.m. to 7 p.m.)."



MAP PROVIDED BY FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENT

You can download an absentee ballot and mail it to your local voter registration office, or you can vote "absentee in person."

IN PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING BEGINS AT FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL CENTER BEGINNING SEPT. 19, 2014.

Office of Elections, 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Conf. Rooms 2/3, Fairfax, 22035

Sept. 19 - Oct. 10: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Thursdays: 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 14 - Oct. 31, Monday thru Friday - 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturdays, Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 and Nov. 1, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed Monday, Oct. 13 for Columbus Day

SATELLITE VOTING LOCATIONS BEGIN FRIDAY OCT. 14

- Franconia Governmental Center - 6121 Franconia Rd., Alexandria, 22310
 - Dolley Madison Library - 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean, 22101
 - North County Human Services Bldg. - 1850 Cameron Glen Dr, Reston, 20190
 - West Springfield Governmental Center - 6140 Rolling Rd., Springfield, 22152
 - Mason Governmental Center - 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, 22003
 - Mount Vernon Governmental Center - 2511 Parkers Ln., Alexandria 22306
 - Sully District Governmental Center - 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly 20151
- Monday - Friday, Oct. 14 - 31, 3:30 p.m. -

Map of Congressional districts serving Fairfax County.

7 p.m.
Saturdays, Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 and Nov. 1, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed Monday, Oct. 13 for Columbus Day

For more, call 703-222-0776 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm>

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

Every voter in Virginia will vote for U.S. Senator and their member in the U.S. House of Representatives.

One constitutional question will appear on all Virginia ballots, Proposed Constitutional Amendment - Question: Shall the Constitution of Virginia be amended to allow the General Assembly to exempt from taxation the real property of the surviving

spouse of any member of the armed forces of the United States who was killed in action, where the surviving spouse occupies the real property as his or her principal place of residence and has not remarried?

U.S. SENATE

One-term incumbent Sen. Mark R. Warner (D) is challenged by Republican Ed W. Gillespie and Libertarian Robert C. Sarvis.

- Republican Ed W. Gillespie, www.edforsenate.com
- Democrat Mark R. Warner, www.markwarnerva.com
- Libertarian Robert C. Sarvis, www.robertsarvis.com

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NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

Every Year is Election Year in Virginia

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THE 8TH DISTRICT is an open seat because of the retirement of incumbent Rep. Jim Moran (D), who was elected in 1990. Democrat Donald S. Beyer Jr. will face Republican Micah K. Edmond plus three independent candidates. The 8th district includes all of Alexandria and Arlington, plus parts of Fairfax County including Mount Vernon, Lorton and parts of McLean, Tysons and Falls Church.

◊ Republican Micah K. Edmond, www.micahedmond.com

◊ Democrat Donald S. Beyer Jr., www.friendsofdonbeyer.com

◊ Libertarian Jeffrey S. Carson, jeffreycarson.com/

◊ Independent Green Gerard C. "Gerry" Blais III, www.votejoinrun.us

◊ Independent Gwendolyn J. Beck, www.gwendolynbeck.com

IN THE 10TH DISTRICT, an open seat was created by the retirement of Frank Wolf (R), who was elected to office in 1982. Both major party candidates are elected officials from McLean, with Republican Barbara Comstock, a member of the Virginia House

of Delegates, facing Democrat John Foust, a member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The 10th district sprawls from McLean to Winchester, and includes Great Falls, Chantilly, parts of Fairfax Station, the Town of Clifton, part of Burke and Springfield.

◊ Republican Barbara J. Comstock, www.barbaracomstockforcongress.com

◊ Democrat John W. Foust, www.foustforvirginia.com

◊ Libertarian William B. Redpath, billredpath.com

◊ Independent Green Dianne L. Blais, www.votejoinrun.us

◊ Independent Brad A. Eickholt, www.eickholt4congress.com/

IN THE 11TH DISTRICT, Gerry Connolly (D), former chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, elected to congress in 2008, will face Republican Suzanne K. Scholte and two independent candidates.

◊ Republican Suzanne K. Scholte, www.suzannescholteforcongress.com/

◊ Democrat Gerald E. "Gerry" Connolly, incumbent, www.gerryconnolly.com

◊ Green Joe F. Galdo www.joegaldo.com

◊ Libertarian Marc M. Harrold, www.marcharrold4congress.com

IN FAIRFAX COUNTY, all voters will vote yes or no for more money for transportation projects. **Transportation Improvements Bond Question:** Shall the Board of Supervisors contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds of Fairfax County, Virginia, in addition to bonds previously authorized for transportation improvements and facilities, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$100,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to finance the cost of constructing, reconstructing, improving and acquiring transportation facilities, including improvements to primary and secondary State highways, improvements related to transit, improvements for pedestrians and bicycles, and ancillary related improvements and facilities?

IN THE CITY OF FAIRFAX, voters will also vote on an advisory Referendum regarding length of term for Offices of Mayor, City Council and School Board, and whether the term of office should be increased from two years to four years.

New Voter Identification Requirements

As of this summer, there are new requirements for voter identification that voters must bring with them to the polling place.

Virginia law requires all voters to provide an acceptable form of photo identification at the polls. Voters arriving to the polls without photo ID will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot and will have until noon on the Friday after the election to deliver a copy of identification to their locality's electoral board in order for their provisional ballot to be counted.

Virginia's photo ID requirements also apply to absentee voters who vote in-person in all elections.

Here are the "acceptable" forms of identification:

◊ Valid Virginia Driver's License or Identification Card

◊ Valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran's ID card

◊ Valid United States Passport

◊ Other government-issued photo identification cards (must be issued by US Government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth

◊ Valid college or university student photo identification card, must be from an institution of higher education located in Virginia.

◊ Employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business

◊ or a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card obtained through any local general registrar's office

"Valid" is defined as a genuine document, bearing the photograph of the

voter, and is not expired for more than 12 months.

A voter who does not bring an acceptable photo ID to the polls will be offered a provisional ballot.

DON'T HAVE ONE OF THESE?

Any registered voter who does not possess one of the above mentioned forms of photo ID, may apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID Card will have to complete the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application, have their picture taken, and sign the digital signature pad. Once the application is processed, the card will be mailed directly to the voter.

Provisional Ballot Process

A voter who arrives at the polling place without an acceptable form of photo identification will be given the opportunity to vote a provisional ballot. After completing the provisional ballot, the individual voting will be given written instructions from the election officials on how to submit a copy of his/her identification so that his/her vote can be counted.

A voter will have until noon on the Friday following the election to deliver a copy of the identification to the local electoral board. Voters may submit a copy of their ID via fax, email, in-person submission, or through USPS or commercial delivery service. Please note that the copy of the ID must be delivered to the electoral board by noon on Friday, or the provisional ballot cannot be counted. A Friday postmark will not be sufficient. Writ-

ten notice given to the voter will provide the necessary information, including email, fax, and address of where the ID should be delivered.

IF YOU VOTE A PROVISIONAL BALLOT but don't have an "acceptable ID," you can appear in-person in the office of the general registrar in the locality in which the provisional ballot was cast by noon on Friday following the election and apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. At the completion of the application process, the voter may request a Temporary Identification Document. This document can be provided to the electoral board as acceptable identification and the voter's provisional ballot will be counted.

SOURCE: Virginia Department of Elections, www.sbe.virginia.gov

For More Election Information:

Fairfax County Board of Elections, 703-222-0776, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/
12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Suite 232, Fairfax, 22035; FAX 703-324-2205; email voting@fairfaxcounty.gov

City of Fairfax General Registrar, 703-385-7890, <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/general-registrar>

10455 Armstrong Street, Sisson House, Fairfax, 22030; FAX 703-591-8364; email generalregistrar@fairfaxva.gov

State Board of Elections, 804 864-8901 Toll Free: 800 552-9745 FAX: 804 371-0194

email: info@sbe.virginia.gov
<http://www.sbe.virginia.gov>

Fairfax's Success Story

50 Years in the Making

BY GERALD L. GORDON, PH.D.

If you are a newcomer to Fairfax County, allow me to welcome you to one of the most dynamic communities anywhere in the world to live and work. It was the vision of many people to create this kind of community, so please allow me to offer a quick history lesson.

The Capital Beltway was completed in 1964. The same year the iconic highway opened, the Virginia General Assembly passed a law that created what is now called the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority. In the last 50 years, creation and growth of a diversified business community and local economy transformed a sleepy bedroom community in the shadow of the nation's capital into what Time magazine has called "one of the great economic success stories of our time."

How much of a success story? Fairfax County was home to no Fortune 500 companies in 1964, and today 10 of those businesses are based here. That's more than 30 states. Today more than 400 foreign-owned businesses have a presence here, as do four companies on Black Enterprise magazine's list of the 100 largest African American-owned companies, three companies on HispanicBusiness.com's list of the 100 largest Hispanic-owned companies, and top companies that are Asian-, woman- and veteran-owned.

Today Fairfax County is the second-largest suburban office market in the United States. Almost no matter where you live, you can see how the county continues to evolve as a business location. The first phase of Metro's Silver Line rail service further enhances the attractiveness of Tysons Corner and Reston, while the second phase will link Herndon and Washington Dulles International Airport to the rest of the Washington region in 2018.

Southeastern Fairfax County (Springfield, Lorton and the Richmond Highway corridor) are becoming important office centers thanks to growth at Fort Belvoir. The Mosaic District in Merrifield is a popular destination, and the Springfield Town Center opening this fall promises to be a magnet for that area.

As I suggested earlier, this evolution of Fairfax County has been no accident. It has been a strategy driven by a consistent vision: A strong and consistent economic development program that attracts companies and helps them stay and grow here creates job opportunities, builds a strong commercial tax base that holds down residential taxes, and allows the Board of Supervisors to provide high-quality public services that enhance the quality of life here.

Yes, Fairfax County has changed tremendously since 1964. But, even with all the progress that has happened, we believe even better times lay ahead.

Gerald L. Gordon, Ph.D., is president and CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority.

NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

Getting to Know McLean, Langley High Sports

McLean: Baseball team made first trip to state playoffs.

What happened last year: The field hockey team finished Conference 6 runner-up and reached the region quarterfinals. The girls' basketball team started 19-1, but dropped four of its final five, including its first game of the region tournament. The baseball team made the deepest postseason run in program history, reaching the state semifinals. The softball team went 22-3 and won the Conference 6 championship.

From The Connection's Top 100 Athletes: *27. Seth Greisinger, a 1993 graduate, was a standout pitcher for the Highlanders. He pitched collegiately at the University of Virginia and was selected by the Detroit Tigers with the sixth pick in the first round of the 1996 MLB draft. He would eventually play professionally in Korea.

From BJ Koubaroulis' 2006 profile for The Connection's Top 100 Athletes: "The Koreans never forgot the name Seth Greisinger. But, neither did anyone else that Greisinger, a right-handed pitching sensation out of McLean, threw against in his career. In the 1996 Olympics, Greisinger held Korea's bats to seven hits and two runs to push the United States to a 7-2 victory and one step closer to an eventual bronze medal. ... After turning down the Koreans several times, Greisinger — the No. 6 overall pick in the Major League Baseball draft (1996) — finally gave in and asked the Atlanta Braves for his release. 'They made him an offer he couldn't refuse,' said his father George, who lives in Falls Church. 'When he got over there, they let him know that they never forgot him.'

"... It has also been quite a while since Greisinger who, at 6-foot-3 and 175 pounds, brought a district title to McLean in 1993. It was not unusual to see 10 pro scouts at any of the pitcher's games during a senior year in which he carried McLean to a 13-8 record and its first Great Falls District Championship since 1960, breaking a 33-year drought."

*76. Nate Friends, a 1991 graduate, was a standout soccer and basketball player for the Highlanders. He would win four national championships as a soccer player at the University of Virginia.

From Koubaroulis' 2006 profile for The Connection's Top 100 Athletes: "Friends didn't just draw fouls on the basketball court. He became a target on the soccer field as a senior when McLean coach Ted Pease moved him from defense to the forward position.

'I had talked to Bruce Arena and he wasn't interested,' said Pease, who pleaded with eventual World Cup coach Bruce Arena — then the head coach of the UVA soccer team — to come and watch his star player. Friends flourished in the offensive role and



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The Langley volleyball team won the 2013 6A state championship.

McLean High School

Mascot: Highlanders.

School Colors: Red and silver.

Athletic Director: Jim Patrick, 703-714-5700.

Football Coach: Shaun Blair (first year). The Highlanders finished the 2013 season with a 5-5 record.

Field Hockey Coach: Summer Vanni.

Baseball Coach: John Dowling.

Softball Coach: Maurice Tawil.

Girls' Soccer Coach: Rob Bouchard.

Rival School: Langley.

earned MVP honors at McLean.

The game Arena came to watch was the region final against J.E.B Stuart — a game that Friends was battered 18 times by the opposition.

According to Pease, even though Friends was fouled 18 times, he still dominated the game and still managed to score to send the 1-1 game to penalty kicks. Stuart won and advanced to the state tournament ending Friends senior year at 16-1-3, but 'Bruce called me that night and said he really wanted Nate,' said Pease.

Friends, who scored on a header in the loss to Stuart, used the experience to prepare him for what to expect in college.

'It was frustrating and it really helped me for college,' said Friends, who turned his 6-foot 165-pound body into a 6-foot 2-inch 195-pound frame by the time he was a sophomore at UVA. 'That game led me to get stronger. It was a good way of learning how to deal with defense,' said Friends.

Friends went on to help UVA to four NCAA soccer titles.

Langley: Volleyball Team Won the 6A State Championship

What Happened Last Year: The volleyball team won region and state championships. The boys' lacrosse team finished region and state runner-up. The softball team reached the region semifinals. The baseball team finished Conference 6 runner-up and reached the region quarterfinals.

From The Connection's Top 100 Athletes: *74. Taline Tahmassian, a 2001 graduate, was a soccer star for the Saxons, finishing her high school career with 96 goals. She won a national championship at Santa Clara before transferring to William & Mary.

From BJ Koubaroulis' 2006 profile for The Connection's Top 100 Athletes: "'She was the best forward to go through Langley,' said [then-Langley] coach Melissa Bibbee, who recently secured her place in Langley's storied soccer history by recording her 100th career coaching victory. 'She was our go-to player. She was a sophomore my first year [at Langley]. For three years, my game-plan, as a coach, was just pass the ball to Taline. That was not only because I was 24 years old, but when you have a player of that caliber [that's what you do].'

"...Tahmassian spent her freshman year of college at Santa Clara University, where she helped the Broncos win an NCAA title. She played in 25 games, scored eight goals [50 shots], recorded 5 assists [21 points], and had two game-winning goals. She was the team's fourth-leading scorer in points and goals in 2001 — SCU's championship season.

Langley High School

Mascot: Saxons.

School Colors: Green and gold.

Athletic Director: Geoff Noto, 703-287-2750.

Football Coach: John Howerton.

The Saxons finished the 2013 season with a 9-3 record and reached the 6A North region quarterfinals. Along the way, Langley turned in the most prolific scoring season in program history, producing 481 points, an average of 40 per contest.

Field Hockey Coach: Jennifer Robb.

Volleyball Coach: Susan Shifflett.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Scott Newman.

Baseball Coach: Kevin Healy.

Boys' Lacrosse Coach: Earl Brewer.

Rival School: McLean.

Despite reports of feuding with coaches, Tahmassian maintains that she transferred to William and Mary to be closer to family, but acknowledged that soccer was part of the decision.

'I kind of realized after winning a national championship, I just realized that there was more things out there,' said Tahmassian, who will graduate in December. 'Yeah, the soccer aspect [at Santa Clara] was amazing, but I felt that there was a little more than that.'

She admits that playing time was an issue at Santa Clara, but that it was not the only reason she left the West Coast.

At William and Mary, she led the Tribe with 15 goals in 16 games in her junior season leading the team to the Colonial Athletic Association conference title and into the NCAA tournament. For all four years of college Tahmassian totaled 40 goals in 83 games (60 starts) on 224 shots with 21 assists."

*84. Lindsey Ertter, a 2001 graduate, was a state-champion swimmer for the Saxons.

From Koubaroulis' 2006 profile for The Connection's Top 100 Athletes: "By the age of 12, she had made her first Olympic trials while swimming at the Senior Nationals tournament in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

'When I made the Olympic trials, I had no idea what I had done,' said Ertter, who said she had to wait four more years before she could compete in those trials (2000) because she swam her fastest time during an Olympic year.

Ertter, who competed in the 100-meter breaststroke, took 11th place in the 2000 trials after considering herself a long shot. She went back four years later and took fifth place in 2004 trials in Long Beach.

"...Even without pressure, Ertter won six state championships and set records in all three of her years at the AAA state tournament. She won three gold medals in the 200 individual medley and three gold medals in the 100 breaststroke from 1999-2001. She also helped the Saxons to four team AAA state championships from 1998-2001. She was simply dominant at the high school level, but like most year-round competitive swimmers, high school was a chance for her to relax."

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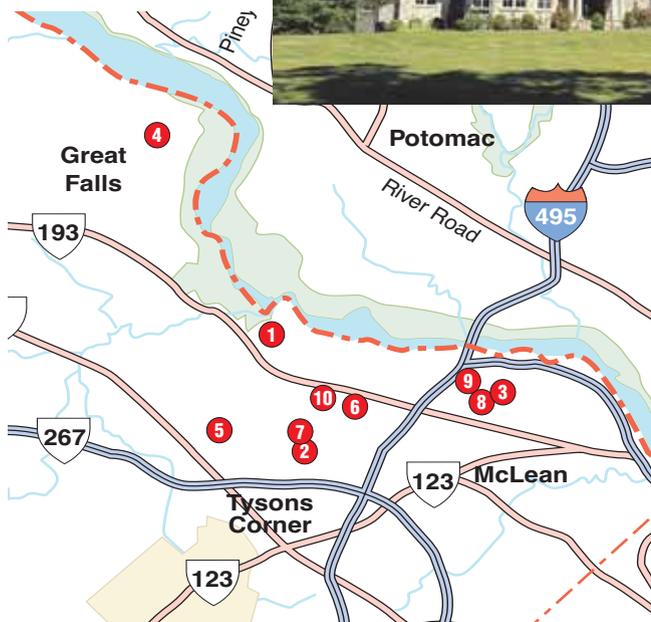
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