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McLean High Receives Giant's Grant

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Faculty and student representatives of McLean High School accept a grant for \$17,032.17 from Giant Food. The grant comes to McLean High School as a result of its performance in Giant's A+ School Rewards Program during the 2016-2017 school year. The school was one of the program's top earners for the year, adding to its long history of program success. A+ School Rewards provides a way for schools to earn funds to support school programs and enrichment activities every time a customer makes a purchase using their Giant card in their neighborhood Giant Food.



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From left: Jamie Baker, Jonathan Berkson, Sam Roberts III, Arnold Krauss, William Glenn Yarborough Jr., Loren Busch, Tony Sarver, Alan Aubrey, Finn Marks, Roland Creps, Marvin Quinn, Bob Rosenbaum, John Bowman, Bob Molepski, and David Ashcraft.



Dale Oliver, Fairfax County Police Department, and Kay Hartgrove, president of McLean Fire Department, presenting the wreath that reads, "Heroes Live Forever."

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Honoring Heroes in McLean

BY MAGGIE GIORDANO
THE CONNECTION

McLean American Legion Post 270 hosted the annual Memorial Day Ceremony at McLean High School. Veterans, Police and Fire Department officials, and community members gathered in the school's Memorial Garden at 11 a.m. on Monday.

Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34), Del. Richard "Rip" Sullivan (D-48), Del. Marcus Simon (D-53) and Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville), spoke to the crowd in honor of veterans for the special day. Ellen Reilly, McLean High School Principal, and Colonel David Ashcraft, serving military member, spoke as well.

"We have an obligation to serve our veterans and make sure they are cared for," said Murphy.

The ceremony was opened with a prayer while the crowd lowered their heads for a moment of silence. The ceremony was led by William Glenn Yarborough, Jr., 7th District Vice Commander Post 270.

Yarborough said that the meaning of Memorial Day is sometimes confused. It is to

honor people who served in the military in wartime that have passed on and to remember the sacrifices they made to protect us.

Kay Hartgrove, president of McLean Fire Department, and Dale Oliver, Fairfax County Police Department Officer, presented a wreath in front of the memorial garden that said "Heroes Live Forever" after the speeches.

"It brings people together and the American Legion contributes greatly to the community. This highlights our year, every year," said American Legion member Arnold Krauss.

According to the American Legion website, www.legion.org, The American Legion is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization dedicated to helping the community. McLean Post 270 was established in 1946 by a group of local World War II veterans and continues to support the community through participation and sponsorship of community programs to this day.

The event gave community members a chance to honor and remember those who have given their lives for the country.

The ceremony closed with Amazing Grace played on the keyboard by Post 270

Memorial Day Ceremony held at McLean High School.



William Glenn Yarborough, 17th District Vice Commander, beginning the ceremony and Finn Marks, Boy Scout and rising McLean High School student, playing the trumpet.

member, Bob Rosenbaum. The Mclean Post 270 then hosted an open house lunch at their building located at 1355 Balls Hill

Road in McLean after, to continue the day of remembrance.

Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville), William Glenn Yarborough, and delegates Kathleen Murphy (D-34), Marcus Simon (D-53), and Rip Sullivan (D-48).



Bob Rosenbaum playing the keyboard for the ceremony.

Police Practices Improve, Citizens Demand More

Board cites progress on Police Practices improvements, but some citizens demand more.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

John Lovaas admitted that he was a bit of a skeptic. Speaking at the May 22 meeting to update Fairfax County residents on the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission's recommendations, the Restonian acknowledged that he hadn't been expecting all that much to come from the 32-member commission established by Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova — in spite of the fact that Lovaas had actually been chosen as an alternate representative.

"But I am more and more impressed by what's coming out of the implementation stage," said Lovaas.

Lovaas may now be cautiously optimistic, but the meeting that highlighted progress, also subjected its panelists to criticism, shouts, protest signs, and a dose of expressed disbelief from many in the small, but vocal audience.

To provide the update and take questions from the audience were Bulova; Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock); Police Chief Edwin Roessler, Jr.; Richard Schott, independent police auditor; Adrian Steel, Ad Hoc Commission vice chair; Shirley Ginwright, Communities of Trust chair; and David Rohrer, deputy county executive for public safety.

Bulova opened the session at the Government Center by announcing that the board had already approved and implemented or put in motion 172 of the 202 recommendations that the commission presented in its final report on Oct. 20, 2016. "I am proud ... that in the first year 88 percent of the recommendations have been approved," said Bulova, stressing that the board had taken the commission's findings seriously, and worked in collaboration with the Sheriff's Office, as well, to ensure the best possible results.

TWO NEW FORMS of independent oversight for the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) were established because of the Ad Hoc Commission. The supervisors recently named nine members — chosen from more than 140 applicants — to the Civilian Review Panel, to be chaired by Steel. In addition to the Review Panel, Schott has been named as the independent police auditor, to report directly to the Board of Supervisors.

The Civilian Panel will have the authority to review completed FCPD internal administrative investigations regarding civilian complaints against an officer. They may hold meetings to inform the public on how investigations were conducted. They may review complaints of harassment or discrimination, reckless endangerment of a detainee, or serious violations of Fairfax County or police procedures, and misuse of



Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock), as chair of the board's Public Safety Committee, co-hosted a public forum updating citizens on the recommendations made by the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission.



Caycee Utley of Fairfax stands amid protest signs and fellow members of Showing up for Racial Justice. The group doesn't think any real progress has been made to "end racism and brutality, particularly against minorities" and hold law enforcement accountable for their actions.

authority, as part of their duties.

The independent police auditor will handle the cases of police use-of-force that result in serious injury or death.

The Ad Hoc Commission, made up of private citizens and members of the law enforcement, legal, and academic communities, as well as members of the media and public relations arena, divided their review responsibilities into five categories: Use-of-force, independent oversight, mental health and crisis intervention training (CIT), com-

munications, and diversity and recruiting.

Cook chairs the board's Public Safety Committee, and had the task of bringing the recommendations to the committee and seeing that they were "worked through, not just rubber stamped one way or the other."

The majority of the recommendations — 34 percent — came from the use-of-force sub-committee. Even though review of police practices had been on-going before, the impetus for the establishment of the Ad Hoc Commission itself came after the 2013 fa-

tal shooting of John Geer of Springfield, by then Fairfax County Patrolman Adam Torres, while Geer stood unarmed in his own doorway.

After Geer's death, with no information being made available to the public, several community groups formed and petitioned for reforms and more accountability from county law enforcement agencies. In early 2015 protests demanding "Justice for John Geer" were held outside police headquarters and the county government center.

The public did not learn the name of the officer involved in the shooting, or many of the relevant details until 17 months after the incident, when the information was released by a court order. The demand for more transparency did not fade away. In March of 2015, Bulova received the board's support to create the Ad Hoc Commission with the mission to "review FCPD policies and practices related to critical incidents, use-of-force training policies, threat assessments, as well as those within the Internal Affairs Division."

While insisting that avoiding any loss of life during police-public interaction had always been the guiding standard, at the meeting Cook said that one result of the commission's efforts was a re-commitment to the "Sanctity of Life" philosophy. Cook referenced revisions made to FCPD policies. Last updated in 2013, revised General Order 540 on the subject of the use-of-force by county law enforcement personnel took effect on March 31 of this year. The order will be reviewed again in January of 2019, to determine its effectiveness and make any additional revisions if necessary.

Roessler also made mention of the revised policies, explaining that a number of policies had been consolidated into "one concise document" to clarify the appropriate actions to be taken while carrying out their duties, and the proper reporting required after the use of force by county police officers.

Roessler also praised the establishment of the Diversion First program, which is designed to divert persons with mental health issues and intellectual or developmental disabilities from detention to treatment wherever possible.

Since its launch in January of 2016, Diversion First has seen 375 individuals transferred for appropriate treatment options, instead of being arrested and detained for non-violent offenses.

To make Diversion First truly successful, Roessler said that law enforcement personnel had to be trained to handle citizens with these challenges. To that end, "de-escalation" training was begun for all FCPD officers last year.

WITH 52 ADVISEMENTS, the communications sub-committee of the commission came in second, targeting the transparency complaints and addressing the timeline gap between a use-of-force event and the public's access to the details.

Under Public Scrutiny

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Roessler announced the establishment of a Public Affairs Bureau within the FCPD. The chief also mentioned pages on the FCPD's website where information on use-of-force incidents are made available, including links to press conferences and briefings by Roessler and other officials.

Shirley Ginwright is the chair of the Fairfax County Communities of Trust Committee (COTC), a diverse citizen group "focused on strengthening and building positive relationships between public safety agencies and the communities they serve." Since its inception in December, 2014, COTC has been looking for ways to connect law enforcement with the residents they serve. They have a particular interest in programs that focus on the county's youth, and cutting off the "supply" of youngsters in the school-to-prison pipeline. Ginwright invited the audience to attend the COTC's upcoming "Public Safety Day" on June 3 in Lorton.

Despite the numerous high notes in the one-year Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission's report card, things got heated during the public commentary session.

Caycee Utley, lead organizer with Showing up for Racial Justice (SURJ) Northern Virginia, castigated all of the panelists over the death of 37-year-old Natasha McKenna, diagnosed with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and depression from the age of 14. The 5' 4," 130-pound African-American McKenna, in custody at the Fairfax Adult Detention Center on an outstanding warrant for attacking a police officer, was tasered multiple times when sheriff's deputies tried to put her in a wheeled restraint chair. At the time, McKenna was handcuffed behind her back, shackled around the legs with a bobble strap connecting the restraints, and had a spit mask placed over her face.

McKenna went into cardiac arrest shortly after being tasered. She was revived, but died five days later when it was determined that she had no brain activity, and life support was discontinued.

"Whose side are you on?" shouted several members of the SURJ group, waving their posters and pointing to an empty seat with a sign reading "Natasha McKenna" placed upon it.

"We don't want to be on sides," answered Cook.

The new police internal auditor, Schott, added, "This is what I have been hired to address."

Both Roessler and Bulova tried to explain that the case of McKenna and some of the others being referenced by the SURJ supporters were not within their direct purview, citing that the Sheriff's Office does not report to the Board of Supervisors.

"So nobody protects us from them?" Utley

replied. "What pressures have you put on the sheriff?"

Attendee Jenifer Hitchcock "couldn't understand how they cleared the deputies" involved in McKenna's death.

AT ONE POINT during the public comment phase, Cook refused to respond to "people yelling out of turn" and Bulova threatened to adjourn the meeting.

After Utley said, "There can't be any trust until there is justice," Bulova invited her to "talk personally" after the meeting.

Several of the citizen speakers described the Civilian Review Panel and the police auditor as "toothless" — lacking in the power to do anything. "Smoke and mirrors," said Mary Tracy of Alexandria. "The county has a long way to go on this. What about body cams? The Department of Justice was offering \$1 million grants, but we made no efforts to get them."

Several of the panelists explained that the auditor is prohibited under Virginia Law from investigating or conducting interviews. Citizens responded that they were willing to help the board get those changes made at the General Assembly, "just show us what to do. Support us."

Kofi Annan, president of the Fairfax NAACP, took a more conciliatory approach in his remarks, calling the work done so far "a good start," but he challenged the county to look into the disparity in the treatment of blacks versus whites within the legal system and in detention. Annan called for measures to track such information and make it easily available to the public.

George Becerra of Burke, a community advocate and familiar face at public meetings on diverse issues around the county, asked a different kind of question of the panelists. He glanced around the large auditorium, then, pointing to the small numbers in attendance, Becerra asked "How will you change your outreach efforts?"

In response, Ginwright with Communities of Trust referred again to her organization's Public Safety Days campaigns. After the meeting, Becerra expressed his disappointment with the answer. He acknowledged that citizens were equally responsible for informing themselves and in becoming engaged, but said that the information is often hard to find and overwhelming. With so many media relations personnel and staffers, Becerra thinks just a bit more of the work should fall on the county's side of the fence.

"During campaigns, politicians find a way to bombard your email with information and requests for donations and support." Becerra wants to know why something similar can't be done for these important issues and meetings. "There's maybe 40 people here tonight. Forty people out of a population of 1.1 million. That's a lot of voices going unheard."

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Remembering on Memorial Day 2017

On Memorial Day, we remember all of those who have died in military service, more than 400,000 in World War II, more than 30,000 in Korea, more than 50,000 in Vietnam.

As many as 620,000 soldiers died in the Civil War, stunningly about 2 percent of the population at that time. To compare, while more than 2.5 million soldiers have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, that number is still less than one percent of the U.S. population.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 6,880 U.S. military service men and women have died in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

On Memorial Day, there are many ways to remember the fallen, including a visit to Arlington National Cemetery, or many other local commemorations. But at a minimum, wherever you are, you can observe a moment of silence at 12:01 p.m. along with Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), or you can set your own moment at some point during the day.

More than 52,000 U.S. military service members have been wounded in action, although that number is likely to be revised upward. In 2013, the military confirmed traumatic brain injury in more than 220,000 of the more than 2.5 million troops who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. The long-term consequences of many of these injuries, including mental health consequences, are unknown, but they will require a national commitment to excellence in health care and services for both active duty military personnel and veterans. Virginia's U.S. Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine continue to advocate for better service from the Veterans Administration.

Cuts proposed to health care, food assistance and other aspects of the social safety net in the proposed budget would disproportionately harm veterans.

EVERY YEAR around Memorial Day, this newspaper names the local men and women who have died in military service since Sept. 11, 2001.

Marcus D. Prince, 22, of Norfolk, Virginia died April 26, 2016 in Juffir, Bahrain. Prince was a U.S. Navy civilian who was supporting Operation Inherent Resolve.

Blane D. Bussell, 60, of Virginia, died Jan. 26, 2016 in Manama, Bahrain; Bussell was a U.S. Navy civilian who was supporting Operation Inherent Resolve.

Sgt. Charles C. Strong, 28, of Suffolk, died Sept. 15, 2014 in Herat Province, Afghanistan while conducting combat operations. Sgt. David H. Stewart, 34, of Stafford, was one of three Marines who died June 20, 2014 while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

Seaman Philip Frazier Manes, 21, of Fairfax, died Sept. 27, in Manama, Bahrain. He was supporting Operation Inherent Resolve.

Army Sgt. Lyle D. Turnbull, 31, of Norfolk, died Oct. 18, 2013 in Kuwait, from a medical emergency. Capt. Brandon L. Cyr, 28, of Woodbridge, was one of four airmen who died April 27, 2013, near Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, in the crash of an MC-12 aircraft.

1st Lt. Robert J. Hess, 26, of the Kings Park West neighborhood of Fairfax, was killed by enemy fire on April 23, 2013, Afghanistan. Hess was known as "RJ" and graduated from Robinson Secondary School in 2005, where he played football, lacrosse and was the captain of the swim team. He was a U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter pilot who deployed to Afghani-

stan on April 11, 2013. His family remembers his sense of humor and his natural leadership ability.

Master Sgt. George A. Banner Jr., 37, of Orange, died Aug. 20, 2013, of injuries sustained when enemy forces attacked his unit with small arms fire in Wardak Province, Afghanistan.

Spc. Caryn E. Nouv, 29, of Newport News, was one of two soldiers who died July 27, 2013 in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked their vehicle with an improvised explosive device and small arms fire.

Lance Cpl. Niall W. Coti-Sears, 23, of Arlington, died June 23, 2012, while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Coti-Sears loved music, played the guitar, composed songs and entertained family and friends at holiday gatherings. Niall was very close to his grandfather, William Coti, who was a Marine. "He was always my protege," William Coti told the Arlington Connection. "He always wanted to be a Marine and he followed my example. It weighs heavily on me that this had to happen."

Chief Warrant Officer Five John C. Pratt, 51, of Springfield, died May 28, 2012 in Kabul, Afghanistan, when his helicopter crashed.

Staff Sgt. Jessica M. Wing, 42, of Alexandria, died Aug. 27, 2012 in Kuwait City, Kuwait.

In February 2012, Brig. Gen. Terence J. Hildner, 49, of Fairfax, was the highest ranking military officer to die in the war. Hildner died Feb. 3, 2012 in Kabul province, Afghanistan.

Sgt. Aaron X. Wittman, 28, of Chester, Virginia, died Jan. 10, 2013 from small arms fire. Sgt. David J. Chambers, 25, of Hampton, Virginia, died Jan. 16, 2013 from a roadside bomb. Sgt. Robert J. Billings, 30, of Clarksville, Virginia, died Oct. 13, 2012 when enemy forces attacked with an improvised explosive device. Staff Sgt. Jonathan P. Schmidt, 28, of Petersburg, Va., died Sept. 1, 2012 from enemy small arms fire. 1st Lt. Stephen C. Prasnicki, 24, of Lexington, Virginia, died June 27, 2012, from a roadside bomb.

Aaron Carson Vaughn, 30, was one of 30 American service members and 22 Navy SEALs killed Aug. 6, 2011 when their Chinook helicopter was shot down in Afghanistan. Vaughn's family has ties to McLean and Burke. He was survived by his wife, Kimberly, and their two children.

Spc. Douglas Jay Green, 23 of Sterling, died Aug. 28, 2011, when insurgents attacked his unit using a roadside bomb in Afghanistan. Green enlisted in 2007, after attending Potomac Falls High School.

Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25, of Fairfax Station, died June 18, 2010 at Zhari district, Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device.

May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23 of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19 of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23 of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. Stephan L. Mace, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan.

Bill Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. After Sept. 11, 2001, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. His application to become a Marine was denied because of his age, but he successfully lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption.

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. 2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Georgia. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington.

Pfc. David Sharrett II, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son. But the senior Sharrett has battled to learn the truth about his son's death, that he was killed by his lieutenant in a "friendly fire" incident. In April, 2012, Sharrett Sr. obtained documents confirming some of the details of his son's death and a subsequent cover-up.

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, 26, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept.

23, 2008, while serving in Iraq, from small arms fire.

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet.

Ami Neiberger-Miller lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq. He was 22.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, when an IED exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006.

Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

U.S. Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after Sept. 11, 2001.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq on Oct. 29, 2005.

Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded. Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Iraq five days earlier.

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhruz, Iraq. Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamowski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria; Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church, Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria, and Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

Capt. Jesse A. Ozbat, 28 of Prince George, Virginia, died on May 20, 2012 in Afghanistan from a roadside bomb. Constructionman Trevor J. Stanley, 22, of Virginia Beach, died April 7, 2012 while deployed to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. Pfc. Michael W. Pyron, 30, of Hopewell, Va., died Jan. 10, 2012 in Afghanistan. Maj. Samuel M. Griffith, 36, of Virginia Beach, died Dec. 14, 2011 in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. James Ronald Leep Jr., 44 of Richmond, died Oct. 17, 2011 at Forward Operating Base Kalsu in Iraq. Spc. Levi Efrain Nuncio, 24 of Harrisonburg, died June 22, 2011 in Afghanistan. Capt. Michael Wray Newton, 30 of Newport

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Firefighters and paramedics from Fire Station 1 in McLean saved Delaney Saslav's life three years ago.



The Fire Station 1 in McLean crew presented Delaney with a little heart necklace.

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A Special Reunion

BY LT. KARRIE LEIGH BOSWELL (RETIRED)
FAIRFAX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE

You run many calls in a fire service career. You meet many families. Some you never, ever forget. I was so happy I got to spend time recently with one of those families, along with the firefighters, at Fire Station 1 in McLean.

Five years ago, nearly to the day, a then-3-year-old Ms. Delaney Saslav fell into a pool. She stopped breathing, and her heart stopped beating. Firefighters and paramedics from Fire Station 1 were sent to help bring her back. Thankfully, the crew working that day was able to do just that.

Mom and Dad — Jill and Andy, always tell us we

are their heroes. The opposite is true for us. Delaney and her family are our heroes. To see this little girl running, laughing, and playing with her little brother, Ian, in the fire house this day was a heartfelt and humbling experience.

Several of the firefighters who were on that call five years ago, including this retiree, were in attendance. We were all so glad we got to see Delaney and her family before they leave for another part of the country.

You inspire us every day Delaney, and you always remind us of how precious life is.

Since Delaney will always have our hearts, the crew presented her with a little heart necklace to wear around her neck as a reminder of that. She was also presented other mementos to remember us by.

WEEK IN MCLEAN

Used Book Collection Dates Announced

In preparation for the 48th annual Used Book Sale this fall, the McLean Area American Association of University Women (AAUW) will be collecting used books, CDs, DVDs, software, children's books, and recent textbooks on the following dates:

- ❖ June 3 and 24
- ❖ July 15
- ❖ August 5

Collection times are 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Sun Trust Bank, 515 Maple Ave., Vienna. Proceeds from this annual event support scholarships for women. No encyclopedias, VHS or audio tapes.

Fundraiser Supporting McLean High Theatre Boosters

A fundraiser for McLean High School Theatre Boosters has been announced by HBC Group's (Keller Williams Realty) Community Charity Champions. Come to dinner on Tuesday, June 13, from 5-8 p.m. at Pulcinella Italian Host in McLean to support the Boosters. Enjoy dinner and know that approximately 70 percent of the proceeds from food and drink will go to McLean High School Theatre Boosters as long as the diner brings the flyer for the event. Contact HBC Group at 703-734-0192 or visit www.HBCGroupKW.com to receive a flyer.

Sponsors of the event are: Karen Briscoe and Lizzy Conroy with the HBC Group of Keller Williams Realty, Marcus Simon with EKKO Title, Kevin Dougherty of Pillar to Post, Kathy and Justin Neal of The Neal Team/SunTrust Mortgage, Jim Harris of BOWA, The McLean Chamber of Commerce, and Moe Jebali with Pulcinella Italian Host.



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Public Hearing Notice Fairfax County Secondary Six Year Plan

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and The Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, in accordance with Section 33.2-331 of the Code of Virginia, will conduct a joint public hearing in the Board Auditorium, Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035 at 3 p.m. on June 20, 2017.

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on the Secondary Six Year Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2018 through 2023. Copies of the proposed plan may be reviewed at the VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.

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Persons wishing to speak at this public hearing should contact the Office of the Clerk to the County Board of Supervisors at 703-324-3151.



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Send entertainment announcements to connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. Deadline is Friday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

Artists Show. Various times through May 31 at the Broadway Gallery, 1025-J Seneca Road, Great Falls. "Levels of Abstraction," show featuring the works of Hiromi Ashlin, Genna Gurvich, Sandi Ritchie Miller, and Buck Nelligan. Visit www.broadwaygallery.net or call 703-450-8005 for more.

Artists Show. Various times through May 31 at Katie's Coffee House, Village Center, 760 Walker Road, Great Falls. Artist Joyce Lee. Call 703-759-2759 for more.

Youth Chorus Auditions. Through June 6 at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Road, SW. The Fairfax Choral Society encourages children between the ages of 5-13 to audition for one of three choirs that meet at the Vienna campus. Email dlamberth@fairfaxchoralsociety.org or call 703-642-3277 for more.

Free Tai Chi. Every Saturday, from 7:55-9 a.m., Introduction and Beginners' Practice, meet on the outdoor basketball court located directly behind the Dolley Madison Public Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave. in McLean Central Park, McLean. Call 703-759-9141 or visit www.FreeTaiChi.org for more.

The Golden Girls of Northern Virginia, a senior women's softball league, is looking for players. Any woman over the age of 40 is encouraged to join. All skill levels are welcome. Play on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings in Vienna. Visit www.goldengirls.org.

First Sunday Jazz Brunch 11-2 p.m. Recurring monthly on the 1st Sunday at Bazin's on Church 111 Church St N.W., Vienna. Enjoy brunch accompanied by the soft jazz sounds of Virginia Music Adventure. Visit www.fxva.com/listing/bazins-on-church/1686/

The Freeman Store & Museum Wednesday through Sunday noon-4 p.m. 131 Church St. NE, Vienna. The Freeman Store & Museum is dedicated to Preserving and promoting Vienna's heritage through the identification, preservation, and interpretation of history significant places, events, and persons. Historicviennainc.org

Weekly Storytime. Wednesday and Saturday. 11 a.m. Barnes & Noble, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Themes and titles vary. Free admission.

Bingo Night. Sundays. 4 p.m. Flame Room, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St. S, Vienna. \$10. www.vvfd.org/bingo.html.

Gentle Yoga. Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Emmaus United Church of Christ, 900 E Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Gentle Kundalini Yoga, one free introductory session, senior discounts. Increase flexibility, improve breathing and health, reduce stress. Ravi Kaur has 15 years experience teaching yoga. \$15 per session. www.edimprovement.org. 571-213-3192.

Fishing Rod Rentals 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Rentals available during visitor center hours. Fishing tackle and live bait are available for purchase. Reservations required for group rentals. \$6/rental (2 hour max). Valid driver's license required. Rod/reel combinations are perfect for beginners and children. A Virginia or Maryland freshwater fishing license is required for those 16 years or older. The park does not



Photo Exhibit

PHOTO BY SILVIA GONZALEZ ROMAN

"On the Bay" Photographs, on display June 1-July 1 during normal business hours at Katie's Coffee House, Village Center, 760 Walker Road, Great Falls. Silvia Gonzalez Roman will exhibit her pictures taken around the Chesapeake Bay. Visit oldbrogue.com/katies-coffee-house/ or call 703-759-2759 for more.

sell fishing licenses. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/

Colvin Run Mill open 11 - 4 p.m. daily, closed Tuesday. 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Fairfax County's operational 19th century water powered gristmill, offers recreational and educational activities for all ages through daily

tours, school programs and special events. Fees: \$7/adult, \$6 students 16+ with ID, \$5 children & seniors. Admission to park is free except for some special events.

Fundamentals of Watercolors. Mondays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Arts of Great Falls, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. Artist Lorrie Herman will help students get comfortable

working with watercolors and understanding this medium. Visit www.greatfallsart.org for more.

Still Life Painting. Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Arts of Great Falls, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. Still life provides a great tool to hone skills. Recommended for students of all levels. Visit www.greatfallsart.org for more.



Artist

PHOTO BY ROSEMARIE FORSYTHE

Meet the Artist Saturday, June 10 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Great Falls Studio, 10001 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Meet Rosemarie Forsythe and learn about her exhibit titled "Conceptual Illuminations" which runs through July 1. Visit www.greatfallsstudios.com/ for more.

Evening Painting. Tuesdays 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at The Arts of Great Falls, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. Jill Banks focuses on oil painting fundamentals with two sessions each of still life, landscapes, and portrait/clothed figure from a live model. Visit www.greatfallsart.org for more.

Intro to Jewelry Design. Tuesdays 9 a.m.-noon at The Arts of Great Falls, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. JJ Singh teaches a class for anyone interested in exploring the world of metal clay and its design possibilities. Visit www.greatfallsart.org for more.

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JUNE 1-JULY 1

"Slice of Life: Great Falls." Normal business hours at in the TD Bank, 9901 Georgetown Pike. Jill Banks exhibits her oil paintings during bank opening hours seven days a week including "First Friday Art Walk" on June 2 until 7 p.m. Visit www.greatfallsstudios.com.

FRIDAY/JUNE 2

Summer on the Green Concert. 6:30 p.m. at 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Featuring the U.S. Navy Commodores. Visit www.viennava.gov or call 703-255-6360.

Great Falls Village Centre Open House. 6-8 p.m. at 9901 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Artists on hand and live music at The Old Brogue at 9 p.m. Visit oldbrogue.com for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 3

Riverbend Park Benefit. 6-9 p.m. at the Riverbend Park Visitors' Center, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Fundraiser for the benefit of Riverbend Park sponsored by the Friends of Riverbend Park. \$50 for adults, \$25 for children, \$125 for families. Register at www.forb.wildapricot.org.

Vienna Lions Club 75th Anniversary. 2-4 p.m. at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E. Featuring Nighthawks Swing Band, food, beverages, and a sight and hearing van offering checks for all ages. Go to www.viennava.gov for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 4

Blessing of the Animals. 2-4 p.m. at the Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road. Bring dogs, cats, or other companion, to the Blessing of the Animals. Visit www.antiochecienna.org for more.

McLean Symphony. 7 p.m. at the Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. International Treasures, with Spotlight on the Organ, including local organist David Lang. Visit <https://web.ovationtix.com> for more.

TUESDAY/JUNE 6

Mini-Golf for Chari-TEE. 1 p.m. at Oakmarr Recreation Center, 3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton. \$8. Proceeds to benefit the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna. Call 703-281-0538 for more.

THURSDAY/JUNE 8

Griffin House Concert. 7:30 p.m. at Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna. \$20 or \$25 door. Call 877-

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ENTERTAINMENT



On the Green

Summer on the Green Concert, Friday, June 2 featuring U.S. Navy Commodores. 6:30 p.m. at 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Free. Visit www.viennava.gov or call 703-255-6360.

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JUNE 14-AUG. 15

"Summer in the City" Art Show. Normal business hours at Brightview, 10200 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Members of Great Falls Studios will exhibit their work in a show. Call 703-759-2513 for more.

MONDAY/JUNE 12

Musician Alex Hassan. noon-3 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna. Hassan will be playing melodies from the era between World War I and World War II. \$10 required by June 6. Call 703-281-

FRIDAY/JUNE 16

Chillin' on Church. 6:30 p.m. at Church St., Vienna. Water games. Visit www.viennava.gov or call 703-255-6360.
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District Taco Opens in Tysons

District Taco opened its 10th location on Friday, May 26, at 1500 Cornerside Blvd., in the Tysons West development. The first 100 customers in line on opening day ate for free. The milestone will also be celebrated with raffles and other giveaways throughout the lunch rush.

District Taco traditionally celebrates each grand opening by giving back to the surrounding community and nonprofit organizations. For the Tysons Corner opening, District Taco will donate a portion of the day's profits to Wolf Trap Animal Rescue. This organization works to rescue dogs and cats from high-kill shelters in Mississippi and other states of the South, and to provide health care for at-risk animals. The rescue regularly hosts adoption events at the Tysons Corner PetSmart.

"This is our 10th location and this means a lot for the company considering the dream started with just a taco stand," Osiris Hoil, CEO and co-owner of District Taco, said in a press release. "Everything is possible when you work with smart and enthusiastic people and that's what District Taco has, plus delicious food."

In 2017, Hoil also plans to open District Taco restaurants in Riverdale Park, Md., and King of Prussia, Pa.



The first 100 customers in line on opening day ate for free and got to meet Osiris Hoil, CEO and co-owner of District Taco.



Osiris Hoil, CEO and co-owner of District Taco, began selling tacos out of a cart in 2009. District Taco now employs almost 400 people and operates multiple locations across the Greater Washington area.

SCHOOLS

Cooper, Langley, and Mclean students walking the track at Cooper.

PHOTO BY WILLIAM PAPPAS/ GRADE 7, COOPER MIDDLE SCHOOL



Relay For Life at Cooper Middle

Everyone has a dream. Cooper Middle School gave a lot of those people a chance to fulfill their dream. This year, on May 20, Cooper Middle School hosted a Relay For Life Walk-a-Thon with Langley and Mclean High school to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Relay For Life is a fundraiser in which members of a team walk around a track for 6-24 hours to support cancer research. The middle schoolers walked around for about six hours while the high schoolers were allowed to stay overnight and walk as long as they could.

“Relay For Life was great! It had lots of fun events and cool food trucks. I really enjoyed it and it

was really good that they were doing this to raise money for cancer research,” said William Pappas, grade 7.

Eighth grader, Audrey Wallach, had started making a Cooper Relay For Life junior team. This is the second year in a row that this fundraising event has been held at Cooper and because of Audrey it certainly won't be the last!

Hundreds of dollars were raised through Relay For Life for the American Cancer Society.

For more information about Relay For Life or giving a donation, visit RelayForLife.org.

— NIKHITA RASTOGI
GRADE 7, COOPER MIDDLE SCHOOL



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The show, featuring music from the 1920s to the present day, takes place June 1-2 at Marshall High School in Falls Church.

Marshall High Choir to Present Songs Through the Decades

Bring the whole family to enjoy decades of golden oldies at Marshall High School Statesmen Choir's spring show, “Marshall Rewind: Songs Through the Decades.” The show, featuring music from the 1920s to the present day, takes place June 1-2 at Marshall High School in Falls Church.

The musical revue will showcase the talent of Marshall's four choir ensembles and two acapella groups with songs that everyone knows and loves ranging from big band classics by Frank Sinatra to soulful hits by Aretha Franklin to '80s chart toppers by Billy Joel and Cindy Lauper to current-day ballads by John Mayer.

“The Marshall Choir spring show is always a feast for the eyes and ears,” said choir director Kelli Pierson. “Not only is there amazing vocal diversity among our students but the costumes and the sets create a festive and interactive mood. We welcome music lovers of all ages to celebrate with us.”

The show will be performed in Marshall High School's auditorium, 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, on Thursday, June 1 and Friday, June 2 at 7 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the box office: \$5 for children 10 and under, \$7 for students and seniors, and \$10 for adults.

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Prepping for a Home Remodel



A home remodel can be disruptive to say the least. But careful planning and managing expectations can certainly go a long way. Here are a few tips to help prepare for this exciting endeavor.

Timing is Key

Plan the remodel when it works best for you and your family. Do you have an event coming up that you would like to have the remodel completed for? Is it easier to do the remodel when kids are in school?

Set Up a Temporary Kitchen

Often, major home renovations include a kitchen remodel. A temporary kitchen in another area of the home with a refrigerator, microwave and coffeepot can allow you to continue to function during the remodel.

De-clutter Your Space

A major home remodel provides the perfect opportunity to de-clutter. Purging items you no longer need will make you feel great and make your remodel look that much more amazing.

Most importantly, don't lose sight of the end goal. Look forward to the beautifully remodeled space because that is what makes it all worthwhile!



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Transform 66 Outside the Beltway

Fairfax County and Prince William County

Public Information Meetings

All meeting times are 6-8:30 p.m. A brief presentation at each meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Monday, June 12, 2017

Oakton High School Cafeteria
2900 Sutton Road, Vienna, VA 22181

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Stone Middle School Cafeteria
5500 Sully Park Drive, Centreville, VA 20120

Thursday, June 15, 2017

Piney Branch Elementary School Cafeteria/Gym
8301 Linton Hall Road, Bristow, VA 20136

Find out about plans to transform 22.5 miles of I-66 from I-495/ Capital Beltway to University Boulevard in Gainesville to provide congestion relief and enhanced safety, as well as new travel choices and reliability.

Stop by between 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to view the preliminary concept plans submitted by I-66 Express Mobility Partners, VDOT's selected partner for the project, and learn more about the proposed improvements. Attend the formal presentation at 7 p.m. VDOT and I-66 Express Mobility Partners staff will be available to answer your questions.

Review project information at www.Transform66.org, at the meetings, or at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030. Please call 800-FOR-ROAD (800-367-7623) or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions. Preliminary concept plans and project schedule will be available at the meetings for review and public comment. Staff will also be available to answer questions regarding environmental, right of way and civil rights information.

Give your oral or written comments at the meetings. You may also email comments to Transform66@VDOT.Virginia.gov or mail them to Susan Shaw, P.E., Megaprojects Director, at the VDOT Northern Virginia District Office address above. Please reference “Transform 66 Outside the Beltway” in the subject line. A summary of comments submitted by **June 30, 2017** will be posted on the project website.

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The proposed redevelopment area is bordered by Beverly Road on the north, Old Dominion Drive to the east, Chain Bridge Road to the south and Ingleside Avenue to the west.



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The oval space in the center of the largest public plaza is large enough to hold 150 to 200 people and would feature planters that people can sit on.

‘Main Street’ Redevelopment Plan Revised

The proposal is calling for a pedestrian-oriented mix of office, retail and residential uses.

BY FALLON FORBUSH
THE CONNECTION

Property owners of the Old Dominion Shopping Center and the Chain Bridge Corner Shopping Center are working to revise their redevelopment plan to turn the spaces into one combined mixed-use development.

McLean Properties, which is representing project landowners, received so much feedback from the community — primarily concern over open space and building height — that it is going to modify its original proposal.

The project’s preliminary designs were first promoted to the public in February. A follow up meeting was held in the cafeteria of McLean High School on Tuesday, May 23.

The proposal is calling for a pedestrian-oriented mix of office, retail and residential uses and is based on a “Main Street” concept that is envisioned in the county’s comprehensive plan for McLean. The Giant grocery store and its parking lot, the PNC Bank and the Old Firehouse Teen Center on Chain Bridge Road will remain in place. The rest will be redeveloped.

The planned changes include reducing the heights of the buildings from the original maximum height of eight stories to a range of three to six stories. This has reduced the project by 225,000 square feet, according to Betsy Frantz, a spokesperson for McLean Properties.

The sidewalks have also been expanded to be between 15- and 17-foot wide. The pedestrian plaza that is the primary gathering space for the development has also been enlarged to about 15,000 square feet. A new and smaller public plaza was also incorporated into the design that is more than 2,000 square feet. Another space at the corner of Center Street and Redmond Drive was also added, which is about 3,500 square feet with outdoor seating for a restaurant.

These changes have also changed the



Different facades will be used throughout the buildings in the redevelopment, but the area will be tied together through uniform streetscapes and “rhythms of the structures,” said Ken Wiseman, design principal for CannonDesign who is the lead designer on the project.

project’s rent potential.

THE PLAN originally included 425 residential units, approximately 470,000 square feet of office space and about 125,000 square feet of retail space, not including the existing Giant grocery store.

The revised design will include 380 residential units, 340,000 square feet of office space and approximately 190,000 square feet of retail space.

The decision to make the residential units condominiums or apartments or a mix of both has not yet been determined, according to Frantz.

Zeynel Abidin Uzun, owner of the Kazan Restaurant which serves Turkish cuisine on Redmond Drive in the middle of the redevelopment, is not worried about being forced out when the terms of his lease are up for negotiation in two years.

McLean Properties, which represents landowners of the development, have also reassured him and other local business owners that “mom and pop” stores are an important part of their vision.

But it was clear that the redevelopment would affect rent in ways that some merchants can’t cope with.

At the meeting, McLean Properties told

the public that it would be helping relocate businesses to a new location at 1301 Beverly Road.

Details were not provided. In an email to the Connection, Frantz provided the following information:

“We are continuing to talk with our tenants about the types of space that they would like, and we are working with the county and Supervisor [John] Foust to find relocation options in downtown McLean for those tenants who would be displaced by the first phase of Main Street. The plan is to provide the opportunity for those businesses to move into their new spaces before construction on Main Street begins so that they can continue to operate with little or no interruption through the transition. One site that could be a relocation option is 1301 Beverly. Currently there is a two-story office building on the property, which we would replace with a one-story retail building. The new building could accommodate four to five tenants, which is about half of the businesses in the Old Dominion shopping center, where the first phase of Main Street is located. Even though the proposed building would be smaller than the one that currently exists, the property would need to be rezoned to allow a one-

story retail building.”

McLean Properties filed a proposal for a comprehensive plan amendment and rezoning with the county in April. The Fairfax County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors hearings were anticipated for November and December.

But this timeline will potentially be pushed with the anticipated changes McLean Properties outlined at the meeting once they are filed with the county.

“We have been working to incorporate the feedback we’ve received from the community and update the plan accordingly,” Frantz told the Connection over email. “The zoning application with all the technical sheets has not been updated yet.”

If the project is approved, construction could start in 2019 and its first phase could open in 2022.

THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE were not permitted to ask questions during the meeting. Instead, they were told they could submit questions in writing only.

“Not taking questions, it’s a way to shut us up,” said Joy Boston. “It makes me suspicious.”

Other audience members grumbled to each other after the meeting with, “I feel railroaded” and “We should have our own meeting where we call the shots” and “This is an outrage.”

The McLean Citizens Association Planning and Zoning Committee will be discussing the proposal during its meeting on Tuesday, May 30.

“As long as meetings like this are taking place, we don’t feel like we need to add more,” said Ron Bleeker, co-chair of the MCA Planning and Zoning Committee. “It’s still early in the process. There will be more meetings.”

Though Joanne Theon, who sat in the second row during the meeting, supports redeveloping the “unsightly” shopping complexes, she is skeptical of the plans.

“Common sense tells me that this is not going to be good for the community,” she said. “My main concern is congestion. We see what happens at Tysons. This won’t be the same congestion, but it’s more than I want to see. It’s going to be a nightmare.”



Camila Rodlauer

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Potomac School Senior to Play Soccer at Wesleyan University

Camila Rodlauer, a senior at The Potomac School, has committed to play Division III soccer for Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn.

Rodlauer, a four-year member of Potomac's varsity team, grew up playing on McLean Youth Soccer's travel team and has played on an Elite Clubs National League team since her freshman year of high school.

At Potomac, Rodlauer was also a four-year member of the varsity basketball team. This year, she captained a team that had its best season in over a decade, winning

the Independent School League co-championship.

Rodlauer cites a number of factors for her decision to attend Wesleyan. She says, "Academics was always number one for me. Wesleyan has an open curriculum that will allow me to explore my interests. I also appreciate Wesleyan's commitment to diversity and social justice."

Of the university's soccer program, she says, "I was impressed by the strong team dynamic and how welcoming the coach was. I think this is a place where I'll fit in and be able to make a contribution."

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NEWS

Marshall High Junior Receives 2017 STEM Excellence Award

The McLean Area Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) awarded Rose Rasty, a junior at George C. Marshall High School, the 2017 STEM Excellence Award at the AAUW Branch Annual Dinner, May 25. Rasty spoke to the group about her project after receiving a certificate and \$100 award.

This year's award recognized the work done by Rasty on the project, "Optimizing Oil Spill Remediation Using Ferrofluid and Algae." She demonstrated creativity in looking for a solution to cleaning up the environment after an oil spill.

A year ago, Rasty worked with a species of algae responsible for harmful algae blooms and came across recently published articles that described how algae could be used to break down hydrocarbons in oil. She also investigated the properties of ferrofluid that can extract oil with the use of a magnet and was able to devise a method of combining these two extremely different remedies to apply them to cleaning up oil spills. She credits both teachers and her parents for providing guidance and support throughout the course of her project.

Rasty's project finished in first place at Marshall High School's Science Fair, and at the Fairfax County Regional Fair held in March, she was recognized as a Grand Prize nominee. She also took third place in States Science Fair, and her work has been recog-



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Rose Rasty, a junior at Marshall High School, was presented with the AAUW McLean Area Branch 2017 STEM Excellence Award at its Annual Dinner on May 25. Shown, from left, are Aroona Borpujari, Branch Co-President; Betsy Schroeder, Branch Co-President; Judy Page, Branch STEM Chair; Rose Rasty; and Marjaneh Javdan, Rose's mother.

nized by the MIT Club of Washington and the Stockholm Water Prize.

For more information on the American Association of University Women and the McLean Area Branch, visit the AAUW McLean Area website at mclean-va.aauw.net.

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OPINION

Memorial Day 2017

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News, died June 11, 2011 in Afghanistan. Capt. Charles A. Ransom, 31, of Midlothian was one of eight airmen who died April 27, 2011, at the Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, from gunfire. Sgt. Sean T. Callahan, 23, of Warrenton died April 23, 2011 in combat in Afghanistan. Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Venetz Jr., 30, of Prince William died Jan. 28, 2011 in Afghanistan, after being seriously wounded months before. Spc. Sean R. Cutsforth, 22, of Radford, died Dec. 15, 2010 in Afghanistan. Spc. William K. Middleton, 26, of Norfolk died Nov. 22, 2010 in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabacoy, 30, of Virginia Beach died July 5, 2010, in Afghanistan.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

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THURSDAYS/MAY 25-JUNE 29

Chronic Disease Self-Management. 9-11:30 a.m. at Kaiser Permanente - Tysons Corner, 8008 Westpark Drive, McLean. Fairfax County is offering a free Chronic Disease Self-Management program. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/chronic-disease.htm or call 703-324-5489, TTY 711.

SATURDAY/JUNE 3

Flea Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Vendors needed. Call 703-281-4411, email office@oaktonbrethren.org or visit www.oaktonbrethren.org.

Quarterly Recycling Days. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the the Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill St., NE. The Town will accept electronics as well as used motor oil, antifreeze, and batteries. Visit viennava.gov/quarterlyrecycling or call 703-255-6380 for more.

MONDAY/JUNE 12

VDOT I-66 Meeting. 6-8:30 p.m. at Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road, Vienna. Plans to transform 22.5 miles of I-66 from I-495 to Gainesville will be featured. Visit Transform66.org or email Transform66@VDOT.Virginia.gov for more.

TUESDAY/JUNE 27

Public Meeting. 7 p.m. at the Great Falls Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The Fairfax County Park Authority has started an update of the Turner Farm Park master plan and would like to gather input on the plan from community residents. Information session and discussion is open to the public. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/turnerfarm.htm, call 703-324-8662 or email Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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Price Points — In the Wrong Direction



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not that I need a pound bag of M&Ms to weigh 16 actual ounces (it's now down to 10.70 oz.) or a half gallon of ice cream to weigh 64 ounces (rather than the 48 oz. it currently is) or the "family" size bag of Utz potato chips to measure more than its current/meager/non-typical-family size of 9.5 ounces (down from 14 ounces that I remember), nevertheless; I do need to feel the love, and right now I don't. I sort of understand price points and the business models ingrained to retain customer loyalty (price matters more than size, generally), but I am hard-pressed to ignore the fact that even though I'm spending the same amount of money as I always have, I'm not getting anywhere near the same amount of product as I always have.

Not that the few items I've listed here are staples (well, maybe not to you they aren't), or the necessary building blocks of a healthy diet, they are pieces to a puzzle which characterizes some of my eating habits — and probably some of yours, too. After all, we are all victims of advertising messages which bombard us 24-7, on television, on radio, in print and on devices. In a way, we're all sitting ducks targeted to quack accordingly because some entity/marketing strategist knows who we are, what we're doing and when we're doing it. It's not exactly "Big Brother," but it's a bit more than "Little Sister."

My brother, Richard and I grew up in the 50s. We ate cookies, candy and snack cakes until the cows came home, and we didn't even live on a farm. Quite the opposite, we lived in suburbia, seven miles from Boston, according to the sign on Rte. 9. We ate dessert after breakfast, lunch and dinner and a few times in between: after school and before bedtime. Why? Because my mother had been non-stop advertised-to about the importance of calcium and the best way for children to get calcium was to drink eight glasses of milk per day to "build strong bones and healthy bodies." And the only way to get us boys to drink that much milk was to feed us something for which milk was a kind of elixir: cookies, cakes, snack cakes, etc. So we ate and drink to our hearts content, but more importantly, we ate and drank to the development of our bones and bodies. And so it continues to this day, sort of, mostly. As my sister-in-law, Vanessa says and then laughs after listening to Richard and I talk about our dessert issues: "Boy, your mother did some job on you two."

I'm exaggerating, a bit, with respect to our current daily consumption. I mean, who could keep up that pace? Moreover, given certain age/weight/cancer realities (particularly concerning yours truly), it would be totally, extraordinarily irresponsible to continue to snack-cake and cookie our way through the day. Still, the urge to splurge seems hard-wired into our brains and when the moment is right, it might not be Cialis that we always think of. (Do you remember the Seinfeld episode when George was determined to combine sex and eating and brought a sandwich to bed? For the record, the thought has never crossed my mind.)

I imagine as you've read this column you've developed a sense that given the Lourie's long-standing — and sitting commitment to such hedonistic pursuits, pennies, nickels, dimes or quarters on the dollar are unlikely to dissuade either one of us from our Santa-like appointed rounds.

Still, we're not idiots. We're aware of the effects on our bodies if we devolve into the snack cake eating machines of our youth/adolescence. We're not getting any younger nor are we likely getting any thinner or healthier. I'd like to think we've gotten smarter and more respectful of what foods go in and by association what money goes out.

But as difficult as it is to turn an ocean liner around after it's headed out to sea, so too is it difficult for yours truly to care less about what I've spent my entire life caring more about: desert/sweets. However, I do anticipate a reaction to this most recent size reduction. As my mother, Celia, used to say: "It's enough already."

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