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A Disaster for Northern Virginia

Connolly holds roundtable on congressional tax plan.

By Andrea Worker

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) says that he and his Democratic colleagues are more than willing to work in a bipartisan effort on meaningful tax reform. “As a leader of the New Democrat Coalition, a group of pro-business Democrats, I have written on several occasions to Speaker Paul Ryan and Ways and Means Chairman Kevin Brady asking them to partner with us … to simplify the tax code, create revenue … and provide middle class tax relief.”

Speaking at a roundtable gathering that the congressman hosted at the offices of the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors (NVAR) on Monday, Nov. 13, to discuss the consequences of the GOP tax plans, Connolly says those overtures have been rejected.

“Congress had a real opportunity to pursue neutral tax reform that would lower corporate tax rates and benefit the middle class.” Connolly expressed “deep disappointment” at the House and Senate bills being proposed, categorizing both as “shameful, corporate giveaways” that will have unprecedented and far-reaching negative effects on Northern Virginia, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the nation.

Connolly reported that by using “dynamic scoring” – a method of analysis that includes the potential feedback effect certain tax cuts can have, and that he said Republicans often advocate “because it provides more generous deficit projections for tax cuts” – the proposals actually increase the country’s deficit to $1.5 trillion over 10 years, “and somebody has to pay that bill.”

An assessment of the tax plans by Congress’ bipartisan Joint Taxation Committee released on Monday, Nov. 20, seems to support the congressman’s concerns. The committee’s analysis projects that some 13.8 million moderate-income American households would actually see a tax increase as a result of the Senate plan by 2019. Households earning less than $200,000 per year would face increases of $100 to $500. The tax liability rises even more for earners between $75,000 and $200,000. According to the analysis, tax increases would be felt by 21.4 million households by the year 2025.

Connolly likened the plans to previously failed “trickle-down” attempts at tax reform and economic stimulus. “1981, 2001, 2003. The Reagan and Bush tax cuts. So disastrous that they had to eliminate the needed funds. “Then in the early 2000s, President George W. Bush took the record surpluses of the Clinton era and created record deficits.” Connolly added that the trickle-down theory is based on “the hope and the prayer that such tax cuts will someday pay for themselves,” but that history has already proven “that assumption to be false.”

TO DISCUSS THE IMPACT of the proposed legislation on the Northern Virginia region, Connolly convened a group of local business leaders, economists and financial experts, as well as participants representing social service providers, persons with long-term medical and care needs, economists, parents of students with significant student debt, and seniors.

Connolly set the stage for the discussion with a few more facts and figures, although he cautioned that “we still haven’t seen the whole of either proposed legislation.”

* “The plans either repeal or limit several tax breaks that are crucial to Northern Virginians, including medical and dental expense deductions, premium for long-term care insurance, in-home and nursing home care, and mortgage interest deductions.

* The state and local income tax (SALT) deductions would be limited or even repealed. In Connolly’s 11th District, 50 percent of tax filers claim the SALT deduction, with 75 percent of the claimants being in middle income tax brackets. The number of SALT claimants throughout Fairfax County is as high as 280,000 households.

* The plans call for the repeal of Estate Tax, which only applies to about the wealthiest 5,000 decedents each year, while cutting adoption tax credits and credits for small businesses that invest in accessibility improvements for persons with disabilities.

* According to the Tax Policy Center, after-tax income for the top 1 percent of earners would rise by about 2.6 percent by 2027, while those at the bottom 80 percent would see after-tax increase of between 0.0 percent and 0.6 percent.

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U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) meets with local leaders to discuss the consequences of the proposed Senate and House GOP Tax Reform Bills. Connolly admitted from the start that he wasn’t there to “sing their praises.”

ADDITIONALLY, THE REALTORS foresee a decrease in housing stock that is already an issue, and even see Fairfax County’s success toward ending and preventing homelessness, slip into reverse, as developers are less able than ever to profitably build affordable housing.

Continuing the “ripple effect” theme, JoAnne Carter, managing director of PFM Financial Advisors, LLC, said that the proposals threaten the means by which municipalities, nonprofits and other businesses fund their services and investments in improvements and expansion.

“Eliminating Private Activity Bonds and causing current “advance refinancing,” said Carter is severely hampering the ability to finance the basics, like “schools, roads, hospitals, transportation, airports, sea ports, all of it.”

That in turn “increases the burden on the counties,” said Adamson, while potentially depleting their main source of revenue. For municipalities like Fairfax County, that are, in essence, only able to raise funds through property tax, the choices are dauntingly few. Either raise those taxes significantly, or reduce expenditure on infrastructure and public and social services.

And if we damage our AAA Bond rating,” added Carter, “it costs more for these municipalities and service providers to borrow.”

According to Carter, Fairfax County could save between $3-12 million when re-financing with a Triple A Bond rating. “Losing that could mean that public structures just don’t get built.”

Nancy Mercer, a licensed clinical social worker and the former executive director of the ARC of Northern Virginia, and Ridge Multop, an economist, former AARP Congressional Affairs and former House Budget Committee staffer, both discussed the impact the proposed tax bills could have on seniors, those with long-term care and/or medical issues, and those most in need and most vulnerable in the community.

Multop “put a face” on the discussion, speaking about an economist friend. “He’s 85 years old, on a fixed income, in assisted living. He looked at how these bills would impact him based on his 2016 tax filing and said it would raise his taxes by more than $3,000. How do people like him cope with that?”

Eliminating tax deductions for medical expenses and long-term care would be harmful to seniors, Multop said, possibly forcing more into custodial care and placing an additional burden on municipalities.

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McLean WinterFest parade will be held Sunday, Dec. 3. To register to be in the parade, go to the WinterFest site at www.mcleanwinterfest.org. View the parade with the slideshow and video from last year’s entries while planning for WinterFest 2017, McLean’s only community parade.

Again this year, WinterFest will present a check to Share of McLean, the local organization that does so much to help families in need. “We’ll be asking parade observers and participants to share their good fortune with those who have fallen on hard times by bringing grocery, pharmacy or clothing store gift cards to the parade for Share,” explained Trish Butler, chair of the parade steering committee. “We’re also looking for local businesses to become sponsors of the parade to help underwrite the costs. We welcome locals to go to the parade web site to find out more about donor information.”

The parade route will be the same as previous years: Old Chain Bridge Road from Fleetwood Road to Elm Street. The parade route will be closed from 2 to 5 p.m. on Dec. 3. Plan ahead for this; the only exceptions to the road closure by the police will be in the event of emergency. There will be no entering or exiting Langley Shopping Center or exiting from other side streets along the parade route during these hours. In addition to the actual parade route, Beverly Road and Fleetwood Road to Old Chain Bridge Road will be closed to non-parade traffic starting at 2 p.m.

There is still no fee to be an entry in the parade, but any business or group wanting to participate must register by Nov. 24.

WinterFest will have food trucks again this year in the Langley Shopping Center: Mama’s Donut Bites, Crepe Love and Rockland’s BBQ.

Peggy Fox from WUSA/Channel 9 will call the parade from the Fairfax County Showmobile situated in Langley Shopping Center. Pre-parade entertainment will be provided by local schools – Chesterbrook, Westgate and Kent Gardens — and will be introduced by Bill DuBose. Bach to Rock students will perform prior to and after the parade.

The parade will step off at 3:30 p.m. sharp.

For more information on WinterFest and this year’s rules, go to the website at www.mcleanwinterfest.org.

Successful ‘Arts Night Out’
The New Dominion Women’s Club hosted “Arts Night Out,” an event that offers the combination of a social gathering featuring art and appetizers along with a silent auction at McLean Project for the Arts (MPA). The event raised money for non-profits including Friends of Pleasant Grove, McLean Project for the Arts, Safe Community Coalition, and SHARE, Inc. Pictured, from left, event committee members: Jaimie Galbreath, Erika Keough, Paige Himes, Desi Woltman, Mary Ann Miller and MPA Executive Director Lori Carbonneau.

Twenty-five Potomac School Students Earn National Merit National Scholarship Notice

Twenty-five seniors at The Potomac School have earned special recognition from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

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❖ National Merit Semifinalist (among the top 16,000 scorers nationwide): Madeline Cunnion, Tracey Mills, and Jasmine Terrones
❖ Commended Student (among the top 50,000 performers nationwide): Caroline Case, William Debayo-Doherty, Laila Germanis, Jason Gould, Seyoung Hong, Helen Horan, Caroline Jackson, David Kiemn, Nicole Manning, Maria Petrosinelli, Matthew Plaza, Thomas Rollins, Catherine Rooney, Tyler Sanok, Chloe Searchinger, William Socas, William Thompson, Brian Wilson, Jolie Zhang, and Tina Zvinys
❖ National Hispanic Recognition Program Recipient (among the top 5,000 scores out of the 250,000 Hispanic students who took the PSAT):arris Sepulveda, TJ Sharkey, and Jasmine Terrones

For more information, go to the website at www.mcleanwinterfest.org.
Express Lanes are coming to I-66 inside the Beltway in December 2017. Soon, anyone can travel these lanes during rush hour. If carpooling, you can travel for free with an E-ZPass Flex. If driving alone, you’ll need to pay a toll with an E-ZPass.

Learn more at 66expresslanes.org and enjoy your toll-free carpool ride.
OPINION

Shop Locally, Give Locally

Every day is for shopping small and shopping locally.

An effort to support locally owned businesses has resulted in the recognition of Small Business Saturday, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. This year that is Nov. 25. Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, is promoted as a day of national zeal for shopping. Presumably the next day shoppers can focus on local shopping.

There is a joy to shopping in local stores at the holidays, to walking along a sidewalk with the streets decked out for the holidays, to being greeted by someone likely to be the owner of the store, to finding gifts that are not mass-produced.

EDITORIAL

Short Deadline for Children’s Edition

During the last week of each year, this newspaper devotes its pages to the creativity of local students and children. The results are always remarkable. It is a keepsake edition for many families. Even readers without children of that age spend time admiring and chuckling over the issue. The annual Children’s Connection (including Children’s Gazette, Children’s Almanac and Children's Centre View) is a tradition of well over a decade.

We publish artwork, poetry, essays, creative writing, opinion pieces, short stories, photography, photos of sculpture or other creative efforts.

We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent via email, dropbox or google drive or delivered on CD or flash drive. Writing should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf). Artwork should be photographed or scanned and provided in jpeg format.

We welcome contributions from public and private schools, individuals and homeschoolers. To be published, we must have first and last name of the student. Please include the student’s age and/or grade, school attended and town of residence, plus the name of the school, name of teacher and town of school location. Provide submissions by Friday, Dec. 1.

Email submissions for the Children’s Edition to the following editors:

❖ For Burke, Clifton, Fairfax, Fairfax Station, Great Falls, Herndon, Lorton, McLean, Reston, or Springfield, email to Kemal Kurspahic at kemal@connectionnewspapers.com.

❖ For Alexandria, Arlington, Centreville, Chantilly, Mount Vernon, or Potomac, Md., email to Steven Mauren at smauren@connectionnewspapers.com.

— Mary Kimm
mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com

Focus on Community Policing, Positive Outreach


Focus on community policing needs to be reined in.

We all benefit when local stores thrive, when local business districts beckon. Small, locally owned shops, service and restaurant depend on vibrant local communities to thrive. Most small, locally owned businesses invest in community, helping to transform our towns and communities with a sense of place.

Supporting small businesses, locally owned businesses, has to be more than a one-day affair. And in this area, there doesn’t have to be anything small about shopping locally.

If ICE places an arrest warrant on an individual who is not ICE to determine who is a priority for deportation. Before 2016, ICE operated under the Priority Enforcement Program and focused its efforts on deporting undocumented immigrants with serious criminal records. Under the Trump Administration, the Priority Enforcement Program no longer exists, and any immigrant who is in the country illegally may be selected by ICE for deportation.

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Langley High Wind Symphony Kicks-Off New Concert Season

The Langley High School Wind Symphony kicked off their concert season on Nov. 17, performing by invitation at the Virginia Music Educators Association annual conference for the first time in school history.

The Wind Symphony, which consistently receives Superior ratings at District Assessments, demonstrated their range, performing a wide variety of pieces, including ancient sacred music, a Spanish march, an all-percussion dance piece, mid-century classic Bugler’s Holiday by Leroy Anderson, and more.

They ended their performance with an adaptation of a joyous piece originally written for violin quartet titled Peat Dance, arranged for the group by Langley Band Director Doug Martin and FCPS colleague Alan Johnson. The VMEA performance was previewed in a concert at Langley Auditorium on Nov. 8.

Future Langley concerts include a Jazz Band concert on Dec. 7, and a concert featuring all four Langley bands on Dec. 14. The concerts will be at Langley High School in the new auditorium.

McLean Woman’s Club To Hold Annual ‘MarketPlace’ Fundraiser

The Woman’s Club of McLean will hold its free, annual MarketPlace fundraiser on Thursday, Dec. 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in conjunction with its annual Holiday Homes Tour the same day. The fundraiser, at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd. (Route 123), McLean, will feature more than a dozen vendors, as well as a silent auction of goods and services offered by 10 local businesses. In addition, lunch and tickets for the day’s Homes Tour will be for sale. Ample car parking will be available at the church.

The following vendors will be present: Two Laughing Ladies (fun apparel), Entertaining Designs by Melanie Barry, Claude Moore Colonial Farm, With You in Mind, Chez Madame Forestier, Ginny’s Gems (jewelry and accessories), Beauty Counter Cosmetics, Annalee Design Studios, Merry Stitches, USborne Books and More, Christmas Bakery and Christmas Gifts & Décor.

Silent-auction donors will include: Staybridge Suites, 1st Stage Theater, Mangan Jewelers, Fleming’s Steak House, Clyde’s Willow Creek, Your Dog’s Best Friend, Lamps Unlimited and Great Falls Organizers. Bidding will close at 3 p.m., with drawings at 3:30 p.m. (You need not be present to win; however, you must be available by phone.)

Lunch at Café Noel will be available between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The menu will be chicken salad, chicken on a bun, wraps, chili (vegetarian and meat), chips and rolls. Coffee, tea, soft drinks, water and desserts will be available all day.

All proceeds of the MarketPlace and the Holiday Homes Tour will be donated to local charities and nonprofits, such as Share Inc., Capital Caring, the Wounded Warrior program, Second Story (Alternative House), the McLean Project for the Arts, Claude Moore Colonial Park, the McLean Volunteer Fire Department and Fisher House, as well as used for scholarships and education.

For more information, call 703-556-0197 or visit www.mcleanwomansclub.org.

— Laura Sheridan
**Theatre**

1st Stage’s Engrossing ‘My Name Is Asher Lev’

Non-conformist artist as disruptor of family and community.

**By David Siegel**

**The Connection**

**Under the discerning direction of Helen Hayes Award recipient Nick Olcott, “My Name is Asher Lev” at 1st Stage is a burnished gem packed with acting prowess and terrific technical artisanship.**

Winner of awards for theatrical achievement, “My Name is Asher Lev” is written by D.C. area playwright Aaron Posner. He adapted the play from a novel by Chaim Potok. Posner’s script is a penetrating look into thorny relationships of a gifted young Jewish artist named Asher Lev seeking a respectful exodus from his cloistered upbringing in a post-Holocaust Brooklyn Hassidic community.

The production is told in a series of flashbacks. The Lev character is portrayed by Lucas Beck with an understated command of the moody, willful Lev. Beck is a founding artist of 1st Stage. As Lev, Beck is both a narrator speaking directly to the audience and the protagonist himself. Beck never leaves the stage or falters as he weaves his way through the heartbreak of loving his parents, yet becomes convinced he must live by the commandment, “As an artist you are responsible to no one and to nothing, except to yourself and to the truth as you see it.”

Other characters are played by Andy Brownstein as “The Men” and Hyla Matthews as “The Women.” Brownstein is successful at providing distinct life for three characters. Brownstein is Asher Lev’s domineering, distant father as well as the stormy provocateur Jacob Khan, an older artist who becomes Lev’s mentor. Brownstein also portrays the Rebbe who is generally sympathetic to Lev. Matthews’ main stage character is Asher Lev’s affectionate mother who is also seeking her place in the world. Matthews is often a haunted presence, sunk in a fragile depression, while attempting to make sense of her headstrong son.

The “Asher Lev” design team adds immeasurable underpinnings to the show’s success. Jessica Cancino has designed a homey set with three well-defined performance areas. The stage has large windows that become central to the play’s path forward, especially as impressively lit by lighting designer Kristin A. Thompson. Marsha M. LeBoeuf’s costumes are spot-on modest befitting the characters. Reid May’s sound design is an awesome passage through a Klezmer repertoire with a fitting crossing into Dave Brubeck’s composition “Take Five.”

“My Name is Asher Lev” is a savvy tale of a struggle to find one’s place when family, community and one’s own need for individuality are at constant loggerheads.

**Where & When**

1st Stage presents “My Name is Asher Lev” at 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons. Performances through Dec. 17, 2017. Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets: $33 (general admission), $30 (seniors), $15 (students and military). Call 703.854.1856 or visit: www.1ststagetysons.org.

Fairfax Water

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF BUDGET AND WATER RATE PUBLIC HEARING

December 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2017, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its Proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges. The hearing will be held in Fairfax Water’s offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA.

The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2018, include the following:

1. An increase in the Availability Charge from $4,100 to $4,1201
2. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from $11,685 to $13,400
3. An increase in the Service Connection Charge from $1,240 to $1,260
4. An increase in the base Commodity Charge from $2.81 to $2.94 per 1,000 gallons of water
5. An increase in the Turn Off / Turn On Charge from $44 to $45
6. An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge
7. An increase in the Installation of Sewer Use Meter Charge from $35 to $36

1 Charges reflect fees associated with a standard S/6’” residential meter. Changes in charges for larger residential and commercial meters are reflected in the Proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges.

Fairfax County Water Authority (Fairfax Water) is proposing a $178.7 million budget for calendar year 2018. Revenues are expected to be $178.7 million in 2018. Water sales are expected to provide $155.8 million. Approximately $22.9 million is expected from connection charges, investment income and other sources.

The major areas of operation and maintenance expense are:

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Total increase is expected to be appropriated as follows:

| Distribution                  | $41,391,000   |
| Equipment & Improvement Fund   | $11,000,000   |
| General Fund                   | $11,000,000   |

Fairfax Water

Public Hearing Comments

8570 Executive Park Avenue

Fairfax, VA 22031

All written comments must be received by close of business on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, to be included in the record of the public hearing.
news

‘Nature As a Prototype’ Presented in McLean

The exhibition “Nature as a Prototype,” presented at the Mclean Project for the Arts, evoked a calming energy that mixed with the cold air outside. The three artists – Yoko K, Adam Nelson, and Grethe Wittrock – proceeded to share how their concept of how nature has deeply influenced their work.

Grethe Wittrock, from Denmark, grew up next to fjord and has used water as one of her primary mediums to work in. One of her pieces, “The Blue Whale,” was made of a long sail and cut into teeth as if you were looking from the inside of a whale’s mouth outward.

Adam Nelson from Raleigh used Google Earth and other 2-dimensional images to try to re-create images from places he’s never visited. He over-layered plaster on top of dark black glue using wiring from sidewalks as the backbone for the piece.

All of the artists recognize the disappearance of nature due to human impact, and reflected this topic in the exhibition.

The third artist of “Nature as a Prototype” was Yoko K from Nagano, Japan. She is an ambient musician, and created a tranquil setting at the MPA with her flowing music. She has done extensive research on alarm fatigue which is constant noise and alarms that can affect human health. Her songs are meant to offset alarm fatigue with simple sounds like cello, and the heartbeat. She has walked the halls of hospital’s experiencing these noises firsthand, and spoken to doctors and patients about this problem as well.

The Mclean Project for the Arts has been around for 56 years bringing local and emerging artists from the mid-atlantic region into the limelight. The studio space on Chain Bridge Road has brought three shows recently and offers classes as well. Visit mpaart.org.

— Robert Healy/

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All Are Welcome!
McLean U18 Boys Soccer Team Wins Virginia Championship

McLean 00 Hotspur Green Boys won the Virginia State Cup held in Fredericksburg on Sunday, Nov. 5. With the win, the team advances to the US Youth Soccer Regional Championships held in June 2018 for a shot to advance to the National Championships in Texas in July 2018. The team advanced to Nationals for the past three years including winning the National Championship in 2016. In the Sunday finals, McLean’s 18U boys bested Braddock Road Elite Academy 2-0. McLean beat Virginia Rush in the semi-finals. The team is coached by Jamil Walker, former MLS professional player and NSCAA National Youth Coach of the Year in 2014.
Two seats on the 12-member Fairfax County Planning Commission remain open.

And earlier this month, Hunter Mill District Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins announced Frank de la Fe’s decision to retire at the end of the calendar year.

“After 16 years of dedicated service, the Hunter Mill District Planning Commissioner Frank de la Fe has announced his intention to retire,” Hudgins told the Board of Supervisors at its meeting on Nov. 2. De la Fe has served on the planning commission since 2001, and currently is vice chair.

Hudgins will appoint a new commissioner to begin on Jan. 28, 2018.

“We will have lots to say about Frank in the future,” said Hudgins.

Sully District Supervisor Kathy L. Smith will also search for a new planning commissioner.

“I guess it’s a day for Planning Commission announcements,” she said at the supervisors’ meeting.

Smith’s Planning Commissioner Karen Keys-Gamarrar announced her resignation effective Oct. 25. Keys-Gamarrar won a special election in August to fill the at-large School Board seat vacated by Jeannette Hough two years into serving her four-year term. Hough resigned after her husband accepted a position overseas.

Of Keys-Gamarrar, Smith said, “As much as I would have loved for her to continue as my planning commissioner, it’s just not possible to do both jobs.

Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity followed.

“I have no news on my planning commissioner,” he said. “That is good.”

Herrity’s Planning Commissioner is Peter Murphy who also serves as chair of the Planning Commission and was first appointed to the commission in 1982.

MURPHY ANNOUNCED

at-large commissioner Janice Hedetniemi’s immediate resignation at the opening of the Planning Commission’s public hearing on Oct. 26.

“It’s a great loss to the commission, she knows it, we all know it,” said Murphy. “We appreciate everything you have done for us.”

Chairman Sharon Bulova appointed Hedetniemi in 2013 and plans to appoint her successor at the Board meeting on Nov. 21.

Murphy read a full version of Hedetniemi’s statement to the commission: “Tonight, I step away from this wonderful experience as an at-large member of the Fairfax County Planning Commission. From capital improvements to land use and parks, schools, the environment and more, here it is, we give it all, through regulations, procedures, judgement and intuition, always in public view, and sometimes until 2 in the morning.”

“I am proud to have shared the title of commissioner with my esteemed colleagues,” she wrote. “Commissioners, the honor has been mine. I wish you all the best in your continuing efforts for the betterment of Fairfax County.”

THE PLANNING COMMISSION on Sept. 14 voted to change the start time of public meetings in January from 8:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in part to encourage additional citizen participation and to keep meetings from lasting as late into the night.

The Planning Commission advises the Board of Supervisors on all matters related to land use in Fairfax County, a particularly busy time right now reviewing redevelopment along the Silver Line. The commission holds public hearings, often multiple times a week, and often brings together residents, developers and county planners to work through concerns and conflicts.

This includes the location and character of public facilities; amendments to the Comprehensive Plan; amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, the Public Facilities Ordinance, and the Subdivision Ordinance; rezonings and special exceptions; approvals of final development plans; and also sometimes advises the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Planning commissioners are appointed by the Board of Supervisors for four-year terms on a staggered basis. Each of the nine supervisory districts has a representative, and three members are appointed at-large.

PHILLIP NIEDZIELSKI-EICHERN replaced Kenneth Lawrence as the Providence Planning Commissioner on Jan. 11, 2017.

Lawrence died in December 2016 after serving 13 years on the Planning Commission.

“Ken had a difficult role, responsibility for Providence District at an exciting time, doing new and ambitious things in Tysons and elsewhere,” said colleague James Hart, at-large planning commissioner.

“His public service responsibility was a part of his core being. He gave the county all he had,” said Hart.

Hart and Lawrence were sworn in on the same day 13 years ago.

“I could count on one hand the number of votes Ken and I disagreed in that 13 years. I couldn’t begin to count the number of hours we spent in meetings together, so many topics,” he said. “Ken’s legacy added so much to Fairfax County. ... We absolutely will have more and better parks in Tysons thanks to him. His commitment improved our quality of life.”

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**Correction**

The Connection Holiday Celebration and Entertainment calendar has mistakenly announced two performances by the McLean Tysons Orchestra. There is no concert at Vinson Hall on Dec. 2. The Tysons McLean Orchestra’s next performance is a Christmas Holiday concert Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m., at The Falls Church Episcopal in Falls Church and with Melissa Mino, soprano. Miriam Burns will conduct concert and Warren Lewis will be an audience participant volunteer conductor. Visit www.tysonsmcleanorchestra.org.

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and nonprofits. “We are cutting our so-
cial safety network, one strand at a time,”
said Mercer.

Mulpot donned his economist’s hat once
more to also note that so far he had heard
no mention from the GOP plan makers of
the debt service on the increasing deficit.
“That’s another $200 billion in interest costs
that I don’t hear them having accounted
for.” Mulpot’s concern is that Medicaid,
Medicare and Social Security benefits will
become the targets to shore up the finan-
cial leive in the wake of these tax cuts and
the domino effect of their implementation.

Another personalized example of the
proposed reforms was offered by attendee
Edythe Kelleher, the CEO of the Southeast
Fairfax Development Corporation.
Kelleher could have spoken about im-
pacts to development in that region, but
instead, told a story of her father’s loan in-
terest deductions and a proposal to tax
teacher’s assistant stipends would affect her
graduate-school son.

“He works, he goes to school, he lives fru-
gally. We provided him with a cheap car.”
Kelleher says that if a tax on the modest
income of seniors is justified, “then $6,000
more each year, and he doesn’t know
where that money will come from.”

Connolly responded to this story by say-
ing the need to educate for competitiveness
in the world’s marketplace is greater than
ever.

The congressman said that making get-
ting an education even more difficult means
“some will have to leave school. That’s
terrifying, it makes an education even more
difficult means the need to educate for com-
petitiveness and AARP members, Connolly re-
sponded: “Run, don’t walk and immediately
apply, “Run, don’t walk and immediately
apply,”

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