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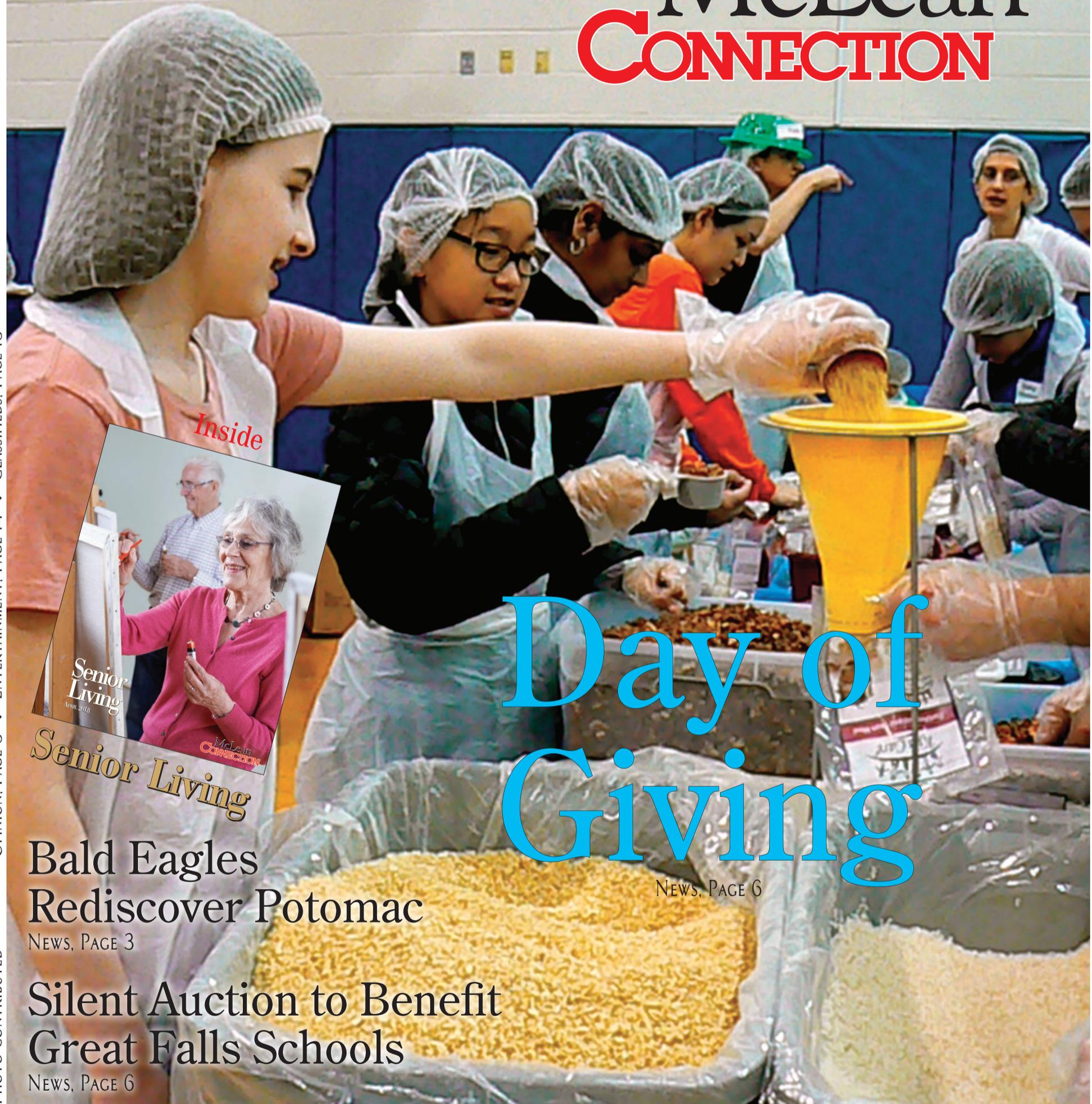
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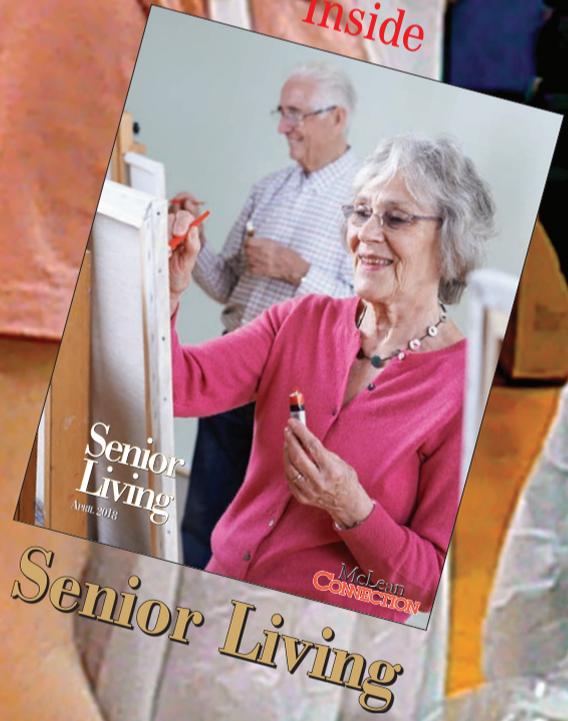
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Two bald eagles tend to three eaglets near Great Falls. Bald eagles usually mate and lay eggs in mid-February. Eggs incubate just over a month — about 35 days — and the young fledge 10 to 12 weeks later.



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A bald eagle protects her three eaglets on Minnehaha Island in the Potomac River.

## Bald Eagles Rediscover Potomac

Bald eagles are a sign of ecosystem improvement.

BY CHRISTINA TYLER WENKS

A pair of bald eagles is raising three eaglets on Minnehaha Island in the Potomac River. This is the third bald eagle nest in the Great Falls area this year and the second known to contain hatchlings. The proximity of the nests tells naturalists at Riverbend Park that the area's ecosystem is improving.

Last week, the Potomac Conservancy issued a report that said the Potomac River's health is better than recent decades. The river's report card gave the Potomac a B — up from a D in 2011.

"We hope these additional nests are indicators of increasing biodiversity of species and that means the ecosystem is healthier — birds, amphibians, and mammals — but this takes many years," said Julie Gurnee, Riverbend Park naturalist.

**WILDLIFE SPECIALISTS** and national park rangers say bald eagles actively nested on Conn Island near Great Falls National Park for the past 20 years. A pair of eagles are nesting on Minnehaha Island for a second year. A young eagle that fledged last year is often spotted fishing in the Potomac River by the Riverbend Visitor's Center.

Wildlife enthusiasts are watching a third bald-eagle nest on Watkins Island near Riverbend Park. "What's surprising is their proximity to each other," said Gurnee. "This is much closer than we expected to see another eagle nest."

Pollution and lead, such as buckshot and fishing weights, threaten eagles scavenging



A break in foliage along Riverbend Park's Potomac Heritage Trail allows outdoor enthusiasts to view an eagle's nest on Minnehaha Island in the Potomac River. With binoculars, eaglets are frequently visible.

during winter months, said Alonso Abugattas of the Capital Naturalist website and educator at Northern Virginia parks.

Boosting biodiversity takes years. Long-term river and wildlife health depends on residents taking steps such as installing native plants and increasing natural stream

buffers with deep roots to absorb herbicides, fertilizers, and road runoff, and reducing waste and lowering emissions and reliance on cars, said Gurnee and Abugattas.

**VIRGINIA BLUEBELL** blooms are expected to peak the week of the Riverbend



Majestic Bald eagle.

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Park's Bluebell Festival, which is Saturday, April 14, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. During the festival, a scope will be set up along Potomac Heritage Trail so visitors may observe eagle-nest activity. Festival admission is \$7 online and \$9 on site.

# NEWS

## Langley HS Band members at Colosseum in Rome



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## Langley Band in Rome's Oratorio del Caravita.

## Langley Band and Orchestra Set School Records for All-Virginia Selections

Langley High School is sending a school record 15 students to this year's All-Virginia Band and Orchestra honor groups. The musicians were selected based on auditions that were open to the top musicians in each district in the state. The All-Virginia performances will be held April 7 at the Dominion Arts Center, Carpenter Theatre in Richmond. The students selected are: Surya Ambardar (E-flat clarinet), Brooke Baird (violin), Cherri Chen (percussion), Chris Fox (cello), Gaoyang Ganjin (alto saxophone), Beth Johnston (trumpet), Forrest Johnston (trumpet), Alyssa Kim (violin), Cindy Rodi (piccolo), Fay Shuai (cello), Jeffrey Song (B-flat clarinet), Wendy

Tang (flute), Izzy Tice (tuba), Boris Topalov (tenor trombone), and Madeline Yu (violin).

## Langley Band Performs in Italy

The Langley High School Band recently returned from a one-week trip to Italy that included visits to Pisa, Siena, and Vatican City, with performances in Florence and Rome. In Florence, the Band performed at one of the oldest churches in Florence, the Auditorium of Santo Stefano al Ponte. The next day, the band performed in Rome at the 17th century baroque Oratorio del Caravita, where Mozart performed in 1770. In both venues, the band played pieces by Italian composers Delle Cese, Albinoni, Respighi, Puccini, and Vecchi, to large and appreciative audiences. The trip was a remarkable educational and cultural experience for the students, filled with memories that will last a lifetime.



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## Langley Band performing at Auditorium of Santo Stefano al Ponte, Florence, Italy.

## St. John Boys Team Wins Championship

The seventh grade boys team of St. John the Beloved won the Northern Virginia CYO championship over St. Bernadette of Springfield. The NVJCYO consists of 320 teams with a student participation of approximately 5,000 players.

St. John, based in McLean, finished the season with a record of 12-1. Brendan Mansinne led the team in scoring followed closely by Jeremy Fuchs and Matty Helfrich. Jon

Lindsay led the team in rebounds followed by Matthew Casler. Jeremy Jeannot, who joined the team this year had a very strong season also.

In the Championship game St. John effectively utilized a trapping defense led by Kiernan Mulcahy. Matthew McNeill and Sutton Lochmann did yeoman's work off the bench all season. The team was coached by Tom Tribone.



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# McLean Community Center 2018 Governing Board Elections

The Governing Board and staff of the McLean Community Center strongly encourage all qualified residents to vote **for members of the McLean Community Center 2018-2019 Governing Board**. Your vote sends a very important message of your support of the Center's programs and services.

## Requirements to Vote:

1. You must be a resident of the McLean Community Center tax district (Dranesville Small District 1A); however, you need not be registered to vote in the general election.
2. You must be at least 18 years old to vote for an adult candidate. Adults may vote for up to three candidates. Teens turning 18 on or before McLean Day may only vote for adult candidates.
3. You must be 15 through 17 years old by McLean Day to vote for youth candidates. Youth voters have two votes, and may vote for one candidate in the McLean High School boundary area, and one candidate in the Langley High School boundary area. Youth voters may not vote for more than one candidate in the same boundary area.
4. You must bring identification and proof of residency, such as a driver's license. If you do not have identification, you may sign a sworn statement.

## When & Where:

Vote between the hours of **10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.** at the McLean Day 2018 festival on **Saturday, May 19**, at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Rd.

## Absentee Voting:

Want to vote, but can't make it to the McLean Day festival on May 19? Vote by absentee ballot April 9 - May 16! Call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711 or send a request by email to "[elections@mcleancenter.org](mailto:elections@mcleancenter.org)" to have a ballot package sent to your home. You may also stop by one of three MCC's sites: Administrative Office at 6631 Old Dominion Dr., Program Office at 6645 Old Dominion Dr. (both in McLean Square Shopping Center), or at the Old Firehouse Teen Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Rd. Completed absentee voting affidavits and ballots must be returned to one of the sites by 5 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 16**, to be counted.

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

## Meet the Candidates

### Adult Candidates—Three Positions Open (four candidates)



#### MARIA FODERARO-GUERTIN

I'm excited to run as a candidate for the board of the McLean Community Center. My husband and I have lived in McLean for 14 years. We're grateful to be raising our twins in such a wonderful community. I have been a foreign language and history teacher for 20 years. I have broad experience working with companies and nonprofits facing budget challenges. I've been pleased to work with many organizations advancing core values my parents instilled in me: volunteerism and hard work. With your vote, I will continue that work with our board to expand offerings for our vibrant community. Email: [mariaformccboard@gmail.com](mailto:mariaformccboard@gmail.com)



#### CAROLE HERRICK

McLean Community Center opened in 1975; thus, it has served residents of Small District 1A for 43 years. It is the community's jewel. Among its many features, the center provides community information, classes, lectures, meeting space, a kitchen, the Susan B. DuVal Art Studio, the MPA gallery, the Alden Theatre and a teen center. Years ago, I served three terms on the Governing Board, followed by Friends of MCC. Soon a more modern center will open. I hope to be the connection with the vision of those who created the original center and those providing a vision for its future. Email: [cherrick1@aol.com](mailto:cherrick1@aol.com)



#### TERRI MARKWART

As a member of the McLean Community Center Board, I will support the mission of the Center by promoting a sense of community through its programs and renovated facilities while respecting the tax dollars of the residents of Small District 1A. I am an 18-year resident of McLean with three children in our public schools. As Langley High School's past PTSA President, former GMU adjunct professor, member of Redeemer Lutheran Church, TEDxTysons, Tysons Interfaith, Safe Community Coalition and McLean Youth/Langley athletics volunteer, my experience will work for the residents of Greater McLean. Thank you for your vote. Email: [terrimarkwart@gmail.com](mailto:terrimarkwart@gmail.com)



#### RAJ MEHRA

I am running for a seat on the McLean Community Center board because I care deeply about the community. My family has been residents of McLean since 2003 and my wife and daughters grew up in McLean. We are supporters of the McLean Project for the Arts, I have served for the last five years on the board of the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce and when my children were younger, I was a coach for McLean Youth Soccer and McLean Basketball. The charm of McLean is what I treasure most, and I want to help preserve this. Email: [rmehra123@yahoo.com](mailto:rmehra123@yahoo.com)

## Meet the Candidates

### Youth Candidates—Two Positions Open Langley High School Boundary Area (two candidates)



#### BRIAN KIM

Hello, my name is Brian and I am a student at Langley High School. I am running for a position on the Governing Board to become an active member of my community. I have had previous experiences as a campaign organizer at the Fairfax County Democratic Committee, an intern at Sejong Geriatric Hospital and a volunteer at Sibley Memorial Hospital. At Langley, I am a member of the Debate Team and Varsity Golf Team. Overall, I am not only interested in working with professionals and other students, but also eager to participate in the administration of McLean. Email: [briankim315@gmail.com](mailto:briankim315@gmail.com)



#### MEGAN MARKWART

A lifelong McLean resident and sophomore at Langley, I've been attending MCC programs since I was born—tagging along with my siblings to Music Together class. Redeemer Lutheran Church and my family taught me the importance of giving back and sports taught me the value of working together as a team. I work at McLean Hardware, play Langley Field Hockey, JV Soccer Captain and elected Class of 2020 SGA representative; I am also interested in being part of the discussion about how to increase youth programming at the Old Firehouse and the newly renovated MCC. Thank you for your vote. Email: [mmarkwart@gmail.com](mailto:mmarkwart@gmail.com)

### McLean High School Boundary Area (three candidates)



#### SERENA AURORA

I believe that student governors have a special role and should always try to assess issues and decisions from the point of view of other students. Being student governor is about making sure that all perspectives are considered. I want to become a youth governor to learn more about how the community is run and to support the people in it. I have gained many experiences ranging from leading and participating in various committees to holding leadership roles. In all, I want to have a better understanding of the main concerns and policies that affect the children in our community. Email: [serenaaurora27@gmail.com](mailto:serenaaurora27@gmail.com)



#### LAUREN HERZBERG

I am a second-generation McLean resident; I love this town and the people that make it up. McLean High School has fostered my love for field hockey, where I was JV captain and Varsity player, developed my interest in business through DECA and spurred by fascination with the Spanish language. My true passion lies in serving others. I volunteer for Jill's House, where I provide care for children with disabilities. I pledge to implement my love for service into the McLean Community Center and promote leadership programs to prepare McLean's youth for the future. Email: [lbherzberg6@gmail.com](mailto:lbherzberg6@gmail.com)



#### KIMYA SHIRAZI

The identity of a community is characterized by the degree to which its members are engaged with one another. As a member of the McLean community for 16 years, I've always felt the unique sense of inclusion that its people, events and resources offer. I'm currently a junior at McLean High School who is running for the McLean student position on the McLean Community Center Board. My primary intention for wanting this position is because I aim to play an influential role in heightening McLean's collective involvement, the same quality which I admire about the community in the first place. Email: [kimyashirazi@gmail.com](mailto:kimyashirazi@gmail.com)



### The McLean Community Center Temporary Office Address:

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The Langley School community came together for the school's first-ever Day of Giving on Saturday, March 17 to pack 75,000 meals for the people of Puerto Rico.



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## Sending 75,000 Meals to Puerto Rico

As part of The Langley School's culture of giving, commitment to service learning, and 75th anniversary celebration, the school community came together for Langley's first-ever Day of Giving on Saturday, March 17 to pack 75,000 meals for the people of Puerto Rico who were impacted by Hurricane Maria.°

In partnership with the Outreach Program, a nonprofit that organizes food-packing events to

support those in need at home and abroad, The Langley School mobilized more than 500 volunteers – including students, parents, teachers, alumni, and friends – to pack meals in one-hour shifts. To cover the cost of each 25-cent meal, the school raised \$18,750 from its families and several sponsors. Langley students in preschool through eighth grade contributed to this effort as well, raising more than \$6,400 in quarter collections

to pay for more than 25,000 meals. "This is the first time we have organized a school-wide service project of this magnitude," says Head of School Dr. Elinor Scully, noting that the project was a community effort led by parent volunteers. "The event was a wonderful opportunity for us to make an impact, while also bringing past and present members of our community together for a meaningful, shared experience."

The Langley School's Day of Giving meal-packing was the culminating event of its inaugural Week of Giving which ran March 12-16. Throughout the week, the Langley community collected items for five student-led donation drives. Students in grades 3-8 submitted proposals for donation drive projects, and five winning proposals were selected benefiting a range of organizations, including SHARE of McLean, Stanton Elementary, Doorways for Women & Families, A Wider Circle, and Wishing You Lots of Love. Students coordinated

each drive and developed publicity plans to collect baby products, children's books, school supplies, toiletries, nonperishable foods, and more for those in need.

"We wanted to give our students an opportunity to take on a leadership role with these projects," says Dean of Students Brent Locke. "They not only learned the importance of giving back, but also gained valuable skills as they wrote proposals, organized each drive, and came up with advertising strategies to promote their project."

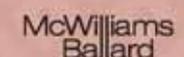
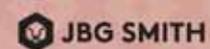


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# OPINION

## Legislators: County Has Authority To Ban Loaded Rifles on Road

The following letter to all members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors from members of the General Assembly from Fairfax, urges common sense action on guns; the state legislators say Fairfax County has the authority to ban loaded shotguns and rifles on the roads.

**D**ear Madam Chairman and Hon. Supervisors: Section 15.2-915.2 of the Code of Virginia gives all local governments in Virginia the authority to ban loaded shotguns and loaded rifles on public highways.

§ 15.2-915.2. Regulation of transportation of a loaded rifle or shotgun.

The governing body of any county or city may by ordinance make it unlawful for any person to transport, possess or carry a loaded shotgun or loaded rifle in any vehicle on any public street, road, or highway within such locality.

A similar ordinance has been enacted in the counties of Fauquier, Loudoun, Madison, Albemarle, Chesterfield, Clarke, James City, King George, New Kent, Northumberland, Surry, Warren and the cities of Alexandria, Fredericksburg, Petersburg, Richmond,

Roanoke, Virginia Beach, and Williamsburg.

We, members of the Virginia General Assembly representing Fairfax County, do not believe that there is a need for loaded shotguns or loaded rifles on Fairfax County's public roads. High emotions that come with traffic congestion in our region have led to instances where firearms have been discharged in incidents of road rage. Requiring that shotguns and rifles are not loaded at the beginning of a trip will help to reduce the potential for such split-second, life-changing decisions to occur in a moment of anger. Such an ordinance will also help to protect the driver and passengers, including children, as well as law enforcement from the accidental discharge of one of these weapons. For example, in 2006, Virginia State Trooper Kevin C. Manion was killed after a loaded rifle went off during a wreck cleanup in Clark County.

We recognize that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors considered this issue in 2015.

However given recent events, we believe that it is important at this time for all our localities

to use their existing authority to foster gun safety and protect the driving public.

We hereby ask that you initiate the processes necessary to change Fairfax County's ordinances to prohibit the transportation of loaded shotguns and loaded rifles to the fullest extent possible under Virginia Law.

We look forward to working with you on this important initiative.

**Sen. Scott Surovell (D-36)**  
**Sen. Richard Saslaw (D-35)**  
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## March for Your Cause

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

**O**ur Founding Fathers were brilliant individuals. Not only did they craft a new form of government with the United States Constitution, but they established a government of "we the people" leaving behind monarchies and special privileges. While it created "a more perfect union," it included within its structure mechanisms upon which the union could be further perfected.

While it did take a civil war to bring about the most needed reform that had been debated at the Constitutional Convention and not settled but compromised away, many other reforms and perfections have taken place through constitutional amendments, laws

and judicial decisions.

With the massive changes that have taken place in our nation's history, particularly in civil rights, it is amazing that there have been so few changes to our basic structure of government. Building on the ideals of Thomas Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence that all persons have inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, the Constitution and its provisions created a way to realize these goals that ensures America's greatness is not in its past but in its future.

Most often mentioned in the guarantees that propel our country into future greatness are the freedoms of speech, press and religion. Less discussed in the past but now seen as a critically impor-



tant right to maintain our free government is the freedom to assemble. If freedoms are to be maintained in the future, it may be our right to assemble that will ensure it happens.

It is somewhat

ironic that at a time when the internet enables advocacy blitzes to fill the electronic mail boxes of public officials to support a cause that the crowds of people filling the streets in various marches may be our greatest safeguard. Many feel it is not enough to simply send a letter or brochure or give or listen to a speech; we need to visibly show the depth and breadth of our cause by assembling supporters by the thousands in the heat, cold, rain or sunshine.

I participate in marches in our

Nation's Capital as well as our State Capital to show support for equality in our society and for an end to gun violence. I find the marches inspirational because of the worthiness of the cause and the wonderful people I meet who have such strong dedication and conviction that they will take part however inconvenient. If you have not taken part in a march, I encourage you to do so. After all, assembling together to support our rights is part of what the Founding Fathers had in mind when they included the right to assemble in our Bill of Rights. The other important day to be sure to exercise your right to assemble is on election day when you have an opportunity to express your right as a citizen. It amplifies your voice when you assemble with others to vote for the persons who most clearly are representing your views on issues.

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## Senior Living

# Preparing for Senior Olympics

**New this year: canasta, croquet and beach ball wallyball.**

BY SHIRLEY RUHE  
THE CONNECTION

It may seem like a long time until September when the 36th year of the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics (NVSO) kicks off.

But not for 83-year-old Chuck Toftoy from Arlington, who often enters 20 events, and says he practices all year long.

Opening ceremonies for this year's events are scheduled for Sept. 15 at 9 a.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Center in Arlington, and the competition is scheduled to end on Sept. 26.

The NVSO began in 1982 with about 80 people competing; last year there were 752 competitors signed up for one or more of the 70 events offered. The events ranged from tennis, baseball throw, bocce, orienteering, swimming and diving, golf, corn hole toss, volleyball, and pickleball.

Three new sports have been added to the competition this year including canasta, croquet and beach ball wallyball. Herb Levitan, a member of the NVSO Board, explains beach ball wallyball is like volleyball but played on a racquetball court with a beachball which is bigger and softer than a volley-

ball. Levitan is currently preparing for the Virginia senior games coming up soon where he swims four freestyle events.

Alease Brooks, 85, has been competing for 14 years and participated in 13 different sports in 2017. But her favorite is pickleball. Her children have bought her T-shirts in different colors for her games and often come to watch her and cheer her on.

Toftoy says this year he plans to reduce the number of sports he enters so that he can concentrate on pickleball since he plans to enter singles, doubles and mixed competition this year.

Last year, 93-year old Henry Colette from Oakton was one of 19 bocce competitors. But for the last several years he has been guaranteed a win because there was no one else in his age group competing.

Last year's oldest competitor was 101 years old with her sport of choice was duplicate bridge.

Seniors participate for many reasons — some because they like to stay busy and fit, others because they are returning to a high school or college sport, some because they like the community of friends they see every year and others because they still “like to dream big.”

This year's games are expected to be held in 29 venues including community centers, parks, high schools and other locations across Northern Virginia. Registration for this year's NVSO will open June 1. This year NVSO is hoping to bring back the 5k run and looking for an event director for that event. Those interested in volunteering can call 703-403-5360.

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## Senior Living



With a pair of walk-in wardrobe closets on the left, and access to a first level laundry and master bedroom on the right, the access corridor from the main house is spacious. The French doors open into the dining room. Michael Nash matched the original hardwood flooring to create a seamless unity between the old house and the new addition.



The flagstone patio immediately outside the master bedroom is linked to a network of walkways that segues to a gazebo, an herb garden and an exercise area for the family Irish setter. Owner Fred Saalfeld, who walks with the aid of two canes, says the remodeling changes have created a major quality of life improvement that has made it much easier to enjoy the home.

Read more at [www.connectionnewspapers.com](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com)

## Aging-in-Place

BY JOHN BYRD

Fred and Liz Saalfeld had occupied their four-bedroom 2,800-square-foot Colonial in Springfield for nearly five decades when the unexpected caused them to reconsider basic housing needs. Without warning, Liz Saalfeld suffered a heart attack. Her mobility — previously hampered by arthritis — now became seriously compromised.

Looking ahead, a wheelchair-access plan also now seemed prudent to Fred Saalfeld, who increasingly relied a pair of canes to get around.

The proposed retrofit was a tall order, however. The master bedroom was on the second floor; the master bathroom was just

too narrow for a wheelchair. Saalfeld sought fresh ideas from local remodelers — eventually deciding on Michael Nash Kitchens and Homes who had previously remodeled his kitchen.

“Michael Nash was very responsive to our needs, and really understood Aging-In-Place considerations,” Saalfeld said.

“Aging-in-place is becoming one of the high-demand remodeling services segments,” Nazemian said.

At 1,200 square feet, the new master suite addition features a 14-foot cathedral ceiling and double French doors that segue to a flagstone patio.

“The interior style is very consistent throughout,” Saalfeld said. “It’s very much one house.”

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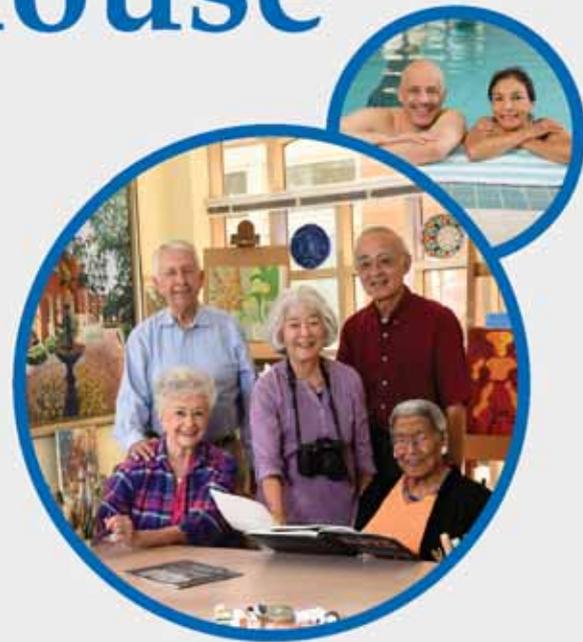
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# Langley High Principal to Retire

**F**red Amico, Langley High School principal, has sent the following letter to the Saxon Community:

“After 31 years of working as an educator in Fairfax County Public Schools, I have decided to retire at the end of this school year. Serving as principal of Langley High School has been an opportunity that I cherish. Langley High School is an outstanding high school due to the professional, dedicated, and innovative teaching staff, supportive and involved parents, and smart, creative, and inspirational students. I know that I have benefited more from my time at Langley than it has benefited from me.



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**Langley High School Principal Fred Amico**

“Any school is just a building. Luckily, the Langley community is now getting a building they truly deserve, but it is still a building. The strength of Langley is everyone who walks the halls. Our custodians, who work tirelessly and with pride to keep the building clean and a place that is enjoyable. Our building engineer, who works behind the scenes to ensure that the building is comfortable and safe for all of us. Our security staff, who are always vigilant and watchful. The support and clerical staff, who keep things running smoothly. Our counselors, who always keep the needs of the students in the forefront of their planning. The administrators, who consistently try to do what is best for students. The teachers who work, plan, and do whatever it takes

to inspire our students. Lastly, the students who are a source of joy for me every day. They consistently surprise me with their candor, humor, and intelligence. I will take countless good memories of those students with me.

“Our Regional Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Tyson, will begin the process of selecting a new principal immediately. In the next few weeks, he will inform you of the process for selecting a new principal. I am confident the next principal will love the school and students as much as I do.

“Thank you for the pleasure of working with your children. I wouldn’t have traded a day of my last 31 years for any other profession!”

## ‘Collect for Kids’ Seeks Help

Donations and help from organizations to outfit 40,000 students.

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Foundation for Fairfax County Public Schools announced their community partners are preparing for the 2018 “Collect for Kids” school supplies and backpacks drive for students in Fairfax County Public Schools. In 2017, the drive helped more than 39,000 of the 55,000 students who receive free or reduced-price meals in Fairfax County Schools. The goal for 2018 is to provide 40,000 of these children and youth with school supplies and backpacks.

“Collect for Kids” is seeking monetary contributions and help from organizations. Their online donation form states: “100 percent of your donation will be allocated for school supplies for FCPS students in need.” Even though a robust and connected group of partners make “Collect for Kids” work, the organization is also seeking help from new organizations to support their effort. Currently, more than 20 businesses, government agencies and community organization work together on the campaign, among them Apple Federal Credit Union, Britepaths, Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, Cornerstones, and Kids R First.



PHOTO BY MERCIA HOBSON/THE CONNECTION

**The Foundation for Fairfax County Public Schools announced their community partners are getting ready for the 2018 “Collect for Kids” school supplies and backpack drive as they seek monetary donations and help from organizations.**

According to “Collect for Kids,” “Every school in Fairfax County is touched by need. Some schools have as few as 1 percent of students living in poverty and some schools have over 90 percent of students living in poverty.”

In the Oak Hill/ Herndon area, supporting partners of “Collect for Kids” serve students at Coates, Dranesville, Herndon, Floris and Hutchison Elementary Schools, Herndon and Rachel Carson Middle Schools, and Herndon High School.

For more information on how to donate or help with the effort visit [collectforkids.org](http://collectforkids.org).

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### ONGOING

**BRX Artist Showcase.** Through May 11 at BRX American Bistro, 1025-I Seneca Road, Great Falls. The Sorta-Quarterly Artist Showcase: throughout the year, BRX will be exhibiting a selection of works in their dining room by an artist from Broadway Gallery's portfolio. Currently on display is Hiromi Ashlin. Email Donald Dusinberre at [donald@broadwaygalleries.net](mailto:donald@broadwaygalleries.net)

**Great Falls Farmers Market.** Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. Music, vendors, fresh produce, fresh prepared food, delightful bakery, spices from around the world, wild-caught fish, grass-fed, free-range meats, organic-fed poultry and eggs. Email [kathleen@greatfallsfarmersmarket.org](mailto:kathleen@greatfallsfarmersmarket.org) 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](http://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. Games are on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings in Vienna, April-October. Other activities during the year. Visit [www.goldengirls.org](http://www.goldengirls.org).

**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.

**Fishing Rod Rentals.** Riverbend Park, 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 sell fishing licenses. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/).

### CLASSES, CAMPS & WORKSHOPS

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**The Arts of Great Falls School** offers winter classes for adults and children of all skill levels. Visit [www.greatfallsart.org](http://www.greatfallsart.org) for more.

### THURSDAY/APRIL 4

**Youth Art Show Reception.** 4:30-6 p.m. at 1446 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Join MPA for a Youth Art Show celebrating works by Fairfax County Public School elementary, middle and high school art students from the Langley pyramid. The show runs March 21-April 5. Visit [MPA@ChainBridge.com](mailto:MPA@ChainBridge.com).

### APRIL 4-MAY 6



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**Doralee Rhodes (Erica Bass) wants to strangle Mr. Hart (Benji Harris) for being a misogynistic, sexist, and egotistical boss.**

## '9 to 5: The Musical'

Get up and work as McLean High School's "TheatreMcLean" presents Dolly Parton's hit musical comedy, "9 to 5." The show runs April 26, 27, and 28 at 7 p.m., with matinees April 28 and 29 at 2 p.m. at McLean High School's Burke Auditorium, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. Tickets are \$12/online; \$15/door. To order tickets, visit [theatremclean.org](http://theatremclean.org).

**Solo Art Exhibit.** "A Study of Manhattan: Power, Dominance and Excitement" by Great Falls Studios Artist Robert Gilbert. At The Torpedo Factory at the Art League in Alexandria. The Gallery is located at 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Visit [torpedofactory.org](http://torpedofactory.org).

### THURSDAY/APRIL 5

**Betty McIntosh's OSS.** 7:30-9 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave., East, Vienna. Dr. Ann Todd will discuss her book OSS Operation Black Mail, the story of Betty McIntosh, a journalist who served during World War II on the China-Burma-India front in the organization that became the CIA. Books will be available for signing and sale. Visit [librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/3721993](http://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/3721993).

**Liz Longley Performs.** 7:30 p.m. at Jammin'Java, 227 Maple Ave., East, Vienna. In performance with The Harmaleighs. Visit [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

### FRIDAY/APRIL 6

**Great Falls Art Walk Kick-Off.** 6-8 p.m. at Great Falls Village Centre. Start the tour at Artists on the Green (776B Walker Road), Artists' Loft (766 Walker Road), Artists' Atelier and The Arts of Great Falls Gallery (756 Walker Road) or TD Bank (9101 Georgetown Pike). See live painting demonstrations and talk with the artists about their process and inspirations. Live music begins at The Brogue at 9 p.m. Family friendly and free to the public. Details at [www.greatfallsart.org/ArtWalk](http://www.greatfallsart.org/ArtWalk).

**"Despicable Me 3."** 7-9 p.m. at The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Cost is \$3/person. Gather the whole family and bring blankets, pillows and camp chairs for an indoor, picnic-style family movie night. Participants will enjoy unlimited free popcorn with the movie that will be shown on a large projection screen. For Old Firehouse activities, call 703-448-8336.

### SATURDAY/APRIL 7

**Spring Cleaning in the Parks.** 9-11:30 a.m. at 10 different Fairfax County parks: Cub Run RECenter, Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, Hidden Oaks Nature Center at Roundtree Park, Hidden Pond Nature Center, Huntley Meadows Park, Lake Accotink Park, Lake Fairfax

Park, Riverbend Park, Scott's Run Nature Preserve, and Sully Historic Site. More than 750 volunteers will join the Fairfax County Park Authority and The Nature Conservancy for annual "spring cleaning" efforts to kickoff Earth Month. The volunteers will remove trash and debris, while also assisting scientists and conservationists by recording data about what they remove. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/).

**Shape Note Singing.** 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Great Falls Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Join singers from across the country for spirited, four-part, participatory, unaccompanied singing from classic shapenote tunebooks. Midday potluck; bring a dish to share. Experienced singers, newcomers, and listeners are all welcome. Loaner books available. Registration at 9:30 a.m. Free. Visit [dcshapenote.squarespace.com/big-singsings](http://dcshapenote.squarespace.com/big-singsings). For questions, contact Matt Roberts at [saotomesan@yahoo.com](mailto:saotomesan@yahoo.com).

**A Tour of Italy Supper Club Wine Dinner.** 7 p.m. at the Playroom at McLean Racquet & Health Club, 1472 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Cost is \$85/person. Join certified sommelier, Laurent Lala, for a vinous tour of Italy. Each wine is paired with an Italian-inspired food course. Call 703-356-3300 or visit [www.mcleanrhclub.com](http://www.mcleanrhclub.com).

**Mosaic Harmony Community Concert.** 7 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Includes selections from Mosaic Harmony, World Children's Choir and The Washington International Chorus. Tickets \$18/adults; \$12/children. Visit [mosaiccommunity.org](http://mosaiccommunity.org).

### SUNDAY/APRIL 8

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**Amadeus Orchestra with Steven Honigberg, Cello.** 4 p.m. at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. A pre-concert lecture by Music Director A. Scott Wood will begin at 3:15 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased at the door or online at [www.amadeusconcerts.com](http://www.amadeusconcerts.com). Students 17 and under and active military are admitted free.



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**The Home & Garden Tour will take place in Great Falls, Vienna, and McLean on April 24 as part of the 85th Historic Garden Week in Virginia.**

## Home & Garden Tour

Tour four homes and gardens in Great Falls, Vienna and McLean on Tuesday, April 24, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. - from a "quilt garden" at a 1750 home to a garden and cottage designed for retirement. Advance tickets are \$40 by April 17; tickets on day of tour are \$50 at Meadowlark Gardens, tour homes and the Great Falls Library. Contact Garden Club of Fairfax at [fairfax@vagardenweek.org](mailto:fairfax@vagardenweek.org) or visit [www.vagardenweek.org](http://www.vagardenweek.org).

### MONDAY/APRIL 9

**Vote for MCC Governing Board.** Want to vote for MCC Governing Board candidates, but can't make it to the McLean Day festival on May 19? Vote by absentee ballot April 9-May 16. Call the Center at 703-790-0123, or send a request by email to [elections@mcleancenter.org](mailto:elections@mcleancenter.org) to have a ballot package sent to your home. Visit the website, [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org).

### TUESDAY/APRIL 10-19

**Vienna Idol 2018 Auditions.** At Caffe Amouri, Tuesday, April 10, 7-8:30 p.m.; Whole Foods, Thursday, April 12, 7-8:30 p.m.; Whole Foods, Wednesday, April 18, 7-8:30 p.m.; and Caffe Amouri, Thursday, April 19, 7-8:30 p.m. First Place is \$700 plus eight hours of recording time at CUE Studios. Second Place - \$500; Third Place - \$250. Visit [www.viennaidol.org](http://www.viennaidol.org) for more.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 12

**Artist Reception.** 6:30-8 p.m. "A Study of Manhattan: Power, Dominance and Excitement" by Great Falls Studios Artist Robert Gilbert. At The Torpedo Factory at the Art League in Alexandria. The Gallery is located at 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Visit [torpedofactory.org](http://torpedofactory.org).

**Opening Exhibition Reception.** 7-9 p.m. at 1446 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. "Erratic Landscapes: New Works by Artemis Herber." Working with the humble material of recycled corrugated cardboard, German-born, Maryland-based artist Artemis Herber creates massive depictions of space and place. On display April 12 to June 3. Visit [MPA@ChainBridge.com](mailto:MPA@ChainBridge.com).

**Reception: "Bon Appetit."** 7:30-9:30 p.m. at 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. The public is invited to enjoy light refreshments and meet the artists at a reception celebrating the Bon Appetit exhibition. Watercolor artist Cathy Williams will present a demonstration during the reception. Exhibit runs through May 6. Visit [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org) or call 703-319-3971.

### APRIL 12-14

**Used Book Sale.** At Oakton Community Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Free. Spring Book Sale will be Thursday, April 12, 1-8 p.m.; Friday, April 13, 10-6 p.m.; and Saturday, April 14, 10-3 p.m. A Friends of Oakton Library Members' Only Pre Sale will be held Wednesday, April 11, 2-5:30 p.m. Come and browse thousands of gently used books for adults and children. Email [janesharnoff@aol.com](mailto:janesharnoff@aol.com) or call 703-758-9623.

### THURSDAY/APRIL 12-MAY 6

**"Fly By Night."** At 1st Stage in Tysons, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. It's 1965 in New York City and the lights are about to go out. But not before a melancholy sandwich maker becomes enchanted with two sisters in this bittersweet romantic tale about finding hope in a world beset by darkness. Play by Kim Rosenstock, Michael Mitnick, and Will Connolly, directed by Kathryn Chase Bryer. \$38 general admission, \$35 seniors (65+), \$15 students and military. Visit [www.1ststage.org](http://www.1ststage.org) or call 703-854-1856.

### FRIDAY/APRIL 13

**Christylez Bacon: The Human Beatbox.** 8 p.m. at The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. GRAMMY-nominated Christylez Bacon is a dynamic member of the hip-hop movement, bringing innovation to an art form already known for mixing urban musical styles. Cost is \$20/\$14 MCC District residents. For Old Firehouse activities call 703-448-8336.

### FRIDAY-SATURDAY-APRIL 13-14

**The Art of Persian Cuisine.** 6-10 p.m. At Entye Bistro, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Drawing inspiration from the 13th-century Persian poet, Exclusively Events' Poopak Golesorkhi, and Chef Ahmed Masouleh, have joined together to bring this whimsical culinary milieu to the heart of Tysons Corner. Cost is \$85/person. Email [rumitysons@gmail.com](mailto:rumitysons@gmail.com).

### SATURDAY/APRIL 14

**Bluebell Festival.** 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Volunteers needed to run crafts and activities, help with parking, etc. Sign up at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend/bluebells](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend/bluebells). Contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662 or via [Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov).

**Model Railroaders Open House.** 1-5 p.m. at the Vienna Depot, 231 Dominion Road NE. Northern Virginia Model Railroaders hold an open house at the Vienna Depot each

month and on Vienna celebration days, including Viva! Vienna and the Vienna Holiday Stroll. Free admission. Call 703-938-5157 or visit [www.nvmr.org](http://www.nvmr.org).

### MONDAY/APRIL 16

**The Old Firehouse Teacher Workday Trip.** 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Enter a chocolate utopia at Hershey's Chocolate World and create a Hershey Bar, enter the taste-test lab and try to solve the 4D Chocolate Mystery. Admission to all activities and transportation are included in the fee. \$70/\$60 MCC District residents. Visit [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org).

### WEDNESDAY/APRIL 18

**McLean Newcomers and Neighbors Luncheon.** 11:30 a.m. at Punjabi by Nature, 2750 Gallows Road, Vienna. Monica Bhide will discuss her latest novel "Karma and the Art of Butter Chicken." Cost is \$22 per person. To attend, pay at [squareup.com/market/mclean-newcomers-club](http://squareup.com/market/mclean-newcomers-club). No reservations will be accepted after Friday, April 13. Visit [www.McLeanNewcomers.org](http://www.McLeanNewcomers.org).

**Vienna's Energy Future.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Free. Sierra Club/Great Falls Group hosts a presentation about a growing movement in Virginia to stop two proposed pipelines posing a threat of damage to streams, rivers, and scenic views. Email [s.weltz@yahoo.com](mailto:s.weltz@yahoo.com) or call 703-608-2471.

### TUESDAY/APRIL 19

**McLean Historical Society Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. at McLean Community Center, in McLean Square Shopping Center (next to Cafe Tatti), 6631 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. Featuring Joe Mornini, founder of Team River Runner, a non-profit adaptive, therapeutic and leadership training program for wounded and disabled veterans. He will discuss teaching kayaking to wounded warriors on Seneca Creek as well as the Potomac crossing of J.E.B. Stuart on this way to Gettysburg. Contact Carole Herrick at 703-356-8223.



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## Here's What's Happening at MCC

### The Old Firehouse Family Movie Night "Despicable Me 3" (PG)

Friday, April 6, 7-9 p.m.

The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Rd.

\$3 per person. Preregistration is recommended.



### MCC Governing Board Election Vote by Absentee Ballot

Monday, April 9 - Wednesday, May 16

Meet the Candidates at

[www.mcleancenter.org/about/candidates](http://www.mcleancenter.org/about/candidates)



### Presented by The Alden Christylez Bacon: The Human Beatbox

Friday, April 13, 8 p.m.

The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Rd.

\$20/\$14 MCC tax district residents



### Some selling spaces still available! Spring Community Garage Sale Featuring the New Kids' Corner Sale

Saturday, April 14, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

1420 Beverly Rd.  
(intersection of Ingleside Ave.  
and Beverly Rd.)

Free Admission



### The Old Firehouse Teacher Workday Trip Hershey's Chocolate World

Monday, April 16, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Rd.

\$70/\$60 MCC district residents



### The Old Firehouse Family Events The Unruly Theatre Project

Friday, April 20, 7 p.m.

The Old Firehouse  
1440 Chain Bridge Rd.

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## Canines Trained for Rope Operations

Units from Fire and Rescue Station 14, Burke, A-Shift recently assisted K9 handlers from Virginia Task Force -1 and the Prince William Police Department on a drill regarding rope operations. It is important to expose the canines to heights so that during actual deployments the K9 team is familiar with how to work during this type of operation. All the canines end the training with a fun “find” on the rubble pile.

—TRISH DANULA

## House Doctors of McLean Recognized For Customer Service & Business Growth

For Rich Marzan, growing his House Doctors franchise isn't just about great numbers, it's about building a base of satisfied, returning customers throughout the region. Now House Doctors, a national professional handyman company, has announced that Marzan and his team are the recipients of the 2017 Customer Service Award and a 2017 Business Growth Award. The awards were presented during the company's conference on Feb. 24.

“Rich Marzan is a great business owner and all-around great person. The Customer Service Award is an especially important recognition for him. He has the highest customer service rating of any House Doctors franchise in the system and he got there by providing excellent service, building relationships with customers, fixing problems when they arose and going out of his way to ask for customer service reviews when jobs were complete,” House Doctors President Jim Hunter said.

House Doctors of McLean serves Dunn Loring, Falls Church, Great Falls, McLean, Arlington, Oakton, Tysons and Vienna as well as Bethesda and Potomac in Maryland.

“We are very appreciative of the recognition and I think it has motivated our team to be even better in 2018,” Marzan said. “We are hiring a fourth technician this year and we're looking forward to having



House Doctors of McLean owner Rich Marzan, left, accepts one of his awards from House Doctors President Jim Hunter.

another van on the road so we can reach even more people.”

House Doctors' background-checked and uniformed handymen technicians specialize in projects that take one hour to two days to complete, such as light remodeling and repairs of decks, doors, bathrooms and kitchens; repairing drywall; painting; exterior repairs; making home modifications and much more. House Doctors of McLean and their technicians are licensed, bonded and insured.

For more information about House Doctors of McLean, call 703-639-0391, email HD535@housedoctors.com or visit <http://housedoctors.com/handyman-mclean/>.



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From left — Assistant MATHCOUNTS Coach and BASIS Independent McLean math teacher Dr. Ryan Grove, BIM students: Pravalika Putalapattu, Eleanor Kim, Ethan Zhou, Sam Wang, and BIM MATHCOUNTS Coach Tyler Sullivan with his daughter Hazel.

## BASIS Independent McLean Wins MATHCOUNTS State Competition

The BASIS Independent McLean (BIM) MATHCOUNTS team placed first in the MATHCOUNTS state championships in Richmond. This is BIM's second time participating and winning in the annual statewide MATHCOUNTS competition. BASIS Independent McLean MATHCOUNTS members, called Team SWEEP to represent a combination of their initials, include: Sam Wang (grade 7), Eleanor Kim (grade 8), Ethan Zhou (grade 7), and Pravalika Putalapattu (grade 8). Team SWEEP is led by Coaches Tyler Sullivan and Dr. Ryan Grove, a BIM math and science teacher. MATHCOUNTS state champions head to the 2018 MATHCOUNTS National Competition in Washington, D.C., May 12 to 15. For more information on BASIS Independent McLean, go to <http://mclean.basisindependent.com>.

In the individual MATHCOUNTS competitions, BIM student Putalapattu earned first place, while Zhou finished third and Wang earned fourth place. Fourteen MATHCOUNTS

teams were present at Virginia MATHCOUNTS State Competition and approximately 84 students participated.

The Virginia State MATHCOUNTS team heading to the National MATHCOUNTS Competition in Washington, D.C. will be composed of the top four state individual winners: Putalapattu, Wang, Zhou, and a Mercer Middle School student from Aldie. The team will be trained by BIM Coach Tyler Sullivan. The National MATHCOUNTS Competition will be streamed live on ESPN3, with 224 competitors and 56 teams from around the United States. “We're extremely proud of our MATHCOUNTS students and coaches; their achievement is remarkable, considering BIM opened only two years ago and we have won first place for the second consecutive time,” said Ron Kim, Head of School at BASIS Independent McLean. “We're rooting them on for the National Competition in May.”

For more information, go to [www.mathcounts.org](http://www.mathcounts.org).

## Quality of Life Plus hires Robert D. Wolff, Ph.D., P.E. as Executive Director

Quality of Life Plus (QL+), a non-profit organization headquartered in McLean, announced the hiring of Dr. Bob Wolff, P.E. as Executive Director. “We are delighted to welcome Bob Wolff to the QL+ family,” said Quality of Life Plus Founder Jon Monett.

“QL+ provides challenges for design and engineering students, allowing them to work directly with our wounded veterans, harnessing technology and common sense engineering practices to improve their daily lives. Bob's extensive experience is a perfect fit for QL+.”

Wolff graduated from West Point, with a BS in engineering and later



Robert D. Wolff

earned his Ph.D. in civil engineering from Stanford University.

He was an Engineer officer in the United States Army for nine years and retired as a Lt. Colonel from the Army Reserves. He worked for the US Army Corp of Engineers in the area of water resources planning and engineering, and then both the Army and Air Force in military construction, operations, and maintenance. He then served as the Executive Director of SAME (Society of American Military Engineers) for twelve years, retiring from that position in 2014.

QL+ is headquartered in McLean, with its major lab at California Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo, Calif. It also has a dedicated lab at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colo. Established QL+ programs also operate at Virginia Tech, the University of Dayton, Xavier University, University of California, San Diego, and the University of Colorado, Boulder.

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# NEWS

## PenFed Donates \$25,000 to U.S. Army Women's Foundation

PenFed credit union President and CEO James Schenck announced a \$25,000 donation from the credit union to the U.S. Army Women's Foundation. PenFed's \$25,000 donation will help advance education and career opportunities for women in the military and honor exceptional women soldiers.

"This Women's History Month, PenFed is proud to increase its support of the U.S. Army Women's Foundation and, with them, honor and recognize the incredible women who have sacrificed so much for our country and the freedoms we enjoy," said James Schenck, President and CEO, PenFed Credit Union. "We are committed to the current and future women leaders of the U.S. Army and, through this donation, hope to help them continue paving the way for more trailblazers to come."

PenFed is a corporate supporter of the U.S. Army Women's Foundation, and was an Eagle Partner of its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Summit held in Washington March 12. Schenck also presented a Legacy Scholarship funded by PenFed at the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony held in conjunction with the Summit.

Led by veterans, the U.S. Army Women's Foundation is the only nonprofit organization dedicated solely to supporting women who wear or have worn the U.S. Army uniform. Their mission is to promote public interest in the Army, and recognize and honor the service of all U.S. Army women. The U.S. Army Women's Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization, headquartered in Fort Lee, Va.

"We are inspired by PenFed's generous support of the U.S. Army



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**Desert Storm veteran and PenFed employee Michelle Hart (left) and James Schenck (right), PenFed Credit Union President and CEO, flank Brigadier General Anne Macdonald USA (Ret.) and President of the U.S. Army Women's Foundation.**

Women's Foundation," said Brigadier General Anne Macdonald, USA (Ret.) and President of the U.S. Army Foundation. "PenFed's commitment to the nation's military enables organizations such as the U.S. Army Women's Foundation to continue our mission of recognizing and honoring the many contributions women have made in our Army and are making every day."

Among those recognized at the event and inducted into the U.S. Army Women's Foundation Hall of Fame were:

❖ The first female to achieve rank of General, Brigadier General

Anna Mae Hays USA Ret. (posthumous),

❖ The two first women Army rangers, Captain Kristen M. Griest, and Captain Shaye L. Haver, and

❖ The first women Sentinels at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Sergeant Heather L. Johnson, Sergeant Danyell E. Wilson, Staff Sergeant Tonya D. Bell, and Sergeant Ruth Hanks.

PenFed has donated more than \$1.3 million to charitable organizations in the Greater Washington, DC area, a significant portion going to support veterans and military programs. To learn more, visit [www.penfed.org](http://www.penfed.org).

### BLOOD DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Though Spring has officially arrived, the American Red Cross blood supply is still recovering from severe winter storms in March. Donors of all blood types are urged to roll up a sleeve and help save lives.

Volunteer blood donors from across the country are needed to help ensure lifesaving blood products are available for patients this spring. Make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities in the area, March 20 to April 15

#### Herndon

4/9/2018: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., St.

Timothy's Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren St.

4/11/2018: 1:30 p.m. - 7 p.m., ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St

#### Reston

4/4/2018: 3 p.m. - 8 p.m., St Thomas a Becket RCC, 1421 Wiehle Ave

4/6/2018: 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Dr

4/6/2018: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Extended Stay America, 12190 Sunset Hills Rd

#### Fairfax

4/5/2018: 12:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m., Fairfax Blood Donation Center, 2720 Prosperity Avenue, Suite 200

4/6/2018: 7:45 a.m. - 3 p.m., Fairfax Blood Donation Center, 2720 Prosperity Avenue, Suite 200

4/7/2018: 7:45 a.m. - 3 p.m., Fairfax

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4/8/2018: 7:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Fairfax Blood Donation Center, 2720 Prosperity Avenue, Suite 200

4/9/2018: 1:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Fairfax Blood Donation Center, 2720 Prosperity Avenue, Suite 200

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In February 2018, 55 homes sold between \$590,000-\$345,000  
in the McLean and Falls Church area.

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Postal Code
1932 BURFOOT ST	3	2	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$590,000	Detached	0.23	22043	
1908 HILLSIDE DR	5	3	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$740,000	Detached	0.25	22043	
2816 HYSON LN	3	3	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$495,000	Townhouse	0.05	22043	
1755 PIMMIT DR	6	6	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$1,350,000	Detached	0.33	22043	
7038 FALLS REACH DR #7038	2	2	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$460,900	Garden 1-4 Floors		22043	
6517 ELMHIRST DR	6	5	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$1,574,900	Detached	0.23	22043	
7719 MAGARITY RD	4	3	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$640,000	Detached	0.23	22043	
7600 BENT OAK CT	3	3	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$820,000	Detached	0.25	22043	
1946 LEONARD RD	5	3	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$710,000	Detached	0.24	22043	
7000 FALLS REACH DR #405	2	2	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$385,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22043	
2230 GEORGE C MARSHALL DR #1213	2	2	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$349,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22043	
2311 PIMMIT DR #1104	2	2	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$243,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22043	
2230 GEORGE C MARSHALL DR #1200	1	1	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$250,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22043	
2311 PIMMIT DR #702	1	1	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$196,500	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22043	
7570 WOOD MIST LN	2	1	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$339,000	Townhouse	0.02	22043	
1444 HAMPTON RIDGE DR	3	3	1	MCLEAN	\$959,900	Townhouse	0.05	22101	
1917 GREAT FALLS ST	4	3	0	MCLEAN	\$725,000	Detached	0.24	22101	
1125 ORMOND CT	6	6	2	MCLEAN	\$2,205,000	Detached	0.37	22101	
1610 BROOKSIDE RD	4	3	0	MCLEAN	\$905,000	Detached	0.35	22101	
1827 OPALOCKA DR	5	3	0	MCLEAN	\$842,500	Detached	0.24	22101	
6820 FELIX ST	4	3	0	MCLEAN	\$802,000	Detached	0.24	22101	
613 RIVERCREST DR	6	6	1	MCLEAN	\$1,410,000	Detached	0.80	22101	
6138 TOMPKINS DR	6	6	2	MCLEAN	\$2,080,000	Detached	0.36	22101	
1640 MORRILL CT	4	3	0	MCLEAN	\$827,000	Detached	0.32	22101	
7014 ALICENT PL	3	3	1	MCLEAN	\$685,000	Townhouse	0.06	22101	
1137 BASIL RD	3	3	0	MCLEAN	\$1,225,000	Detached	0.50	22101	
6732 MELROSE DR	3	3	1	MCLEAN	\$715,000	Townhouse	0.04	22101	
1700 CRESCENT LN	6	5	2	MCLEAN	\$1,600,000	Detached	0.43	22101	
1415 MAYFLOWER DR	3	2	1	MCLEAN	\$810,000	Detached	0.29	22101	
1424 LABURNUM ST	5	4	0	MCLEAN	\$1,395,000	Detached	0.52	22101	
6805 MARKET SQUARE DR	4	2	2	MCLEAN	\$670,000	Townhouse	0.04	22101	
6800 FLEETWOOD RD #421	1	1	1	MCLEAN	\$230,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22101	
6803 MARKET SQUARE DR	3	2	1	MCLEAN	\$620,000	Townhouse	0.04	22101	
1800 OLD MEADOW RD #315	1	1	0	MCLEAN	\$273,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22102	
1808 OLD MEADOW RD #702	1	1	0	MCLEAN	\$220,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22102	
7700 TREMAYNE PL #204	3	2	1	MCLEAN	\$406,500	Garden 1-4 Floors		22102	
1310 SCOTTS RUN RD	6	4	1	MCLEAN	\$1,130,000	Detached	5.69	22102	
8022 BIRNAM WOOD DR	4	2	1	MCLEAN	\$963,900	Detached	0.47	22102	
1524 LINCOLN WAY #407	1	1	0	MCLEAN	\$240,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22102	
7410 HALLCREST DR	3	3	1	MCLEAN	\$702,000	Townhouse	0.04	22102	
7640 TREMAYNE PL #207	2	1	0	MCLEAN	\$255,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22102	
1571 SPRING GATE DR #6403	2	2	0	MCLEAN	\$363,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22102	
1320 BANQUO CT	5	3	1	MCLEAN	\$850,000	Detached	0.29	22102	
1524 LINCOLN WAY #227	1	1	0	MCLEAN	\$230,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22102	
1581 SPRING GATE DR #5304	2	2	0	MCLEAN	\$403,390	Garden 1-4 Floors		22102	
909 CHINQUAPIN RD	6	4	2	MCLEAN	\$1,100,000	Detached	2.00	22102	
1975 KENNEDY DR #1975	2	1	0	MCLEAN	\$267,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22102	
8220 CRESTWOOD HEIGHTS DR #18022	2	2	1	MCLEAN	\$1,240,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22102	
7754 LEGERE CT #28	3	3	2	MCLEAN	\$747,000	Townhouse		22102	
1800 OLD MEADOW RD #1419	2	2	0	MCLEAN	\$419,900	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22102	
8360 GREENSBORO DR #107	2	2	0	MCLEAN	\$345,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22102	

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## Northern Virginia Students Work Together to Save Environment

On Tuesday, April 10, NoVA Outside will hold the seventh annual School Environmental Action Showcase. The event occurs at the George Mason University's Fairfax campus. This event features the environmental conservation work of students across Northern Virginia. The students not only get to feature projects they have done but see what other students of the area have been working on. Last year the event brought out roughly 1,000 attendees and is expected to exceed that this year.

The Showcase features programs such as the Caring for Our Watersheds competition, hosted by the non-profit Earth Force, which provides more than \$20,000 in prizes and project implementation funding. Virginia Tech's Thinkabit Lab gives the students an opportunity to interactively explore solutions to environmental issues using programmable sensors and electronic devices. This year the Showcase also features the return of the recycled mascot competition, in which students construct their school mas-

cots from recycled and recyclable materials.

"To have all these young people sharing their environmental research and solutions, you see the value they bring to Northern Virginia through their efforts, and also the power they have to drive positive change in their community. And they inspire each other to innovate, to advocate, and to strengthen their environmental stewardship throughout their school careers," said Kurt Moser, co-chair of the event.

NoVA Outside is a non-profit alliance of environmental educators, teachers, and others who work to support environmental educators and increase their effectiveness. They offer resources such as networking opportunities and professional development workshops. They also host events supporting environmental education and involvement such as the School Environmental Action Showcase, Early Childhood Conference, and School Age Green Educators meetups. For more information, visit [www.novaoutside.org](http://www.novaoutside.org).

### WEEK IN MCLEAN

## Volunteers Needed for SHARE Food Drive

New Dominion Women's Club needs volunteers to help the food drive to support our local food pantry at SHARE on April 7 (rain or shine). The drive will be held at Giant grocery store on Chain Bridge Road, McLean with distribution at SHARE. See sign-up genius for details. The food drive will help SHARE provide groceries to qualifying residents of McLean, Falls Church, and Great Falls. Faisa Stafford is coordinating on behalf of New Dominion Women's Club. Sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094bacab2fa5f58-sharendwc>

SHARE's mission to serve those in need includes many areas. In addition to having a grocery store style food pantry, it also donates laptops and furniture, hosts a Holiday Party, conducts a Back-to-school supplies program, provides financial guidance, and more. Volunteers are always welcome. For more information visit [www.shareofmclean.org](http://www.shareofmclean.org).

The New Dominion Club is celebrating 50 years of fellowship and service. The club has been a long-standing supporter of SHARE. For more information, and to learn about membership, visit [www.ndwc.org](http://www.ndwc.org).

# BULLETIN BOARD

Submit civic/community announcements at [ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar](http://ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar). Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

## PARENTS HELPING PARENTS

**Parent Support Partners**, a service of the Healthy Minds Fairfax initiative, are all parents who have received training and are qualified to offer education, support and assistance at no cost to families or caregivers. They provide reliable information that families can use in decision-making and are familiar with services and resources that can help families in distress. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/healthymindsfairfax](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/healthymindsfairfax) or [www.nami-northernvirginia.org/parent-peer-support.html](http://www.nami-northernvirginia.org/parent-peer-support.html).

## VOLUNTEER WANTED

**Operation Paws for Homes**, a Virginia based 501(c)(3) organization seeks volunteers, especially to foster dogs. See [www.ophrescue.org](http://www.ophrescue.org) for information and all volunteer opportunities.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

**Child turning 5 years old by Sept. 30?** If so, contact your child's school to make arrangements for kindergarten enrollment. Most schools begin getting information together now for parents of incoming kindergartners, and many host an orientation or open house. All kindergarten programs are full-day and located in FCPS elementary schools. Check your school's webpage or contact the school directly for specific enrollment information and dates of orientation or visit [www.fcps.edu/registration/kindergrarten-registration](http://www.fcps.edu/registration/kindergrarten-registration).

## GOVERNING BOARD CANDIDATES

**The McLean Community Center (MCC)** is seeking candidates to run for seats on its 2018-2019 Governing Board. A candidate must reside in the Center's tax district (Small District 1A-Dranesville). To have their names placed on election ballots, candidates are required to obtain the signatures of 10 McLean tax district residents in their respective categories (either adult or youth). Three adult positions and two youth positions are open this year. Key Election Dates:

- Monday, April 9: Absentee Voting begins at the MCC Administrative Office, 6631 Old Dominion Dr., and The Old Firehouse Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road.
  - Sunday, May 6: Candidates Meet and Greet, 2-4 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of MCC, at the Old Firehouse Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road.
  - Wednesday, May 16: Absentee Voting ends at the MCC Administrative Office and the Old Firehouse Center at 5 p.m.
  - Saturday, May 19: Elections at McLean Day from 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
- For more information on the MCC Governing Board Elections, call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit the Center's website: <http://bit.ly/2ix7qc1>.

## THURSDAY/APRIL 5

**Caregivers Support Group.** 10-11:30 a.m. at UUCF Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax - Program Building, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. For caregivers to adult family members with dementia. First and third Thursdays of every month. Hosted by Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, [scov.org](http://scov.org). Contact facilitator Jack Tarr at 703-821-6838 or [jtarr5@verizon.net](mailto:jtarr5@verizon.net).

**Autism 101: An Introduction to Understanding Autism.** 10-11:30 a.m. at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 100, Dunn Loring. Join the **Autism Society of Northern Virginia** to learn accurate, important, basic information at this workshop highlighting Autism Acceptance Month. Open to all who want to learn more about autism. Visit [www.fcps.edu/node/28279](http://www.fcps.edu/node/28279).

## FRIDAY/APRIL 6

**Board of Supervisors Breakfast.** 7:30-10 a.m. at the Fairview Park Marriott, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church. Guests will hear directly from Chairman Sharon Bulova and each Supervisor about the challenges and opportunities in all nine districts. Leadership Fairfax will present the annual Katherine K. Hanley Award for Public Service to Kevin Greenleaf for his three decades of outstanding service. Tickets, tables and sponsorships are available at <https://leadershipfairfax.org/event-2734934>.

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## Label Me Presumptuous



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I have not been collecting return-address labels for years. I have however, been receiving them for years. Either as thank you's for charitable contributions made or as inducements for charitable contributions yet to be made. Regardless of the reason, I have had an ample supply until recently. And they have served me well as both a reminder of what I have and have not done. And over time, they have most definitely served their purpose. Amazingly though, the pages of return-address labels in inventory has been shrinking of late. Due to some combination of my lack of charitableness as well as a reduction in the numbers of unsolicited charitable quid pro quos (there may be a relationship there).

Let me be clear: I am under no delusion or pressure to respond to these letters/requests for money. Just because I receive them doesn't mean I must adhere to them. They're hardly a subpoena nor are they payment for services rendered. They are merely a pre-approach-type solicitation mailed to me at my home offering goods (the labels) for services (my contribution) not yet rendered. Opening an envelope and reading its contents doesn't make me a partner in their pursuit of my dollars.

But what exactly is the protocol here? Certainly I can understand keeping and/or using the return-address labels if I make a contribution, but what if I don't make a contribution? Do I have to throw these perfectly good return-address labels away? Don't some of these labels, by their design/content - and ultimately by their use by yours truly, indirectly support the original sender's cause? Isn't their use some kind of tacit paying-it-forward-type approval/contribution on my part? I realize money and/or in-kind contributions likely help more, but is there use by a non-contributor not abuse at all? After all, I'm sort of passing the word/keeping their chain going, aren't I?

If all is fair in love and war, certainly there's a little wiggle room in the world of mailing unsolicited inducements to unsuspecting recipients? I mean, I'm not asking for trouble here, am I? I'm merely asking for some understanding and clarification. If what was sent to me - not at my request and not as part of a phone conversation securing a commitment, was not my doing, then why am I responsible for it being done?

Obviously the labels are a convenience for me, and that is worth some amount of money and time that now I'm not having to spend. Still, it feels like an intrusion of sorts, a method to their madness - presumably, but to me a presumption, nevertheless. And that's just a few letters away from an assumption, and you all know what is said about assuming?

I suppose if you cast a wide enough net you're going to catch a few contributors who don't find anything fishy about this direct mail process and who feel compelled to respond favorably - so to speak, because a good deed has been for them. And if a good deed (or a "solid," to quote Detective Andy Sipowitz/Dennis Franz from NYPD Blue) deserves another then contributions will be made and address labels will be affixed.

But after years of receiving these return-address-labels-masquerading-as-solicitations-for-contributions - to a variety of charities, some more well known than others, I don't feel the least bit stuck in my decision to use these return address labels as I see fit. In a way, I am the beneficiary of their largess and in turn, they are the beneficiary of my non-cash contribution. It's sort of a win-win. But I don't suppose that was their intention. I suppose they wanted more, not less.

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