Lee High Library
Wins National Award

Local Students Join Gun Safety Town Hall

Good Deeds Don’t Go Unnoticed in Springfield

Mimi Marquet, Head Librarian at Lee High School, with Lisa Koch, Librarian, who were honored with the 2018 National School Library Program of the Year by the American Association of School Librarians.
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We’ve Moved!
Much unity, some dissention as community discusses the issue.

**Andrea Worker**

The Connection

U.S. Rep. Gerald E. Connolly's Town Hall meeting at the Providence Community Center on Tuesday evening, May 1, represented a departure from most public forums.

To begin with, the format wasn’t the traditional politician updating his constituents, responding to their questions and feedback, then making the rounds and shaking hands. Instead, the congressman shared the speaker’s table with four high school students who he credited with “bringing us together this evening for a community discussion on gun safety.”

Since the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla. on Feb. 14 that left 17 dead and more wounded, students across the nation have organized rallies, school walkouts and marches. They have been demanding gun regulations, other changes in law enforcement and communications, and more resources for mental health awareness and treatment. Groups have formed under banners such as “Enough is Enough,” “March for Our Lives,” and “Never Again.”

“We are more than an interest club. We will push for action,” said panelist Michael McCabe, a sophomore at Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax.

In recent weeks, McCabe and many other young activists started contacting their elected officials, asking to be heard. Connolly’s office received its fair share of letters, including one constituent complaining that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) had been barred from studying the issue.

Connolly is proud of the “F” grade he earns each year responding to their questions and feedback, but that the funds expected to do such research, but that the funds needed for several initiatives. When one constituent complained that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) had been barred from studying the effects of gun violence, Connolly responded that the latest government funding bill did clarify that the CDC was, in fact, empowered to do such research, but that the funds to do so were not approved.

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WHEN AUDIENCE members got their turn at the microphone, most offered encouragement and congratulations to the student activists.

Although it was clear that the panel and the audience were closely aligned in their views, there were those in the audience with a differing opinion.

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Lee High Library Wins National Award

Librarians Mimi Marquet and Lisa Koch honored, win $10,000 for their school.

The Lee High School library program was named the 2018 National School Library Program of the Year by the American Association of School Librarians. The national award recognizes a school or district-wide library program that meets the needs of the changing school and library environment and is fully integrated into the school’s curriculum. Lee High is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School that prepares students to be global citizens; school librarians Mimi Marquet and Lisa Koch support the curriculum in a way that is critical to student success. The two developed a schoolwide Hour of Code activity and created curriculum for classes with and without devices, providing instruction in multiple languages so every student could participate. To foster a sense of community among students and staff, they coordinated a schoolwide reading program, challenging students and staff to read U.S. Rep. John Lewis’s Civil Rights memoir called “March.” He represents Georgia’s 5th Congressional district since 1987.

According to Koch: “Personally, this is a big professional achievement. I’m excited about the opportunity that this award gives us to represent school libraries and to represent our District and really connect with other school librarians all over. In terms of our program, I think it’s really important that we’re getting to highlight some of the things that we’re doing and how our school really works together and our teachers and administrators collaborate with us, and how that changes how the library can function within the school.”

Added Marquet: “It’s kind of like the Academy Award for school libraries and it’s given to one school library program or District each year. So, we’re very honored, of course, to receive this award. We worked very hard on the application process but we also feel that it’s because we work within such a phenomenal school district in Fairfax County and all the ecosystem of excellence that we’re very well supported at all levels – the school level and by Library Services in Fairfax County Public Schools and by Fairfax County itself.”

Marquet and Koch also led book discussions, developed monthly lessons for teachers, created videos, and established an art installation as part of the “March” program. Additionally, they recruited social studies teachers and students for a service-learning opportunity that involved writing letters of gratitude to active duty service members and veterans that involved writing letters of gratitude to active duty service members and veterans to be included in care packages. Lee High will be honored with a $10,000 check at the AASL awards ceremony during the American Library Association’s annual conference in New Orleans on June 23.

— Steve Hibbard

Lee High School students doing some work in the school library.

Pictures and Prose At Key Middle School

Key Middle School held a “Pictures and Prose” Region 3 Art Show and Literary Fair for its five feeder schools Thursday, April 26, 2018 off Franconia Road in Springfield. The event geared to students in elementary, middle and high school highlighted students’ art work and helped promote literacy with various games and activities. There was Harry Potter trivia, Wordless Picture Books, some Robotics activities and games of Taboo, for example. The idea was that literacy takes place in all subject areas, not just reading and writing. In addition, two local authors signed copies of their books - Tracey Kyle, who is also a Spanish teacher at Key Middle, and Brian Herberger of the Fairfax County Central Office who works in ESOL Services with Fairfax County Schools. Food trucks were also parked outside offering pizza, chicken and SnowCones.

— Steve Hibbard

The Crestwood Chimers from Crestwood Elementary School.

Book author Tracey Kyle, who also teaches Spanish at Key Middle School, with her books, “Food Fight Fiesta” and “Gazpacho for Nacho.”

Rihana Mengstab, 8, a second grader at Saratoga Elementary, points to her “Monster” artwork.

From left: Lisa Koch, Lee High Librarian; Mimi Marquet, Lee High Head Librarian; Deirdre Lavery, Principal of Lee High School; Lourdes Salas, Administrative Assistant; Priscille Dando, Coordinator of Library Information Services with Fairfax County; and Denise Katz, Assistant Principal at Lee.
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Every year is election year in Virginia; mechanics and details of voting re-
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Let ters to the Editor
Making Summer Camp Affordable
To the Editor:
I read with interest Marilyn Campbell’s re-
cent article on the difficulty of affording sum-
mer camp. As the director of Traveling Play-
ers Ensemble, a summer theatre camp, I’ve
been acutely aware of the issues families face
in paying for camp for years. I’ve seen the enor-
mous difference that summer enrichment pro-
grams can make in a kid’s life.
In an effort to make it possible for more
kids to experience the joy of theatre, we have
created summer scholarships in the area.
Campers can apply for scholarships, and we are actively seeking middle
schoolers of financial need to partici-
ate in our summer camps. Some of our previous
scholarship campers have even been able to turn
their high-level training into paid gigs.
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letter to the Editor

What’s on the Ballot for
Primary Election June 12?

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

US House of Representatives

District 8
Donald S. Beyer, Jr. (unopposed in primary)

District 10, Vote for One
Winner will Face U.S. Rep. Barbara
Comstock (R-10) in November
Lindsey Davis Stover
Jennifer T. Wexton
Paul E. Pelletier
Alison K. Friedman
Dan I. Helmer
Julia E. Biggins

District 11
Gerald Edward Connolly (incumbent, unopposed in primary)

U.S. Senate
Timothy M. Kaine (incumbent, unopposed in primary)

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

US House of Representatives

District 10 Vote for One
Shak E. Hill
Barbara J. Comstock (incumbent)

District 11, Jeff A. Dove, Jr. (unopposed)

United States Senate
Winner will Face Sen. Tim Kaine (D) in November
Corey A. Stewart (R)
Nick J. Freitas (R)
E. W. Jackson (R)

PRIMARY: TUESDAY, JUNE 12
❖ Deadline to register to vote, or update registration, for the Tuesday, June 12, General Election is Monday, May 21.
❖ Deadline to request an absentee ballot mailed to you is 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 5.
❖ Deadline to request an absentee ballot by appearing in-person is 5 p.m. Saturday, June 9. Absentee in person voting is already underway.

Voter ID

Virginia has voter identification require-
ments; plan to bring photo identification with you to vote, whether that is absentee or on
Primary Election Day.
Among accepted ID: valid Virginia Driver’s License or Identification Card; valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran’s ID Card; valid U.S. Passport; other government-issued photo identifi-
cation cards issued by the U.S. Government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or a political
subsidiary of the Commonwealth; Tribal enrol-
mament or other tribal ID issued by one of 11 tribes recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia; valid college or university student
photo identification card from an institution of higher education located in Virginia; valid
student ID issued by a public school or private school in Virginia displaying a photo; employee
identification card containing a photograph of any voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer’s
business.
Any registered voter who does not have one
of the required forms of identification can apply
for a free Virginia Voter Photo ID certifica-
tion from any general registrar’s office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Vir-
ginia Voter Photo ID complete the Virginia
Voter Photo Identification Card Application,
have their picture taken, and sign the digital
signature pad. Once the application is pro-
cessed, the card will be mailed directly to the voter. A voter who does not bring an accept-
able photo ID to the polls will be offered a pro-
visional ballot.

Provisional Ballot Process for Voters
Who Arrive Without Identification
If you arrive at your polling place on Elec-

tion Day without an acceptable form of photo
identification, don’t panic or give up.
You will be given the opportunity to vote a
provisional ballot. After completing the pro-
visional ballot, the individual voting will be given
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on how to submit a copy of his/her identifica-
tion so that his/her vote can be counted.
A voter will have until noon on the Friday
following the election to deliver a copy of the
identification to the local electoral board or to
appear in person to apply for a Virginia Voter
Photo ID Card. Voters may submit a copy of
their ID via fax, email, in-person submission,
or through UPS or commercial delivery ser-
vice. Please note that the copy of the ID must be
delivered by noon on Friday.
Also by noon on Friday following the elec-
tion, the voter may appear in-person in the
office of the general registrar, in the locality
in which the provisional ballot was cast, and
apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. At
the completion of the application process, the voter may request a Temporary Identification
Document. This report may be provided to
the electoral board to meet the identifica-
tion requirement.

Winners of the Virginia congressional primar-
ies can focus on their general election oppo-
sition, while the Republican candidates face
their primary on June 12.

Theatre articles on the difficulty of affording summer enrichment pro-
grams and the impact they can have on children’s lives.

opinion
News

Sheehy Subaru of Springfield Raises $47,000 To Benefit Inova Children’s Hospital

Sheehy Subaru of Springfield recently presented the Inova Children’s Hospital with a $47,000 donation raised as part of the 2017 Subaru Share the Love campaign.

The Share the Love event ran from Nov. 16, 2017 through Jan. 2, 2018, and allowed Subaru retailers, such as Sheehy Subaru of Springfield, the opportunity to select charities operating in their community to be included in a list of organizations that new owners can select from to receive a $250 donation from Subaru of America, Inc. For a second year in a row, there was no cap on the total donation from Subaru to its Share the Love charitable partners.

Sheehy Subaru of Springfield donated an additional $50 per vehicle for the charity as part of the overall donation.

Inova Children’s Hospital is an award-winning, full-service children’s hospital devoted to the healthcare of infants, children and adolescents in the Northern Virginia area.

For more information, visit https://www.subaruofspringfield.com/news-events.htm or call 703-712-8700.

From left, Paul Sheehy, Used Vehicle Director at Sheehy Auto Stores, and Russ Zakeri, General Manager of Sheehy Subaru, with Joanna Fazio and Jamie Gentile of Inova Children’s Hospital.
Good Deeds Don’t Go Unnoticed in Springfield

Greater Springfield Chamber recognizes Valor.

By Mike Salmon
The Connection

Westing down a 100-pound Rottweiler to thwart an attack was just one of the heroic efforts that was recognized at the Valor Award ceremony on Friday, May 4 at the Springfield Country Club.

Earlier this year, Captain Gerald Morrison, Technician Rachel Wicker, EMS Technician William Harrington, Technician Patrick Ralph, Firefighter Scott Halisky and Firefighter Rosemary Dawley, representing Springfield’s Engine Company 422 and Pohick’s Medic 435 of the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department, were called in when a large dog was on the loose, threatening a man and his mother. All the officers involved were honored for bravery and ingenuity to thwart potential injuries to a man and his mother.

Other acts of heroism included an early morning incident at the Franconia District Station where a man jumped the gate at the station, began yelling, and then reached for one of the officer’s gun before they subdued him. County Police Officers Isa Martin and Officer First Class Lindsey Memenza averted this potentially violent situation.

In another incident, Second Lieutenant Georgi Hovhannisyan, Sergeant Brandon Pitts, Private First-Class Andrew Foxwell and nurse Debbie Kurylo of the Fairfax County Sheriff’s Office, saved an inmate who had slashed his neck in a suicide attempt.

Fairfax County Supervisors Jeff McKay (D-Lee) and Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) were at the ceremony with about 60 community members to honor the officers, “The men and women who make up our world-class public safety agencies put their lives on the line every day to keep us safe,” said McKay. “Events like these help show that our community appreciates law enforcement,” he added.

Nancy Jo Manney at the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, noted the importance of recognizing members of the police and fire department in certain situations. “It’s important that our business community recognizes and honors local first responders, we need to show our appreciation for all they do to protect our businesses, employees and customers,” she said. “When people feel safe in a community they’re more likely to want to spend time in a community, we want and need that,” she added.

The Greater Springfield Chamber has recognized first responders at least once or twice a year for more than 20 years.
Ready for Summer

Time to dust-off and spruce up patios for a season of al fresco entertaining.

By Marilyn Campbell

When designing the patio of her McLean home, interior design professor Jean Freeman of Marymount University relied on the natural surroundings to create a backdrop for her outdoor oasis. “I have an area in the backyard that has small stones and lounge furniture,” she said. “Our backyard is next to Pimmit Run Trail and has lots of trees, some of which I planted. Also, I planted several holly trees so that the area would attract more birds and sometimes the bird chirping gets quite loud and wonderful.”

Gentle breezes and mild temperatures are some of the pleasures of spring that beckon many outdoors for parties and family dinners, but turning a winter-worn patio into a space for entertaining can feel daunting. Breathing new life into a landscape dulled by snow and frost or creating an entirely new outdoor space might be easier than it appears.

When considering a patio furniture purchase, avoid the visual interest, and the planters are moveable, allowing flexibility in use and design,” said Walker. For those who want to build a stone patio, go for a professional set your patio in concrete. It’s much less expensive to set the stone in stone dust, but within a year or less the stones will begin to shift and weeds will grow through the gaps. “Combinations of flagstone and brick are elegant and more interesting than use of only one type of materials,” said Walker. “Make sure you have a solid base to avoid costly repairs later. “Combinations of flagstone and brick are elegant and more interesting than use of only one type of materials,” said Walker. “Make sure you have a professional set your patio in concrete. It’s much less expensive to set the stone in stone dust, but within a year or less the stones will begin to shift and weeds will grow through the gaps.”

Lighting matters, says Proxmire, and she suggests that when designing or even sprucing up patio, “Use different sources of light [such as] inside-outdoor glass hurricanes,” she said. “The candles with batty, edging and pruning will be found among the plants.”

When choosing fabrics for that furniture, Todd Martz of Home on Cameron designed this patio and says that exterior spaces can be treated like an indoor room by using bright, fresh fabrics designed specifically for outdoors.
## Beloved Numbers, Beautiful Voices

Celebrating 60 years, Fairfax Symphony presents its season grand finale.

**By David Siegel**

The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra (FSO) presents the final concert of its 60th season. The performance will recharge with acclaimed works by renowned composers and voices to match. Featuring music and song, the FSO intends to provide patrons with an evening filled with soaring melodies, tender duets, and favorite music of broad appeal.

“This special occasion marks an important milestone in our 60-year partnership with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Fairfax County Public Schools, our corporate partners and donors, and the entire community,” said Jim McKeever, Fairfax Symphony Board Chair. “Together, we affirm our commitment to musical excellence, innovative music education programs, and a high quality of life for our residents, employees, and visitors.”

Musical selections to be played include Verdi’s “La Traviata,” Puccini’s “Tosca,” Bizet’s “Carmen,” and Bernstein’s “Candide” and “West Side Story” among others.

When asked about the special evening, Christopher Zimmerman, FSO Conductor, said, “This is our culminating occasion of the year. It celebrates our 60th and Fairfax County’s 275th founding anniversary. And, added to that, we are providing a tribute to the great American musician Leonard Bernstein. Musically speaking, we at the FSO wanted to have and share a fun affair with our patrons full of sollistos—both young and seasoned alike; as well as other music institutions, and even other art forms,” added Zimmerman.

“it will be an evening of raw energy; beautiful, uplifting and powerful music; and tunes that everyone knows and loves.”

## Ongoing Offers

- **April 15 - May 12**
  - "Into the Woods." Featuring music and song, the FSO intends to provide patrons with an evening filled with soaring melodies, tender duets, and favorite music of broad appeal. Tickets on sale at www.spartantheatre.com/ticket sales. There will be no one night seat in the theatre. Homecoming on Saturday, May 12, noon-12:50 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church, 7018 Mattenson Drive, Springfield. Final concert of the season.

- **April 20, 2018**
  - "Archaeology." All are welcome. Free. Email akela@pack1860.org or call 703-490-8737 for more.

- **May 10**
  - "Fun Exercise Class with Music and Current Events conversation.

- **May 11**

## Upcoming Events

- **May 12**

## More Information

For reservations, call Bea Stephenson at 703-273-5730 at May 15. www.FairfaxTheatre.org

- **May 15**
  - "11 a.m. Tour of Four Clifton Homes." Presented by American Association of Fundraising Counsel. Free. Email deborahdodd55@aol.com or call 703-490-8737 for more.

- **May 19**
  - "10 a.m. Clifton Home Tour." Proceeds benefit local scholarships and charities. Tour: $25. Free admission to a silent auction. Meets at Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton. Visit www.spartantheatre.com/ticketsales for more information.

## Additional Information

- **May 10**
  - "7:30-9 p.m. World Vision Global 6K for Water.

- **May 11**
  - "7 a.m. Touch a Truck.

- **May 12**
  - "10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Red Barn at Springfield Farm.

- **May 13**

## More Events

For more events, visit www.spartantheatre.com/ticketsales or call 703-425-9225.

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*Special thanks to Christopher Zimmerman, FSO Conductor, for providing this information.*
South County Pitcher Martin Shuts Down Lake Braddock

Freshman allows one hit, strikes out 12 during 3-1 victory.

By Jon Roetman

South County softball coach Gary Dillow recognizes freshman Cara Martin as a cool customer in the pitcher’s circle. But despite being poised beyond her years, the Stallion southpaw experienced nerves during her first meeting with rival Lake Braddock, when South County traveled to Burke on April 20 and came out on the losing end of a 3-1 score.

Eighteen days later, Martin got another shot at Lake Braddock and this time, No. 14 mowed through the Bruins with the skill and focus of a veteran hurler. With the top seed in the Patriot District tournament on the line, Martin allowed just one hit and struck out 12 while the Stallions defeated the Bruins 3-1 on Tuesday at South County High School.

Martin retired 16 of the final 17 batters she faced, a stretch of dominance interrupted only by a Bruin reaching base via South County error.

THE VICTORY earned the Stallions a regular-season split with the Bruins and home field advantage throughout the district tournament.

“I was concerned — they beat us the first time we played them, 3-1 — and with as many young kids as I’ve got, it was very important for us to win tonight for them to know that they can [beat Lake Braddock],” Dillow said. “I would certainly expect for them to know that they can [beat Lake Braddock] this time, No. 14 mowed through the Bruins with the skill and focus of a veteran hurler. With the top seed in the Patriot District tournament on the line, Martin allowed just one hit and struck out 12 while the Stallions defeated the Bruins 3-1 on Tuesday at South County High School.

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“The junior led off the bottom of the fourth inning with a single and moved into scoring position when Kyndal Harrison followed with a sacrifice bunt. With two outs, Yates scored the tying run from second base on a Lake Braddock fielding error despite the ball going wide of the pitcher’s circle. After a fly out to center field ended the top of the fifth, South County scored the go-ahead run on a wild pitch and Yates plated an insurance run with a sacrifice fly.

THE PATRIOT DISTRICT TOURNAMENT quarterfinals are scheduled for Friday, May 11, the semifinals are set for May 15 and the championship game will be held May 18.

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A Day for Thank yous
Photos submitted by Dusty Michael of Springfield.

Silence is golden, unless you have Kyle and Kendra, then it is just suspicious. Happy Mother’s Day, dear Rima ma.

First our mother, and forever our friend. Love, Peter, Dusty and Harold.

Life does not come with a manual, it comes with a mother. Gulya and Abbigale of Springfield.

Jerry, Cy, Mother Sabrina and Chanel: Happy Mother’s Day to the mom who does it all.

If at first you don’t succeed, try doing it the way mom told you in the beginning. Simone and Joaquin of Springfield.

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Happy Mother’s Day to a true super mom. Three generations of greatness: Annie, Kendra and Rima of Springfield.

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Summer concerts are an American tradition. In the not-so-distant past, towns and villages across the nation boasted town bands and bandstands in the village square or the park at the center of town. Music was a catalyst, drawing young and old alike to come together as a community. Outdoors, concerts marked a time to relax, share a picnic supper and catch up with friends and neighbors.

The Fairfax County Park Authority has adopted this summer staple to orchestrate a renewed sense of community in Fairfax County. The line-up for the Park Authority includes a wide array of performances from classical to bluegrass and everything in between as well as children’s performances, music and dance from around the world, and drive-in movies.

New this year is the Springfield Nights concert series, held on Wednesday evenings at Burke Lake Park.

2018 Summer Entertainment Series offers:
❖ Arts in the Parks children’s entertainment series
❖ Braddock Nights
❖ Evenings on the Ellipse at the Government Center
❖ Lee District Nights
❖ Hunter Mill Melodies
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❖ Music at Arrowbrook Centre Park in Dranesville
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Tens of thousands of Fairfax County families have enjoyed these free performances over the years. We hope to see you this summer. Some series offer wine tasting and sales and food trucks. For details on each series go to https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance.

Most performances are held outdoors and are canceled in the case of inclement weather. Evenings on the Ellipse are held rain or shine. In the event of rain, the performances are moved inside to the Fairfax County Government Center Forum. You may call 703-324-7469 one hour prior to the start of the show for updates.

The free performances and movies are possible thanks to a strong partnership between government, volunteers, business sponsors, individual donors and the Fairfax County Park Foundation.

Schedule at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/arts-in-the-parks

Week in Fairfax

Fairfax City Manager Bob Sisson Announces Retirement

After serving the City of Fairfax for more than 27 years, City Manager Bob Sisson announced his retirement at a special City Council meeting. Sisson’s tenure with the city makes him one of the region’s longest-serving local government administrators. His retirement will be effective July 1, 2018.

In a statement given to the City Council, Sisson expressed his appreciation to the elected leadership of the city and to his fellow employees. Sisson said, “I’m pleased that I leave the city in good shape financially and operationally with such a bright future ahead.”

The city has consistently been ranked in the top 10 places to live in the country, and recognition for the city’s livability, safety and services has grown steadily during Sisson’s time as city manager. Mayor David Meyer commented following Sisson’s announcement that the city had made significant progress during the city manager’s tenure. “Bob Sisson has led the city staff through nearly three decades of great change for the City of Fairfax. We’ve been incredibly fortunate to have Bob as our city manager, and we’re very appreciative for his leadership and commitment on behalf of all our citizens.”

Mayor Meyer announced that the Mayor and City Council would immediately begin a process to select a new city manager with the aid of an executive search consultant. A new city manager is expected to be in place during the fall.
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One local resident, describing herself as a supporter of the Second Amendment, challenged Connolly on his views regarding the “hardening” of schools.

“I’m not completely sure what you mean by that,” answered Connolly, but he firmly rejected the proposal to arm teachers as a defense against gun violence in the classroom.

“Can you imagine that scenario?” Connolly believes that it would be “madness” to put teachers in that position, even with training. “Was that a gunshot? Should I shoot? Who should I shoot? Teachers have a difficult enough role, a major responsibility just to do the job they have.”

Langston Carter and Michael McCabe backed Connolly’s position, noting that the “hardening of schools” approach to protection can often have a negative impact on students of color.

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I still haven’t seen the light
By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Wow! I just saved “Up to $504 **” (not including the two asterisks), and all I did was buy a six pack of LED light bulbs. So it says on the package anyway.

Maybe I should buy another six-pack and save even more money? There are only two problems (just two!) with this plan. First, I don’t see a rebate-type form to complete and return and; in lieu there of, neither is there a guarantee, providing my health situation, that I’ll even live long enough (“Lasts 13+ Years”) to realize the benefit/savings of not spending additional money on light bulbs.

Are they even light bulbs any more? I don’t see it printed on the package anywhere.

And while I’ll definitely enjoy not spending money on light bulbs – or whatever they’re calling them – I could hardly believe it, I’d spent money on light bulbs that I don’t actually need and/or likely will never even use. I mean, I have already spend money on light bulbs for a countrysumer we’ve had no other choice, given that the incandescent light bulb ship has sailed – bought replacement light bulbs. I don’t remember however, if the bulbs were LED, Halogen, incandescent, CFL, Fluorescent or who knows what? Literally. Certainly not me.

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If the light bulbs really are going to “Last 13+ years,” (as is also printed on the package) then I might not need to buy them any more, for awhile, anyway. As a result, light bulbs will no longer be a regular purchase like toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, etc. Instead, they will become an irregular purchase like batteries, sponges and the like.

Now, if I really can stop this unnecessary light-bulb-related expense, I should have a few extra dollars that I can allocate elsewhere on real necessities – like candy, cookies and ice cream.

Having sorted out the light bulb task ahead of me, in addition to saving money, I will have saved time as well. And who wouldn’t want to save time and money? Everybody. However, saving it in this excruciatingly boring, mundane manner has limited appeal, I would hope.

But, we’re not just saving pennies here; potentially, according to the light bulb’s packaging, we are apparently saving hundreds of dollars, and hundreds are worth saving. Unfortunately, the dollars saved are not exactly in-pocket. They’re more dollars which won’t be spent out-of-pocket. This is direct as a rebate, but more like an indirect benefit such as money saved from the installation of energy-efficient windows or placing insulation in your attic.

Either way, it’s money not in somebody else’s pocket. It’s just with the manufacturers could figure out a way to pay me today, especially since I paid them yesterday.

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