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Local student activists at town hall meeting with U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11). Left, Ryan Carney, Madison High School junior, and Michael McCabe, Robinson Secondary School sophomore. On right are Ella Wogaman, West Springfield High School senior and Langston Carter, senior from Woodbridge.



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**From left — Maureen Loftus, Executive Director LearningRx, Julian Evans, Westbriar ES, and Dr. Scott Brabrand, Superintendent FCPS.**

## Tysons Chamber Recognizes Star Students

Maureen Loftus, executive director of LearningRx of Vienna and Reston, hosted the 25th Annual Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce Stars event with 54 students attending from 27 Fairfax County schools, recognized for their achievements and significant improvements.

More than 190 attendees joined the event, including Dr. Scott Brabrand, superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools, who was the speaker and co-presenter of the awards, and Maureen Loftus, youth and education chair for the Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce. Each year, the Tysons Regional Chamber partners with area schools to celebrate and honor selected students who deserve recognition for positive potential or significant improvements. The Chamber Stars event celebrates the accomplishment of students who have persevered despite significant obstacles or personal struggles.

The award included the student selection of two books prior to the ceremony: one for their school library, and one for them to keep. Students and guests also enjoyed

breakfast at Earls Kitchen and Bar and received individual awards recognizing their accomplishments.

The Chamber Stars program is possible because of sponsorships from Navy Federal Credit Union, LearningRx of Vienna, and Earls Kitchen and Bar of Tysons Corner.

"We're so thrilled with the continued participation and exceptional students that make the Tysons Chamber Stars Event a success," said Maureen Loftus, executive director of LearningRx of Reston and Vienna.

Fairfax County schools that participated include: BASIS Independent McLean, Cedar Lane, Chesterbrook Elementary School (ES), Churchill ES, Cunningham Park ES, Freedom Hill ES, Flint Hill ES, Forestville ES, Fusion Academy, George C. Marshall High School, Great Falls ES, James Madison HS, Kilmer MS, Langley HS, Louise Archer ES, Marshall Academy, Merritt Academy, Mountain View HS, Oakton HS, PHILLIPS School, Westbriar ES, Westgate ES, Wolftrap ES, Luther Jackson MS, Thoreau MS, Shreveview ES and Stenwood ES.

### Week in Vienna

## Traditional Afternoon Teas at Freeman Store and Museum

Historic Vienna, Inc. offers two opportunities to enjoy a traditional English tea. The teas are 3 - 5 p.m. on Friday, May 18, and Saturday, May 19, at the Freeman Store and Museum, 131 Church Street NE. Tickets are \$30 per person and include scones, tea sandwiches, assorted sweets and a bottomless cup of tea. A program will feature The Language of Flowers. Relax and visit with friends in the historic Freeman Store's beautiful parlor and dining room following the brief presentation. Space is very limited; make reservations by calling 703-938-5187.



## Local Students Join Gun Safety Town Hall

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 those communications.

"This is really their Town Hall," Connolly said in his opening remarks, adding that he sees real momentum coming from the student movement. "I think it is with their voices, their passion, that we will finally get something done."

Three of the four panelists belong to the group Students Demand Action (SDA) at their respective schools, and the fourth is the president of Youth Initiative for National Action. They were there to pursue "common sense gun legislation."

Ella Wogaman represented the West Springfield High School chapter of Students Demand Action. She is also the social media correspondent for the regional SDA chapter.

"A few months ago, we had a handful of members. I think we just hit 400," Wogaman said. The West Springfield senior says that she and many others are focusing efforts on voter registration and getting people, especially first-time voters to the polls, as the way to "really find our voice and get our issues addressed."

Langston Carter, a home-schooled senior from Woodbridge who has attended public schools, spoke from the viewpoint of students of color.



**Local student activists called for a meeting with their congressman, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), who responded with a Town Hall event. Flanking Connolly are, left, Ryan Carney, Madison High School junior, and Michael McCabe, Robinson Secondary School sophomore. On right are Ella Wogaman, West Springfield High School senior and Langston Carter, senior from Woodbridge.**

Carter cited studies that show people of color, particularly young African-American males, are significantly more likely to be the victims of gun violence. The mission of Carter's organization is to "encourage the next generation to take action against bigotry and other issues ... to work with political leaders to make a difference."

Ryan Carney highlighted some of the actions that the members of his SDA chapter are taking.

"We've been getting together, organizing phone banks, writing letters, getting the word out wherever we can," said the James Madison High School junior.

It's also no secret where Connolly stands on the issue of gun safety — right alongside them. An active member of the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, he says he's proud of the "F" grade he earns each year from the National Rifle Association (NRA), whose headquarters are located in his congressional district. Aside from attending vigils on the NRA's doorstep, recently for Parkland, and annually on the anniversary of the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre, Connolly attributes his status with the organization to the numerous gun safety laws he has proposed or supported over the years. He also took aim at his "friends across



**The Fairfax Council of PTAs, represented by president Beth Tudon, offered assistance and resources to promote voter registration in schools.**



**Donna Widawski, a former Secret Service agent from Fairfax, supports the efforts of the congressman and the students, but reminded them to "think bigger picture" about school and public safety.**



**Zachary Schonfeld asked the panelists how they handle negative backlash — something the South Lakes High School senior faced after speaking at an event. "One word," responded U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly. "Fortitude."**

the aisle" for their unwillingness to go against the NRA and "even discuss sensible safety measures to protect all of our citizens."

"**WE'RE NOT** talking about taking everyone's guns away," Connolly said, "but I am sick of a 'moment of silence' in Congress after each of these horrific events and no action. More than 150,000 people have lost their lives to gun violence since Newtown and yet in all that time Congress has not taken a single vote to enact [basic gun control measures] ... We couldn't even get a vote to keep guns out of the hands of people who are on the "No Fly List." [A list created by several federal government agen-

cies of persons prohibited from boarding commercial aircraft for travel within, into, or out of U.S. airspace, primarily for suspected terrorist association.]

For Connolly and others, the basics are simple, "no-brainer" pieces of legislation to ban assault weapons, enact universal background checks and close the "gun show loophole."

The current drafts are H.R. 5087 to ban assault weapons, H.R. 4240 to establish universal background checks, and H.R. 1612 to close the gun show loophole.

Of equal importance to advocates is fighting for funds for several initiatives. When one constituent complained that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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(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.

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

Although it seemed 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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Rendering courtesy of Fairfax County

**Artist's rendering of the scope of The Boro, a major addition to the new Tysons.**



Rendering courtesy of Chris Blakemore, Mayhood Company, for The Boro

**Artist's illustration of one of the seven parks that will bring open green space, places for recreation, relaxation and entertainment to The Boro in Tysons.**

# Tysons Transforming

The "Next Great American City" well underway.

By Andrea Worker  
The Connection

**B**link and you might just miss the next major addition to the ever-changing Tysons skyline. After years of construction on Metro's Silver Line and the four stations serving Tysons area, it seems like work on the Tysons Comprehensive Plan, adopted by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in 2010, is moving at light speed, versus rail.

"The pace of change in Tysons is astounding," said Sol Glasner President and CEO of the Tysons Partnership, the large non-profit collaboration of Tysons stakeholders whose mission is to "accelerate the transformation of Tysons."

In just the last four years thirteen new buildings have already added to the Tysons growth spurt. At present, twelve more, representing an additional 3.9 million-square feet, have passed through planning and design and are under construction.

The few inhabitants of the Tysons Corner of the 1950s, which consisted mostly of a general store and Post Office at the intersection of the Leesburg Pike (Route 7) and Route 123, wouldn't recognize the renamed Tysons of today. It's possible that the current residents and commuting workers will have some difficulty recognizing their own neighborhood in just a few short years, let alone before Tysons reaches its projected 2050 completion date.

If developers and the County remain true to the vision of the Plan and the Tysons Urban Design Guidelines endorsed by the Supervisors in 2012, these changes may be truly welcomed. Learning from missteps in the past and extensive studies of the most successful development projects around the country, the design guidelines set out a robust list of goals including:

- ❖ Smaller blocks to foster comfortable and safe walking with pleasant, safe and continuous tree-lined sidewalks
- ❖ Routes for pedestrians, motorists and cyclists
- ❖ High quality urban parks and public amenities
- ❖ On-street and underground parking structures that replace surface parking lots
- ❖ Sustainable building and site elements to create LEED certified buildings and



**The Tysons Partnership and Fairfax County hosted an Open House on May 3 to offer the public an update on the growing city, allow attendees to speak with county officials and representatives from the developments, and to sample some of the offerings from food and beverage vendors operating in the district.**

neighborhoods

- ❖ Creative site design that fosters stormwater reuse, infiltration, and runoff reductions

**THE TYSONS PARTNERSHIP** fully supports the guidelines. The Partnership and the County hosted an Open House at Basis Independent School in Tysons on May 3 to bring the public up-to-date on the status of the project, and to showcase some of the properties, services and food and beverage providers already calling Tysons home, or on the cusp of opening their doors.

"We are committed to making this a truly livable, walkable mini-city, where people want to put down roots. Where the services and amenities they need are on their door-

step and they can often leave their cars behind," Glasner told the open house attendees.

Following Glasner, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) took the microphone and told the audience that he is excited to watch Tysons becoming a "vibrant, 24/7 community." Largely crediting today's progress to what was often viewed as the risky, sometimes controversial and occasionally stalled, Silver Line extension to the Metro system, Connolly hailed the burgeoning urban center as a model for the future and an enormous economic boon to Northern Virginia.

Connolly noted that Tysons had just welcomed its tenth Fortune 500 tenant, and "that's more than what 30 other states can claim."



Photos by Andrea Worker/The Connection

**A component of The Boro, an ambitious neighborhood in Tysons that will include 14 new mixed-use buildings, a theater, a public library, the region's largest Whole Foods, retail and dining, and multiple parks and green space, rises into the Tysons skyline.**

Citing the massive Capital One development on Route 123 just east of the Capital Beltway, Connolly said that the area could anticipate \$1 billion in tax revenues, which would reduce the tax burden on homeowners in the region, while providing much-needed funds for improvements and services.

With corporate residents like Capital One, Hilton Worldwide, The MITRE Corporation, Northrop Grumman and others, Tysons is already the 12th largest business district in the country. All that's missing for Tysons to truly claim the title of "City" is the lack of round-the-clock residents – those staying put after work, rather than all "commuting in or out at the same time each day," as

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# Tysons Transformation Underway

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Connolly described the current state of affairs.

The County, the Partnership and the developers are working vigorously to remedy that.

In building their “Next Great American City,” the goal is to increase the population of Tysons from about 20,000 to more than 100,000, and to double the number of jobs to more than 200,000.

But even in the midst of the most far-reaching projects within the 2,000+ acres that make up Tysons, the developers are adhering to the design plan, incorporating in their designs significant amounts of green space, athletic and recreational space and/or facilities, and in some cases, even room for arts and entertainment to be showcased or performed.

The Capital One complex, for example, while expanding to a 5.2 million-square-foot campus, will feature a 1.5 acre “skypark” – an elevated, open-area green space. The banking industry giant will also have a Wegman’s grocery store within their environs, as well as the 125,000-square foot Capital One Center which will offer conference facilities, along with a 1,500-seat performing arts venue. With residential towers and a hotel on site, it’s no wonder Connolly described the complex as being almost a mini-city in its own right.

The Boro, currently under construction adjacent to Route 7, Westpark and Greensboro Drives and within comfortable walking distance of the Greensboro Metro Station, is perhaps one of the most ambitious undertakings in the new Tysons. Developers The Meridian Group and Kettler are “working to build a neighborhood,” according to sales manager Chris Blakemore of the Mayhood Company.

Blakemore was at the Open House, displaying renderings and factsheets about “Verse,” the luxury condominiums that he described as almost a “virtual village” and that will form an integral part of The Boro. The Verse design pays homage to the “green space/walkable lifestyle” concept that has been the mantra of the Tysons Comprehensive Plan from its conception. Like Capital One, Verse will also feature a “skypark,” as



Photo by Andrea Worker/The Connection

**The Highgate apartments on Jones Branch Drive are ready for residents and already at almost 70 percent occupancy, according to Lead Resident Services Coordinator Mark Monroe. Directly across from the Hilton hotel, the apartments back onto park facilities and pathways.**

well as town square-style common areas with fountains and a stage for live entertainment.

**IN TOTAL**, The Boro, which sits on the highest elevation in Tysons, will add fourteen new buildings. The site is so large it is dubbed a “superblock” by planners, but the developers are dividing up the project for accessibility by adding four new blocks with three new streets. The mixed-use project will place its three office towers closest to the Metro station. Five residential buildings will share the neighborhood with a hotel, retail and restaurant establishments, seven parks and a public library, which the developer will design and build.

The Boro is also pleased to have secured the largest Whole Foods grocers in the D.C. area at 70,000 square feet. A later phase of the project will add a 15 screen movie theater with reserved seats, a bistro and a full bar.

The southern end of The Boro will open up to Magnetic Park, the development’s central open space.

The plans being approved reflect a focus on the “live, work, and play” objectives of

the County, but in their decision-making, county officials haven’t forgotten to address one of the major challenges faced by the region – the lack of affordable housing.

The developers building in Tysons have been charged with including a greater percentage of affordable and workforce housing than is required elsewhere. The Tysons Plan calls for such housing to be made available to residents making from 50 to 120 percent of the area median income, and recommends that the new, nonresidential developments contribute \$3 per square foot to a housing trust fund toward that end. As Connolly pointed out in his remarks, “this whole thing only works if people can afford to live here where they work” regardless of their occupation.

Transportation, infrastructure and security in the “Next Great City” are also being given full consideration.

“Policing is largely about reacting,” said MPO Patrick Lucas, McLean District Station Crime Prevention Officer. Lucas and Second Lieutenant Charles Riddle were both in attendance at the Tysons Open House, sharing statistics and plans with attendees.

Lucas said that the Fairfax County Police

Department had learned some “hard lessons” during the creation of the Mosaic District and the redevelopment in Merrifield. “We need to move from reaction to looking down the road to properly serve the residents of this area as it continues to grow.” To do just that, the Department brought in outside expertise to re-work their model and make projections on manpower needs.

“Even as Tysons exists today, this area accounts for 29 percent of our calls for the entire county.” The statistics indicate that by 2042 as many as 224 additional officers could be needed to meet the needs of the city-in-the-making.

As for transportation and infrastructure in the expanding urban center, aside from the new streets that the developers are adding to ensure connectivity and walkability, projects like the Jones Branch Connector, already 46 percent complete, have been included to improve circulation through the area. A multimodal span across the Beltway into Tysons, the Connector will enhance mobility for drivers, pedestrians, cyclists and transit riders alike.

**THE SCOTTS RUN TRAIL**, estimated to begin construction in late Spring of 2019, will provide pedestrians with a lighted connecting pathway from Magarity Road at Westgate Elementary to Colshire Meadow Drive near the McLean Metro station, with bridges over Scotts Run Stream and its tributary, while the Vesper Trail, slated for completion in October of this year, will provide a shared use path from Vesper Court to Route 7 and the Springhill Metro station. Multiple plans are being considered to best allow for accessing the Washington and Old Dominion Trail, the longest and most frequented multi-use path in the region. At the Open House, staff from both the County and the Virginia Departments of Transportation exhibited maps illustrating the transportation plans and proposals.

The Tysons Partnership website at [www.tysonspartnership.org](http://www.tysonspartnership.org) and the county’s website, keyword “Tysons” both offer a wealth of information about the plans, from history to current status and timelines for each private and public piece-of-the-puzzle project, and opportunities for public feedback as the project progresses.

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# 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 battle against Mother Nature by selecting pieces that can stand up to the elements. "The number one rule in furnishing your patio is to purchase quality furniture," said Anne Walker of Anne Walker Design LLC. "There are a lot of outdoor furnishings that look alike, but they are not all the same. Dedon, based in Germany and Janus et Cie, based in California, make excellent outdoor furnishings that will stand the test of time ... [and] will not fade, warp or degrade even if left outdoors in the elements for years."

Less expensive look-alikes will fall apart after just a few years or months of exposure to the elements, continued Walker. "I can't stress it enough: invest in high-quality outdoor furnishings or you will just be throwing your money away. Buy the best you can afford, and work little by little if need be to complete your outdoor space. You won't be sorry."

When choosing fabrics for that furniture, Todd Martz, co-owner of Home on Cameron in Old Town Alexandria, says, "Accessories like pillows and draperies as well as chairs, sofas and rugs are all available in low maintenance fabrics."

Selecting smaller, easy-to-move pieces of furniture over large sectionals will produce a design plan with versatility. "You'll be happy to have the flexibility to move things around when you entertain or when the sun shifts and you want to get into or away from the direct sun," said Walker.



Photo courtesy of Anne Walker

**One design technique that Anne Walker has incorporated into the design of her own patio is choosing smaller, moveable pieces of furniture — like these Dedon Barcelona lounge chairs — over large sectionals to allow for a versatile design plan.**

Incorporating potted plants into the landscape design offers versatility. "Mix several sized plants ... very large as well as different types of plants in smaller planters," added Kelley Proxmire of Kelley Proxmire, Inc. "Vary the textures as well as the color of green leaves such as ferns, palms and flowering plants."

Use planters to create architectural features like walls and borders. "The plants will add beautiful 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 variety, but establish 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 suggest that when designing or even sprucing up patio, "Use different sources of light [such as] inside-outdoor lamps, different sizes of lanterns, candlesticks with glass hurricanes," she said. "The candles with batteries are great for using outside because the wind isn't an issue."

Now that summer is on the horizon, Walker has a plan for getting her patio guest-ready. "I will power wash with my personal home power washer, plant a few flowers and boom! Ready to entertain," she said. "We love to entertain on our patio. It's our favorite space."



Photos by Stacy Zarin Goldberg

**Kelley Proxmire suggests using plants and planters in a variety of sizes — such as these blue and white ceramic pots to create a light and airy patio space.**



**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.**

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## Cappies Review



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From left: Carolyn Best, Shiva Zarean and Cassie Wiltse in Oakton High production of 'Titanic the Musical.'

# A Tragic Story Wonderfully Told

**Oakton High production of 'Titanic the Musical.'**

By Jane Kearns  
Oakcrest School

**T**he Titanic: everyone knows what tragically happened to the ship, but only a few know more than that. "Titanic the Musical," based on the book written by Peter Stone and music and lyrics written by Maury Yeston, received three Tony Awards and ran for 804 performances. It explores the lives of many passengers aboard the ship, going into their relationships, their flaws, and their aspirations. Oakton High School's production of the powerfully emotional musical truly brought the horrific events to life through an extremely talented cast and crew.

Throughout the show, many lives of the souls on board of that doomed ship were developed onstage, creating a personal, unforgettable experience for the audience. Thomas Andrews (Parker Waters), the designer of the ship, showed a large character arc from proudly opening his ship to the public, to raging about what he could have done to keep the Titanic from sinking. Waters' powerful vocals and committed character work were beautifully displayed, especially during the heart-wrenching song, "Mr. Andrews' Vision." Another character that shone on stage was Frederick Barrett (Maxwell Branciforte), one of the stokers who fueled the Titanic's powerful boilers. His stunning, moving vocals guided the audience through his personal life as they learned about his fears that the ship was going too fast and the strong love he felt for his soon-to-be fiancée at home. Branciforte's spot-on character choices drew the audience into his life, and they laughed and cried alongside him.

Yet another strong character in the musical was the radio operator, Harold Bride

(Joe Malone). His character was brought to a dramatic climax at the end that brought tears to the eyes of the audience, as they experienced his frustration and loss of control over the drastic situation. His on-pitch, engaging vocals also guided the audience through the story.

Alice Beane (Julia Ferri) was a second class passenger obsessed with the first class, and she added some much needed comedic moments that relieved the stressful tension. Her perfect comedic timing, paired with hilarious facial expressions, made her a well-loved character. Henry Etches (Liam Bloom) also added moments of laughter through his energetic character and quirky movements. Caroline Neville (Lindsey Jacobson) had a beautiful voice that moved the audience as they learned about her story and quest for love. One of the strongest characters was the third-class passenger Kate McGowan (Shiva Zarean). Zarean showed true commitment to her character, never losing her spot-on Irish accent or lacking in emotion.

The show's use of an impressively accurate set, props, and costumes truly brought the show to life, making it as authentic as possible. The use of projections to create the illusion of stars and water, paired with a flying rig, had a very dramatic and realistic effect. The audience was easily brought into every emotional moment not only because of that, but because of the incredible student orchestra that perfectly performed each song. The makeup was subtle and accurate for each performer, especially the captain's. Every little detail in the show was well-tended to, making for a moving performance.

Overall, "Titanic the Musical" was a beautiful show impeccably performed by an accomplished cast and crew. Every single member of the cast was extremely committed, and none of them was lacking in emotion. Each song told a story through amazing vocals and simple, yet effective, choreography. The tragic story was wonderfully told, and the audience laughed, gasped, and cried through every heart-stopping moment.

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# VOTE

## on McLean Day

### McLean Community Center Governing Board Election


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

**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.

**Requirements to Vote**

1. You must be a resident of the MCC 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 by McLean Day to vote for an adult candidate. Adults may vote for up to three 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.
4. You must bring identification and proof of residency, such as a driver's license or you may sign a sworn statement.



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## Can't Vote at McLean Day for the 2018-2019 MCC Governing Board?

**Vote by Absentee Ballot Now – May 16 at either:**

<p><b>McLean Community Center (MCC)</b>  <b>Administration Office:</b>          6631 Old Dominion Drive          McLean, VA 22101          703-790-0123/TTY: 711</p> <p><b>Class Programs/Registration Office:</b>          6645 Old Dominion Drive          McLean, VA 22101          703-744-9365</p> <p><b>Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 11 p.m.</b>  <b>Saturday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.</b>  <b>Closed on Sunday</b></p>	<p><b>Old Firehouse Center (OFC)</b>          1440 Chain Bridge Road          McLean, VA 22101          703-448-8336/TTY 711</p> <p><b>Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.</b>  <b>(closed on weekends)</b></p>
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OR

**Absentee voting affidavits and ballots must be returned to one of these locations by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16.**

**Requesting Absentee Ballots:**  
 You can pick up absentee ballot packages and vote at both MCC offices or OFC. You can also request absentee ballot packages by email at [elections@mcleancenter.org](mailto:elections@mcleancenter.org) or by telephone at 703-790-0123/TTY: 711.

**Returning Completed Applications and Ballots:**  
 You can return your absentee voting affidavits and ballots to the front desk at either MCC location or OFC. You may also mail them using the pre-addressed envelope enclosed in the absentee ballot package. Mailed affidavits and ballots must be received by the due date.

**Absent voting ends promptly at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16.**  
 Hand delivered absentee voting affidavits and ballots must be received at either MCC location or OFC by that time.

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Submit entertainment announcements at [www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/). The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

## ONGOING

### “Trees, Trees, and Beyond.”

Through May 31 at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Vienna Arts Society Exhibition. Free. Open 10-7 p.m. in April; 10-7:30 p.m. in May. Visit [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org) or call 703-319-3971.

### Vienna Art Society Exhibition.

Through late June at North County Government Center, 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston. Visit [viennaartsociety.org](http://viennaartsociety.org).

### Oakton Farmers Market.

9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Year-round weekly farmers market in Oakton. Local produce, meats/eggs, dairy, baked goods, and more. Admission is free. Visit [community-foodworks.org](http://community-foodworks.org).

### The Freeman Store & Museum

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

### Bingo Night.

Sundays. 4 p.m. Flame Room, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St. S, Vienna. \$10. [www.vvfd.org/bingo.html](http://www.vvfd.org/bingo.html).

## THURSDAY/MAY 10

**VAS Workshop.** 7:30 p.m. at Vienna Arts Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. Golden paints mixed media lecture, demo and meeting with artist and teacher Amy Shawley Paquette. Visit [www.amyshawley.com](http://www.amyshawley.com) or [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org) or call 703-319-3971.

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 11-12

**“Titanic the Musical.”** 7 p.m. at Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road, Vienna. \$15. Information about the performance is at [titanic.oaktondrama.org](http://titanic.oaktondrama.org) or visit the website at [www.oaktondrama.org](http://www.oaktondrama.org).

## FRIDAY/MAY 11

**NVFS's Independence Gala.** 6-9 p.m. at Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. NVFS's Road to Independence Gala. Visit [www.nvfs.org/events/road-to-independence-gala/](http://www.nvfs.org/events/road-to-independence-gala/).

## SATURDAY/MAY 12

**Used Book Collection.** 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Sun Trust Bank, 515 Maple Ave., E, Vienna. Used books, CDs, DVDs, software, children's books, records, and recent books will be accepted. No encyclopedias, VHS or audiotapes. The Book Sale will be held on Aug. 31-Sept. 2 at the Spring Hill Recreation Center. [aauwbookfair@gmail.com](mailto:aauwbookfair@gmail.com) or 703-527-4206.

## SUNDAY/MAY 13

**Washington Symphonic Brass.** 4 p.m. at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. This all-star ensemble celebrates Mother's Day with the bright and brassy sounds of Broadway. \$35 at the door or online at [www.amadeusconcerts.com](http://www.amadeusconcerts.com). Visit [www.saintlukemclean.org](http://www.saintlukemclean.org).

## MONDAY/MAY 14

**Ayr Hill Garden Club Meeting.** 1 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna. Topic: “A Beach Wildlife Photoshoot” with guest speaker Carolyn Dangelmaier, AHGC Wildlife

Committee Chair. In her PowerPoint presentation, Carolyn's morning walk on the beach of South Carolina turns into an ocean life education in more ways than one. Visit [www.facebook.com/AYRHILLGARDENCLUB/](http://www.facebook.com/AYRHILLGARDENCLUB/).

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 16

**VWC Scholarship Awards.** 7-9 p.m. at Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., Vienna. The Vienna Woman's Club will be awarding a \$2,000 scholarship to a graduating Vienna area senior. Mayor Laurie DiRocco will be the keynote speaker, and a reception will immediately follow. Email [dcabel@cox.net](mailto:dcabel@cox.net) or call 703-281-7494.

## FRIDAY/MAY 18

**Bike to Work Day.** Join more than 18,000 area commuters for a free celebration of bicycling as a fun, healthy and environmentally-friendly way to get to work. Starting at various early morning hours, and some in the afternoon. Morning Bike to Work Day convoys, led by experienced bicycle commuters, will travel throughout the region. All levels of cyclists are welcome to join the convoys. To register, visit [www.biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org) and be entered for a free bike raffle.

**McLean Art Society Meeting.** 10 a.m.-noon at the Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Susan O'Neill will demonstrate charcoal drawing. Sale of art materials and books. Guests are welcome. Call 703 356-2998.

### Encore Choral Concert.

7:30-9 p.m. at United Christian Parish Reston, 11508 North Shore Drive, Reston. Combined Encore Chorales from Reston, Fairfax, and Lansdowne Woods sing music from Broadway, the Great American Songbook, and traditional Spirituals. Free and open to the public. Visit [www.EncoreCreativity.org](http://www.EncoreCreativity.org).

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 18-19

**Traditional Afternoon Teas.** 3-5 p.m. at Freeman Store and Museum, 131 Church St. NE., Vienna. Enjoy a traditional English tea. Tickets are \$30 per person and include scones, tea sandwiches, assorted sweets and a bottomless cup of tea. A program will feature The Language of Flowers. Relax and visit with friends in the historic Freeman Store's beautiful parlor and dining room following the brief presentation. Space is very limited; make reservations by calling 703-938-5187.

## SATURDAY/MAY 19

**Standard Flower Show.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The Great Falls Garden Club sponsors a standard flower show “Celebrate Gardening Diversity.” Learn about plants that you can grow in the area, view creative floral designs and photography exhibits. Visit [www.gfgardenclub.org](http://www.gfgardenclub.org).

**McLean Day 2018.** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. McLean Day 2018 will offer several options in stage entertainment. Families with small children can find a variety of children's entertainers on a small stage dedicated to their fun. Rides, fair food and more. Rain or shine. Call 703-790-0123/TTY: 711, or visit: [www.mcleancenter.org/special-events](http://www.mcleancenter.org/special-events).

### Over the Edge Rappelling

**Fundraiser.** at Hilton McLean Global Headquarters, 7930 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. Some 80-plus thrill seekers will rappel down the McLean Hilton headquarters building. Sponsored by Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia. Each participant pledges to raise \$1,000 to ensure a slot to rappelling. Visit [www.habitatnova.org/ote/](http://www.habitatnova.org/ote/).

**A Salute to the Military.** 7:30 p.m. at Vinson Hall Community Building, 1733 Kirby Road, McLean. With Tysons McLean Orchestra. Sponsored by Linda and Wayne Sharp with special guest Col. Arnald Gabriel. Featuring Copland's Lincoln Portrait and Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture.

## SUNDAY/MAY 20

**Breakfast Buffet.** 8 a.m.-noon at Vienna American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., N. Vienna. Get omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy and more. Adults \$10, children 12 and under \$4. Call 703-938-6580.

## SATURDAY/MAY 26

**Vegetable Plant Clinics.** 10 a.m.-noon. At Nottoway Park, 9601 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Learn about growing nightshade plants (tomatoes, etc.). Fairfax County Master Gardeners will add a focus on vegetable gardening to their Plant Clinic program. Sponsored by Virginia Cooperative Extension. Contact the VCE Fairfax County Master Gardener Help Desk at 703-324-8556.

**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).

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## JUNE 4, 11, 18

**Mah Jongg Lessons.** 1-4 p.m. at Temple Rodef Shalom, 2100 Westmoreland St., Falls Church. A three-session Mah Jongg class for beginners. Do not register unless you are prepared to play at least once a week the first few months. Enrollment is limited. Plan to attend all three sessions. Cost for 9 hours of lessons with your Mah Jongg Card is \$85. To register, send a check made out to WoTRS (Women of Temple Rodef Shalom) - to Marion Jacknow, 8110 Timber Valley Ct., Dunn Loring, VA 22027. Include your e-mail address, home address, and your home and cell telephone number. Your check is your registration. Contact Marion at 703-698-8702 or [mjacknow@aol.com](mailto:mjacknow@aol.com).

## TUESDAY/JUNE 5

**The C&O Canal.** 12:30-2 p.m. at 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Learn about the C&O Canal, its history, its beauty and its uses. Presented by Carole Herrick. One lesson for 1 hour, 30 minutes. Cost is \$7/\$5 MCC district



## Sports

# Pratt's Double Propels McLean to Dramatic Win over Langley

Highlanders score four runs in bottom of the ninth inning.

By Jon Roetman  
The Connection

**M**cLean outfielder Marshall Pratt punched the fence shortly after a Langley home run sailed over it.

Pratt, playing left field for the Highlanders, vented his frustration after Jack Hoeymans' two-run homer gave the Langley baseball team a 7-4 lead in the top of the ninth inning. Pratt, however, would get a chance to take his anger out on the Saxons in the bottom half of the frame and the McLean senior delivered a devastating blow.

Pratt ripped a game-tying, three-run double down the third-base line in the bottom of the ninth and later scored the winning run in a dramatic 8-7 victory over Langley on May 4 at McLean High School.

**THE WIN**, coupled with a South Lakes loss, put McLean in sole possession of first place in the Liberty District with one regular season game remaining. The Highlanders were scheduled to face Washington-Lee on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline.

After Langley scored two runs in the seventh to send the game to extra innings, the Saxons took a three-run lead in the ninth thanks to an RBI single by catcher Cooper Davis and Hoeymans' two-run bomb. Langley's excitement was short-lived, however, as McLean responded with four runs in the bottom half, with the game-winner scoring thanks to a Langley throwing error.

McLean's Grant Williams and Jackson Kantor reached via base on balls to lead off the bottom of the ninth before a single by Anthony Farmakides loaded the bases with nobody out, setting the stage for Pratt.

"We saw the [Langley relief] pitcher come in and he was looking pretty hittable," Pratt said. "He walked the first couple guys and I got up there mad. I knew I could do something."

Pratt delivered a double into the left-field corner and advanced to third during a throw to the plate. After a pair of intentional walks loaded the bases, a Langley throwing error allowed Pratt to score the winning run.

"Of course, there were doubts," Pratt said of a potential McLean comeback following Hoeymans' ninth-inning home run, "but I knew it was still something that we could control. We were going to get the bats in our hands and that was something [McLean head] coach [John] Dowling always talks about — control the controllable. If I would have hung my head there, given up, gone to the plate with a negative attitude that's just losing the game for us."

The McLean comeback overshadowed clutch performances by a pair of Langley sluggers.

With the Saxons trailing 4-2 and down to their final out in the seventh inning, Davis delivered an RBI single, cutting the McLean lead to a run. Hoeymans then stepped to the plate and tied the score with an RBI single of his own.



McLean left fielder Marshall Pratt hit a game-tying, three-run double in the bottom of the ninth inning during the Highlanders' 8-7 win over Langley on Friday.

Video screenshots by Jon Roetman



McLean's Anthony Farmakides slides in with the tying run in the bottom of the ninth inning.

With the score tied at 4 in the top of the ninth, Davis again delivered a two-out, run-scoring single, giving Langley a 5-4 advantage. Hoeymans followed with the two-run homer.

Davis finished 3-for-4 with two RBIs. Hoeymans went 3-for-5 with four RBIs.

"Jack's working and working and working — he's in the cage all the time," Langley head coach Kevin Healy said. "Cooper has been swinging it with some authority over the last two years, but he's been hot lately, especially going to the opposite field ..."

McLean senior James Beahn earned the win in relief, allowing five runs in 4 1/3 innings.

**LANGLEY**, which ended the evening in a second-place tie with South Lakes, was scheduled to close district play against Herndon on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline.

The Liberty District tournament is scheduled to begin Friday, May 11.

"This group of seniors is the best group of leaders and teammates," Dowling said. "They totally get it. We don't need to spoon-feed them what to do. They know how to manage their emotions and control the dugout and do those things. We don't need to say, 'Hey guys, let's go win a game.' They know what to do."



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## Here's What's Happening at MCC



### MCC Governing Board Elections

#### Absentee Voting Ends

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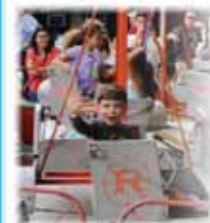
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### It's the Place to Be!



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### MCC Governing Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 23, 7:30 p.m.

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### The Old Firehouse Friday Night Trips

#### Dinner and a Movie

Friday, May 25, 3:30-10 p.m.

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### Closing Notice

Monday, May 28

MCC and the Old Firehouse Teen Center will  
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# News Town Hall

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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.

**THINGS TURNED A LITTLE HEATED** when the woman got back in line for a second turn at the microphone to “explain just what assault weapons are.” Rumblyings from the audience during her comments caused the speaker to angrily assert that “there’s all this talk of a conversation, but you don’t want to hear an opposite view.”

Zachary Schonfeld, a senior at Reston’s South Lakes High School, recounted the often hateful and vulgar negative backlash he faced, particularly on social media, after speaking at an event. “How do you handle that?” he asked the panel. Connolly’s response — “One word. Fortitude. Keep going. Our opponents are counting on you to quit, to give up. Know that you are making a difference.”

Other audience members offered suggestions for improving school safety. Some, like former Secret Service agent Donna Widawski, urged the congressman and the students to keep an eye on the bigger picture. “Sensible gun legislation is critical, but there is more to the story, more to be examined and addressed to prevent all types of violence in schools and in the community at large.”

Fairfax County Council of PTAs president Beth Tudon applauded the students’ efforts to promote voter registration, offering assistance from her organization and partners like the League of Women Voters.

According to the FCCPTA, fewer than 20 percent of the county’s students were registered to vote during the 2016-2017 school year. This year, the numbers registered have almost tripled, but “It’s time to make a push,” she said. The deadline to register for the June 2018 primaries is May 21.

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## 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, considering 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 called 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 called, I won’t enjoy wondering if I’ve now spent money on light bulbs that I don’t actually need and/or likely will never even use. I mean, I have previously – because as a country/consumer 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.

My only light-bulb-related talent is screwing them into the fixture as I’ve written about previously. (Do you remember I called myself “Taurus Bulba”?) In fact, I may very well have already installed light bulbs that are going to last for years so it’s possible there isn’t even a need to allocate dollars and sense to bulb inventory – or even to write this column.

I suppose that if I’m serious and/or inclined to shine a light on this problem, I need to get organized, either on my computer or in pen in a notebook (Sort of like how my wife’s Italian grandfather, Cesare, did regarding Christmas cards. He had years of notebooks with names listed with boxes alongside, checked or not, for cards sent and/or received) to identify which lights/fixtures have which kind of light bulbs so I’ll know whether it’s likely I’ll actually need to spend money on replacement light bulbs.

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-redundancy, 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 guess.

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. Not as 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. I just wish the manufacturers could figure out a way to pay me today, especially since I paid them yesterday.

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



# Opinion Vote, Vote, Vote

**A**nyone who was closely watching last November's election in got a demonstration about what difference one vote can make. Control of the Virginia General Assembly came down to a single race that was deemed to be tied, and was decided by a random drawing. Republicans won.

Vote. It's so important to vote. Your vote could actually be the deciding vote.

Your best shot at ensuring you can vote is to vote early.

## How To Vote

Every year is election year in Virginia; mechanics and details of voting require attention to detail. For the primary, you will ask for a Democratic or Republican ballot.

If you want to be sure you get to vote, voting early if you qualify is a good choice. Early voting, called absentee voting in person in Virginia, is already underway for the primary.

There are many valid reasons to vote absentee in Virginia, including working and commuting to and from home for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day. Check the Virginia Department of Elections list to see if you are eligible: [elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/index.html](http://elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/index.html)

There are two ways to vote absentee, in-person and by mail. To do either, you should first check your voter registration status to make sure it is up-to-date. Then you will need to apply for an absentee ballot. If you vote absentee in-person you will fill out the application when you arrive at the location.

Voting absentee by mail? You can now apply for an absentee ballot online with the state's new Citizen Portal. You will need your Social Security Number and information on your Virginia Driver's License to complete the application. Information is also provided on how to apply if you do not have a driver's license.

## In Person Absentee Locations, Fairfax

- ❖ Fairfax County Government Center
  - ❖ Franconia Governmental Center
  - ❖ Lorton Library
  - ❖ Mason Governmental Center
  - ❖ McLean Governmental Center
  - ❖ Mount Vernon Governmental Center
  - ❖ North County Governmental Center
  - ❖ Providence Community Center
  - ❖ Sully Governmental Center
  - ❖ West Springfield Governmental Center
- [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee)  
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12000 Government Center Parkway Suite

## Letters to the Editor

## Making Summer Camp Affordable

To the Editor:

I read with interest Marilyn Campbell's recent article on the difficulty of affording summer camp. As the director of Traveling Players 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 enormous difference that summer enrichment programs can make in a kid's life. That's why I

323, Fairfax, VA 22035

## Virginia Voter ID

Virginia has voter identification requirements; 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 identification cards issued by the U.S. Government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth; Tribal enrollment 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 the 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 Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia 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 processed, the card will be mailed directly to the voter. A voter who does not bring an acceptable photo ID to the polls will be offered a provisional ballot.

## Provisional Ballot Process for Voters Who Arrive Without Identification

If you arrive at your polling place on Election 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 provisional ballot, the individual voting will be given written instructions from the election officials on how to submit a copy of his/her identification so that his/her vote can be counted.

A voter will have until noon on the Friday following the election to deliver a copy of the identification to the local electoral board 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 USPS or commercial delivery service. Please note that the copy of the ID must be delivered by noon on Friday.

made it my goal to offer the most generous summer scholarships in the area.

We just received a \$10,000 grant from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, specifically to underwrite scholarships, and we are actively seeking middle and high schoolers of financial need to participate in our summer camps. Some of our previous scholarship campers have even been able to turn the high-level training they get from us into longer-

## 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.

Also by noon on Friday following the election, 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 document may be provided to the electoral board to meet the identification requirement.

term benefit, receiving tens of thousands of dollars in artistic scholarships to attend college.

We hope that we can add our commitment to providing scholarships to the great work that Camp Invention and other summer institutions are doing to provide real, lasting benefits to lower-income children in our community.

**Jeanne Harrison**

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