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December 2020 held the darkest days yet during the pandemic but also lights of hope. COVID-19 case counts climbed, and the economic undertow of the worst health emergency in a century pulled small businesses down. Days stumbled onto the threshold of 2021 with Senate Republicans blocking a final request to get the chamber to take up the House-passed bill to increase the $600 stimulus checks to Americans to $2,000.

Good news came in the vials of hope offered by the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine and the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine. Todd McGovern, a spokesperson for Reston Hospital Center, said, “We started vaccinating doctors, nurses and care team members on Wednesday, Dec. 16.” Inova Fairfax Hospital also received their initial distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine and began their immunization of frontline team members providing care and support to patients. According to its website, “Inova will be a core site for public administration of the COVID-19 vaccine when it is available to the local community.”

LIFE across the state and in the local region continued under additional restrictions announced by Gov. Northam and implemented Dec. 14. In Reston Town Center, masked skaters moved over the ice gracefully and not so gracefully under a canopy of twinkling lights. The holidays came and went. On Dec. 30, the Virginia Department of Health held a Tele-Press Conference on Virginia’s Vaccine Rollout and Response Efforts. Christy Gray, VDH’s Director of the Division of Epidemiology, said a successful vaccine rollout across the Commonwealth was critical to flattening the curve and stopping the rollout across the Commonwealth was critical to flattening the curve and stopping the

Fairfax County General Assembly Delegation to Hold Public Hearing

The Fairfax County delegation to the General Assembly will hold a public hearing on the 2021 session on Saturday, Jan. 9, from 9 a.m. to noon. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the hearing will be held virtually. County residents may provide testimony by phone or video submission. Fairfax County is assisting with logistics for the delegation’s event.

County residents who want to speak at the hearing can register beginning Monday, Jan. 4 through the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors page under Related Resources, or contact the Department of Clerk Services at 703-324-3151, TTY 711, by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 6. There will be no sign ups on the day of the event. Speakers will be limited to 70 and must be Fairfax County residents. Assistance will be provided to speakers as needed.

Additional guidelines are as follows:
- Each speaker will be given up to two minutes to address the delegation.
- Speaking slots will be numbered based on a first come, first served basis.
- County residents may register to speak as an individual or on behalf of an organization serving county residents.

Organizations are encouraged to limit their presentation to one speaker.

Requests for ADA accommodations should be made as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the public hearing.

The Chair reserves the right to modify the guidelines on site for the smooth operation of the public forum.

The hearing will be televised live on Fairfax County Television Channel 16 (Channel 1016 in HD on Cox; Channel 16 on Verizon or Comcast), and can also be viewed on-line through the Channel 16 live stream.

Phone Testimony: If providing phone testimony, callers will receive a phone call, originating from 703-324-1000, just before their turn. For the best connection into the meeting, use a landline or, if using a cell phone, do not use the speaker function while testifying.

Video Testimony: Video testimony is subject to the same two-minute time limit as phone testimony and must be uploaded to, and playable from, YouTube.

Speakers may only testify once during the public hearing; speakers may not testify via video and phone.

Further information on the public hearing is available from members of the Fairfax County legislative delegation. Contact information for individual delegation members is available on the Virginia General Assembly web page.

For questions or requests for ADA accommodations contact Arielle McAlloon, 703-324-2649, or Rebecca Chenette, 703-324-2683.
Oh, What A Night! in McLean Neighborhood

By: Elizabeth Endr

Saturday evening, Dec. 19, Chesterbrook Woods was set ablaze with lights, music and happiness. The idea behind the illumination event, “Light Up Chesterbrook Woods,” was to join together to say Happy Diwali, Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, Welcome Winter, and GOODBYE 2020! That evening, more than 260 households decorated their yards, walkways, and driveways with 8,000 luminarias (votive candles in paper bags). With the backdrop of recently fallen snow and traditional holiday decorations, Chesterbrook Woods was transformed into a beautiful winter wonderland. Whether neighbors chose to enjoy the lights through the comfort of a car ride or as a household walking around, fun was had by people of every age.

The event was brought to life by four neighbors, Amanda Majkowski, Kara Stoll, Lori Boerner and Carla Post. Carla pitched the concept to her friends and they enthusiastically agreed it was a great idea. Carla managed ordering, payment processing and charitable donations for the team. She reported, “It was clear our annual caroling event, like so many traditional holiday mainstays, would not be possible, so we created ‘Light Up Chesterbrook Woods’ – both to honor all that has been lost and to celebrate the joy of the season and community. We were blown away by the enthusiasm and participation which raised $6,000 split between local food pantry, Share of McLean, and Get Us PPE, a non-profit which provides no cost PPE to frontline workers and under-resourced communities, and $200 for the McLean Fire Department.

Behind the scenes, it took a village to bring “Light Up Chesterbrook Woods” to life. Over the course of a few weeks and many, many hours of work, the Luminaria Team advertised their idea on the neighborhood listserv, negotiated with vendors, took and placed orders, and assembled and delivered the kits to neighbors. The event was so popular it spilled over into nearby neighborhoods. Amanda Majkowski, who was in charge of organizing and delivering the luminaria to 240+ households, put out a plea to neighbors for large paper bags for transporting the kits and was rewarded with enough donated bags within a matter of 48 hours.

There was also music to enhance the outdoor experience! Kara Stoll, who helped promote the event to the neighborhood, also helped manage luminaria kit assembly and was in charge of entertainent. Five households publicized ahead of time that they would provide outdoor music, including: music broadcast on a big screen, caroling, a trombone concert and beautiful music performed by professional musicians, Lynn Veronneau and Ken Avis of Veronneau. One household showed the Christmas Classic, “Home Alone,” on an outdoor screen.

Lori Boerner, who is well known in Chesterbrook Woods for her community spirit, organized the order taking, photo taking and promotion of the event. She created one of her trademark google maps so that neighbors could find participating houses on the route. She also created a google photo album so neighbors could upload photos to document the beauty and wonder of the night.

Afterwards, many Chesterbrook Woods residents expressed their thanks to Carla, Lori, Amanda and Kara for creating such a heartwarming event. Patty Freeman perfectly captured the neighborhood sentiment when she wrote, “Thank you to the organizers, and to all those that helped put it together and deliver the bags. It was such a beautiful evening all around. The weather was perfect for strolling thru the ‘Hood to see all the lights, listen to wonderful music, and view the scenes on the movie screens. We truly have a special neighborhood.”

There have been a lot of requests by neighbors to make this an annual event!
**News**

McLean Honors Dr. King

MCC’s 2021 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration goes virtual with three events.

By David Siegel
The Connection

With three distinct programs to celebrate the 2021 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and with an abundance of health and safety precautions, the McLean Community Center (MCC) has developed original, inter-active, virtual programs. The MCC programs include a Book Discussion about the iconic Marian Anderson, Podcast Review of “Seeing White” and a totally new Community Story Sharing project.

“The Alden is committed to finding new and creative ways to break through the barriers brought on by the global pandemic and bring our “Beloved Community” together in a tangible way,” said Sarah Schallern Treff, Director, MCC Performing Arts.

“We look to the principles of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with the goal of uniting our community through outreach and personal connection. This year, The Alden is launching a community connection project that we are calling ‘Our Beloved Community: Uniting Through Stories,’” said Schallern Treff. “We are inspired to dust off our virtual notepads and pencils and help our community reconnect and heal through the power of storytelling.”

Regarding the new “Our Beloved Community: Uniting Through Stories,” Danielle Van Hook, Director, Youth Programs, indicated that the McLean community with its “generations of knowledge and wisdom are invited to share their personal stories—they can be historically significant or a family story that the storyteller loves to share. Storytellers will be matched with Story Adapters, whose job will be to interpret the stories into art forms; the possibilities are unlimited.”

The three virtual programs compose the 2021 McLean Community Center wide-ranging, weeks-long celebration of Dr. King’s dreams and works. The staff of The Alden Theatre, a division of the McLean Community Center, produced and is overseeing the compelling social justice and community building events.

Where and When

McLean Community Center celebrates 2021 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day with three different virtual events. Events are free and will be held via Zoom. For more information on each of the events visit: www.aldenthetheatre.org or call 703-790-0123. For ADA accommodations, contact Patron Services Manager Evelyn Hill at evelyn.hill@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 571-296-8385.

Virtual Book Discussion: “The Sound of Freedom: Marian Anderson, the Lincoln Memorial, and the Concert That Awakened America” by Raymond Arsenault Wednesday, Jan. 13, 7 p.m. Recounts the life of Black contralto Marian Anderson and her experience as a Black woman in the classical music field. Arsenault gives context to Anderson’s historic 1939 concert at the Lincoln Memorial, drawing on her own words and those of scholars. Participants will virtually discuss the book. Registration closes at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 12. Copies of the book are available through the Fairfax County Public Library and retailers.

Podcast Discussion Group: “Seeing White”—Season Two of “Scene on Radio” from the Center for Documentary Studies. The series looks at the history as well as the social constructs and emotional grappling that Americans engage in when discussing race and whiteness with host Jon Biewen and guest host, Dr. Chenjerai Kumanyika. Zoom event moderated by the staff of The Alden. Begins Thursdays Jan. 14, 2021 at 7 p.m. Runs to Feb. 18, 2021. Participants will be provided with a schedule and should listen to the episodes prior to joining in the virtual community conversation about the episodes.

Community Service Project: “Our Beloved Community: Uniting Through Stories” Free. Preregistration required. The Alden is committed to finding new and creative ways to break through the barriers brought on by the global pandemic and bring our “Beloved Community” together in a tangible way. This year, it is launching a community connection project called “Our Beloved Community: Uniting Through Stories.” This project is open to everyone in the McLean community and the surrounding areas. Families are encouraged to work together. Participants age 13 or younger must have parental supervision when creating their stories. For more information, contact Danielle.VanHook@fairfaxcounty.gov or Jeffrey.Virchow@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Church Fundraiser in Support of the Community

Church of the Holy Comforter in Vienna raised more than $2,600 in donations during its Drive-Through Christmas Nativity on Dec. 19. The money raised goes back to the community during the year for food, shelter and local support services. For the drive thru nativity, costumed church volunteers and live animals were spread throughout the church parking lot. The Christmas story was told in six scenes beginning with the angel Gabriel visiting Mary to tell her she will soon be with child. It concluded with the nativity scene with Jesus in a manger, Mary, Joseph, an angel, the three wise men and several animals.

Photos contributed
Tysons Bakery Offers Tempting Choices

By Alexandra Greeley
The Connection

Review: Classic Bakery.

Tysons Bakery is a hidden treasure among the numerous store-front businesses and big-box stores that make Tysons Corner a popular destination. Although there is limited indoor seating, outdoor tables are open for warm weather, and the ease of takeout for local folks surely contributes to its draw to those who love great food. Of course, baked goods are part of the name, and patrons might get shocked at the huge assortment of cookies, muffins, croissants, cakes, shortcakes and the staggering number of specialty cakes on display. In fact, to the right side of the checkout counter is a glass case filled with shelves of luscious and tempting cakes.... too bad that each is really too large for a personal dessert right after their in-store lunch. Another draw is the store’s array of coffees. Not only does staff offer regular drip coffee and hot tea, but coffee aficionados can sip cups of espresso, cappuccino, latte, and several flavored versions of the standard offerings. How about a cup of latte macchiato or espresso macchiato? On offer, too, are Armenian coffee and apricot espresso, plus chai latte, pistachio rose latte, and assorted iced drinks. Of course, soft drinks and water are available, too.

But it is the food menu that really attracts. Early-morning workers can drop in for a sit-down or pickup from among five choices: a bagel; oatmeal; an organic yogurt parfait; an egg-and-cheese sandwich; or an egg white dish with spinach and feta cheese. It helps locals that the weekday hours run from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. That way, any time hunger strikes, the Classic Bakery offers so many treats.

For patrons dropping by for lunch or an early supper, Classic Bakery offers a diverse sandwich menu, with some of the offerings rather unusual, such as the turkey, brie, and cranberry sandwich (which is likely seasonal) or the toasted pesto caprese. More familiar and equally yummy are the tuna salad and chicken salad sandwiches on a croissant and the grilled cheese with bacon, cheddar, Gruyère, and Swiss on whole grain bread with an option to order a bowl of tomato soup alongside.

Regardless of when anyone stops in, a sampling of pastries is a must. The chocolate-filled croissant is delicious, but the final choice or choices must come after studying the glass-covered display case. With so many options, probably the best step to take is to order a box of several or many sweet treats, and head home to splurge.

Classic Bakery, 8605 Westwood Center Dr., Suite 150, Tysons, 703-992-7807. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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Park, 600 Mill Street, NE, Dec. 19, 2 a.m. A resident reported that some-
one hacked into her cell phone provider account and stole her cell phone number and her husband’s. Then the unknown person set up fake email accounts, accessed her Venmo and Paypal accounts, and withdrew a large amount of money.

Assault — Flagship Carwash, 540 Maple Avenue West, Dec. 19 between 9:55 a.m. and 10:10 a.m. An employee reported an alterca-
tion that had taken place between her and a coworker earlier in the
day. There is an active investiga-
tion of this case.

Suspicious Event — North Side Park, 600 Mill Street, NE, Dec. 19 between 10 a.m. and 10:02 a.m. A citizen reported that he observed a trail made by some type of machine within the park grounds during his morning walk in North Side Park.

Suspicious Event — Giant, 359 Maple Avenue East, Dec. 19 be-tween 1:40 p.m. and 1:41 p.m. A Giant employee requested police assistance with an emotionally dis-turbed person. After investigating this incident and considering all the prior incidents involving this customer, the Giant representative decided to ban the customer from any future visits to this location.

Domestic Dispute — 500 Block Beulah Road, NE, Dec. 19, 7:53 p.m. A resident requested assistance with an emotionally disturbed per-
son. Officers arrived on the scene, separated the people involved, and de-escalated the situation. It was determined that the emotionally disturbed person needed medical assistance. The person received the needed medical assistance.

Petit Larceny — 200 Block Locust Street, SE, Dec. 20 between 3 p.m. and 3:03 p.m. A resident reported that someone stole a prescription medication bottle.

Assault — 200 Block Locust Street, SE, Dec. 20 between 5:25 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. A resident reported that her roommate struck her in the back of her head while opening a halfway door. Officers advised the resident on how to get warrants if she decided to do so. The resident advised that she is leaving town for the holidays and will get the war-
rants when she returns.

Arrest — Domestic Assault — 500 Block Windover Avenue, NW, Dec. 21, 4:04 p.m. A resident requested police assistance with an assault in progress. Officers responded to the residence and separated the parties involved. After interview-
ing both residents, an arrest was made. PFC Williams transported the 21-year-old resident to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. A warrant for Assault and Battery of a Family member was obtained. An emergency protective order was also issued and served.
Gentle and Subtle Resolutions for 2021

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection

For 2021, local mental health professionals advise being gentle with yourself when creating the daily schedules and resolutions that often come with the beginning of the New Year. As many are feeling tired and defeated after a tumultuous 2020, making tiny, downsized resolutions can offer reassurance and hope as we embark on a new year.

“The year 2020 really highlighted that we can’t control what happens, but we can control how we respond,” said therapist Marla Zometsky, manager of the Wellness, Health Team for Fairfax County. “We are resilient and we can learn how to adjust based on the changes that are presented to us. It is okay to grieve things that did not turn out how we wanted, we can grieve and move forward.”

Create a routine by making a small change to one’s day, advises Karina Guzman, Director of Wellness, Prevention and Education at Marymount University. “It might be helpful to create a simple daily routine or make uncomplicated new year resolutions focused on being present,” she said. “Meditating, practicing gratitude and staying connected with our support networks like friends and family are some quick and free activities to incorporate. They can be done at your own pace and are easy to include into a daily routine long-term.”

Simple daily routines are great for producing structure. “Most people thrive on having structure in their daily lives and find that it makes them feel more productive, which then helps their mood and feeling good about themselves,” said Bethesda therapist Carol Barnaby, LCSW. “A great way to add structure is to think about what your goals and responsibilities for yourself are daily. Then make a plan for your day that includes these goals. Make sure the goals are small and specific.”

Some have created broad and generalized goals like getting fit in 2021, but Zometsky suggests replacing those with purposeful, meaningful and achievable goals. “Instead of focusing on a resolution, which is something that typically focuses on what is lacking, in 2021, perhaps set an intention.” — Marla Zometsky, Wellness, Health Team for Fairfax County

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For those who’ve created broad and generalized goals like getting fit in 2021, Zometsky suggests replacing those with purposeful, meaningful and achievable goals. “Instead of focusing on a resolution, which is something that typically focuses on what is lacking, in 2021, perhaps set an intention,” she said. “An intention helps us to focus and it is mindful that we are on a journey. What do you aim to do more of this year? Intentions can give you a sense of purpose, and focuses on what is motivating you. Maybe your intention is to slow down or to continue to form deeper and meaningful relationships? Maybe your intention is to be more present in certain situations, or be more holistic in your health and wellbeing. Setting an intention will help you...identify your actions and navigate your response when faced with adversity.”

Practical resolutions might feel comforting in this year of uncertainty, says psychologist Jerome Short, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychology at George Mason University. “Try small changes, evaluate, adjust, and praise yourself for improvements, he said. “It may help to have a daily schedule, usual healthy meals and exercises, and specific times alone and with others.”

Paring down ambitious resolutions to those that are practical can feel satisfying this year, suggests Short. “Declutter your house, wear a basic wardrobe, and eat simple meals. Share work and household tasks with others,” he said. “Evaluate when you work most efficiently and what energizes you. Make sure you have time for breaks and enjoy your five senses with favorite sights, sounds, foods, and hugs.”
Home Sales Up in McLean, Great Falls
Marginal improvement in a year and much higher in a decade

By Karen Briscoe

The ball has dropped on 2020 and the calendar has flipped over to the new year of 2021. It is time for the McLean and Great Falls real estate market annual review in review. Year over year, there has been marginal improvement in the number of home sales with a total count of 1,249 in 2020 compared to 1,219 in 2019. Compared to one decade ago in 2010, there is significantly better news as sales are up 39 percent over that time frame.

There are buyers ready, willing and able to purchase a home in Northern Virginia and in 2020, there has been a considerable less supply in previous years. This is most likely attributed to the stay-at-home orders due to the global pandemic from March through June, which is the traditional spring selling season. During that time frame, homes were not going on the market at the pace of a typical selling season. It was mostly vacant properties and sellers who were really motivated who listed their homes for sale. In conclusion, the number of sales could have been significantly higher had there been more available homes for buyers to select from.

The greatest impact in 2020 occurred in the upper brackets, for this market that is homes priced over $1.25 million. There were 530 total sales in the year compared to previous year of 380, that’s an improvement of almost 40 percent. Upper bracket homes and properties commonly include estate type properties which offer the advantages of more physical space for interior living as well as outdoor areas. Homes in good show condition and priced correctly for the market are in low supply. With strong demand and lower supply, many segments are experiencing price appreciation for the first time in over a dozen years. These market conditions are advantageous for sellers considering a move.

The real estate community continues to serve customers and clients safely by following CDC guidelines. More than ever during the pandemic, people have sought the security of home as a safe haven. To meet this need, agents continue to list houses for sale, show houses to buyers, write contracts and settle on transactions. Technology is cutting edge in the real estate arena offering virtual tours, Zoom meetings, secure digital document execution as well as online notary cam and drive through closings. Traditional in person meetings are available following safety protocols.

Looking forward to the first quarter 2021 if the weather remains mild, the traditional spring selling season is likely to begin in January. There is still considerable pent-up buyer demand in many segments of McLean and Great Falls. Even more so now, home represents the place where people live, work, play, educate their children, as well as enjoy physical activity and entertainment. As our nation and world navigate the impact of COVID-19, people still find themselves in situations where they have a need to make a move!

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Holiday Meals Bring Cheer for Lonely Seniors

While this time of year may be festive for many, during these difficult days of COVID restrictions, the Shepherd’s Center Serving Oakton-Vienna-Reston-Herndon (SC) wanted to reach out to their often lonely and isolated senior clients. This past Christmas week, SC was able to share holiday meals with local isolated senior clients. SC’s Holiday dinner delivery initiative was welcomed by their clients. The following are three testimonials provided by these seniors:

One of SC’s volunteer drivers, Lyn Black, showed kindness and the spirit of the season when delivering to two of Shepherd’s Center clients in Reston. Ms. Black showed up for her deliveries wearing a red jacket with a jaunty Christmas hat on. She decided to dress up very festively with the cute hat, jingle bells necklace and bracelet. On her first delivery, one of SC’s Reston clients noticed her jingle bell bracelet and said she really liked it, so Lyn gave it to her. The senior was jingling her newly acquired bracelet saying, “you know, an angel gets its wings every time you hear a bell ring”. The very next Reston meal recipient admired her cute little red hat. So, Lyn gave that to her as well.

The holiday dinners were prepared by Café Renaissance and Skorpios Maggio’s Greek Family Restaurant. Hand-made greeting cards were provided to each client by the elementary school students at The Newton School in Sterling, under the leadership of Nicola Magley, Administrative Assistant.

This event was funded by Northrop Grumman and United Bank. Meal deliveries were made by board members Rich Deusterhaus, Patti Vaughn, Bill Farell, Scott Schroth, Leigh Banducci and Scott Honigberg. In addition, volunteer delivery drivers included Matthew Humphrey, Executive VP Head of Wealth & Investment Management, United Bank; Lyn Black, Matt Banducci and Claire Banducci.

To volunteer, donate or learn more about how you can help, or how we can help you, visit www.scov.org or, contact the office at 703-281-0538, office@scov.org.

Karen O’Reilly, Volunteer Manager, Shepherd’s Center; Café’ Renaissance owners Saeed and Sara Abtahi; Jayne Young, Interim Executive Director, Shepherd’s Center.

Photos courtesy of Shepherd’s Center

Skorpios Maggio’s Greek Family Restaurant owners Chris and Sherry Maggio; Jayne Young, Interim Executive Director, Shepherd’s Center.

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Michael (Mike) Lassiter, Safeway Employee, Dies

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THURSDAY/JAN. 7
Virtual Open House with Mathnasium of Reston and the Mathnasium of Centreville for their Virtual Open House. They will be answering all of your questions and talk more about the program. Parents, guardians, teachers, school representatives are all welcome. Visit the website: https://mathnasiumopenhousenorth.dentoncite.com
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*FABULOUS* and *SPACIOUS* 6 BR and 3 BA home in sought-after POTOMAC HILLS location! This immaculate and well-maintained home features beautiful hardwood floors throughout main level; sparkling, remodeled gourmet kitchen with granite counters & stainless steel appliances with island and breakfast bar plus additional eat-in space; expansive screened-in porch off kitchen overlooks backyard - perfect for entertaining or relaxing; fully-fenced yard; owner’s suite w/ upgraded luxury ba; large LL rec room with custom bar and French door walkout!

3438 Chelsea Drive, Woodbridge
*WONDERFUL* 3BR/1 full and 1 half bath single family home on 3 levels in Rollingwood Village! A super starter home or investment property, this updated home features new flooring; new paint; remodeled kitchen; updated baths! Great floorplan with lots of space; eat-in kitchen; finished walkout lower level! Convenient location - minutes to I-95; close to Ft. Belvoir, shopping and commuter routes! All the work has been done - move-in ready! In-person OPEN, Sun. 1/10 2-4pm OR Virtual OPEN, Sun. 1/10 at 1:30pm!