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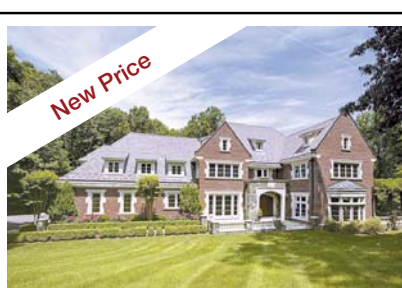
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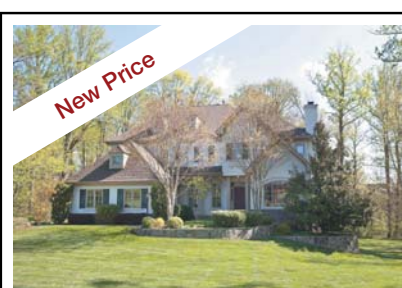
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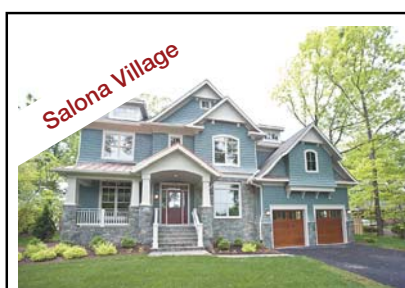
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From left, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, county Planning Commissioner Walter Alcorn, Barbara Byron, director of the county's Office of Community Revitalization and Re-investment office, Tim Steinhilber project manager for the 495 Express Lanes project and Marcia McAllister, communications manager for the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project speak at a panel on the future of Tysons Corner Friday, June 8.



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Planning for Tysons Future

Officials provide update on Tysons redevelopment, 495 Express lanes, Metro Silver Line.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

This month marks two years since the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved a Comprehensive Plan Amendment for Tysons Corner. The plan is aimed at making Tysons into an urban center, which Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova says will bring in 100,000 residents and 200,000 jobs by 2050.

The Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce hosted a panel discussion with officials from the various projects that will shape the future of Tysons Corner at the Capital One Headquarters Friday, June 8.

"When the board adopted the plan, there were some people who speculated one how many people might want to redevelop their property and people thought maybe five," said Barbara Byron, director of the county's Office of Community Revitalization and Re-investment. "But we have 17 in right now, requesting more than 44 million square feet of new development, basically twice what we have going on today."

Byron said there are also several by right projects that are currently under construction, including the new first high rise development located behind The Container Store, as well as a Wal Mart and health club in western Tysons Corner on Leesburg Pike between Ashgrove Lane and Westwood Center Drive.

OF THE 17 MAJOR REZONINGS submitted to the county under new comp plan, Bulova said six will be voted on before the end of the year. Walter Alcorn of the Fairfax County Planning Commission said that the two major issues that arose during the development of the Tysons plan were phasing and financing. He said the financing discussions brought to light a lot of information about which sector would be paying for various costs.

"We concluded the grid of streets really should be primarily a private sector responsibility, so as new development comes on, the grid of streets will be built in that development. Those streets will probably be important for that development to work, so we thought that was reasonable," he said. "Transit has traditionally been a public sector responsibility,

and we agreed initially it still should be, for financing purposes, but perhaps over time it will become a private sector responsibility as new types of moving people around come about, maybe as a business opportunity."

Alcorn also said that he believed that most improvements inside Tysons will be funded by the private sector, for those outside, like Route 7 beyond the Dulles Toll Road, would be primarily funded by the public sector.

The four Tysons Corner Metrorail stations are an integral part of the new Tysons, aimed at getting people out of their cars and opening Tysons up to the rest of the area when it comes to mass transportation.

"This rail line ties us in with the existing 106 mile Metro system. It gives people who live on the Red Line, in Laurel and Ballston immediate access to Tysons, McLean, the Dulles Corridor," said Marcia McAllister, communications manager for the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project. "We hope you'll be able to take a train from Ashburn, we hope, or Route 28 Herndon and Reston all the way to Stadium-Armory without transferring."

Construction on Phase One is now 73 percent complete and is expected to be done by Summer 2013, with service starting in late 2013.

ANOTHER PROJECT that will be a major part of Tysons Corner are the 495 Express Lanes, two variable-priced toll lanes in the middle of the Beltway going both directions. There will be a sign at each entrance displaying the price to enter. Though the price can change as quickly as every six minutes, drivers who enter at a certain time are locked into that price.

"There will be a continuous change based on real-time traffic data, a fully open road toll, no tollbooths no slowing down, no cattle chutes, it's full highway speed," said Tim Steinhilber, general manager of the project. "It will be separated from the general lanes by a four-foot painted buffer of plastic bollards, which are flexible, primarily to allow first responders to get to places quickly, they can roll right over the bollards and they'll pop back up."

The lanes will be HOV-3, which means vehicles with more than three people will not pay a toll. Vehicles using the 495 Express Lanes will be required to have a new EZ Pass Flex transponder: If drivers want to drive as HOV, they will trigger a switch on the pass to say there are three people in the car, and a toll will not be charged.

The transponder can be toggled back to regular toll mode if there are less than three people. The

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Partners of the Safe Community Coalition, which includes schools, businesses, faith communities and government and safety workers, are recognized at the SCC's annual members meeting at the McLean Community Center Tuesday, June 5.

SCC Honors Partners

Coalition recognizes volunteers, officials for efforts over past school year.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Safe Community Coalition honored dozens of individuals and organizations at their annual members meeting Tuesday, June 5 at the McLean Community Center. The primarily volunteer-run organization coordinates various activities and events designed to raise awareness of issues faced by youths, mostly in the Langley and McLean High School pyramids.

"The Safe Community Coalition is proud to receive amazing support from our local businesses, schools and other organizations," said Debbie Witchey, president of the SCC board. "With so many people working together, it's amazing what we've been able to accomplish."

Susan Mayman and Karen Calpin were honored as volunteers of the year. Mayman helped coordinate the showing of the film "Race to Nowhere" at Langley High School and Witchey credited her with always being hands-on.

"She brings in ideas all the time, but she doesn't just leave it on our doorstep, she helps implement them," Witchey said. "The showing of 'Race to Nowhere' helped bring up conversations around the community that are still going on today."

Calpin will serve as recording secretary for the SCC during the 2012-13 year, and also serves as liaison to McLean High School and school coordinator for the SCC.

"She's probably the most flexible and giving person I know," Witchey said. "When we need to get the pulse of this community, Karen is out there, and she's taken the school coordinator position to new levels."

Volunteers were involved in everything from collecting unused and expired medications (more than 100 pounds during the year), interfaith breakfasts, an ethics day for students and even a campaign for elementary school students to write letters to seniors before prom reminding them that they are role models for younger students.

Other groups helped the SCC put on programs designed to raise awareness about underage drinking, dating abuse and mental health.

"We've had some incredible partners when it comes to health and prevention, just a few weeks ago the Josh Anderson Foundation and Active Minds helped put on a great program with some ingenious fun ways to reduce stress right before AP exams," said Nyka Jasper Feldman, executive director of the SCC. "The United Prevention Coalition has also been an incredible partner, helping with an incredible presentation about college drinking culture, and they brought an all-star panel of experts as part of those programs."

The SCC also recognized representatives from Langley and McLean High Schools, Cooper and Longfellow Middle Schools, Colvin Run and Chesterbrook Elementary Schools. Feldman highlighted the efforts of MaryAnn Lastova, outgoing McLean High Schools PTSA President, Betsy Shoemaker, Langley PTSA president and Wilma Bowers, McLean High PTSA officer and president of the Longfellow PTSA.

"They're our biggest outreach workers," Feldman said. "I cannot count how many programs have been possible through the efforts of these women."

More information on the SCC can be found at www.safecommunitycoalition.net.

THE COUNTY LINE

Social worker Calvin Robertson, with Fairfax County's Department of Family Services, teaches the Fathers in Touch class at South Gate Community Center in Reston. The 12-week program, a partnership with Fairfax County and the Capital Youth Empowerment Program (CYEP) in Alexandria, helps men become more engaged and loving fathers.



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The Father Factor

"Fathers In Touch" program teaches men how to be fathers.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Calvin Robertson slams his fist down on the table and barks instructions to the 11 fathers seated around the table at the South Gate Community Center in Reston.

A large black man with a booming voice, Robertson wants them get a sheet of paper and start writing. Now.

"Did you hear what I said? I'm not telling you twice. Let's go! I just told you what to do," he yells, sounding like a drill sergeant.

The men, ranging in age from 20 to 46, look startled.

Robertson takes a deep breath, pauses, and then asks in a quiet voice.

"Okay, so how did all that anger and rage make you feel?"

"It stresses us out, man," said one young father.

"It gets us in trouble," ventured another.

"You say things you don't mean..." one man said quietly. "You hurt people you care for."

"Is it productive? I mean, imagine how a child feels when you talk like that," Robertson said.

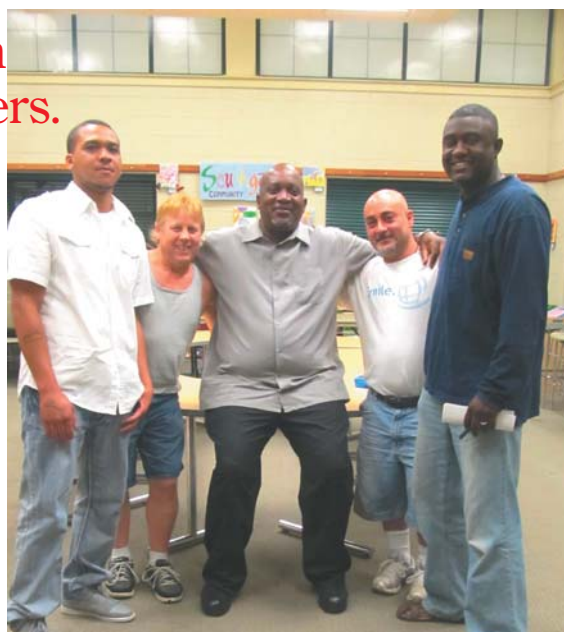
THE MEN, who call Robertson "Mr. Calvin," are part of the Fairfax County's Fathers in Touch (FIT) program, a 12-week parenting class designed to develop committed, responsible fathers – men who are learning they can just as easily give their children a hug instead of a slap.

In addition to the weekly two-hour sessions, the program includes three supervised visitation activities with children designed to promote strong relationships between fathers and their children.

"I know I'm successful when I see them interacting with their children in positive way," Robertson said. "That's really the heart of this program. Watching these men show love and attention to their children."

Launched in 2010 through the Fairfax County's Office of Public Private Partnerships (OP3) in partnership with the Department of Family Services, the FIT program was created by the Capital Youth Empowerment Program (CYEP) to address the "fatherless home epidemic prevalent in our society," according to CYEP literature.

Held three times a year throughout Fairfax County, the FIT program draws men from various walks of



Calvin Robertson (center), a social worker with Fairfax County's Department of Family Services, teaches the Fathers in Touch class at South Gate Community Center in Reston. He is standing with participants, from left, Marc Dixon of Reston, Jim Henson of Springfield, Joe Apkarian of Springfield and Mohamed Osman of Annandale.

life, for many different reasons. Some men participate because they have to; a family court judge has mandated the program before they can visit their children again.

Some fathers are involved in vicious custody battles and want the FIT certificate to expand their custody and visitation rights. Some volunteer for the program because they want to be better fathers.

"I want my family back," said Joe Apkarian of Springfield, a 42-year-old father of three who, after serving a jail term, is fighting to regain custody of his young children from foster care. Apkarian has a 3-year-old biological daughter and two stepchildren. His goal is to show a judge that he is responsible and caring enough to raise all three together.

"This is for me to say I've done everything possible to get my kids back," Apkarian said. "My word is my promise, and I told my children I'd never let them be separated, but I had to hand my son over to a social worker when he was 9-months-old. You know how a lot of people say they wish they could win the lottery, win a million bucks? I don't care. I just want my kids back."

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Learning from His Father's Mistakes

Growing up estranged from his own father, one man decides to give his sons a different life.

BY MOSES ERIC COBB

Wanting the best for my two sons yet having concerns about raising them properly, my wife and I looked into various parenting education programs offered through Fairfax County. This is how I discovered the Fathers In Touch Program. The class appealed to me because my parents divorced when I was 11-years-old, and my dad was never really a significant part of my life growing up.

Because of my strained relationship with my dad, I needed to learn how to be the best Father I could be. I mean . . . they don't give you a manual for raising your children along with the bill from the hospital.

When my boys grow up they won't be boys at all anymore. They will be young men . . . whether I have taken on the responsibility seriously enough to raise them or not. I developed a current desire for a future relationship I would have with my boys where they would want to be around me, not just because they feel obligated to look after me but because we have a terrific relationship.

I took so much away from the Fathers In Touch Class. I was challenged not only by the instructors but by the other dads as well. The instructors led us through sometimes difficult discussions about communicating with our sons and daughters, helping them to understand



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Moses Eric Cobb in the conference room of his McLean office. Cobb said he learned how little things affect his sons, like displaying their photos in his office.

why we have to discipline them, and even explaining to them that everyone makes mistakes – even their fathers. We learned how to place value on our children's feelings while we taught ourselves the importance of saying – "I'm sorry".

We learned why it is so important to not only be physically present but mentally engaged with our sons and daughters. The dads in my class discussed leaving work problems at work so as to leave and preserve true quality time with our children.

At the same time we were learning to give unconditionally

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Moses Eric Cobb with sons Barron, 2, and Bryce, 7.

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Teaching Fatherhood Classes

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Marc Dixon of Reston, who has a 5-year-old son, said he wanted to be a better father, and to show his son the love he rarely got from his own father. "My son means the world to me. I want him to know that I'm here for him," Dixon said.

Robertson, who was a probation officer before becoming a social worker, is also a single father of three daughters. "I can relate to these guys. I know how stressful it gets, but I try to teach them how to calm down, and to listen and to see things from a child's perspective," Robertson said. "With three daughters, you can bet I'm a good listener."

BEFORE EACH SESSION, Robertson calls the fathers several times to establish a rapport with them, and to make sure they are committed to the program.

He said each session addresses a theme, such as male stereotypes, self-esteem or anger management. But the first session always tackles the biggest elephant in the room: the men's relationship – or lack of relationship – with their own fathers.

"Sometimes there are tears, and a lot of pain, when we explore that relationship," Robertson said. "Many of the men have to overcome what they've been taught, 'don't show emotion,' 'only girls cry,' 'a man can't show weakness.'"

Robertson said some of the men come from abusive homes or homes where the father was absent, so they have no role models.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 24 million

About Fathers in Touch (FIT)

From January 2010 to April 2012, 59 fathers with 120 children graduated from Fairfax County's FIT program.

Results of pre and post inventories completed by 2010 FIT graduates revealed:

- ♦ 94 percent of the fathers reported significant increases in positive involvement with their children over a 12-week period.
- ♦ 100 percent reported significant improvements in their perception of their role as fathers (i.e., improvement in at least two of four areas: investment, integration, competence, satisfaction).

For more information on FIT, go to www.cyep.org

children in America, about one in three, lived apart from their biological fathers in 2009, up from 11 percent in 1967. For African-American children, the figure was 64 percent in 2009.

Research from the National Fatherhood Initiative (NFI) has demonstrated father absence has a negative impact on many areas of a child's life, including crime, teen pregnancy, child abuse, drug and alcohol abuse, education, and childhood obesity.

The NFI also reported that adolescents who have lived apart from one of their parents at some point in their childhood are twice as likely to drop out of high school, twice as likely to have a child before age 20 and 1.5 times as likely to be out of school or work by their late teens or early 20s.

Acknowledging the critical role fathers' play in a child's life, President Barack Obama asked U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder to create a "Fathering Re-Entry Court" that would help fathers leaving prison get jobs and services they need to start making child support payments and reconnecting with families.

A Marathon for Life

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to our children we were learning the very hard lesson of giving to ourselves. We realized with our instructors' help how severely important it is for us as dads to spend some part of each week and each day focusing on ourselves. Nurturing ourselves is not something grown men talk about at all; however, we learned that if we don't, we cannot be the best dads we need to be.

From the other fathers, I gained some needed perspective. Some of the dads were dealing with some really challenging circumstances and situations. One dad who I got to know fairly well only saw his children once every week for a few hours over the weekend. On top of that, he was absolutely exhausted from work when he saw them. That night after hearing my classmate speak, I became so thankful that I could go home every night and kiss and hug my boys. I've often felt very tired myself when the weekend arrives, but I have learned that my boys do not

care about that. They want their dad to play and I learned that I owe them that every single time. What they're going to remember and what I'm going to remember are the experiences we had together.

I came away from the Fathers In Touch Class learning so much.

I took away - among other things - that fatherhood is not a sprint for a few years. Being a father is a marathon for life. I make mistakes. We as dads make mistakes. But I am committed for the long haul. I am not only determined to get this thing right, but I am determined to change in order to get it right. I love my boys that much.

I wish things had been different with my father. That's what I can't control. I wish my dad had done this or that, but that's in the past. What we can do, as fathers now, is make sure that isn't perpetuated.

Moses Eric Cobb, a financial planner who works in McLean, volunteered to take Fairfax County's Fathers in Touch classes. He lives in Alexandria with his wife and two sons.

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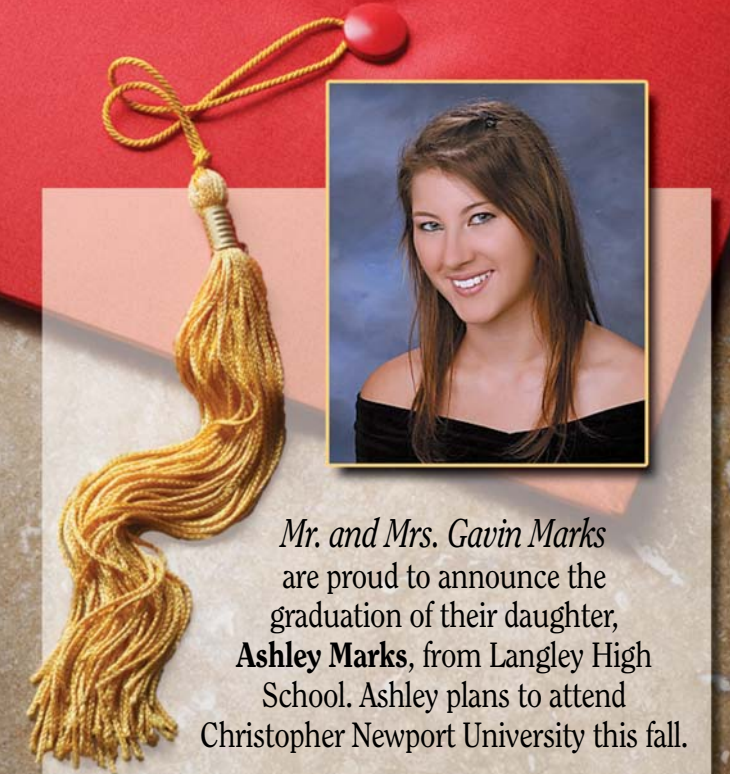
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School. Ashley plans to attend
Christopher Newport University this fall.

Ashley,
We are so proud of you – not just of your accomplishments,
but of the beautiful young woman you have become. You are
strong, smart, and compassionate. You can accomplish any-
thing as long as you want it enough, believe in it, and are will-
ing to work for it. We know you will do great things in the
future. Know that we will always love and support you.

Love always,
Mom, Dad and Zach

*"I hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles,
to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities,
and to the most special places your heart has ever known."*
-- Author Unknown

Best Play, “A View from the Bridge,” McLean High School, Polina Tamarina, Madelyn Paquette, Nick Stone, Emily Mills, Damian Leverett, Max Johnson, Siena Richardson, Emma Paquette, Terry Mittelman, Lexie Shoaibi.

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Featured Actress, Kaity Hinojosa, Langley High School, “The Crucible.”

McLean High Wins Four Cappies

Takes home trophy for Best Play.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

McLean High took home five awards – including the one for Best Play – at Sunday night’s 13th annual Cappie Awards at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. McLean’s other victories were for Lead Actor and Lead Actress in a Play for its production of “A View from the Bridge,” as well as Returning Critic and Critic Team.

Overall, Westfield High won the most Cappies, garnering 10, including Best Musical, for “Crazy for You.” Langley and Madison captured one each.

Thrilled with McLean’s awards was senior Terry Mittelman, who was among the actors receiving the Best Play statuette. “Honestly, I really think we deserved it,” she said.

“We put so much time and our hearts and souls into this play.

“Our director, Amy Poe, was such an inspiration and taught us that the only way to put on a great show is to put in the work,” continued Mittelman. “We also had the most dedicated and incredible cast and crew, plus a great support system with the theater boosters and the most fantastic director in the world, who I’m sad to be leaving.”

Junior Damian Leverett thanked Poe for her faith in him by casting him in his role and her “never-ending support and guidance.” He called winning the award for Lead Actor in a Play “such a tremendous honor. I won’t believe it until I go home and think about it. There was such give-and-take between the actors and, since we performed in a black box, it added an emphasis on nuance and the relationships between the actors on stage.”

WINNING THE TROPHY for Lead Actress in a Play was senior Lexie Shoaibi. “I’m completely surprised, honored and humbled by

this award,” she said. “I didn’t think I’d win; I’m blessed. We worked really hard on making our show intimate and honest, so every little facial expression and movement had to really come through [as believable].”

The Returning Critic Cappie went to junior Madelyn Paquette. “I’m thrilled,” she said. It’s my first year on the team and I loved seeing all the shows. My whole team comprises good friends, and it’s fun to see amazing, interesting theater with them.” Paquette also won a special, Washington Post critic award for having the most reviews selected for publication.

Part of the nine-person, Cappie-winning Critic Team, junior Max Johnson said, “I’m so happy to have the most talented writers in the world and a director who puts us first.”

Freshman member Emma Paquette was also ecstatic, saying, “I’m so glad to have the support of the best lead critic in Max, plus my sister, Madelyn.”

❖ Langley’s award for “The Crucible” was for Featured Actress. “It’s unbelievable,” said winner Kaity Hinojosa. “This is

an absolute blessing. So many of the cast members helped me with my role; I had to learn a Barbados accent. It’s an honor to even be nominated, but to win is a dream. A lot of work goes into it, so this is just amazing.”

❖ Winning for Best Song was Madison, with “Brotherhood of Man” from “How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying.” Sophomore Julia Meadows was the lone female in that number and, she said, “I’m so excited. I think all the boys in it worked so hard and deserved it.”

“It was an amazing experience,” added senior Selena Garcia DuBar. “I choreographed it with Daxx Wieser who played [the lead] Finch. After they all sang it, they were overjoyed. And Wesley Diener replaced someone, so he had to learn the role in three days – and he did a wonderful job.”

DuBar said most of the 16 boys in that song had never danced before and they did hand tricks, too. “I added some sass to the choreography,” said senior Sallieu Fullah. “I was glad to be part of the cast and I feel happy that all our hard work paid off.”



Critics Team, McLean High School, (from left): Emma Paquette Siena Richardson, Max Johnson, Damian Leverett, Polina Tamarina, Madelyn Paquette.



Returning Critic, Madelyn Paquette, McLean High School.



Damian Leverett, McLean High School, “A View from the Bridge.”

FATHER'S DAY PHOTO GALLERY



"The photo was taken in April 2012. My husband, Skip, is flanked by our children Sofie (9 — she will be 10 on Father's Day) and Cole, 11. They were at The Boar's Head Inn in Charlottesville over spring break this year," writes Kerstin Stitt of McLean.



"Everyone needs a nap! This was taken in 1997, when my son was a few months old. It was after a very long night. Nap time for this father and son," writes Vickie Trunnell of McLean.



Bill Malpass at his new home in Great Falls with his daughters Remy, 2 1/2 and Maeve, 1. Bill and Melissa are expecting their third baby girl in November.



Daddy is helping Alex pick an apple off the tree.

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OPINION

Partnerships That Make a Difference

Strategic partnerships with businesses, community organizations, benefit public good and fill gaps since government cannot do it all.

A few weeks ago, the Connection was lucky enough to be included in a group of Fairfax County organizations honored for their efforts in giving back to the community.

Fairfax County and the Fairfax County Public Schools recognized their business and community partners for their continued contributions to the community at the Celebrate Partnerships awards ceremonies on May 21 at the Mason Inn. More than 55 businesses and community groups were nominated for these annual awards which focus on individuals and groups who partner with the County and FCPS to give back to the community.

The mission: "The Office of Public Private Partnerships (OP3) develops partnerships between the business community and local community organizations that address critical

needs in Fairfax County. ... to stimulate positive change in the community and encourage civic involvement and responsibility. One of the goals of OP3 is to bring together resources between the public and private sectors to effectively transform the quality of life in the community."

Those efforts in the county and in the schools were on display at the awards. It was remarkable to hear about how partnerships between organizations, schools, businesses led to thousands of hours of volunteer work and millions of dollars raised. The benefits are tangible, significant and a part of what makes Fairfax County a leader in many areas.

The Connection award was based significantly on our special edition on homelessness in Fairfax County, but also cited the Connection's dedication to covering the com-

munities we serve.

This year Anthony Griffin was given a special award for his work with partnerships. Other business honorees include MV Transportation, Helios HR, Nadar por Vida, Great Falls Friends and Neighbors, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce and Doug Brammer of Verizon.

The event was attended by more than 380 people who heard from Fairfax County Chairman Sharon Bulova; Fairfax County Schools Chair Janie Strauss; Jorge Haddock, Dean of the School of Management, George Mason University; Fairfax County Executive Ed Long, and Superintendent of Schools Jack D. Dale. To find out more, visit <http://www.fairfaxcountypartnerships.org>

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Partnering with Communities

The Connection was nominated by Dean Klein, Executive Director of the Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, and the award springs from the Nov. 13 special edition coverage about the complex challenges of the homeless in Fairfax. Coverage of the issues included a "moving array of impactful photos and informative articles" that conveyed the scope of the challenges faced by those who are homeless in our community and the collaborative work of Partnership to End Homelessness. The award also cited other examples of the Connection's community partnership including "weekly highlights of neighborhood school activities and events, Thanksgiving story called 'Season of Giving' that featured 12 gifts that give back to the community, and extensive coverage of the Stuff the Bus Food campaign."

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Students at Langley High School prepare an art show Saturday, June 9 to raise money for the Gandhi Brigade, a Maryland-based charity.

Local Art Supports Local Charity

Langley senior organization charity art sale.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Langley High School senior Gabriella Jacobsen has always been interested in art. Art runs in her family, through her grandmother and mother, and while Jacobsen enjoys creating art as well, she's also interested in the practical side. She used this side Saturday, June 9 to hold a charity art sale at Langley to benefit the Gandhi Brigade, a Maryland-based nonprofit.

"I wanted to keep everything local, within the community, so I contacted local artists and students for the art," she said. "I knew I wanted to help out a local cause, and I was looking through the Catalogue for Philanthropy and contacted a few groups to see if they were interested in benefiting from a show, and the Gandhi Brigade got back to me."

The Gandhi Brigade is based in Silver Spring, Md. and works with young people to develop a commitment to the principles Mahatma Gandhi taught: non-violence, awareness and common effort.

"Our goal is to work on human development, a lot of our group is made up of immigrants or the children of immigrants," said Richard Jaegi, executive director of the Gandhi Brigade. "Gandhi had the notion that just as you wouldn't send a soldier to war without being trained, you don't send peacekeepers into the world without being trained. We're working on build-



A selection of photographs by Langley High School senior Danielle Plato for sale at a fundraising art sale held at Langley High School Saturday, June 9.

ing a new generation of world-minded individuals who will serve as peacekeepers for the world."

The show featured more than 100 pieces of art in Langley's auxiliary gym. The works were in a variety of media, mostly from students. Jacobsen and a few volunteers spent Saturday morning setting the show up, which she said was helpful when thinking about her future plans.

"I'll be going to Virginia Tech in

the fall to study industrial design, and I'm also thinking about studying curating, so this was definitely a good learning experience for me," she said. "I learned a lot about what it takes to put together a show, mostly that it's not just something that's easy and can be done in your spare time. It takes a lot of work."

More information about the Gandhi Brigade can be found at www.gandhibrigade.org.

ENTERTAINMENT

Send announcements to mclean@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit connectionnewspapers.com

THURSDAY/JUNE 14

An Evening with Willie Nile Trio. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.
Reception and Juror's Talk. 7-9 p.m. McLean Project for the Arts, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. "Something and Nothing: Activating the Void," a juried exhibition of works that explore empty or open space, nothingness and potentiality. sabrina.anwah@fairfaxcounty.gov.
Something and Nothing: Activating the Void will run through July 28. McLean Project for the Arts, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, VA. Exhibit brings together artists whose work deals with space, inclusion or absence. www.mpaart.org or 703-790-1953.

FRIDAY/JUNE 15

A Night for Americans: The Pietasters and Sunny Ledford. 8:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.
"Flora the Red Menace." 8 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tyson's Corner. A musical by John Kander and Fred Ebb, set in the Great Depression. \$15-\$30. www.1ststage Tysons.org.
Riverdance. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Final performances. www.riverdance.com or www.wolftrap.org.
Friday Afternoon Chess Group. 1 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. All ages and skill levels welcome. 703-757-8560.

SATURDAY/JUNE 16

"Flora the Red Menace." 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tyson's Corner. A musical by John Kander and Fred Ebb, set in the Great Depression. \$15-\$30. www.1ststage Tysons.org.
Benefit Concert for SHARE. 4-5:30 p.m. at Charles Wesley United Methodist Church, 6817 Dean Dr., McLean. Donate food and hygiene/household supplies, grocery cards, and funds at the concert. Family friendly vocal and instrumental groups from local organizations and Charles Wesley will perform.
For Mercy Reunion: Benefit Concert for One Voice at 7 p.m.; **Defakto, Actual Proof and DJ Mercury** at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.
Riverdance. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Final performances. www.riverdance.com or www.wolftrap.org.
West Coast Swing Dances. 7 p.m. Colvin Run Community Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Second and third Saturday every month. 703-759-2685 or www.colvinrun.org.
Country Western Dance. Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Line dance lesson at 7:30 p.m., couples lesson at 8 p.m. Open dancing 8:30-11 p.m. \$5-\$12. www.nvcwda.org or 703-860-4941.
Plant Clinic. 10 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Masters Gardeners from the Fairfax County Cooperative Extension host plant clinics to answer gardening questions. Adults. 703-790-8088.
Colonial Wheat Harvest. 1-4 p.m. The Claude Moore Colonial Farm,



Dani Stoller as Flora and Joshua Dick as Harry in the 1st Stage production of "Flora the Red Menace." 1st Stage Theatre, 1524 Spring Hill Road in Tysons Corner, will present "Flora the Red Menace" Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through June 17. Tickets are \$15-\$30. 703-854-1856 or www.1ststage Tysons.org.

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SUNDAY/JUNE 17

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"Flora the Red Menace." 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tyson's Corner. A musical by John Kander and Fred Ebb, set in the Great Depression. \$15-\$30. www.1ststage Tysons.org.
Eric Lindell (at The Hamilton). 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.
Riverdance. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Final performances. www.riverdance.com or www.wolftrap.org.
The Dusty 45s. 6 p.m. Concerts on the Green, Great Falls Village Center, Great Falls. Rockabilly. Free. www.dusty45s.com.
Wood Carving Lessons and Grinding Demonstrations. 12-4 p.m. Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, McLean. Carving lessons for age 8 and up. 703-759-2771.
Breakfast Buffet. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Vienna American Legion, 330 Center St. North, Vienna. Adults \$8, children \$3. omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon and more. Open to the public. 703-938-1379.

MONDAY/JUNE 18

Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance Golf Classic. 11 a.m. Country Club of Fairfax, 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax. With former Washington Redskins player Charles Mann. Register at 703-356-5424 or mcleanchamber.org.
Jon McLaughlin CD Release Show. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.
English Conversation. 10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. English practice for non-native speakers. Adults. 703-242-4020.

TUESDAY/JUNE 19

Mystery Book Discussion. 6:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Call for


title. Adults. 703-790-8088.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 20

Counting Crows with Good Old War, Foreign Fields and Filligar. 7 p.m. Wolftrap Center for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Rock and folk music. \$48 in-house, \$30 lawn. www.wolftrap.org or 703-255-1868.
Book Discussion Group. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Call for title. Adults. 703-757-8560.
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Model Investment Club of Northern Virginia. 7 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. This group will meet on the third Wednesday all year. New visitors welcome. Adults. 703-790-8088.

THURSDAY/JUNE 21

Empires. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.
Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America Inc. 7:30 p.m. Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane, Cedar Lane Shopping Center, Vienna. Hugo Keesing will discuss his "...Next Step in Vietnam, The War on Record: 1961-2008", an anthology of the war's musical legacy. The general public and all veterans are invited. Free admission. 703-255-0353 or web page at www.vva227.org.
Natty Breaux. 7:30 p.m. Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Swing and more. Free. 703-324-7469.
Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Party. 1:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Sign up and get great books. Performance by magician Mike Rose. Children. 703-757-8560.
Book Discussion Group. 7:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Call for title. Adults. 703-757-8560.
Diana Krall with Denzal Sinclair. 8 p.m. Wolftrap Center for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Jazz vocalists. \$50 in-house, \$35 lawn. www.wolftrap.org or 703-255-1868.



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Langley goalie Andrew Spivey is right on top of the action in stopping Chantilly's Cole Fitzgerald from scoring.



Langley defender Kelly Dore tries to impede Oakton's Tori Anderson from getting off her shot. Saxon goalie Erin Long is in position to make the save.

PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Saxons Compete in Boys', Girls' State Lax Finals

Langley boys capture fourth straight crown; Langley girls fall in title game loss to Oakton.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The chant from the Langley High student body began with about four minutes remaining in last Saturday night's Virginia State Boys Lacrosse championship game at Westfield High School between the Saxons of Langley and Chantilly High. "It's a Fourth-Peat, it's a fourth-peat," is the way the chant went, reverberating from the near-side bleachers, where the large group of Saxon student supporters were perched, and throughout the stadium.

Langley, in fact, was about to capture its mind boggling fourth consecutive state crown. Ahead by three goals with the final minutes counting down, the Langley fandom sensed another title was nearly clinched.

Langley did go on to win the stirring contest, 12-8, in front of a huge early summer-time crowd. The victory marked the third time in four years in which the powerful Saxons have beaten Chantilly in the finals game.

"Coach [Earl] Brewer told us [after the win] that we've all made our mark in [Northern] Region and Virginia State lacrosse history," said Langley senior goalie Andrew Spivey, in the minutes following the win.

The Langley boys' team was not the only Saxons' outfit to be participating in a state championship game on Saturday evening at Westfield. Prior to the boys' finals, the girls' state title lacrosse game, between Langley and Oakton, took place. The Cougars, in that first finals game of the state cham-

pionship night double-header, bested a Langley squad which was making its' first-ever appearance in the state finals by a score of 12-7.

All in all, it was a spectacular night for both Langley teams and their fans who had the rare opportunity to enjoy their teams competing back to back in the biggest games of the season.

IN THE BOYS' FINALS, Langley, going up against a Chantilly team determined to finally get the better of the Saxons in a state title game, fell into an early 3-0 hole over the first five-and-a-half minutes.

Chantilly's large, animated crowd, located in the stadium's far side bleachers, was totally amped up as a result of the early lead. But Langley regrouped in a big time way with three straight goals of its own, over the following two minutes, to tie the game at 3-3. Saxon sophomore attack JT Meyer (2 goals, 2 assists on the game) scored his team's first two goals, the latter coming on a sidarm chance as he moved left to right across the goal area, and senior midfielder Clay Rivers (2 goals) tallied the equalizer on a sizzling liner over his left shoulder from 14 yards out.

Chantilly would get the final goal of the opening quarter for a 4-3 lead, but Langley had answered the Chargers' early firepower.

Langley continued battling from behind in the second quarter following a Chantilly score two minutes into the frame that made it 5-3 Chargers. The Saxons, over the next five minutes, scored twice - scores from junior midfielder Luke Salzer (1 goal, 2 assists) and junior defender Brad Dotson - to tie the game again, at 5-5. The latter score was particularly outstanding as Dotson carried the ball about 40 yards down the field before connecting on a shot off the right from 14 yards away.

A few minutes later, Chantilly's Luke Bowers, in traffic around the Langley goal area, made a terrific play in somehow getting off a quality shot. The ball went in and

Chantilly, once again, had the lead, 6-5.

But the Saxons came up with the equalizer with 26 seconds left when senior attack Josh Sibio (3 goals) scored from 15 yards out moving right across the goal area to deadlock the game at 6-6 going into half-time. The score was set up by Dotson, who once again made a wonderful jaunt down the field before passing left to Sibio, who came up with the big goal.

Although Langley had never led in the first half, it had thrice come back to tie the score. The Saxons, with the final goal before the intermission, had somehow seized the game's momentum.

Langley was simply outstanding in the second half, dominating the first five-plus minutes in building up what would be an insurmountable 10-6 advantage.

Despite the early deficits of 3-0 and 5-3, Langley had collected itself in the latter stages of the first quarter and gone on to play a superb game.

"We've been down before," said Spivey, afterwards. "I never felt at any time we were totally out of it. We all know exactly what it takes to win. We were down three goals [early] but didn't panic."

Seventeen Langley seniors were dressed in the Saxons' dark green and gold uniform colors for the final time. Coach Brewer said the 12th graders and underclassmen alike have made an enormous impression on him.

"These are wonderful kids," he said. "I love them and will miss the [graduating seniors] tremendously," he said.

EARLIER IN THE EVENING the Langley girls, under head coach Richard DeSomma, gave it everything they had in their state finals game against an Oakton team playing in its second straight state title contest.

A year after losing in the state title game, Oakton took the next step and won this year's state crown with the 12-7 win over Langley.

"We competed and gave it our all," said Langley's Kelly Martins, a senior midfielder

and a Saxon team captain. "Oakton is a great team and we knew that." It marked the first state championship triumph in the history of the Oakton girls' lacrosse program and came one year after the Cougars had reached the state title game before losing to Vienna cross-town rival Madison.

Oakton prevailed against a Langley squad which was making its first-ever state finals appearance. In the championship game matchup between the two Northern Region teams, the Cougars, who finished the season with an overall record of 18-2, jumped in front 3-0 and never relinquished the lead thereafter.

"Last year we were denied pretty badly, losing by eight or nine," said Oakton head coach Jean Counts, recalling the 2011 state finals loss to Madison.

Counts, in the championship affair with the Saxons, saw her team play a solid, overall strong game in which the Cougars' played suffocating defense while, on the offensive end, running when they could and displaying good passing, ball movement, and patience. Six different Oakton players scored goals, with sophomore midfielder Jackie Rupp, celebrating her birthday, leading the way with four of those scores. Goalie Emily George, in the net, played a typically solid game with her Cougars' teammates in front of her doing a thorough job of keeping the Saxons at bay.

Langley received three goals apiece from junior midfielder Hayley Soutter. Also scoring for the Saxons were junior midfielder Grace Goettman, Kelly Martins, junior midfielder Olivia Sisson (1 goal, 1 assist), and senior midfielder Ellie Glasgow (1 goal, 2 assists)

Langley, which qualified for states last year for the first time, was making its first appearance in the finals.

"It started in the off-season before our practices even started on Aug. 29," said Martins, of the Saxons' tremendous season. "We wanted it this year and everyone came together."

Latest Downtown Revitalization Project Breaks Ground

Project will place overhead utility wires underground at intersection of Old Dominion Drive and Chain Bridge Road.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Local county and business officials gathered at the peninsula at the intersection of Elm Street, Old Dominion Drive and Chain Bridge Road Thursday, June 7 to break ground on an underground utility project that is a major step in the revitalization of downtown McLean. The project will place underground all electric and communications lines from the Shell station at the intersection west on Old Dominion Drive and from the Starbucks to the McLean Cleaners along Chain Bridge Road.

"This is the hub of downtown McLean, and you can't help but notice how unattractive all these overhead lines are, but thankfully they won't be here much longer," said



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From right, Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville), Helen Kontzias, George Kontzias, local landowners and Jane Edmondson, Foust's chief of staff, break ground on the new undergrounding utilities project in downtown McLean Thursday, June 7.

Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville). "This intersection will also see the current traffic lights on wires replaced by the mast lights which VDOT uses, so we'll be getting rid of those wires as well."

Fairfax County voters approved a Community Revitalization Bond in 1988, but it was put on hold while various streetscape improvements were done by the county in conjunction with the McLean Revitalization Corporation, such as landscaping and sidewalks along Chain Bridge Road. The McLean Revitalization Corporation is a 501(c)3 consisting of four representatives each from the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce, McLean Citizens Association, commercial landowners and surrounding homeowners associations.

BY THE TIME Foust took office in 2008, none of the easements were obtained, so his Chief of Staff Jane Edmondson and presidents of the McLean Revitalization Corporation Dan DuVal and Bill Sudow worked with the county Department of Transportation to get them. In the end, 12 landowners agreed to 43 easements, which were done between the owners, the county, Dominion Power, Cox Cable and Verizon.

"It would have been nice if we could wave a magic wand and make it happen, but in reality there were a lot of very complex engineering issues," Foust said. "Bill, Dan

and Jane put in countless hours over the last few years getting this done, and it just wouldn't have been fiscally possible without the agreement of the landowners."

Elizabeth Morton, president of the McLean Revitalization Corporation, said this was the latest step in making downtown McLean into a true destination.

"The face of McLean is starting to change, because we know that people care about it, that it's not just a place we drive through," she said. "This came about due to a special kind of public-private partnership, and we've seen that revitalization is a complex task, it can't be done by the county alone."

THE PROJECT will tie in with existing undergrounding of utilities along Lowell Avenue and Emerson Avenue. Work will begin this month and is expected to take approximately six to nine months.

Foust also said his office is currently reviewing a project proposed by a local bicyclist advocacy group that would use signs to identify the safest routes through downtown McLean, which would likely include the project area.

After completion, brick and concrete sidewalks will be installed in the project area, funded by a federal Transportation Enhancement Grant awarded to the McLean Revitalization Corporation.



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Trends in Landscape Design

Local tastemakers offer suggestions for making the most of backyard space.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Whether creating a tapestry of bold colors, a sanctuary to escape stress or simply a low maintenance landscape, local designers say taking a backyard from dull to dazzling is easier than one might think, and offer insight into hottest landscape elements as well as trends in sustainable design.

"The biggest overall trend is that people are cocooning — that is, people are staying at home and creating multi-use spaces," said landscape architect Mark White, owner of Garden Wise in Arlington. "They want to be able to cook outdoors and have a dining area. They might want a water feature. They are creating a place for a mini-vacation in their backyard."

"Given the state of the economy and the fact that people are leading hectic lives, many are wanting calm spaces in their backyards."

— Mark White

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE. From custom waterfalls to simple, self-contained systems in an urn, fountains and ornamental water features are surging in popularity as homeowners strive to create a tranquil oasis in their backyards.

"Given the state of the economy and the fact that people are leading hectic lives, many are wanting calm spaces in their backyards," said White.



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL/THE CONNECTION

Landscape designers say yards that incorporate both edible and decorative plants are popular. Herbs and patio vegetables are ideal for small outdoor areas.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF GARDEN WISE

Landscape architect Mark White uses ornamental water features to create a soothing space in the backyard of this Arlington home.

"They are using water elements to create soothing sounds."

LET IT RAIN. Rain gardens are popular as eco-minded homeowners look for ways to decrease water pollution. Rain gardens allow rainwater runoff from surfaces like roofs, driveways and walkways to be absorbed into the ground instead of storm drains.

Landscapers at George Mason University in Fairfax, created rain gardens across campus using water-loving, native plants. The gardens help alleviate storm-water runoff and pollution.

"Also, rain gardens help to eliminate standing pools of water that might otherwise have been the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes," said Archie Nesbitt, landscape supervisor at George Mason.

HARVESTING RAINWATER.

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Backyard Tips from Local Tastemakers

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"Many people are now collecting rainwater in rain barrels and using it to water their plants," White said. "You can connect a hose to the barrel and use it to water your garden."

HOW DOES ONE'S GARDEN GROW? Landscapes that incorporate both edible and decorative plants are popular now and serve dual purposes: providing both food and beauty. "There has been a huge interest in vegetable gardens, container gardens and fruit gardens, especially dwarf fruit trees, tomatoes, peppers and herbs," said Sherrye Schenk of Potomac Garden Center in North Potomac.

MAKING ROOM. Designers can make accommodations when space is scarce.

"Because many of the yards in this area are small, people don't have the space to dedicate to a larger garden, so we're putting plants in containers and growing what is known as 'patio vegetables,' which don't get as large," said White. "For example, there are certain varieties of tomatoes and eggplants that are suitable for a smaller space."

KEEPING BAMBI AT BAY. Homeowners who live in areas where deer abound also search for plants that don't attract these four-legged friends.

"Anything that is deer resistant is popular now," said Alex Dencker of Behnke Nurseries in Potomac. "Nandina and cherry laurel are deer resistant. 'Green giant arborvitae' works if you're looking for screen plants to create privacy. They grow tall very quickly."

GOING NATIVE. Designers say indigenous plants often grow beautifully with little maintenance and no fertilizer. "Whenever possible, allow things to be what they want to be ... the more a planted area can be self-sustaining [and] not require upkeep, the better," said Nesbitt.

Drought tolerance is another bonus that makes native plants favorites among homeowners and landscape designers. "Purple cone flower are popular, as are creeping phlox which blooms early, provides great ground cover and requires little maintenance," said Dencker. "Black-eyed Susans and redbud trees are also native plants that have colorful buds. There are so many birds and other critters that need our native plants to survive. That is another reason why our native plants are so important."

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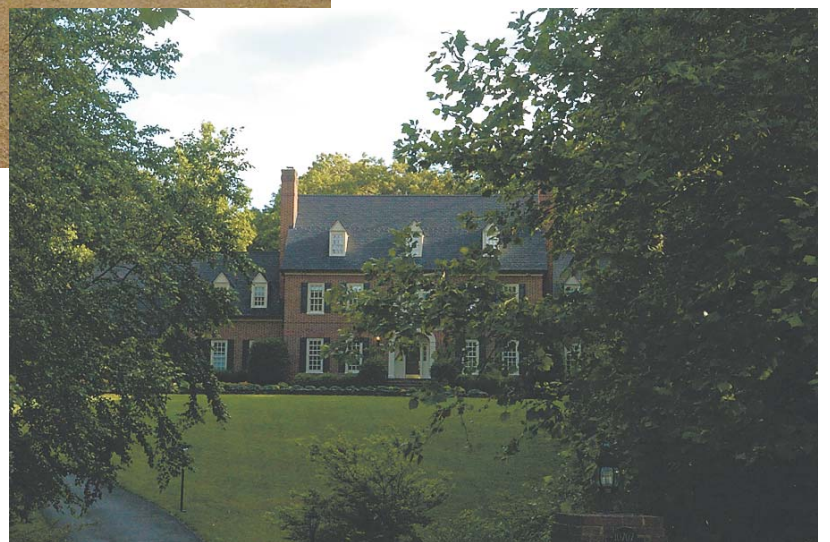


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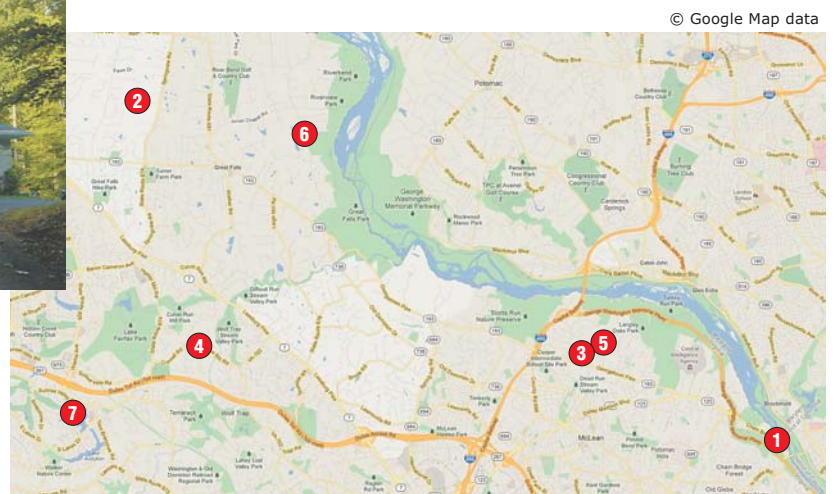
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Herndon to Recognize Yard of the Month

Springtime's rejuvenating spirit is in the air – and the Town of Herndon's Yard of the Month award season is officially under way.

Yard of the Month is an opportunity to recognize the efforts of town residents whose yards contribute to the beautification of the town and its neighborhoods. Citizens may nominate their own or their neighbors' yards for the award. Winners receive gift certificates from Meadows Farms and are recognized by the Mayor and Town Council at public meetings.

Nominations are due June 15 for the July award and September 15 for the October award.

Judges for the Yard of the Month Awards program are members of the Town of Herndon's Cultivating Community committee, a group of citizen volunteers formed to encourage beautification and to enrich the quality of life in the town's neighborhoods.

Nomination forms for the Yard of the Month Awards are available on the Cultivating Community page of the town's Web site, www.herndon-va.gov; see the link off of the homepage at "featured this month." Forms are also available at the Herndon Municipal Center and the Herndon Community Center. For more information, call 703/435-6800 X2084 or email information@herndon-va.gov.

Town Of Herndon Advises On Proper Lawn Care

The Town of Herndon's Department of Public Works advises homeowners who fertilize their lawns to wait until fall, the best time to fertilize, when the roots that will sustain the plants through the following summer are actively growing. Spring fertilization should be limited to a light feeding after the initial flush of growth has subsided in May or early June.

"Lime, on the other hand, should be applied in early spring if soil tests show it is necessary," said Bob Boxer, director of Public Works. "Most lawn grasses grow best at a soil pH between six and seven. A soil test report will provide recommendations on how much lime to apply as well as how much fertilizer to apply in the fall. Too much fertilizer, or spillage on sidewalks and driveways, can cause stream pollution."

Soil testing kits may be obtained from all Fairfax County public libraries or from the Virginia Cooperative Extension office in the Government Center (Pennino building, 10th Floor). There is a small fee for the soil analyses.

Home Life Style

Staving Off Mosquitoes

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Nothing spoils a backyard barbecue like a swarm of blood thirsty mosquitoes. How does one keep bugs at bay without harsh chemicals? Local experts offer tips.

FANS. Landscape architect Mark White of Garden Wise in Arlington, says installing a ceiling fan on a covered patio is an effective method. "They create enough air current to keep mosquitoes from lighting on top of your skin," he said.

ALL-NATURAL SPRAYS. Alex Dencker of Behnke Nurseries in Potomac, says oil-based sprays help keep the mosquito population under control. "Oil-based sprays like cedar oil and clover oil keep

critters off without using nasty chemicals," he said. "Most of these repellants come in sprays or granules."

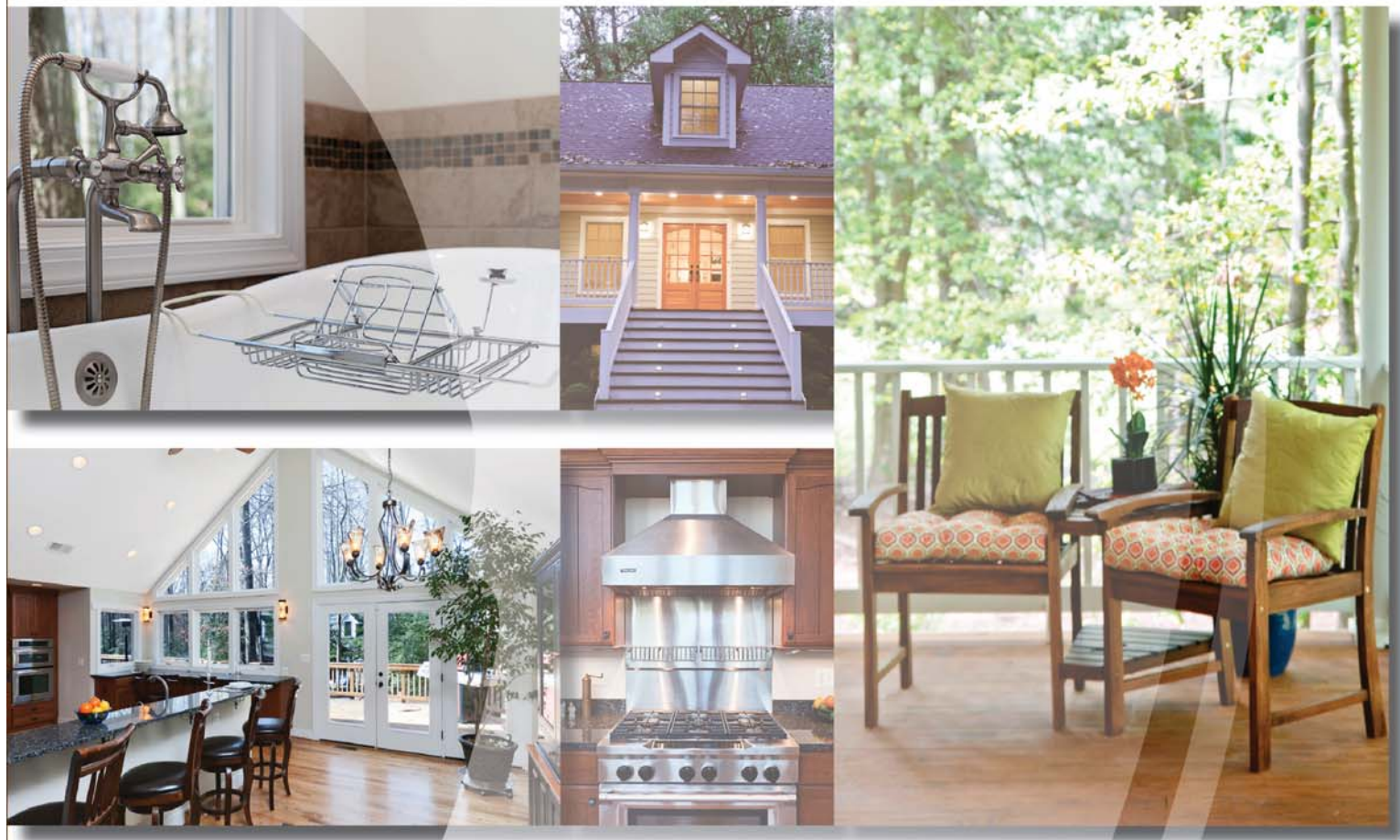
LEMON. White recommends a lemon-scented plant called lemon bomb as a barrier for repelling mosquitoes. "Lemon scented plants do a bang-up job of keeping mosquitoes [away]," he said. "They provide a scent all over your garden and mosquitoes don't like it. I have it planted all over my yard and on Memorial Day we had no mosquitoes,

which is unheard of in Northern Virginia." He added that citronella geranium plants are also effective mosquito repellants.

INSECTS AS WEAPONS. Sherrye Schenk of Potomac Garden Center in North Potomac, says that preying insects can keep mosquitoes and other pests under control. "Praying mantis and lady bugs work well."



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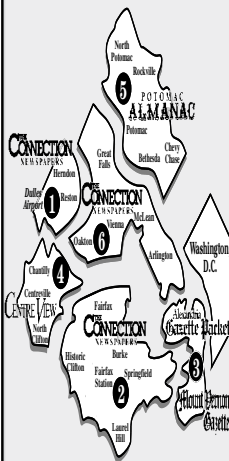
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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I last celebrated my father's day six years ago, in 2006. Six months later, in early December, he finally succumbed to that which had been ailing him: old age for sure, the effects of two strokes for certain and the realization that it was, as we like to say in our family: "Enough already." Pain and suffering is all it's anticipated to be, so when my father died in his sleep that early Saturday morning in late fall, 2006, it was a blessing; one occasionally in disguise, but one nonetheless. He wasn't ever getting better, he was already in hospice care, it was time. He was 87.

"Barnet, Barnet, Barnet," I would call out to my father in my best from-Boston accent when I would first enter the residence my parents maintained in Leisure World in Silver Spring.

"Yo! Yo! Yo!," my father would respond, specifically, as he had for as long as I could remember. (I don't think my generation uses the word/expression "Yo" to account for one's presence.) "Barnet," his adolescent given name; "Benet," on his birth certificate; "Barry" (later in life) to his friends, family and business associates; and "Beez," a nickname given to him by a fellow member of a knothole gang in the 1920s/30s (who said everybody had to have a nickname), to me; the name that I respectfully called him my entire life. My brother, Richard and I miss him very much, as we do our mother, Celia, who died nearly two years later, also in early December.

Our parents, and for the focus of this column, our father, was devoted to his children and family. We were very fortunate. Let me try to explain. My father was the father who, for years, every morning, drove about a dozen Elementary School kids to school, crammed into his Oldsmobile. If I heard the word "laps," once, I heard it a thousand times, maybe literally. My father was the father always present at Little League games, sitting in the grandstand rooting for his son and his son's team (the Little League Red Sox as it happened to be) and behaving. Never once did he engage or enrage an umpire or another team's coach. He did, however, often come down behind the bench where I would be sitting between innings to offer fatherly advice – and encouragement about my pitching: "Don't drag your right leg." "Take a deep breath between pitches." And of course, the constant throughout my entire life: "Stop biting your nails!" My father was the father who played catch with his son – at every opportunity, and on weekends would drive me to the local Junior High School where he would stand me up against the baseball backstop and hit me grounders, fly balls and pop-ups – for practice. My father was the father who took his kids to baseball games at Fenway Park and basketball games at the old Boston Garden. The Red Sox games would usually be on Saturday afternoons (or Sundays, depending on the time of year) so as not to interfere with my mother's standing hair appointment at her Beauty Salon. The Celtics game was typically the first Sunday afternoon game of the season (my father owned a jewelry store in downtown Boston and other than July and August, only had Sundays off), usually against the Philadelphia 76ers, which meant Bill Russell against Wilt Chamberlain; it didn't get any better than that. My father was the father who, after driving his son (yours truly) to my driver's license driving test (which I passed the first time), had me drive him to the subway just so I could drive myself to school that very first day and have a car – without waiting one extra day, despite the obvious inconvenience to him and my mother (there was only one car in the family).

My father was the most positive, supportive, encouraging and enthusiastic person I knew. His influence on his children while he was alive is only surpassed by his continuing influence on us after his death. He lives on in our hearts and minds despite his absence, and so we honor him, especially on Father's day. He is gone, but certainly not forgotten. He was one-of-a-kind, and his two children were lucky he lived as long as he did.

Happy Father's Day, Beez. I'll see you at the cemetery on Sunday.

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