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Kamran Ghaffari of Vienna said he was "not scared" at all to be climbing the rock wall. He's used to climbing trees at home.

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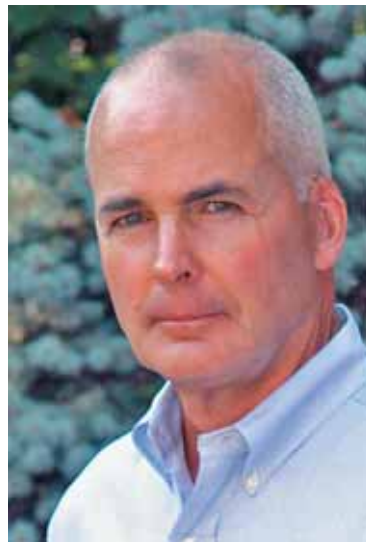
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**GERALD E. CONNOLLY
(DEMOCRAT, INCUMBENT)**

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U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly is currently serving his second term in Congress. Prior to his election to Congress, he served 14 years on the Fairfax County



Perkins

Board of Supervisors, including five years as Chairman. He lives in Mantua with his wife Cathy, and daughter Caitlin.
Money raised: \$1,715,721

**CHRISTOPHER S. PERKINS
(REPUBLICAN)**

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Chris Perkins is a retired United States Army Green Beret, combat veteran and small-business owner who has multiple



Galdo

advanced degrees in national security affairs. He and his wife, Petra, have lived in Northern Virginia since 1991 and have two children and a grandson.
Money raised: \$304,768

**JOSEPH E. GALDO
(GREEN PARTY)**

Website: www.joegaldo.com
Galdo is a 30-year resident of Fairfax County, married with 5 adult children, and holds a PhD in physics from the University of Virginia. Retired from the U.S. Department of Energy, he previ-



Gibson

ously worked in the Department of Defense and in the private sector, and also operated his own business.
Money raised: \$4,917

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A resident of Fairfax since 1997 and a lifelong Washington area resident,



DeCarlo

Gibson holds a Master's degree in Economics and has more than 20 years of management success. He currently serves as chief operating officer for a small business in Fairfax. He has never held or run for any political office.
Money raised: \$0

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Perkins, Four Independents Challenge Connolly

About 11th District

This will be the first election using new district maps based on 2010 Census data. Virginia's 11th congressional district includes the City of Fairfax, most of Fairfax County, and the eastern portion of Prince William County. The Towns of Clifton, Haymarket, Occoquan, and Vienna are also located in the 11th District. U.S. Rep. Gerald Connolly (D), who was first elected to the U.S. House in 2008, represents more than 650,000 residents.

Political strategists note that Connolly inadvertently benefitted from the 2012 redistricting plan by Republicans to fortify several GOP incumbent districts. Connolly's 11th district lost portions of its Republican base to neighboring Frank Wolf's 10th district, resulting in a more Democratic district for Connolly. According to 2010 census data, Virginia's 11th district is one of the wealthiest congressional districts in the nation, with couples earning an average median annual income of more than \$90,000. On election day, Connolly will face Republican challenger Chris Perkins, and four Independent candidates: Mark Gibson, Joe Galdo, Chris DeCarlo and Peter Marchetti.

—Victoria Ross

Q&A With Candidates

Editor's Note: The Connection asked each candidate to answer the following questions, and limit their answers to 100 words or less, along with an optional "bonus" question. Peter M. Marchetti, an Independent Green Party candidate, did not submit answers to The Connection's questions. All campaign finance data was provided by the Virginia Public Access Project, and current through June 30, 2012.

Q: Virginia's 11th district is the wealthiest in the country in terms of median income. Its proximity to Washington, D.C. means a

large number of federal employees and government contractors. How would you address the looming defense cuts? Are you willing to raise taxes to resolve the deficit?

Connolly: The massive defense and domestic spending cuts that will occur if Congress is unable to pass a balanced deficit reduction plan is a real threat to our region. Protecting and growing Northern Virginia's economy has always been my top priority and that's why I have called for Congress to

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Map of Virginia's redrawn 11th Congressional District

"The massive defense and domestic spending cuts that will occur if Congress is unable to pass a balanced deficit reduction plan is a real threat to our region."

— Gerald E. Connolly
(D-Incumbent)

"Additional revenue will come by growing the economy and expanding the base, not by raising taxes."

— Christopher S. Perkins
(R)

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News

Church Street Garage Discussed

Town and architect invite questions, comments.

By Donna Manz
The Connection

The Town of Vienna and project architect Paul Layer conducted another round of citizen meetings on Sept. 27 to discuss the proposed Church Street mixed-use building, a small complex of parking garage/retail and condo apartments, developed as a private/public partnership.

Approximately 25 concerned community members turned out for the mid-afternoon meeting, while a much smaller number participated in the evening meeting. The evening meeting, however, featured a greater interaction between speakers and fellow citizens.

The lot, at 120 Church Street NW, fronts Church Street alongside Bikes@Vienna, The Pure Pasty Company, Sweet City Desserts and Terra Christa. An alleyway separates those shops from their parking lot, which is owned by Arrington Properties LLC. The garage will hold 120 public parking spaces and 52 spaces for building tenants. Along the alleyway, intersecting both Church Street and Maple Avenue, the builder will install lighting, a pedestrian walkway, greenery and a little parklet. Arrington Properties will sell the public parking structure to the Town of Vienna for \$1.00.

Layer conducted the meetings, taking questions as he spoke.



Photo by Donna Manz/The Connection

Church Street mixed-use building architect Paul Layer describes the modified elevations to the citizen audience at the public meeting on Sept. 27.

"We're looking into the future," said Mayor M. Jane Seeman, noting that for Church Street to grow and be vital, more parking area is needed.

THE SITE PLAN for the new mixed-use building, developed on land owned by Vienna's Arrington family, includes four Church Street-facing retail shops on ground level and three two-level condominium homes above the shops. Behind the retail/residential units will be a four-level parking garage. Ground floor parking will be reserved for tenants of the build
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Q&A With 11th District Candidates

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cancel its recess and come back to Washington to solve this crisis. We need a bi-partisan plan that includes both revenue and spending cuts to balance our budget and avoid reckless cuts that would harm our local economy.

Perkins: The 11th District will be second only to Virginia's eastern shore in terms of the hardest hit region in America by the combined trillion dollars of defense cuts that Mr. Connolly voted in favor of. With a half trillion dollars of these defense cuts already moving forward, the additional \$492 billion that is part of 'sequestration' must be replaced with a more balanced plan that targets non-security related government programs. The worst thing we can do is raise taxes in a depressed economy. Additional revenue will come by growing the economy and expanding the base, not by raising taxes.

Galdo: A combination of tax reform and moderate cuts to the defense budget and other discretionary programs is the pragmatic approach that will provide for a strong defense, minimize the impact on the economy, preserve low tax rates for most Americans, and protect programs for the working poor, the disabled, and retirees. The key is moving to a simple, fair, and responsible tax code that expands the tax base rather than raising rates on middle-income families. My plan, detailed on my website, is estimated to yield a budget surplus of \$55 billion and enables us to start paying down the debt.

Gibson: The severe defense cuts of sequestration associated with the Budget Control Act of 2011 must not occur; these cuts are disruptive and damaging. Instead, I support measured steps to reduce Defense expenditures by paring antiquated programs, modernizing employee benefits, reducing facilities and infrastructure, and eliminating duplicative overhead. As a community we need to diversify our economy with greater focus on information technology, medical technology, and academia. I favor a complete overhaul of the tax code to collect taxes in an equitable manner; broadening the tax base will result in some taxpayers paying more.

Q: "In Nothing We Trust?" Many polls indicate that voters have a "trust deficit" in our government leaders. How would you go about restoring citizen's trust in our government?

Connolly: One of the great things about representing Virginia's 11th district is that I get to be in my district every morning,

every night, and every weekend. In the morning, I face the same challenging commute that many of my constituents deal with. In the evening and on weekends, I'm able to meet with them at civic associations, community events, and even the grocery store. I think that personal contact keeps me in close touch and gives everyone an opportunity to ask me where I stand and hold me accountable. I like that about my job and believe it helps to restore some of that trust in government.

Perkins: I won't lie to them. That includes the much practiced art of telling half-truths, which I was raised to believe is the same as telling a half-lie. I also pledge 100 percent transparency in governance. You will be able to tell how I voted and, as importantly, why I voted a particular way, simply by going to my website. Finally, as someone who has helped bring warring factions together to find peace, I will work with members of both political parties to find common ground on the issues. You can compromise on legislation without compromising your principles or your values.

Galdo: I would strive to be an example of responsible and open government: demonstrating integrity and independence from special interests and party influence in working for the best interests of Northern Virginia and the nation; establishing more meaningful and frequent communications with voters; and taking a leadership role in achieving the goals promised to voters.

I support a six-term limit for the House of Representatives, "no budget, no pay" legislation, stronger ethics reform, and campaign finance reform. I would like to see a sharing of power through proportional distribution of committee and subcommittee chairs instead of majority party take all.

Gibson: As an independent candidate and Congressman, voters will know that I have no interests other than maintaining their trust and providing effective representation. I am not part of a political party or movement with its own agenda; I have not signed any pledges to constrain positive action; and I have not accepted money from anyone other than voters of the 11th District.

Q: What do you see as the top 3 social issues of our times, and what is the role of government in addressing these issues?

Connolly: Clearly there is an effort, led by politicians in Virginia like (Attorney General) Ken Cuccinelli, to impose an extreme social agenda that would harm women's health. They want to restrict a woman's right to choose, allow insurance companies to deny coverage for birth control, and even

Bonus Question: Tell us something about yourself that most people don't know

Connolly: One of the proudest moments of my career was my vote to pass the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. It was one of the very first votes I cast, and as the father of a daughter in college, it was particularly gratifying to know that she will begin her career in a nation that finally recognizes that she—and all women—deserve equal pay for equal work. Being able to give my daughter a framed copy of that bill was an incredible feeling.

Perkins: After college, I worked for four years as an offshore commercial fish-

erman and subsequently enlisted in the Army after listening to President Reagan's inaugural address.

Galdo: I sang in the chorus that accompanied Leonard Slatkin and the National Symphony Orchestra's performance of Mahler's 8th Symphony, "Symphony of a Thousand," at the Kennedy Center in 2006.

Gibson: I served as an officer with Ocean City, Md., Police Department for the summer of 1984 between my first and second years of graduate school.

DeCarlo Answers With Lyrics

Chris DeCarlo offered the lyrics from his YouTube music, rap video "Fight for Our Lives" as response to the Connection's questions.

Q. How would you address the looming defense cuts? Are you willing to raise taxes to resolve the deficit?

I'm the fighter that's not on the take,
Swinging for the laws we got to make.
But corruption's the Champ in this town,
I'm ready to fight; I'm ready to get down.
Put me in a match, I can make him bleed,
A quick left and a right, he's on his knees.
He buys everyone, he's all about the Bengi's,
I'm not doing this to meet all my friend's needs.
Character, ability, strength and the truth,
These virtues flow straight from my roots.
We work together to meet our demands,
I'm not afraid to get dirt on my hands.

Q: Many polls indicate that voters have a "trust deficit" in our government leaders. How would you go about restoring citizen's trust in our government?

They keep on giving us the same two choices,
Tell us what to think with the same tired voices.
How could this happen, we were never consulted,
I sit in disbelief, I'm amazed and insulted.
Vote for me so we can finally begin,

To right all the wrongs and end all the spin.
For and by the people is the way it's gotta be,
So knuckle up cast your vote and get behind me.

Q: What do you see as the top 3 social issues of our times, and what is the role of government in addressing these issues?

This mission is important, we've got to succeed,
We've got to stop'em or we're gonna continue to bleed.
The cash keeps coming motivatin' the lies,
We've got to cut the flow so that the truth can survive.
Never working with each other cause they're just so set,
They're blasting each other every chance that they get.
They're spending all their time on the left and on the right,
While we become the refugees of that fight.

Answer to Bonus Question: I am the first Congressional candidate to create his own music, rap, videos and the first Congressional candidate to rap about political corruption.

shut down organizations that provide women with critical health care services like breast cancer screenings. I will always stand up to ensure that women have access to affordable birth control and are not charged more by insurance companies just because they are women. Government should not interfere in women's private health care decisions.

Perkins: I receive more questions about abortion rights than any other social issue. I believe the government should never come between a woman, her doctor or her family, nor do I believe that taxpayer funds should be used for such a procedure. How we should educate our children comes in second, an issue I believe is best left to the individual states to drive competition and choice. Illegal immigration also generates a lot of interest. The federal government needs to secure our borders, but we must also determine a pathway to legal status for the 11 million who are already here.

Galdo: Corruption and greed, civil rights, and drug addiction top my list. Gov-

ernment policies that feed the growing disparity in the distribution of income and wealth, that have obliterated past progress in reducing poverty and that precipitated the great recession, must be reversed. Congress must halt erosion of basic rights, such as due process, privacy, and freedom of religion that has occurred in recent years, and find the correct balance between conflicting rights and freedoms, and between liberty and security. And, it is time to declare the war on drugs a failure and find a better solution.

Gibson: The paramount issues are personal liberty and accountability as well as economic freedom and responsibility. Our rights are nationwide, not statewide. Government's role is to enforce our rights and liberties, and ensure that individuals and business can compete on their strengths in a competitive free market. We also need to ensure that the less fortunate and underserved get the attention and encouragement they need to participate and contribute to the best of their abilities.

Opinion Cancer Awareness

Success with breast cancer awareness should help other cancers.

October is breast cancer awareness month. Anyone connected to media of any variety already knows this. A massive marketing success, we all know that pink shows support for breast cancer prevention, especially in October.

For me, last month marked three years since I completed chemotherapy and radiation for breast cancer. Because of early detection, advances in treatment (surgery, radiation, chemotherapy and ongoing hormonal treatment in my case), and ongoing monitoring, my prognosis, and the prognosis for most of the 2.5 million breast cancer survivors in the United States, is excellent.

Still in 2008, the last year reported by the CDC, 40,589 women died from breast cancer. The same year, 210,203 U.S. women were diagnosed with breast cancer. It is the most common cancer for U.S. women other than skin cancers.

Breast cancer awareness month is the perfect time to be sure that you and/or the women in your life are following best practices for breast cancer screening. While in recent years, there has been some confusion about breast cancer screening, if you have a family history of breast cancer, it is never too early to talk to your doctor about how to approach your preventative care. All women age 40 or over should talk with a doctor experienced in breast health about when to begin screening mammograms and how often to have them. When it comes to what is best for your breasts, self exam, knowing your own breasts and what feels normal, is a low-tech, low-cost measure.

In January 2009, I found a lump in my breast that I knew immediately was not normal. A

coworker's diagnosis of breast cancer had prompted me to have an overdue mammogram seven months before I found the lump, and that mammogram was perfectly normal. The mammogram after I found the lump showed the difference, a glowing spot that led the radiologist to say he would be "very concerned." The biopsy of the lump confirmed the concern.

Now three years later and cancer free, I can tell you that if I did not find that lump, if I waited two years for my next mammogram, my outcome would very likely have been different.

I share my experience in breast cancer awareness month, not because the experience defines me, but because I know how easy it is to put off a mammogram, how easy it is to miss months of self-checks, and because I know, early detection in breast cancer really can save lives.

THE SUCCESS of the breast cancer awareness movement has resulted in more than \$630 million annually in spending on research. It is not too much.

But at Connection Newspapers, we have two other employees who are in ongoing treatment for cancer. Kenny Lourie, who has stage 4 lung cancer, writes a weekly column that appears in most of our papers that discusses his more than three-year journey with candor and humor. Jean Card was diagnosed with Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia in early 2011 and has also written about her experience as she raises money for leukemia research and outreach. Visit www.LighttheNight.org and search APL Dimpling Gang.

Lung cancer kills more people in the United States every year than any other kind of cancer,

in fact more than the other top cancers combined. In 2008, more than 208,000 people were diagnosed with lung cancer and more than 158,500 died of lung cancer. This is more than the deaths from breast, prostate and colon cancer combined. Spending on lung cancer research? Less than half spent on breast cancer, about \$280 million annually. As Lourie wryly points out, part of the problem may be that you can't turn out tens of thousands of lung cancer survivors for a march because, well, there are very few survivors over time.

Prostate cancer has more new cases per year and about the same death rate as breast cancer, but half the funding.

In 2012, there were an estimated 47,150 new cases of leukemia with 23,540 deaths, more than half the number of annual breast cancer deaths. But funding for leukemia research lags behind.

Nothing should be taken away from the efforts of breast health advocates. But clearly more effort is needed in other areas.

SPEAKING OF HEALTH RISKS, on average more than 20,000 people a year in the United States die from the flu. The numbers vary from year to year, with as many as 50,000 deaths in some years, and some studies showing the average number of deaths to be more than 35,000. The influenza vaccine is a cheap and effective method of preventing or reducing the impact of the flu.

Remember that no matter what health plan you have, there is just one person in charge of your health care: you.

— Mary Kimm,

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Viewpoints

How would you describe the current housing market situation in your area and prospects going forward?

—Andrea Worker

Sharat Ahuja,
realtor, Long
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"I work mostly in the Fair Oaks area, the 22030, 31 and 33 zip codes. What I see are prices going up overall, slowly. Not as fast as areas closer in, but still improving. Inventory is very low. Some people are waiting to see prices getting back more to 2005-2006. But if a house is priced right, it can sell quite fast."



Christine Richardson,
realtor,
Weichert
Realtors,
Great Falls

"My primary market is the Route 7 corridor. McLean, Great Falls, Reston, Herndon, Sterling. What I am seeing is this year has been much stronger for sellers. More buyers, fewer sellers, which I think is a good thing. It doesn't necessarily translate into much higher prices. For sellers who are realistic about pricing and stage the house properly, we're finding that they are getting very good, quick sales. The benefit so far is in the quick sale. Priced right, staged right, offered in the right market and we have gotten sales within 10 days."

Chris Pezzana,
associate
broker,
Weichert
Realtors,
Reston

"Overall, I think the economy in our area is doing well. I think the prospects for the future are excellent. I think we should be optimistic. Nationally, it's getting better, in areas that were the hardest hit we see improvements."



Candy Clanton,
broker,
Clanton &
Associates

"I think the market is in great shape, moving well. I don't work with short sales. I do help a custom builder who sells in the million plus range. I have sold seven over-a-million homes in the last four months. And my re-sales are also doing well. I listed a home in Burke three weeks ago on a Friday, and had three offers by Monday. If it's priced right and shows well, it's selling. When the market slowed, I took on rentals."

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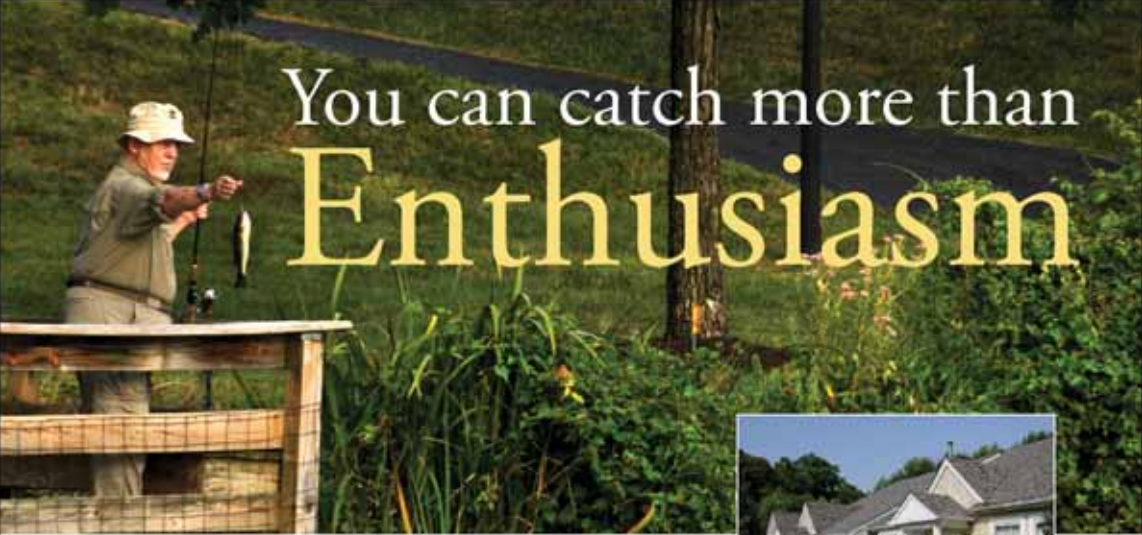
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The Oktoberfest marketplace featured vendors selling food, crafts and services. There were even politicians handing out bumper stickers.

Oktoberfest Brightens Vienna Saturday

Annual festival draws families.

Oktoberfest, on Saturday, Oct. 6, started out as picture-perfect autumn day... sunny blue skies with a mild temperature, perfect for strolling. By early afternoon, dark clouds rolled in, but the families with young children made the best of their time at Oktoberfest.

Sponsored by the Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Vienna, the all-day event featured a dedicated kids' section with activities, bounce house, inflatable slide and entertainment on the children's stage, all centered on the Town Green. Children waited in line for Arla, the face painter, and came away looking fierce or lovely. Along historic Church Street and Dominion Road, vendors sold crafts, services and food. Prominently featured in the caboose parking lot was the beer garden and food court. Local restaurant favorites Plaka Grill, Maplewood Grill and Bazin's on Church and Alegria served signature specialties and German food.

The children climbing the rock wall showed no fear. "I climb a lot," said 7-year-old Kamran Ghaffari of Vienna. "I wasn't scared. It was kind of difficult but I can climb without the belt because I climb trees with long branches."

Some households, like the Bremer family and the Lucca family, come every year. Ella and Ethan Tiede's mom said it is events like this that make living in Vienna nice.

Govan Builders of Vienna supported the festival as main sponsor, serving free (root) beer from its tent. While not as Oktoberfestish as beer is, Cabot's cheese also offered free samples of its products.

"We come every year, mostly to enjoy the family activities," said Elizabeth Lucca, Vienna mother of two—almost three—children. When asked what he likes the most, son Logan, 4, answered quickly. "The slide and bounce house."

—Donna Manz



If there's one thing children like, it is to have their faces painted, whether as a glittery princess or a fierce-looking superhero.



Local favorite restaurants in the beer garden food court, from Bazin's on Church and Plaka Grill to Maplewood Grill and Glory Days, featured signature dishes and iconic Oktoberfest fare, bratwurst and sauerkraut.

News

Vienna Gets Business Association

Vienna businesses are building their own association.

By Donna Manz
The Connection

Tony Bennett may have left his heart in San Francisco, but, if Vienna businesses wrote a song, they would lament that the newly-renamed and newly-relocated Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce left its heart in Vienna. When the Chamber changed its name from the ViennaTysons Regional Chamber of Commerce, it also announced a move out of Vienna to Tysons Corner. That did not sit well with several Vienna businesses, neighbors who feel they are the business heart of Vienna.

"The surprise came not so much as the move as it was the name change," said VBA co-organizer Kathy Georgen of Georgen and Scarborough.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT came less than a month after fiscal year 2012-2013 dues were paid, and several TRCC members were considering asking that their paid dues be returned to them. Accord-



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Kathy Georgen, one of the organizers of the new Vienna Business Association, talks to prospective members about the group's goals and strategies for forming a partnership with the Vienna community.

ing to Georgen, TRCC emailed its members with the announcement of relocation and name change on Aug. 20, and, the next morning, the Tysons Chamber held a press conference to publicly make the announcement. Georgen said she resigned her VTRCC membership when it was no longer VTRCC. "I didn't agree with the direction the

chamber is taking," Georgen said. Within days of the TRCC announcement, Georgen and business partner D.H. Scarborough got the word out that they were starting a Vienna-focused business association, extending a personal invitation to Mayor M. Jane Seeman. Georgen said the mayor was

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Home LifeStyle

Decorating for Halloween

Suggestions for getting one's home ready for Fright Night and beyond.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection

Whether one's preference is witches and ghosts or candles and pumpkins, there is no reason why fall décor should be limited to one month, say area tastemakers. A few local designers offer autumn embellishment ideas that span the spectrum from spooky to all-natural.

"Decorating for fall is one of the most enjoyable times of the year for many people. We particularly like it because nature provides so many wonderful options to use for decorating," said Ann O'Shields, owner of The Nest Egg in Fairfax. "If you are purchasing seasonal decorations for fall, we suggest choosing items that can go past Halloween and into Thanksgiving."

Add spine-chilling accents to traditional fall accessories. "One thing that you can do is hang faux cobwebs between orange pillar candles," said Angela Phelps, owner of Le Village Marché in Arlington. "Remove the webs after Halloween."

Use black and orange strategically. "We like putting white and orange pumpkins inside the fireplace," said O'Shields. "They are striking against a black in-



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Pumpkins draped with cobwebs and spiders offer traditional Halloween décor that can be adjusted to last from October through Thanksgiving.

terior fireplace to fill the space until cooler fireplace weather arrives."

Be inspired by seasonal bounty. "The varieties of pumpkins and gourds available at local farmer's markets, nurseries and even grocery stores are the perfect start for seasonal décor," said O'Shields. "White pumpkins in particular are gorgeous and can make such a statement lined on a long table as a centerpiece. Mixed in with gourds of different colors and shapes, you have a simple, natural arrangement that is also eye catching. Wreaths with white pumpkins, branches, sunflowers and leaves welcome the season and extend into winter."

Make use of transparent containers like cylinder vases. "Fill glass containers with the miniature white and orange pumpkins or green or red apples and use them on a mantel or centerpiece," said O'Shields.

Marymount's Interior Design Department Receives 2012 Potomac Award

Program recognized for creative and intellectual contributions to the local community.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection

Marymount University's Interior Design faculty and students have been recognized for their creative and intellectual contributions to the local community. The Arlington school was recently awarded the 2012 Potomac Award from the Washington Metropolitan Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), making it the first university to receive the honor. Interior design classes are offered on the main campus or at the Reston Center.

"We have been blessed with intelligent, ambitious, dedicated students who have been willing to work hard and develop their understanding of the interior design field," said McLean resident Jean Freeman, an interior design professor at Marymount. "The awards that individual faculty have received and some of the articles and books they have published are...an indication of their efforts to extend the body of knowledge for the field and our students."



Photo Courtesy of Marymount University

McLean resident Jean Freeman of Marymount University's interior design department credits talented students and faculty with the program's success.

with which the [Interior Design] department at Marymount is keeping, you'll appreciate the prestige of the award."

Emergency Preparedness Tips

Are your home and family ready for a hurricane?

By Josh Baker

With this summer's severe weather, and the hurricane season upon us, a few simple preventative steps, outlined below, may help you to avoid costly repairs once the storms have passed.

Avoid wind damage: Clear away yard debris and dead/dying branches

Large branches or fallen trees can easily be tossed about by high winds during a storm. If you have trees near your home, be sure to trim any dead or dying branches, or ask your landscaper to do so at your next service visit.

The easiest way to avoid leaks: Make sure gutters are kept clean and in good shape

Before the storms arrive, remove any leaves, pine needles, branches or other debris from the gutter system. Also, perform a visual check to be sure there are no damaged areas. Clogged, leaky, or broken gutters can fail to properly drain water from your house, which may cause flooding and property damage.

The second easiest way to avoid leaks: Make sure areaway and storm drains are clear

If your basement has an areaway staircase, be sure to clear the drain at the bottom of leaves, dirt and other debris. Do the same for other storm drains located on or near your property. Failure to do so could lead to excess water backing up onto your property or into your home if the drains are clogged.

Save your electronics: Plug expensive household items into surge protectors, or unplug them entirely

Stereos, televisions, fitness equipment and computers should be either unplugged before the storm begins, or plugged into surge protectors. This may help to prevent damage to these items if lightning strikes.

Be the envy of your neighbors: Learn how to safely operate your portable generator

All generators are not the same, so be sure to read the manufacturer's instruction manual that came with your generator to ensure proper operation.

❖ Before the storm, test your generator by turning it on to be sure that it is working properly. Also, make sure that you have a sufficient fuel supply to keep the generator running once it is needed.

❖ Use the generator in a well-ventilated, outside area. Generators emit carbon monoxide, which can build up in an unventilated area and be hazardous to your family.

❖ Plug appliances into the generator using heavy-duty extension cords that are well-maintained and not frayed or worn. Using incorrect or damaged extension cords could pose a fire hazard.

❖ Turn the portable generator off and allow it to cool before refueling. Pouring fuel into a hot generator may cause an explosion or fire.

If you have a whole house generator make sure that it is well maintained with a service contract from a qualified vendor.

PREPARE YOUR POOL

A few simple steps will help prevent significant damage to your pool.

❖ Do not drain all of the water from the pool. An empty pool is subject to "floating" or "popping" out of the ground due to "lift pressure," which is caused by excessive ground water during heavy rains. Also, the water in your pool will act as a shield to protect the finish from damage. Instead, only drain your pool water by one to two feet to allow for the accumulation of rainwater.

❖ Turn off the power to any pool equipment (pump, motor, lights) that may be on.

❖ Remove any loose pool items (filter housing tops, etc.). These can easily be taken away by strong winds.

❖ Add extra chlorine to the pool. This will help to prevent contamination from any debris and storm water that enters the pool.

❖ Move any unsecured items, such as patio furniture or potted plants, inside to keep them safe from driving rains or severe winds. Sinking furniture inside a pool is not recommended – the chlorine in the pool water may stain or rust expensive items, and this may also damage the bottom of the pool.

Josh Baker is founder of BOWA, www.bowa.com.

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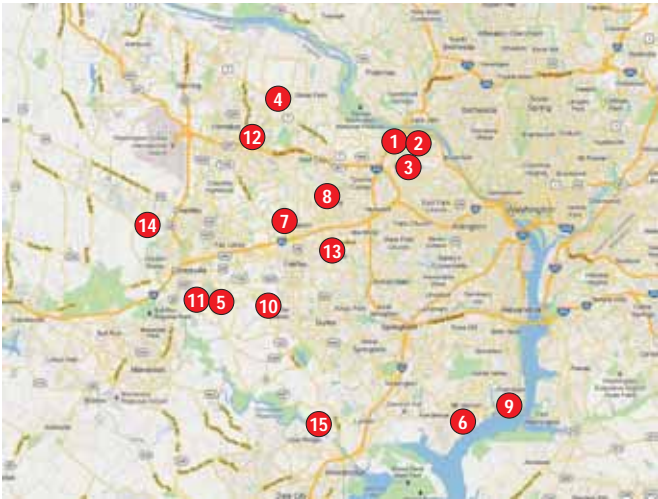


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Week in Vienna

Vienna Family Brings Library to Park

This summer, a "Little Free Library" was added to Meadow Lane Park, 400 Courthouse Road SW. This is not a traditional library, but a book exchange where users are encouraged to take a book while leaving one in its place, no library card required.

The library at Meadow Lane Park was the brain child of Vienna residents Robyn and Chris Oskuie and their children Lauren, Katherine and Jackson. "We were looking for an opportunity to get our kids involved in the community and at the same time, nourish our love for reading," said Robyn Oskuie. Robyn and Chris partnered with Vienna Parks and Recreation Department to install the library along with a new park bench. Users are invited to donate books to the library collection.

The "Little Free Library" is a Wisconsin-based initiative to promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide. For more information on this program or to learn how you can participate, visit www.littlefreelibrary.org.

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(From left) Robyn, Jackson, 5, Katherine, 7, Lauren, 9, and Chris Oskui.

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This year's parade theme is "Celebrating Holidays Around the World" and the grand marshal is Santa Claus. Special guests this year will be the Washington Redskins Marching Band, the National's Racing Presidents and the Capital's Slapshot.

Children are invited to walk in the parade in their Halloween costumes. No registration is required; meet at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot of Virginia Commerce Bank, 374 Maple Ave., E (same place as last year). Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Road Closures: On Wednesday, Oct. 24, Maple Avenue—Route 123 in the Town of Vienna—between East Street and Lawyers Road will be closed beginning at 6:50 p.m. for approximately two hours for the annual Vienna Halloween Parade. Several side streets off Maple Avenue will be closed and no on-street parking will be allowed beginning at approximately 4:45 p.m. to allow parade participants to line up. All streets will reopen at the conclusion of the

parade around 9 p.m.

A detailed map of the parade route and street closures is available at www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=951. For more information, call Vienna Parks and Recreation at 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

Vienna Participates in 'Hail the Trail'

"Hail the Trail," a Dominion Trail Mix program event that aims to beautify and positively impact the W&OD trail by being the largest cleanup effort in the trail's history, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 9 to 11 a.m. Hail the Trail will take place at ten locations along the trail, each labeled as a "station" along the old railroad.

The Town of Vienna is participating in Hail the Trail by hosting a station at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE, titled "Park Station." Volunteers are needed at the Park Station to help remove trash and invasive plants along the trail.

Each Hail the Trail participant will receive a free Trail Mix t-shirt. Refreshments will be available at the Park Station.

To register for Hail the Trail's Park Station site, visit www.dominiontrailmix.com/events/hail-the-trail.htm and register as an individual. For more information on the Dominion Trail Mix, visit www.dominiontrailmix.com.

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News

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After morning rush hour on or about Friday, Oct. 12, the left-lane HOV (high occupancy vehicle) ramp from eastbound I-66 to northbound I-495 will close to traffic until the 495 Express Lanes open to traffic later this year and the ramp reopens as a new, dedicated 495 Express Lanes ramp. During the closure, carpools will use the ramp from the right lane of I-66 East to I-495 North (Capital Beltway's Inner Loop).

HOV-drivers affected by this new traffic pattern are urged to follow highway message signs that will be in place along I-66, approaching I-495. Drivers should expect additional delays in this area for several weeks, and should allow extra time in their commutes.

When the 495 Express Lanes open later this year, the new I-66 East Express Lanes Ramp taking drivers to I-495 North on the left will be available for free to HOVs with three or more people, or to drivers with fewer than three occupants who choose to pay a toll. All drivers choosing to use the new 495 Express Lanes must have an E-ZPass,



and HOV vehicles must have an E-ZPass Flex in order to travel the Express Lanes for free. All other vehicles traveling in this direction must exit from the right lane of I-66 East to access I-495 North.

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Vienna Gets Business Association

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"thrilled" with the idea.

At the first organizational meeting—on Aug. 31—25 business people showed up to discuss the future of the Vienna business community. The main focus of VBA is on the community, Georgen said. Already, VBA is planning community events to express gratitude to Vienna customers, from a "first night" celebration along Church Street to "Know Your Neighbor," a support-local-business-day that features discounts and special offers.

Business leaders, about 30 of them, joining VBA were enthusiastic about volunteering their time and expertise to the new venture.

With the departure of the Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce to Tysons Corner and the simultaneous name-change, Georgen and Scarbrough formed a solution: why not rebuild the Vienna chamber of commerce as the Vienna Business Association? In less than two weeks, the VBA filed with the IRS and held two organizational meetings. Approximately 30 Vienna businesses said they are planning on joining the VBA and making sure it reflects the will of its base: to promote locally-run Vienna businesses and foster partnerships with the community that supports them. Local residents participated in the meeting, as well. "I'm trying to help out any way I can," said Pasha Majdi.

The Artful Gift Shop owner Peggy James is chairing the Vienna Business Saturday committee. Planned for Nov. 24, Vienna Business Saturday encourages local residents to support the small-business community in Vienna. Participating businesses will offer promotions as part of an integrated campaign.

Small businesses really are part of the whole Vienna community, said former VTRCC President Diane Poldy. "In Vienna, it's businesses and community working together to support to benefit both."

Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce President Lisa Huffman said TRCC will continue to support the Vienna businesses and community as it has done over many years.

"Both Vienna and Tysons businesses can be supported by one chamber," said Huffman. "Many Vienna businesses are wanting to do business in Tysons and many Tysons companies, even the large ones, are wanting to do business with the smaller companies in the region, including Vienna. In addition, we will be creating programs that target the needs of each."

WHEN THE BOARD VOTED to make the changes, they also voted to form the Vienna Business Council, Huffman said. "The VBC will focus on the needs of the Town of Vienna and its business community. The chairman of this committee will have a seat on the chamber's Board of Directors and will serve as a direct link to the chamber."

Huffman said that only a couple of TRCC members had contacted the chamber about leaving it. "We've had several others who have stated that they would belong to both, and have continued to participate in chamber activities." Huffman notes that there are many businesses and individuals who belong to more than one organization or chamber. "We have received a lot of support for the decision from our membership, including Vienna-based companies."

Mayor M. Jane Seeman and Town Council members Carey Sienicki, Edythe Kelleher, and Howard Springsteen have attended early organizational meetings. VBA is building its model to maintain a Vienna-community identity, to promote Vienna as a "great" place for business, to engage in community life by supporting schools, service groups and Vienna-area events.

Vienna realtor George Creed, who spent approximately 30 years as a Vienna Chamber member, said, "We need to focus on small businesses and local banking businesses again."

The Vienna Business Association meets every two weeks at 8:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 28. Currently, The Business Bank on Maple Avenue has opened space to VBA for its meetings. Caffe Amouri has supplied coffee and Sweet City Desserts, pastries. To learn more about the Vienna Business Association, contact Kathy Georgen at kathy@gsacpa.com.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

In my opinion. It's what I think. It's what I feel. It's what I think I feel. It may not be something I know, but it's certainly something that I hope I know. And if it's not exactly something that I know, then I hope it's something I believe. Because, if I don't believe it, hoping might not be enough. And if hoping is not enough, and I don't believe, then what I think I feel is simply mind over matter. Yet for all I know (not much really), my mind might matter more than any other weapon I have – real or imagined, in this battle, hopefully not 'til the death, against the stage IV NSCLC that has taken up residence in my body.

However, It's not as if I don't listen to what my oncologist says/has said. In fact, I take pride in my listening and observational skills, so I think I have paid particular attention throughout this entire process. (After all, my life was/is semi-at-stake here.) Now whether I actually heard/assimilated everything that was said to me by my oncologist is likely another issue/column entirely. Moreover, as much as I know how to focus on what the doctor is saying and to listen carefully in order to ask intelligent and potentially life-saving (at least life-sustaining) questions, later, when my wife and I are home reviewing what the doctor had said only a few hours before, invariably we have different impressions, different interpretations and overall different recollections. Unfortunately, there's no one really for us to call (who's available) to review and clarify questions and/or answers that a few hours later are amazingly less clear than they were when we initially heard them. The reality is, there are no do-overs.

As a result, it becomes impossible (nearly impossible) for the patient (this patient, anyway) to be objective about these kinds of life-and-death meetings/discussions, so what words come out, after internalizing everything you've seen and heard is, "subjectively speaking." Somewhere between your best "recollection," your best guess and your likely most positive spin on a set of facts and/or circumstances which might take a bit of getting used to, or at least, making sense of. And that's how life goes on: from one unforgettable (you know what I mean; not literally, but you sort of forget some of what you hear), potentially life-ending set of doctor-speak to the next round of scans, always to be coordinated with your oncologist-ordered lab work, followed up by yet another appointment/exam with the oncologist, the combination and interpretation of each will ultimately tell the tale: good, bad or indifferent.

"Good" and "bad" speak for themselves. "Indifferent" however, is another discussion altogether. Looking for the positive, minimizing the negative; this conversation turns grasping at straws into a literal event. You believe what you want and discount what you must, anything to induce yourself into believing that tomorrow is, as Scarlett O'Hara made famous at the end of "Gone With The Wind," "another day." One filled with hope and optimism, and one worth living, preferably without cancer. But being realistic – and occasionally honest – with yourself, the cancer is likely not disappearing anytime soon. Shrinkage (of the tumors) would be ideal, of course. But you can live with no growth, too. And as I have come to understand – and appreciate: "stable" is a pretty spectacular word, (my new favorite word, actually). In fact, I can live with "stable." But that's just my opinion, unrealistic though it may be.

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

Sports

Oakton Field Hockey Shuts Out McLean

Miller, Prosser score for Cougars.

By Jon Roetman
The Connection

The Oakton field hockey team ran a play called "Carpe Diem" during a penalty corner in the closing seconds of Monday's contest against McLean. While the play did not produce a goal, two first-half scores were enough for the Cougars to seize the victory.

Oakton's Catherine Miller scored less than five minutes into the game and Jennifer Prosser added a goal as the Cougars defeated the Highlanders, 2-0, on Oct. 8 at Oakton High School. The Cougars extended their win streak to four and improved their record to 8-7 with one regular season game remaining.

"We've really been improving every game," first-year Head Coach Kaitlin Fleischmann said. "We have a philosophy of playing 'Oakton's game' and I just want us to keep doing that through the [postseason] and I feel like we'll be really successful."

What does playing "Oakton's game" involve?

"One of the big parts of it is—we've had a lot of physical games—maintaining composure and keeping it clean," Fleischmann said, "and keeping focused on our goal."

MONDAY'S GAME had some physical play, with multiple cards issued. Oakton senior captain Maggie Toye, who played with a broken right thumb, said the Cougars did a good job of keeping their composure.

"It was kind of physical and I think that was because [the Highlanders] started getting a little frustrated with us," Toye said. "But I'm really proud. Our girls really held it together and they stayed very classy. They didn't throw any cheap shots or anything like that and they stayed very classy and kept their calm and played our game."

McLean Head Coach Summer Vanni, whose Highlanders play their home games on turf, said playing on Oakton's grass field affected her team's quick-pass attack.

"We definitely had some opportunities, but I think the way that the game was played tonight was not conducive to our kind of play," she said. "We're a finesse team, we're a turf team and I think the grass definitely threw us for a loop a little bit.... Oakton is a strong team. I welcome a rematch. I welcome a turf rematch with this team."

After a 4-2 start to the season, Oakton dropped five straight games, during which the Cougars were outscored 13-2. But Oakton responded with four consecutive



Oakton junior Jennifer Prosser scored a goal against McLean during a 2-0 Cougar victory on Oct. 8 at Oakton High School.



Maggie Toye is a senior captain on the Oakton field hockey team.

wins, outscoring Herndon, Robinson, Centerville and McLean by a total of 9-1. After losing to Westfield, 5-0, on Sept. 14, Oakton won its next three Concorde District games and will host Chantilly at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 10 with a chance to secure the No. 2 seed in the district tournament.

Fleischmann said Toye, Prosser and Annalise Capalbo have been standouts for the

Cougars.

"We've really progressed throughout the year and I think we're coming into district play very strong," Toye said. "I think we have a good shot at placing high in the dis-

trict, seeding-wise, and I think we might surprise some people. We usually do and I'd like to keep that up. I think we're peaking at just the right time for tournament play."

THE LOSS dropped McLean's record to 6-7-1. The Highlanders had won five of six heading into Monday's contest after starting the season 1-5-1. McLean was 3-1 in the Liberty District heading into its Oct. 9 contest against Marshall, which was played after The Connection's deadline.

Vanni said Kathleen Mulligan, Erika Eckrod and Christian Geisler have been standouts for the Highlanders.

"I'm excited for the postseason and I think that we're ready to go," Vanni said. "I don't think this night illustrated that but I welcome the rematch."

McLean will travel to face Thomas Jefferson at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 11.

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Comments Sought on Church Street Garage

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ing.

Since the previous public meetings, Layer modified his design to incorporate a "loading" area in front of the property, and lowered the height of the garage by five feet. Architecturally, the building is designed to fit in with the personality of Church Street. Signage for the shops along the alleyway will be placed on Church Street.

Layer himself has lived in Vienna for 18 years with his family and wants to preserve the town's character. "My intent is to make it [the project] the best it can be within the context of what this small town is really about," Layer said.

During the evening meeting, a citizen remarked that he had heard Vienna residents say they wished for things in the town but never a parking garage. He questioned the town's use of public funds for project use, and said he believed Church Street businesses were "thriving" in today's conditions. Layer disputed the implication that small Church Street businesses have the profit margin the resident suggested they do. "I



Updated site plans include designated-times loading zone and redesigned height of structure.

know many of these business owners and they're not making the profit you think they do," Layer said.

Town Councilmember Carey Sienicki called the new mixed-use building/garage "infrastructure."

"We're improving infrastructure like bike routes, sidewalks. This is infrastructure. It's central in making Church Street a place to work, live and enjoy," she said.

A resident who lives on Ayrhill Road said she doubted the "appeal" of the Church Street parking garage. "I'm not sure it's appropriate for Church Street," she said.

Addressing residents' concerns about the need for added Church Street parking, Town of Vienna Director of Planning and Zoning Greg Hembree responded that there is a need for more parking

on Church Street. "This will go a long way toward addressing parking issues," Hembree said. "We're trying to maximize the good and minimize the bad." He added that the area still has development potential. The garage will be a starting point for walking around town.

Early in the evening meeting, Julie Bazin, co-owner of Bazin's on Church, agreed with the town's assessment that more public parking is needed around the shops. She asked that it be clarified that the garage would, in fact, be public parking and not restricted to the complex's tenants. "We hear so many crazy rumors," Bazin said.

Bazin said she and her husband, Patrick, were a "little nervous" over the two-year construction part. "But I'm happy about the garage," Bazin said.

SECURITY of the parking structure is not anticipated to be a problem, Vienna Police Chief Robert Carlisle said. Carlisle referred to the two parking garages currently maintained in Vienna—one at 301 Maple Ave. and the other on Park Street—as having no "significant"

problems. The police department patrols those garages regularly as they do the streets and shops of Vienna. "We're putting a parking garage in a town that's really pretty safe to begin with," Carlisle said.

For the most part, residents who came to Thursday's public meetings left satisfied with the responses from Layer and town officials. Roy Baldwin, a local lawyer, commented that he believed Vienna was getting a "wonderful" deal with the package. Sign up quickly, he said during the evening meeting.

Ten-year Vienna resident Keith Min said he was very happy with the design. "It will maintain the small-town feeling," he said.

Details on the Proposed Municipal Parking Structure/Mixed-Use Project are found at

www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=961. Elevation details are at www.viennava.gov/DocumentView.aspx?DID=1019.

To learn more about the Church Street Vision Plan, go to www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=959.

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Entertainment

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

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 10

Preview of the 9th Annual Great Falls Studios Art Tour. 6-8 p.m., Gulick Group Winthrop Model Home, 1051 Autumn Mist Lane, Great Falls. An "Evening of Artistry" with a cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception at the exclusive preview. 571-393-1683.

Oktoberfest Potluck. 6:30 p.m., at The Great Falls Grange Hall, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Socialize and drop off your dish before dinner, beginning promptly at 7 p.m.; folklore and ghost stories, oom-pah German dance music and gemütlichkeit (friendship and congeniality). \$15, adults; children 12 and under free. Reservations by Oct. 4. 703-759-2378.

Ben Taylor w/ Grace Weber. 8 p.m., at Wolf Trap, the Barns, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Son of James Taylor and Carly Simon is an artist in his own right with mellow, bittersweet melodies sung in a smooth, effortless voice. \$20. 703-255-1900 or www.wolftrap.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 11

Get on Board. 7:30 p.m., at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant Street NW, Vienna. The winner of Leesburg's 2012 Small Business Public Art Award demonstrates her art with paint on claybord and aquaboard with watercolors. 703-391-3971 or www.viennaartsociety.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 12

Interior Design Workshop. 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Learn how to read and draw a floor plan, arrange furniture, analyze interior paint colors, select textiles and coordinate furnishings and accessories. \$65-75. www.mpaart.org.

Arts Awards Luncheon. Noon-2 p.m., at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, Tysons Corner. An annual program to recognize outstanding arts organizations, artists and arts philanthropists in the County. 703-642-0862 ext. 4 or <http://artsfairfax.org/arts-award-luncheon>.

Octoberfest. 5:30-8 p.m., at the Vienna American Legion, 330 Center Street N, Vienna. Bratwurst, sauerkraut and jambalaya with the community. \$10. 703-938-9535.

Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. 8 p.m., at Wolf Trap, the Barns, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. The distinguished group plays an evening in celebration of Walk Trap founder Catherine Filene Shouse; chamber works from the Romantic era. \$40. 703-255-1900 or www.wolftrap.org.

LMFAO Comedy Night: Vijai Nathan. 8 p.m., at Diya Restaurant Tysons, 2070 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna. Manan Singh Katohora, PepperTree Productions and Shalabh Entertainment present a night of laughs to cure the most belligerent boredom. \$27. 202-656-3630 or www.desiclub.com/lmfao.

SATURDAY/OCT. 13

Third Annual Louise Archer Sunshine 5K and Fun Run. 8 a.m., at Louise Archer Elementary School, 324 Nutley St NW, Vienna. Run to benefit the Parent Teacher Association and programs to enrich and nurture the school's children; food and post-race drinks, chip timing and t-shirts available. <http://>



Photo Courtesy of the Vienna Arts Society

"Eagle Lake", watercolor by Pauline Lorfano, Vienna's Artist of the Year.

Artist of the Year Reception

On Sunday, Oct. 14 from 2-4 p.m., at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant Street NW, Vienna, enjoy light refreshments and Pauline Davis Lorfano's paintings of Virginia and Maine. The exhibit is up through Nov. 3, Tuesdays-Saturdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 703-319-3971 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

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Crab Feast. Noon-4 p.m., at the Vienna American Legion, 330 Center Street N, Vienna. Crab, chicken, hot dogs, corn and baked beans; families welcome. \$40; \$20 for non-crab eaters; \$15, children. 703-938-9535.

Great Falls Optimist Club Barn Dance. 7-11 p.m., at the barn at 964 Walker Road, Great Falls. Barbecued ribs, chicken and bar-b-que from Famous Dave's, soft drinks, dancing, beer/wine cash bar, a raffle/auction and classic rock and rockabilly from Benny Potter and Western Electric all to benefit the Great Falls Children's Fund and Childhood Cancer Charity. \$60 per person. 703-759-2959, Linda.Thompson@LongandFoster.com or www.greatfallsoptimist.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 14

MPAartfest. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at McLean Central Park, intersection of Old Dominion Drive and Dolley Madison Boulevard, McLean. The park transforms into a a landscape of mini art galleries showcasing the work of Ann Barbieri and 49 other artists; live entertainment, children's ArtWalk and Innovation Station, a Senior Art Space, Open Studio and live entertainment are activities at the fest. www.mpaart.org.

Washington Symphonic Brass:

Danza. 4 p.m., at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Experience South American music and its Spanish roots; post-concert reception. \$30; students 17 and under, free. www.amadeusconcerts.com.

MONDAY/OCT. 15

Knife Skills Workshop. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 7-10 p.m., at McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. A popular, informative class on techniques to take the chore- aspect out of cooking; bone a chicken, dice, paste garlic and the like. \$60-81. www.mpaart.org.

HBC Community Charity Champions Fundraising Dinner. 5-8 p.m., at Pulcinella Italian Host, 6852 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. Enjoy dinner or takeout and present a flyer to donate 60 percent of proceeds to support the Children's Science Center in their aim to spark interest in science, stimulate

creativity and inspire through active learning. Find flyer at 703-734-0192 or www.HBCRealtyGroup.com.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 17

John Jorgenson. 7:30 p.m., at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna. "The U.S. Ambassador of Gypsy Jazz" and his quintet bring world class music to town. \$20. www.jamminjava.com.

Vienna Photographic Society's Photo Competition. 7:30-9:30 p.m., Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Lane, Vienna. Northern Virginia Photographic Society Photographer of the Year Sandi Croan will judge the VPS competition's three categories: digital, print and "Cemeteries" category photos. 703-451-7298 or www.vps-va.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 19

Battlefield Band. 8 p.m., at Wolf Trap, the Barns, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. See the Scottish Folk Band of the Year in concert. \$24. 703-255-1900 or www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 20

Oktoberfest Bazaar and Craft Fair. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Charles Wesley United Methodist Church, 6817 Dean Drive, McLean. Handcrafted jewelry, silk floral arrangements, hand-carved birds, baked goods, crafts and German lunch items between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. www.charleswesleyumc.org.

Claude Moore Colonial Farm 1771 Market Fair. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Crisp local apples, warm savory meat pies, hearty breads, entertainers, candle-dipping, mulled wine, holiday shopping, and tradesmen and the militia make it a big celebration of fall. \$6, adults; \$3, seniors and children ages 3-12. 703-442-7557 or www.1771.org.

McLean Orchestra: Phantoms and Fantasies. 8 p.m., at Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. A night of Halloween haunts, with Mussorgsky, Debussy and Hector Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique; post-concert cake and champagne reception. www.mclean-orchestra.org.



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She spends her free time keeping up with her husband, Binh Trang, and their four children. They recently moved to Vienna and enjoy the small town feel of Vienna in the midst of the big city. She is an avid sports fan and enjoys reading, traveling, and is a news junkie.

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