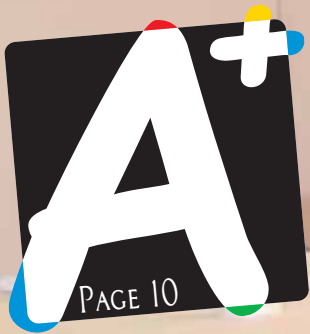


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## Tysons Service District Created

New tax district will help fund Tysons Corner improvements.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted eight to two to create a Tysons Corner Service District, which is expected to raise money to help cover the estimated \$3.1 billion in new roads and public transit development planned for the area.

"Tysons is going to be a wonderful place, but right now it's got challenges. We're in the middle of a \$6 billion investment, and we're doing things like requiring developers to build fields, which is extremely expensive in a build-out situation like we've got here, they're investing in parks, sidewalks, bike lanes, a significant infrastructure investment," said Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville), who put forward the motion at the board's Jan. 8 meeting. "Right now we haven't got the infrastructure, and for those people that live in Tysons it's been a detriment, so this is an opportunity [for] residents being asked to pay a small portion of the big-picture projects that will make this area work."

The county estimates that the district will generate around \$253 million, or eight percent of the total money needed. The property within the district is assessed at around \$11.5 billion, and about 83 percent of the area is commercial land.

**THE TAX RATE** for the district will not be set until the board sets county budget, but it will be based on assessed property values. The Board of Supervisors also voted to create an advisory board to provide input on the tax rate. Foust also estimated that an early prediction for the assessment would be around \$18 per month for residents.

Supervisors Linda Smyth (D-Providence) and Pat Herryty (R-Springfield) were the two dissenting votes against the district. Smyth cited a "folder of correspondence" about the proposed district.

She said letters from residents are universally opposed, while letters from developers are universally in favor.

"What the residents of Tysons are saying clearly is, 'wait a minute, we're not the developers, we're not the ones generating the need for these road improvements, we're not going to make a profit,'" she said. "Not only that, these road improvements are for the benefit of commuters, people driving into Tysons to work in the new commercial spaces. We haven't asked for one group of citizens to pay for such significant infrastructure when it is, as they see it, a matter of a bigger community interest."

She went on to say that "people are angry and very concerned about this way of doing business in Fairfax County... and frankly, I understand how they feel."

Herryty said he supported the idea of Tysons redevelopment, and the Tysons Corner plan and efforts



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**The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has created a Tysons Service district, which will tax residents and businesses to help pay for \$3.1 billion in improvements to Tysons Corner.**

to grow the county's tax base, but felt the plan unnecessarily raised taxes on members of the district.

"I think we have a clear and viable alternative to raising taxes on the residents and business of Tysons, and that's the restructuring of our profit dollars to include a greater focus on transportation," he said. "Clearly developers are paying for a portion of projects, but it's not the level it should be."

Foust compared the situation to other special tax districts in the county, such as the ones that help fund the McLean and Reston Community Centers.

"There are areas of the county that have additional taxes, some pay substantially more than what we're talking about in Tysons, so this isn't the first time it's been done," he said.

The board also voted to create two transportation funds, which will be paid into by developers. One will help pay for the needed grid of streets, the other for larger-scale Tysons Corner transit improvement costs.

**THE COUNTY** estimates the Grid of Streets Fund will raise approximately \$304 million. Developers will contribute \$6.44 per square foot of commercial development, and \$1,000 per residential unit built.

It is estimated the Tysons-Wide Fund will raise approximately \$253 million, with developers contributing \$5.63 per square foot of development, as well as \$1,000 per residential unit built.

The total raised by the new funds is approximately 18 percent of the \$3.1 billion in total costs.

County officials estimate that the \$3.1 billion needed for improvements can be broken into four categories: large-scale, Tysons-wide improvements (\$1.2 billion), transit (\$865 million), grid of streets (\$865 million) and neighborhood and access improvements (\$77 million).

The grid of streets will be paid for entirely by developers, with more than \$300 million coming from the Grid of Streets Transportation fund, with the rest coming from in-kind contributions.

Landowners will pay \$506 million toward the Tysons-wide road improvements, and the county will publicly fund the remainder.

Transit and neighborhood and access improvements will be paid for publicly by the county.

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## Traveling Down A Familiar Road

Transportation funding, education top agenda at town hall.

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**"T**he biggest example of 'tragic mismatch' since I wore madras slacks and white socks in 1980 to my first middle school dance."

That's how Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) described Republican Governor Robert McDonnell's transportation funding plan, which calls for an increase in the sales tax and eliminates the \$17.5 cents per gallon gas tax.

If Petersen has anything to say about it, this year's short legislative session will be big on the issue of transportation funding.

During a standing-room-only town hall meeting at Vienna's American Legion Post 180 on Saturday, Petersen and Del. Mark Keam (D-35) made it clear they intend to fight McDonnell's "nonsensical" transportation plan, which the governor announced Jan. 8, on the eve of the General Assembly's 30-day session.

"The 'justification' is that the gas tax at a fixed rate brings in less money in our hybrid age. But that hardly seems like a reason to jettison it," Petersen said.

"Eliminating our traditional road funding because cars are more efficient makes about as much sense as canceling your child's college fund because tuition keeps rising."

In a statement released last week, McDonnell said his plan—which would make Vir-

ginia the first state in the nation to eliminate the gas tax—"is a sustainable, long-term solution that will fund our transportation network for decades to come."

"It provides over half a billion more dollars in highway construction funding each year and eliminates the structural deficit by 2019. In fact, our plan puts \$3.1 billion more into transportation in Virginia in just the next five years," McDonnell said.

**PETERSEN** told the nearly 200 constituents at the town hall meeting that his response to McDonnell's plan was not merely "knee-jerk partisan opposition." He gave points to McDonnell for "starting the conversation" on ways to improve Virginia's crumbling transportation network, which is set to run out of money for construction by 2017.

Petersen said he did not doubt McDonnell's "good intentions."

But calling for a 16 percent increase in the state sales tax on all goods, in place of the current per-gallon gasoline tax, was not the way to do it, he said.

Petersen said it just didn't make sense to raise sales tax—a general tax on all residents, many of whom do not use roads—while many out of state residents passing through Virginia use the state's highways for free.

"Of course, the retail sales tax is paid directly by the consumer."

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Del. Mark Keam (D-35) talks to Rikki Epstein, director of The ARC of Northern Virginia, who attended Saturday's town hall meeting to support Virginia's transition to a community-based care for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Vienna resident Lisa Arlt Escoto (standing), was one of nearly 200 residents to attend Saturday's town hall meeting hosted by Senator Chap Petersen (D-34) and Delegate Mark Keam (D-35).

# Town Hall Meeting Focuses on Transportation, Education

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In that sense, it is far more onerous on citizens than the gas tax which is an input cost on a product, such as gasoline, which is 'priced to market.' That's why the level of gas tax has little if any effect on the price consumers pay at the pump," Petersen explained.

Petersen said the "real story" is the discontinuing of "user fees" to fund transportation—and instead making our roads and transit projects just another item in the state general fund. "That is a startling turn of events," he said.

"By ending user-based financing and pushing our road costs primarily to general taxes, the governor sets up an annual clash between transportation and the funding of public schools, health providers, and first responders, to name a few," Petersen said, adding that the governor's plan also ensures that out-of-state highway users will use our highways for free, since the gas tax is the only way the state has to capture that revenue.

"Maryland is now for McDonnell," Petersen quipped.

"My biggest problem is that if you take a general tax and increase it on everyone, that ought to be the last resort and not the first resort," he said to applause.

Since the governor's announcement, Democrats, and even some Republicans, have come out in force against McDonnell's plan. Senate Majority Leader Richard Saslaw (D-35) said "I think that thing is so dead it's unbelievable." Peterson, however, is the only Fairfax senator to introduce his

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own legislation that would adjust (or index) the gasoline tax, currently 17.5 cents per gallon, based on the fuel efficiency index, rather than eliminate it.

"Thankfully, the legislature will have a chance to weigh in the next six weeks," Petersen said

## CHARTER SCHOOLS, TYSONS TAX DISTRICT AND ROUTE 123

Keam, who filed a total of 14 legislative measures when the legislature convened Jan. 9, introduced his legislative agenda and took questions on a number of topics.

As a member of the House education committee, Keam said he was opposed to the governor's plan to have a constitutional amendment authorizing charter schools, allowing local school districts to decide when to allow a new charter school, without needing state Board of Education approval. McDonnell has long been a proponent of charter schools, and said Wednesday that Virginia has "one of the weakest public charter schools laws in all the country."

Keam said he thought charter schools should meet a gap, and not replace an existing system.

He received applause when he

told the crowd that the governor's plan to hold schools accountable by giving each school a letter grade was "stigmatizing the schools our children go to." Instead, he said, the governor should consider grading the state's transportation network. "I'd like to see some off-ramps get some F's," Keam said.

Walter Basnight, a member of the Town of Vienna's planning commission, asked what lawmakers plan to do about the area's increasing traffic headaches, especially on Route 123.

"It's a nightmare now and it's going to be a nightmare when Tysons gets here," Basnight said. "We need some support from the state as well."

**KEAM** said one of his bills—HB2141—would "increase transportation maintenance funds for highly used roads, such as Maple Avenue."

Several residents asked Keam about his plan to help McLean residents avoid higher taxes resulting from the county's plan to increase property taxes in Tysons by 7 to 9 cents to fund the area's \$3.1 billion redevelopment.

Keam said that while he fully supported the idea of redeveloping Tysons Corner into Fairfax

County's "new urban downtown," he thought it was "unfair" to tax residents the same as commercial property owners who would directly benefit from the redevelopment. He noted many Tysons residents already pay a real estate tax, storm water tax and pest management tax.

Keam said he introduced legislation—HB2131—that would give the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors "every legal tool possible" to either completely exempt residents who live in special tax districts or require that they be taxed at a lower rate than businesses in those districts.

He cited residents of The Rotonda as among those who would be unfairly taxed in the new district. The Rotonda, a gated condominium community of five 10-story buildings built in 1978, has nearly 1,200 resident units on 35 acres near Tysons and Tysons Galleria.

"The Rotonda is home to many senior citizens who live on a fixed income. All of a sudden they have to pay for new schools, playgrounds, sidewalks? For that group of constituents, I think a new tax is blatantly unfair. I'm going to do everything I can to provide relief. For new residents? They are on notice."

Another topic of concern was the potential closure of the Northern Virginia Training Center (NVTC). Several parents, who have adult children at the NVTC, asked Petersen and Keam to lobby lawmakers to keep the center open until the community could safely support a transition to a community-based home.



Nancy Burke

## Police Athletic Trainer Inducted Into Hall of Fame

Treating sprained ankles, separated shoulders and aching backs are everyday occurrences for Fairfax County Police Department's athletic trainer Nancy Burke.

Burke serves a vital role for the agency in keeping over 1,300 Fairfax County Police officers in top form despite the tough physical toll the job can have on one's body.

"Obviously physical fitness is critical for those in public safety; whether they are chasing a suspect in the dark or helping lift a person out of a wrecked car, it is a very physically demanding job," Burke said.

Burke's efforts are now being widely recognized as she has been tapped for the 2013 Virginia Athletic Trainers' Association (VATA) Hall of Fame. The VATA is an organization dedicated to the health and well-being of Virginians who are physically active and this is the third year for the Hall of Fame selection process.

Burke began her career as an athletic trainer in a secondary school setting after graduating from James Madison University in 1973. After earning her Master's Degree from Eastern Kentucky University, she continued her career in Fairfax County. Her expertise in sports medicine is nationally known as she served as the head athletic trainer for World Cup Sabre Fencing in 1992 and 1994, a site medical director for the Atlanta Olympic Games in 1996, and chaired the U.S. Lacrosse Association Safety Committee, where her contributions helped result in the mandate of protective eyewear and new safety standards for goalkeepers' helmets.



## NEWS

The family of kidnapped Libyan human rights activist Mansur Rashid Kikhia commemorated his life and legacy on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013. From left, Bisan Toron, Rashid Mansur Kikhia, widow Baha Omary Kikhia and Jihan Kikhia.

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# Family Remembers Life and Legacy of Kidnapped Libyan Human Rights Activist

Mansur Rashid Kikhia's family lives in McLean and Vienna area.

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

Nineteen years ago, on Dec. 10, 1993, Libyan human rights activist and lawyer Mansur Rashid Kikhia was kidnapped from his hotel room in Cairo, Egypt and spirited out of the country. Last month—December, 2012—Kikhia's death in Tripoli was confirmed to his family, now living in the Vienna and McLean areas. On Saturday, Jan. 12, Kikhia's family and friends celebrated the life of a man dedicated to human rights for all.

"Mansur Kikhia was advocating for democracy and the protection of human rights and freedom for all the Arab nations since the beginning of his career," said daughter Jihan Kikhia. "He was a visionary, which made him an early pioneer of the recent revolution in Libya."

Mansur Rashid Kikhia served as Libyan Minister of Foreign Affairs from 1972 to 1973, Libyan Ambassador to the United Nations, and Permanent Libyan Representative to the United Nations. At the U.N., Kikhia served as president of the U.N. Security Council in September 1976 and in October 1977. He was a leader in promoting and creating the International Day of Persons with Disabilities in the United Nations.

In protest to the killing and torture perpetrated by Al-Gaddafi's



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**Libyan human rights activist Mansur Rashid Kikhia was kidnapped from his Cairo hotel room on Dec. 10, 1993. His death was confirmed to his family in December of 2012.**

regime, Kikhia resigned from the Libyan government in 1980, publicly protesting against government-supported atrocities. After he separated himself from the Libyan government, he continued his opposition movement in Paris, France.

"Mansur Kikhia's story highlights the need for humankind to constantly work hard to protect and promote our most basic human rights, even in the face of life's most difficult struggles," said Kikhia.

Family and friends say that Kikhia was a leading opposition figure to Muammar Al-Gaddafi, and they suspect it was pro-Al-Gaddafi supporters behind the kidnapping. Kikhia aimed to unite Libya's opposition groups to create a powerful front against Al-Gaddafi's oppressive regime, said Mansur Rashid Kikhia's daughter, Jihan "Jiji" Kikhia. When Kikhia disappeared from Cairo, he was

**"Mansur was probably kidnapped because he was seen by the Gaddafi regime as a great threat to his government."**

—Family friend and supporter  
Larry Ekin

attending an Arab Organization for Human Rights meeting, of which he was a founder. International Human Rights Day falls on Dec. 10.

Family friend and supporter Larry Ekin also believes that it was supporters of Gaddafi that kidnapped Kikhia, possibly with the cooperation of people inside Egypt. "How else did they spirit him out of the country," Ekin asks.

"Mansur was probably kidnapped because he was seen by the Gaddafi regime as a great threat to his government," said Ekin. "Not because of military might but because of his integrity and credibility. He had the reputation and the ability to unite various groups in opposition to Gaddafi's regime. He also had credibility with the U.N."

With Gaddafi's fall and death Kikhia's case was reopened. In December of 2012, Kikhia's death was confirmed to his family.

"So, although the end of his life was a tragedy, we are here to acknowledge and commend what he did while he was a free man with a heroic vision in a world full of limitations," said Kikhia. "We are fighting for the completion of his story and to honor his life as he selflessly did for others."

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# OPINION

## Transportation Money

Virginia, and especially Northern Virginia, is woefully short on funds for transportation. One reason is that its gas tax, a logical way to fund transportation infrastructure, is one of the lowest in the nation, and has remained flat since the '80s, since it is not indexed for inflation. So the buying power of the gas tax has been dwindling.

It seems obvious that one way to fix this is to allow it to rise with inflation, or change it to a percentage of the price of a gallon of fuel. Tying road funding to gas consumption is a logical connection, and the increase encourages conservation and more fuel-efficient vehicles.

Instead, Gov. Bob McDonnell has proposed eliminating the gas tax, replacing the funding with an increase in the sales tax plus a plan to shift money from other state spending, like education, human services and public safety,

to transportation.

With considerable agreement that Virginia needs about \$1 billion a year to pay roads and transit, this proposal would raise about one-third of that.

Part of the governor's plan also calls for a \$100 annual fee on vehicles that use alternative fuels.

Raising the sales tax to pay for roads is particularly unfair to the many residents of Northern Virginia who have chosen to live in Arlington, Alexandria and other areas that are walkable and provide easy access to public transit.

Penalizing drivers of hybrid and electric vehicles by charging them more than six times what other vehicles pay is not in the best interests of anyone who breathes the air in Virginia, and is a stark slap at innovation.

The entire proposal makes about as much

## Eliminating the gas tax makes no sense.

sense as forcing a select few Northern Virginia residents, the drivers on the Dulles Toll Road, to almost single-handedly pay for rail to Dulles. Dulles airport is one of the key economic drivers for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Building rail to serve the airport is an economic investment that will have broad benefits in revenue for the state. A disproportionately small amount of that revenue will make it back to Northern Virginia. So it is welcome that the governor's proposal calls for diverting some of the "new" transportation money to Dulles rail.

The current proposal would make Virginia the only state without a gas tax. It seems unwise for a state with such dramatic transportation deficits to abandon the one source of funding that makes sense. More money is needed; that requires addition, not subtraction.

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### EDITORIAL

## A 10-Year Mission: End Homelessness

BY MICHAEL O'REILLY

Our Fairfax-Falls Church community is one of the most affluent in the country. Our schools are second to none. We are the home for many Fortune 500 businesses. Even with the challenging economy, our unemployment rate is among the lowest in the country.

Despite these strengths, our community also includes people who are homeless and are staying at emergency shelters, living in their cars or camping in the woods. Our community includes families with no place to sleep at night and children with no place to go after school. It saddens me to report that there were over 3,000 homeless individuals in our community this past year. It is unacceptable to have homeless men, women and children in our community.

Homelessness impacts every person in our community and each has a role in ending it. Through the good work of many non-profit and religious organizations, for many years we have directed our collective efforts to managing the homeless issues. However, little was done to find longer term solutions to prevent and end homelessness. That has now changed.

The leadership of Congressman Gerry Connolly helped to galvanize all of the energy and effort in the entire community. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors with leadership from Chairman Bulova and Supervisor Catherine Hudgins and all of our key stakeholders from the non-profit, government, faith and business community came together to develop an impressive 10 Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. The plan recognizes the right of all people to have a safe, affordable place in which to live. The plan envisions our entire community working together as partners to eliminate homelessness. We have some very steep goals and lots of hard work ahead to reach our goal of ending homelessness in Fairfax County by the end of 2018.

We have made huge strides in the develop-



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From left — Michael O'Reilly, Jim Corcoran and Dean Klein during Jeans Day 2012.

ment of the governance structure called The Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness. The Office to Prevent and End Homelessness was established within Fairfax County. We have constituted a Governing Board made up of business leaders, elected officials, builders, clergy, law enforcement and others. We have created a new Consumer Advisory Council to ensure that currently homeless and formerly homeless have an active voice in the implementation of our plan.

We have much more work to do. We have recently moved our collective efforts to the plan's goal of creating 2,650 new housing units. We have supported and will continue to support efforts to amend the county's housing code to permit more individual housing options. We hosted a day long outreach program for our faith based communities which shows promise at increasing the housing stock.

Through our collective prevention and rapid rehousing strategies, community case management and the provision of other critical services, we prevented last year over 1,400 indi-

### Editor's Note:

This month, The Connection begins featuring a monthly column written by community leaders involved in Fairfax County's nonprofit organizations. Every year, thousands of Fairfax County residents volunteer with nonprofits in a variety of ways, whether it's driving a senior citizen to a medical appointment or serving meals to the homeless in one of the county's hypothermia shelters. According to Volunteer Fairfax—a nonprofit that matches volunteers with service projects—individuals volunteered 205,688 hours of service to the community. We launch this series with a column by Michael O'Reilly, Chairman of the Governing Board of the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness.

viduals from becoming homeless by providing community case management and other services. In addition, we have launched a Housing Locator Network to strengthen relationships with landlords and to help to move the homeless in our community more rapidly into permanent housing. Through the work of our partnership we have seen an impressive increase in homeless families and individuals placed in permanent housing from 482 in 2010 to 853 in 2012. Many adults and children have been positively impacted. This can only be attributed to the commitment that many in our community have made to end homelessness.

Our approach to preventing and ending homelessness is predicated on us doing so in partnership with a broad coalition of nonprofits, faith communities, businesses and government. Working together allows us to do amazing things.

I thank you for your interest and commitment and look forward to our continued work together with all of our partners in the coming years as we strive to prevent and end homelessness in our community. If you would like to become involved in this important work please go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless) or call 703-324-9492 for more information.

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# LETTERS

## Too Little, Too Late

To the Editor:

Kyle McCauley heaped praise on Del. Barbara Comstock for her efforts to “increase the in-state slots guaranteed for Virginia’s students to 75 percent” [Increasing Slots for Virginia Students, Connection, January 9-15, 2013].

Three things: 1) Comstock’s HB 1700 (which has no co-patrons) is identical to Del. Tim Hugo’s (R-40) HB 1605 (David Ramadan, R-87, is chief co-patron); 2) Both bills exclude Virginia Military Institute, Norfolk State University and Virginia State University; and, 3) The increased in-state slots will not go into effect until the 2018-2019 academic year by which time I anticipate young Mr. McCauley will have graduated from the College of William & Mary.

I’ll note that Hugo’s HB 1083 from the 2012 session of the General Assembly failed to make it out of the Education Sub-Committee for Higher Education and Arts. I doubt HB 1700/1605 will go any further. Yet, these bills do pander to Northern Virginia constituents who want our children to become members of the Tribe or Wahoos. Too bad they are ineffective.

The sad fact is that Virginia’s public institutions for higher learning have been grossly underfunded by the Republican dominated House of Delegates for many years. As Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-25) notes in a recent issue of Virginia Policy Review, “Funding per full-time student has decreased 23 percent since 1992. And state funding for core academic functions at our public institutions reached a new low last year of only 33 percent.” To make-up for this neglectful funding, lawmakers and college presidents depend on the checkbooks of out-of-state families to subsidize tuition for our in-state students. The “2012-13 Tuition and Fees at Virginia’s State-Supported Colleges and Universities” report issued by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia shows that the average in-state tuition and mandatory fees is \$6,224 while out-of-state families pay \$20,853.

But to be fair, Del. Comstock was one of 43 co-patrons of HB 2510, Virginia Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2011, a bill that passed the House and Senate unanimously. However, HB 2510 merely suggested that “Each institution’s basic operations and instruction funding need, and the commonwealth’s funding split policy by which 67 percent of an institution’s cost of education for Virginia students is funded from

the state general fund and 33 percent from funds other than the state general fund, shall be taken into account by the governor during the preparation of his proposed biennial budget bill.” Governor McDonnell and the General Assembly have a long way to go to reverse last year’s 33 percent funding to the VHEO Act’s suggested 67 percent state funding.

Under-funding of state-supported colleges and universities has other consequences. State government support for student financial aid has decreased over the years. Colleges and universities have to make up the difference. This means that each of Virginia’s colleges and universities needs their own fundraising functions which includes staff and office space. Who pays for this overhead cost?

Lower state funding has probably had an effect on the available number of faculty and classrooms. What are students to do if there aren’t enough faculty to teach required courses? Not much except to take five or six years to graduate. I would hope that Del. Comstock is curious enough about the relationship between state funding and the four-year graduation rate to sponsor a bill requesting a study by the Joint Legislative Audit & Review Committee.

I’m not confident that Del. Comstock is willing to make the hard choices required to increase state support for our colleges and universities while simultaneously reducing our dependence on out-of-state families. For the sake of our children, I hope she does. In any case, for Mr. McCauley, it will be too little, too late.

**Greg Brandon**  
McLean

## Doing the Right Thing on Guns

To the Editor:

The issue of gun control has been in the news lately, with everyone from President Obama to a British TV host voicing their opinion since the tragic shooting in Newton, Conn. First of all I want to point out that, according to his own logic, President Obama is partially responsible for the shooting in Newton, CT. During the 2012 presidential debates, the president passed on the idea of enacting any meaningful gun control laws, despite the fact that just months prior the awful Aurora theater shooting claimed over 50 victims. If more gun control is the solution to these crimes as the Obama administration is now saying, then the president failed in his

primary duty to protect the American people by not acting on this earlier. This was recently pointed out in the New

York Times. And in other news, pigs are now flying.

I have a more simple approach to this issue, since the gun control debate simply encourages more Americans to go out and purchase more guns (in record amounts I might add after the administration announced support for gun control laws). Here’s my solution—stop trying to control the American people. The Second Amendment, just like the First Amendment, is a part of the DNA of these United States. Gun ownership runs in our blood, not just the ownership and use of guns, but the fact that our government, from the very beginning, trusted us to own the same weapons that they had. Just like the freedom of speech, our Founding Fathers saw gun ownership as an essential freedom, and necessary to protect all of our other freedoms from the cloak of tyranny. We are a special people, a special nation, as a result of our freedoms. Any effort to restrict those freedoms will destroy our national character.

We have to remind ourselves, the freedoms we enjoy can be used for good or evil, it is our choice. Hitler used speech as a weapon that led to the murder of millions. Lenin, Stalin, Mao, all had to convince others to follow in their evil intentions before they began their campaigns of human slaughter. And I would point out in all of these mass slaughters, guns were hardly the chief weapon but rather other cruel tactics like starvation. Should we then restrict free speech, since it has led to such horrific crimes?

Mr. president and members of Congress, trust the American People. We know what’s best for ourselves and our country. We have the Constitution to guide us. Don’t try to restrict it. Do some soul searching on why the Founding Fathers trusted us with our guns just like our speech and religion, and do the right thing. It’s been a long time since I’ve felt the government trusted me, I’d like to think it’s still possible.

**Tim Halisky**  
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# PostNet Business Center Opens in Vienna

Print shop supports businesses and non-commercial needs.

By DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

When James Cudney turned his back on the road warrior life a couple of years ago, he turned inward to the community that his family lived in, loved and supported. If he was going to downshift a speed, he was going to center his professional life in Vienna.

"I went from a road warrior to hometown business owner because I love this town and I want to enjoy watching my three sons grow up," said Cudney, president of PostNet 128 on Maple Avenue.

Thirty six months ago, Cudney began looking for a business center that had potential to become a vital component of the community, a place that provided much-needed services and one that could give back to the community as it grew.

"What it really boiled down to is this," said Cudney. "My wife works from home. I worked from home and we never really had a great back-door office company that has all the services we needed as a small business."

"So, I started looking at business center franchises and fell in-love with the concept they have at PostNet."

Cudney signed a contract with PostNet 24 months ago and opened in December.

**CUDNEY EXPLAINS** what makes PostNet different from its competition, although, to hear Cudney describe his business, there is nothing else like it in Vienna.

PostNet is your family-run neighborhood business center, said Cudney, but its on-site services and

capabilities are exhaustive. James Cudney's brother Justin moved to Vienna from Washington state to work alongside James as the shop's operations manager and graphic designer. "I had an opportunity to work with my brother, making use of my skills, out of the rat race," said Justin Cudney. "Coming here was a no-brainer."

Justin Cudney is gratified by his relocation to Vienna and hopes to pursue a master's degree in history from one of Virginia's universities. While PostNet provides a "vast amount" of training, most of what Justin Cudney learned, he learned by doing, he said. He has a background in art and that helps with his graphic design. If customers would like him to, Justin Cudney gives his professional input into customization.

"A lot of customers come in for shipping, and, when they see all we do, it opens up new opportunities to work with them," Justin Cudney said.

PostNet franchises house a variety of equipment required by PostNet but each franchised property can offer added services to its business. PostNet Vienna prints letterhead, business cards, invitations, stationary, and brochures, and produces canvas wrapped photos, customized murals and more. On-site is a wide-format printer for use creating signs and banners. The owners offer custom graphic design as well.

James Cudney calls PostNet a business support center.

Unique in the town is PostNet's conference room available for rent to the public.

PostNet ships all four of the major carriers, FedEx, UPS, DHL and USPS, and maintains a postbox



James Cudney (left) and his brother Justin run PostNet 128 Vienna, a "neighborhood business center."

with a Vienna mailing address. It also accepts large shipments.

PostNet has 350 U.S. franchises and 450 international ones. That makes for a lot of buying clout in the industry, Cudney said. When other printers are creating high-quality business cards for hundreds of dollars per thousand, PostNet produces them for \$39 per thousand.

"Anything that we cannot do in-house, we send to PostNet for its support to do it," said Justin Cudney.

In support of the community it is part of, PostNet Vienna has developed a program Cudney calls "52 weeks of giving." PostNet

Vienna will donate up to five percent of the weekly gross sales to Vienna-area organizations, sports teams, civic groups, service clubs and local schools, from Marshall High School out to Oakton High School, and all the schools in between throughout the year. Cudney and staff are compiling their list of eligible nonprofits now.

Before he joined the "I-love-living-in-Vienna-so-I'll-open-a-shop-here" club, Cudney owned a private research and development consulting company focusing on homeland defense technologies. His work kept him on the road 40 weeks out of the year, away from his young family. He still owns and



PostNet 128 Vienna owner James Cudney says the shop is focused on building this business in town and becoming a part of the Vienna business community.

"I went from a road warrior to hometown business owner because I love this town and I want to enjoy watching my three sons grow up."

—PostNet Vienna owner James Cudney

runs Homeland Tech but he has "shrunk" his geography to stay around Vienna and grow his PostNet business.

**THE CUDNEYS** moved to Vienna 12 years ago from Paris where his wife held an executive position in an accounting firm.

Cudney's sons, aged 8, 11 and 17, attend Vienna schools, and his oldest son works part-time in the shop.

James Cudney has been active in the town since his move here. He belongs to local civic clubs and business networks, is on the Town of Vienna Business Liaison Committee and is on the Board of Directors of the Vienna Business Association. He volunteers with Boy Scouts and James Madison High School Boosters.

"We're focused on building this business in town and becoming a part of the Vienna business community," James Cudney said. "I really care about this town."

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# The Importance of Recess

**Pediatric researchers say unstructured play can help a child's cognitive, physical, emotional and social development.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

**C**an climbing on monkey bars help a child's cognitive development? Can a game of tag boost preschooler's social skills? The nation's top pediatricians say "yes" and some local educators agree.

A policy statement released earlier this month by the American Academy of Pediatrics said recess, when provided in a safe environment and under supervision, provides children with cognitive, physical, emotional and social benefits. Additionally, the AAP recommended that unstructured play be used in conjunction with physical education in schools.

"Recess and unstructured play provide children with opportunities to explore, problem-solve and learn in ways that enhance their socio-emotional, physical and cognitive development," said Julie K. Kidd, associate professor and early childhood education academic program coordinator at George Mason University in Fairfax. "The physical and mental break from academic activities enables children to return to their studies more focused and ready to learn."

**SOME LOCAL SCHOOLS** agree that recess is an important part of a student's day. "In addition to physical education classes, our students enjoy unstructured recess every day," said Dick Ewing, head of school at the Norwood School in Potomac, Md. "Of course, there are the health benefits of the physical activity, and teachers will tell you that children are more focused in the classroom after recess, but there are also several social-emotional benefits. Children learn important life skills during recess. They learn how to effectively communicate, collaborate, cooperate and problem solve during various playground games. Creativity also comes into play as children make up their own games."

Lizabeth Borra, school counselor at Potomac Elementary School in Potomac, added: "This unstructured time gives children the opportunity to develop lifelong skills such as conflict resolution, communication, creativity, and negotiation."

Joan Holden, head of school for St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria, developed play areas known as "Tinkering Spaces" on campus, "dedicated spots where students work together with educational games, building tools and puzzles, where there are no assessments or evaluations, just a relaxing, fun atmosphere that brings out teamwork, creativity, invention and problem-solving," said Holden.

American Academy of Pediatrics researchers and local educators concluded that recess and free play activities are a critical part of development and social interaction that students may not get inside a classroom. "Time outside in an unstructured environment among peers provides an important avenue



**Students at Norwood School in Potomac, Md., enjoy outdoor recess.**

for the development of their creative, social and moral development," said Colin Gleason, head of the Lower School at The Heights School in Potomac.

Gleason says unstructured play provides a much-needed outlet for some children. "At this age, children, and especially boys, overflow with physical energy," he said. "They are wired ... to explore and learn about the world around them in an active way, using all of their senses. Also, by organizing play with their peers in this environment, they learn the natural laws of social interaction. They learn that it pays off to be kind towards others, to work together to make a game run smoothly [and] to make rules that are fair."

American Academy of Pediatrics researchers also recommended that recess not be withheld from children as punishment. Shannon Melideo, chair of the education department and an associate professor at the School of Education and Human Services at Marymount University in Arlington, agrees: "Too often the children who are denied recess as a punishment are the children who need recess most."

Some local educators say that recess gives children an opportunity to learn how to manage their free time. "Current research in brain development highlights the connections between physical activity, attention and memory," said Dresden Koons, head of Lower School at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac. "We ... [believe] that what happens outside the classroom benefits what goes on inside it, and vice versa."

**THE AAP STATEMENT** stresses that recess should complement, not replace physical education classes, even for schools with limited outdoor space, and Reston based National Association for Sport and Physical Education spokeswoman Paula Keyes Kun agreed. She said, "All children need a minimum of 60 minutes of physical activity every day. Regular daily recess should be a part of every school day. It provides children with discretionary time to be active, helps them develop healthy bodies and enjoy movement."

She added that NAPSE is calling on schools across the country to find creative ways of increasing their students' physical activity levels before, during and after school.

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**George Mason University Professor Laurie Meamber uses movies to teach students about consumer behavior.**

## Off to the Movies

**Mason professor has unconventional method of teaching complex concepts.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

**A**n Arlington resident and George Mason University professor has an unconventional way of helping her students master complex concepts and evaluating their proficiency: She requires them to watch movies.

Laurie Meamber, an associate professor of marketing in Mason's School of Management in Fairfax, teaches a consumer behavior course in which students study the actions and motivations of buyers. Meamber teaches them how to analyze why and how consumers make certain decisions. The class studies characters in popular films to see the concepts they learn throughout the semester.

"A primary goal of a consumer behavior course is for students to better understand consumer behavior in order to become more effective marketing managers," said Meamber. "An additional goal ... is to enhance their knowledge of consumer behavior so that they as consumers can consume wisely."

Meamber says that through watching and analyzing movies, her classes examine the entire range of internal, external and situational influences on consumer behavior. She divides her class into three groups and each group focuses on one factor that affects consumer behavior: external influences, internal influences and decision-making.

"Students [write] a brief plot summary, providing descriptions of the major characters as consumers and analyzing concepts that they had learned in the course that appear in the film," she said. "They do this in a comprehensive fashion, after having learned all of the ideas

taught in consumer behavior. This allows them to reflect upon, apply and synthesize the entire range of knowledge they have acquired in the course."

Mason spokeswoman Catherine Probst said, "Along the way, the students construct consumer profiles of the characters and examine reasons why and how they make decisions throughout the film. Specifically, students are looking for influences on consumer behavior based on attitudes, motivation, income level and occupation."

Mason student, and Reston resident, Ben Coffinberger took Meamber's consumer behavior class during the fall semester. His group chose "The Devil Wears Prada."

"We presented it by dressing up as the four main characters and acting out small scenes from the movie that provided examples of important marketing concepts we learned throughout the semester," said Coffinberger. "I was forced to identify and apply the marketing concepts I learned in the consumer behavior course to the scenes in the movie. Before taking this class, I didn't think to really recognize consumer-marketing behaviors in movies, television and everyday life. Now I view things in a totally different light."

Meamber says the increasing popularity of social media makes the movie approach a successful learning tool. "As time moves forward, this type of assignment fits in with the interests and learning styles of this generation of undergraduate students," she said. "This type of assignment allows students to analyze and reflect upon movies as a medium that portrays many examples of consumers and of consumer behavior."



## NEWS


# Maddie's Blankets Makes 10,000th Blanket

**S**usannah Bianco, a fourth grade student at Haycock Elementary School, made the 10,000th blanket for Maddie's Blankets on Wednesday, Dec. 19. This blanket will be donated to the Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation for use in their Tysons PetSmart animal adoption center.

Susannah Bianco is the youngest of 10 children, an avid reader, a great help around the house according to her father. She enjoys the activities she's involved in at school, and especially the teachers she's had so far. Maddie's Blankets is a not for profit organization based in Oakton that works with children, senior citizens and developmentally disabled individuals to provide volunteer opportunities for these individuals as well as soft fleece blankets for children in need and rescue animals in shelters. Founded in 2007, they have donated blankets to organizations in nearly a dozen states and involved over 5000 children in the making of these blankets. The goal is provide community service opportunities to children showing them that they can make a difference in the world one blanket at a time. Their website is: <http://www.maddiesblankets.org/>.




**Maddie Pelgrim, a sophomore at Oakton High School, founder and president of Maddie's Blankets, receives the 10,000th blanket from Susannah Bianco.**



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In November 2012, 88 homes sold between \$1,473,500-\$183,000 in the Vienna and Oakton area.

Address	BR	FB	HB	...	Postal City...	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	PostalCode	Subdivision
3115 WINDSONG DR	5	5	2		OAKTON	\$1,743,500	Detached	2.73	22124	WINDSONG WEST
407 PARK ST SE	5	4	1		VIENNA	\$1,387,780	Detached	0.32	22180	PARK STREET PROPERTIES
1753 TYSONS CREST LANE #5	6	5	1		VIENNA	\$1,332,961	Detached	0.29	22182	TYSONS CREST
620 MACARTHUR AVE NE	5	4	1		VIENNA	\$1,260,000	Detached	0.30	22180	AYR HILL HEIGHTS
2656 OAK VALLEY DR	6	6	1		VIENNA	\$1,150,000	Detached	1.99	22181	NON SUBDIVISION
1982 HORSE SHOE DR	4	6	1		VIENNA	\$1,065,000	Detached	0.51	22182	OLD COURTHOUSE
10414 SAMAGA DR	5	4	2		OAKTON	\$1,035,000	Detached	1.00	22124	PITRELLIS / WILLIAMS
1645 IRVIN ST	5	5	2		VIENNA	\$1,020,000	Detached	0.60	22182	ANKERDALE
2019 SPRING BRANCH DR	5	3	2		VIENNA	\$1,010,000	Detached	0.58	22181	WENDOVER
118 LOCUST ST SW	3	3	1		VIENNA	\$1,000,000	Detached	0.24	22180	WEST VIENNA WOODS
128 MOORE AVE SW	5	5	1		VIENNA	\$999,900	Detached	0.26	22180	VIENNA WOODS
2822 NORBORNE PL	4	4	1		OAKTON	\$984,000	Detached	0.14	22124	HEARTHSTONE VILLAGE OAK
1512 NIGHTSHADE CT	6	3	1		VIENNA	\$926,000	Detached	0.59	22182	WOLFTRAP MEADOWS
522 LEWIS ST NW	4	4	1		VIENNA	\$914,000	Detached	0.35	22180	WINDOVER HEIGHTS
2743 OAKTON PARK CT	5	4	1		VIENNA	\$889,000	Detached	0.13	22181	OAKTON PARK
1954 LORD FAIRFAX RD	4	3	1		VIENNA	\$850,000	Detached	0.19	22182	SADDLEBROOK LORD FAIRFAX
1416 MONTAGUE DR	5	3	0		VIENNA	\$847,000	Detached	0.95	22182	BEAU RIDGE
2337 SAWTOOTH OAK CT	3	3	1		VIENNA	\$840,000	Townhouse	0.09	22182	CEDAR LANE
10701 MEADOWOOD DR	4	2	1		VIENNA	\$839,000	Detached	2.07	22181	MEADOWOOD
9014 EDGE PARK RD	4	2	1		VIENNA	\$830,000	Detached	0.35	22182	WOLF TRAP WOODS
1327 BEULAH RD	4	2	1		VIENNA	\$800,000	Detached	0.47	22182	A COUNTRY PLACE
9713 DAYS FARM DR	4	4	0		VIENNA	\$790,000	Detached	0.71	22182	WOLFTRAP MEADOWS
3203 HISTORY DR	4	2	1		OAKTON	\$780,000	Detached	0.56	22124	FOXVALE
8072 CRIAZA BRANCH CT	4	3	1		VIENNA	\$780,000	Townhouse	0.05	22182	RESERVE AT TYSONS CORNER
11191 TATTERSALL TRL	4	2	2		OAKTON	\$775,000	Detached	0.60	22124	MILL RUN CROSSING
2604 LEMONTREE LN	5	3	1		VIENNA	\$753,000	Detached	0.31	22181	VIENNA OAKS
2761 HILL RD	4	3	1		VIENNA	\$752,000	Detached	0.98	22181	LEWIS MANOR
1809 FALLBROOK LN	3	3	2		VIENNA	\$740,000	Semi-Detached	0.07	22182	AMBERWOOD
3126 ELMENDORF DR	4	4	0		OAKTON	\$735,000	Detached	0.08	22124	OAK MARR COURTS
8520 OAK PL	4	3	1		VIENNA	\$730,000	Detached	0.21	22182	WESTWOOD OAKS
9920 LINDEL LN	5	3	0		VIENNA	\$725,000	Detached	0.34	22181	LAKEVALE ESTATES
9619 COUNSELLOR DR NW	4	2	1		VIENNA	\$715,000	Detached	0.25	22181	BARRISTERS PLACE
7998 RESERVE WAY	4	4	1		VIENNA	\$704,990	Townhouse	0.03	22182	RESERVE AT TYSONS CORNER
2535 OAK VALLEY DR	5	3	0		VIENNA	\$700,000	Detached	0.54	22181	ASHLAWN
2758 PEMBSLY DR	4	3	1		VIENNA	\$675,000	Townhouse	0.08	22181	COUNTRY CREEK
1813 CLOVERMEADOW DR	4	2	1		VIENNA	\$675,000	Detached	0.58	22182	SUNNYBROOK
904 ECHOLS ST SE	5	3	1		VIENNA	\$670,000	Detached	0.43	22180	FAIRWAY MANOR ESTATES
1843 HORSEBACK TRL	5	3	1		VIENNA	\$670,000	Detached	0.46	22182	TAMARACK
504 COUNCIL CT NE	3	3	1		VIENNA	\$656,000	Townhouse	0.08	22180	COUNCIL SQUARE 2
3068 MCKINNON WAY	3	3	1		OAKTON	\$655,000	Townhouse	0.07	22124	OAK MANOR
2401 ROCKY BRANCH RD	5	3	0		VIENNA	\$650,000	Detached	0.48	22181	LAKEVALE COURT
1601 LEEDS CASTLE DR	3	2	1		VIENNA	\$643,000	Townhouse	0.02	22182	TYSONS VILLAGE
1814 POLLARD TER	3	3	1		VIENNA	\$630,000	Townhouse	0.05	22182	WESTWOOD TOWNS
8417 STONEWALL DR	4	2	1		VIENNA	\$619,500	Detached	0.27	22180	STONEWALL MANOR
2201 CHESTERTOWN DR	5	3	0		VIENNA	\$619,500	Detached	0.24	22182	TYSONS WOODS
2105 GUNNELL FARMS DR	5	3	0		VIENNA	\$599,800	Detached	0.37	22181	GUNNELL FARMS
8597 RAGLAN RD	3	2	2		VIENNA	\$595,000	Townhouse	0.04	22182	TYSONS TOWNES
2102 BOBBYBER DR	3	3	1		VIENNA	\$574,000	Townhouse		22182	COURTHOUSE STATION
2005 MADRILLON SPRINGS CT	3	2	2		VIENNA	\$570,000	Townhouse	0.04	22182	MADRILLON SPRINGS
10410 ADEL RD	4	2	0		OAKTON	\$560,000	Detached	0.49	22124	OAKLEIGH WOODS
101 CASMAR ST SE	4	2	1		VIENNA	\$551,000	Detached	0.29	22180	VIENNA WOODS
1402 PATRICK CIR SW	4	3	0		VIENNA	\$547,000	Detached	0.27	22180	VIENNA WOODS
11707 AYRESHIRE RD	4	3	0		OAKTON	\$540,000	Detached	0.56	22124	STUARTS MILL WOODS
2423 HOLT ST	4	2	1		VIENNA	\$535,000	Detached	0.24	22180	STONEWALL MANOR
1606 WHITE PINE DR	3	3	0		VIENNA	\$530,000	Detached	0.94	22182	METES & BOUNDS
106 TAPAWINGO RD SE	3	2	0		VIENNA	\$520,000	Detached	0.25	22180	VIENNA WOODS
1203 WARE ST SW	4	2	0		VIENNA	\$520,000	Detached	0.30	22180	VIENNA WOODS
10527 ELMSWAY CT	2	2	1		OAKTON	\$515,000	Detached	0.06	22124	OAK MARR COURTS
8765 CEDAR MEADOW CT	4	2	1		VIENNA	\$500,000	Detached	0.43	22180	CEDAR WOODS
8217 COTTAGE ST	4	2	1		VIENNA	\$500,000	Detached	0.24	22180	DUNN LORING WOODS
2967 OAKBOROUGH SQ	3	2	2		OAKTON	\$495,000	Townhouse	0.04	22124	OAKBOROUGH SQUARE
131 LEWIS ST NW	3	2	0		VIENNA	\$479,900	Detached	0.28	22180	MYERS JOHN T
1207 ROSS DR SW	3	2	0		VIENNA	\$476,000	Detached	0.40	22180	VIENNA WOODS
9639 SCOTCH HAVEN DR	3	3	1		VIENNA	\$471,000	Townhouse	0.04	22181	COUNTRY CREEK
1201 DRAKE ST SW	3	2	0		VIENNA	\$468,500	Detached	0.26	22180	VIENNA WOODS
2312 CEDAR LN	3	1	1		VIENNA	\$449,000	Detached	0.53	22182	WEDDERBURN HEIGHTS
9605 MASTERWORKS DR	3	2	1		VIENNA	\$445,000	Townhouse	0.04	22181	COUNTRY CREEK
2810 LAFORA CT	3	2	2		VIENNA	\$435,000	Townhouse	0.05	22180	MERRIFIELD VIEW
2929 VILLAGE SPRING LN	3	3	1		VIENNA	\$435,000	Townhouse	0.04	22181	COUNTRY CREEK
224 COMMONS DR NW	3	2	1		VIENNA	\$430,000	Townhouse	0.05	22180	VIENNA COMMONS
2814 SHAWN LEIGH DR	3	3	1		VIENNA	\$430,000	Townhouse	0.04	22181	COUNTRY CREEK
2938 WATERFORD CT	4	3	1		VIENNA	\$430,000	Townhouse	0.04	22181	WATERFORD
7990 TYSON OAKS CIR	4	3	1		VIENNA	\$407,000	Townhouse	0.03	22182	COURTS OF TYSONS
2765 CENTERBORO DR #158	2	2	0		VIENNA	\$372,341	Garden 1-4 Floors		22181	MARQUIS AT VIENNA STATN
9480 VIRGINIA CTR BLVD #211	2	2	0		VIENNA	\$365,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22181	ACADIA
3031 BORGE ST #309	3	2	0		OAKTON	\$310,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22124	TREBROOKE
10136 OAKTON TERRACE RD	2	2	0		OAKTON	\$310,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22124	THE OAKTON
2726 GALLOWES RD #1214	1	1	0		VIENNA	\$285,500	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22180	WILTON HOUSE
9486 VIRGINIA CTR BLVD #400	1	1	0		VIENNA	\$280,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22181	MARQUIS AT VIENNA STATN
271613 GLENGYLE DR #13	3	2	1		VIENNA	\$279,000	Townhouse		22181	MOSBYS LANDING
10213C WILLOW MIST CT #63	2	2	0		OAKTON	\$274,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22124	TREVOR HOUSE
10094 OAKTON TERRACE RD	2	2	1		OAKTON	\$263,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22124	THE OAKTON
3178 SUMMIT SQ #A2	2	2	0		OAKTON	\$261,900	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22124	FOUR WINDS AT OAKTON
10213D WILLOW MIST CT #64	2	1	0		OAKTON	\$260,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22124	TREVOR HOUSE
9480 VIRGINIA CENTER BLVD #7	1	1	0		VIENNA	\$240,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22181	ACADIA
216 LOCUST ST #127	2	1	0		VIENNA	\$235,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22180	PARK TERRACE
214 LOCUST ST SE #124	2	1	0		VIENNA	\$232,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22180	PARK TERRACE
10225 VALENTINO DR #7204	1	1	0		OAKTON	\$183,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22124	VISTAS OF VIENNA

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Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in McLean has announced its sales associates who have earned the company's International President's awards. The awards include—Individual Achievements: President's Club, Linda Knowles and Sue Jin Song.

Harper McDaniel, associate broker with the CENTURY 21 New Millennium McLean office earned the CENTURY 21® System's CENTURION Producer, President's and Quality Service Pinnacle Awards again last year following her

2010 sales success.

“Harper is a leader and innovator in delivering powerful home buying and selling choices to her clients because she knows the community she serves,” said Todd Hetherington, CEO and co-owner of CENTURY 21 New Millennium.

Harper McDaniel has more than 10 years of experience in the real estate industry.

“Achieving CENTURION, President's and Quality Service Pinnacle Producer status is a great milestone in my professional career and with a continued effort and focus on my clients, I hope to continue on this path of success,” said Harper, associate broker with CENTURY 21 New Millennium.



## McLean Wrestling Wins Cavalier Duals

The McLean Highlanders wrestling team finished the 2012 year strong by winning the Cavalier Classic Wrestling Tournament. With 12 teams competing in 14 weight classes and competition from Fairfax, Arlington, Washington, D.C., Suffolk, Richmond, and Fredericksburg, the Highlanders advanced five out of their 11 wrestlers into the championship finals and two in the consolation finals.

Overcoming other teams having 14 possible scorers, the Highlanders pulled together collecting bonus points from pins and major decision victories where they could. Each of the wrestlers contributed as the Highlanders fended off second-place Saint John's College High School with three head-to-head match-ups in the championship round.



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The McLean wrestling team participated in the Cavalier Duals on Dec. 29.

McLean Highlanders wrestlers winning first place individual weights classes included: Conor Grammes (106), Adilet Uspeev (145) and Bryson Davis (182). Other medalists included Forrest Stieg (152,

second – injury), Gabe Sutherland (170, second), Eric Johnston (120, third) and Nick Echeverria (138, fourth). At the end of 2012, the McLean wrestling team was ranked top 10 in the Northern Region.

## McLean Wrestling Wins Warhawk Duals

The McLean Highlanders wrestling team started off the holiday break by participating in the Warhawk Duals at James Madison High School on Dec. 22. A total of 10 teams competed with the Highlanders, facing five head-to-head dual meets with opposing schools.

The day started with the team giving up three forfeits out of 14 weight classes. After winning their pool with team victories against Stonewall Jackson and district rivals James Madison and Thomas Jefferson,

the team rallied to overcome an injury leading to a fourth forfeited weight class. In the semifinal match, the McLean squad beat Robert E. Lee, which put the team into the final championship dual with then-undefeated John Handley High School of Winchester. After giving up 24 points in forfeits, the team was down 36-12 with six matches left.

The Highlanders rallied realizing victory was not out of reach.

They went on to win five consecutive

matches from Nick Echeverria, Adilet Upseev, Forrest Stieg, Cochise Wanzer, and Gabe Sutherland. The final match of the day in the 182-pound weight class produced a fourth-overtime victory by McLean's Bryson Davis to win the match 42-36 and the Warhawk Duals championship for the McLean Highlanders.

Other team members include Noah Cherry, Conor Grammes, Eric Johnston, Danny Rayes, Mac McCune and Omar Jacobson.

### SPORTS ROUNDUPS

## Oakton Girls' Basketball to Face 14-1 Centreville

The Oakton girls' basketball team defeated Robinson 61-39 on Jan. 10, improving its record to 13-2 overall and 3-0 in the Concorde District. The victory was the Oakton's third straight and the Cougars' 10th in their last 11 games.

Oakton will host Centreville at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 18. Centreville is 14-1 overall and tied with the Cougars atop the Concorde District standings with a 3-0 record.

## Oakton Boys' Basketball Beats Robinson

The Oakton boys' basketball team improved its Concorde District record to 2-1 with a 69-56 victory against Robinson on Jan. 10.

The Cougars will travel to face Centreville at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 18.

## Madison Girls' Basketball Falls to South Lakes

The Madison girls' basketball team lost to South Lakes 55-45 on Jan. 11, dropping the Warhawks' record to 8-6 overall and 4-2 in the Liberty District.

Madison faced Fairfax on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Warhawks will host Stone Bridge at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 18.

## McLean Youth Soccer Registration

McLean Youth Soccer Spring 2013 registration has begun on MYS' Web site [www.mcleansoccer.org](http://www.mcleansoccer.org) for all returning and new families. MYS offers various programs for children ages 4 through 18, including recreation, travel, McLean Premier Soccer Travel, U5 for pre-K players, and TOP Soccer for children with special needs.

The season will begin the week of April 1 and extend through mid-June. Be sure to register no later than Jan. 31 to take advantage of the early discounted registration fees. Registration is still open for MYS Winter Ballmasters Training Session 2, which begins Jan. 27. Contact the MYS club administrator at [admin@mcleansoccer.org](mailto:admin@mcleansoccer.org) if you have any questions or call the MYS Office (703) 506-8068.

## Ashley Cross Signs Letter of Intent

Ashley Cross, a Great Falls resident and Senior at Bishop O'Connell High School recently signed a letter of intent to play Division 1 lacrosse at Monmouth University. Ashley has played Great Falls youth lacrosse since second grade and has coached the youth clinics the last 2 years.

The past three years she played for Capital Lacrosse Club. She has been a starting midfielder for O'Connell High School and was selected to the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference's Second Team her freshmen, sophomore and junior years.

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Wednesday, January 23, 2013, AT 10:00 A.M.

In execution of the Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases of Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing in the original principal amount of \$17,000,000 dated February 1, 2005 and recorded on February 2, 2005 in Deed Book 16944 at page 1191 among the land records of the County of Fairfax, Virginia (collectively, the "Deed of Trust"), securing U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee for the registered holders of Wachovia Bank Commercial Mortgage Trust, Commercial Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-C17 (the "Noteholder"), as successor in interest to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as trustee for the registered holders of Wachovia Bank Commercial Mortgage Trust, Commercial Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-C17 and Citigroup Global Markets Realty Corp., default having occurred in the payment of the debt secured thereby, and being instructed to do so by the Noteholder, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale the property described below at public auction by the main entrance to the Fairfax County Circuit Courthouse, located at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA 22030 on Wednesday, January 23, 2013, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The real property encumbered by the Deed of Trust that will be offered for sale by the Substitute Trustees is commonly known as 6245 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA (Tax Map No. 051-3-01-0031), 6253 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA (Tax Map No. 051-3-13-0005), 6302 Buffalo Ridge Road, Falls Church, VA (Tax Map No. 051-3-13-0010), 6300 Buffalo Ridge Road, Falls Church, VA (Tax Map No. 051-3-13-0011), and Tax Map Nos. 051-3-01-0030 and 051-3-11-0188A, as more particularly described in the Deed of Trust, and all improvements, fixtures, easements and appurtenances thereto (the "Real Property"). The Real Property will be sold together with the interest of the Noteholder, if any, in the following described personal property at the direction of the Noteholder as secured party thereof, as permitted by Section 8.9A of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended the ("Personal Property"): equipment, machinery, proceeds and all other personal property as more particularly described in the Deed of Trust (the "Personal Property"). The above described Real Property and Personal Property are collectively referred to as the "Property."

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The Substitute Trustees and the Beneficiary disclaim all warranties of any kind, either express or implied for the property, including without limitation, any warranty relating to the zoning, condition of the soil, extent of construction, materials, habitability, environmental condition, compliance with applicable laws, fitness for a particular purpose and merchantability. The risk of loss or damage to the property shall be borne by the successful bidder from and after the date of the time of the sale. Obtaining possession of the property shall be the sole responsibility of the successful bidder (the "Purchaser").

A bidder's deposit of \$50,000.00 (the "Deposit") by certified or cashier's check may be required by the Substitute Trustees for such bid to be accepted. The Substitute Trustees reserve the right to prequalify any bidder prior to the sale and/or waive the requirement of the Deposit. Immediately after the sale, the successful bidder shall execute and deliver a memorandum of sale with the Substitute Trustees, copies of which shall be available for inspection immediately prior to the sale, and shall deliver to the Substitute Trustees the Deposit and the memorandum of sale. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by the Purchaser. Settlement shall occur within thirty (30) days after the sale date, TIME BEING OF THE ESSENCE with regard to the Purchaser's obligation.

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The Purchaser shall be required to sign an agreement at settlement waiving any cause of action Purchaser may have against the Substitute Trustees, and/or the Beneficiary for any condition with respect to the property that may not be in compliance with any federal, state or local law, regulation or ruling including, without limitation, any laws, regulation and ruling relating to environmental contamination or hazardous wastes. Such agreement shall also provide that if notwithstanding such agreement, a court of competent jurisdiction should permit such a claim to be made, such agreement shall serve as the overwhelming primary factor in any equitable apportionment of response costs or other liability. Nothing herein shall release, waive or preclude any claims the Purchaser may have against any person in possession or control of the property.

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## WEDNESDAY/JAN. 16

**Grace Pettis and Pierce Pettis.** 8 p.m., at Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. The father and daughter singer-songwriters, both winners of the New Folk Award, play a show together. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Gin Blossoms.** 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. American pop-rock icons of the Arizona-brewed band play favorites from New Miserable Experience to their latest album No Chocolate Cake. \$45. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## THURSDAY/JAN. 17

**Opening Reception and Gallery Talk.** 7-9 p.m., at McLean Project for the Arts, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. New exhibitions including Small Stories: Paintings by Nora Sturges, Matthew Mann and Gregory Ferrard in the Emerson Gallery; GOLDRushed: Paintings by Thomas Xenakis in the Atrium Gallery; and Altered Terrain: Drawings by Rosemary Luckett in the Ramp Gallery will open. [www.mcleanart.org](http://www.mcleanart.org).

**Perils of the College Drinking Culture Forum.** 7 p.m., at McLean High School, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. The Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County's highly acclaimed program prepares families for what students will face at college related to underage and binge drinking. [www.unifiedprevention.org](http://www.unifiedprevention.org) or [deputydirector@unifiedprevention.org](mailto:deputydirector@unifiedprevention.org).

**Membership Meeting.** 7:30 p.m., at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane, Vienna. Following a pre-meeting dinner at 6:45 p.m., Paul White speaks on Covert Vietnam Military Operations in Laos and Cambodia. [www.vva227.org](http://www.vva227.org).

**International Guitar Night.** 8 p.m., at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. A group of innovative acoustic guitarists showcases the diversity in the niche; performers include Martin Taylor, Solorazaf, Celso Machado and Brian Gore performing solos, duets, quartets and more. \$25. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## FRIDAY/JAN. 18

**Christopher Cross.** 8 p.m., at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Texan singer/songwriter, Academy Award, Golden Globe Award and five-time Grammy Award-winner Christopher Cross plays. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## SATURDAY/JAN. 19

**Oratorical Contest.** 10 a.m., at the Vienna American Legion, 330 Center St. N., Vienna. High school students can register by Jan. 11 to participate. 703-867-1285 or [ronp5555@yahoo.com](mailto:ronp5555@yahoo.com).

**An Evening With Dick Gregory.** 8 p.m., at the Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. A Movement leader from the 1960s and comedian, civil and human rights activist, author, recording artist, television and film personality, nutritionist and veteran committed to non-violent social change speaks in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. \$20, \$10, MCC residents. [www.aldentheatre.org](http://www.aldentheatre.org).

## SUNDAY/JAN. 20

**Breakfast Buffet.** 8 a.m.-noon, at the American Legion, 330 Center St. N., Vienna. Omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon and all the fixings. \$8, adults; \$3, children.



**Gregory Ferrard, Explosion! If they only knew what they know now, acrylic on canvas, 40 x 30 inches**

## New Exhibitions Open at MPA on Jan. 17

McLean Project for the Arts will hold an opening reception and gallery talk on Thursday, Jan. 17 from 7 - 9 p.m. for three new exhibitions. It is free and open to the public.

❖ **Small Stories:** Paintings by Nora Sturges, Matthew Mann and Gregory Ferrard at the Emerson Gallery.

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**Christopher Cross**

## Christopher Cross at Wolf Trap

Texan singer/songwriter, Academy Award, Golden Globe Award and five-time Grammy Award-winner Christopher Cross plays at Wolf Trap on Friday, Jan. 18 at 8 p.m.

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**Sea of Galilee Jesus Boat Archaeological Research.** 3 p.m., at Wu's Garden Chinese Restaurant, 418 Maple Ave., E, Vienna. Marine archaeologist Dr. Alexis Catsambis talks on research conducted in the Sea of Galilee. 888-350-8842 or [www.basonova.org](http://www.basonova.org).

## TUESDAY/JAN. 22

**Mike Loulakis Discusses Design-Build Legal Lessons Learned.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at Wildfire Restaurant in Tysons Corner, 1714 International Drive, McLean. The January DBIA-MAR luncheon meeting will feature Mike Loulakis, Esq., from Capital Project Strategies, LLC with a review and update of the impact of recent legal decisions. Members, \$45; Non-members, \$55; students, free. <http://dbialoulakislegal.eventbrite.com/>.

**Chihuly Talk.** 7 p.m., at McLean Project for the Arts, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Chihuly Exhibition Educator Courtney Morano of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts gives a slide show lecture about Dale Chihuly and his VMFA exhibition. RSVP. [info@mpaart.org](mailto:info@mpaart.org).

## WEDNESDAY/JAN. 23

**Coffee & Conversation With Unified Prevention Coalition.** 8:30 a.m., at the UPC Offices, 2970-B Chain Bridge Road, Oakton. The Fairfax County Parent Teacher Student Association and Parent Teacher Student Organization coalition leaders gather. [www.unifiedprevention.org](http://www.unifiedprevention.org).

**Langley Fork Scenic Pull-off Completion Ceremony.** 11 a.m., at 6266 Georgetown Pike, McLean. The project to build a scenic pull-off on Georgetown Pike is completed after 10 years of work; Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust hosts a ceremony with Virginia Department of Transportation representatives and the Fairfax County Park Authority. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville).

**i2B Business Mixer.** 5:30-8 p.m., at Clyde's of Tysons Corner, 8332 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. McLean Orchestra presents its third business mixer to expand circles, enjoy presentations from the McLean Chamber of Commerce and Leadership Fairfax. \$38 pre-registration or \$45 at the door (valet parking, appetizers and two drinks included). [www.mclean-orchestra.org](http://www.mclean-orchestra.org).

**Ralph Stanley & The Clinch Mountain Boys.** 8 p.m., at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Grammy Award-winner, recipient of the Living Legend Award from the Library of Congress and National Medal of Arts recipient Ralph Stanley and his late brother Carter's band the Clinch Mountain Boys play. \$40. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## THURSDAY/JAN. 24

**Art Appetizers Returns!** 7-9 p.m., at the McLean Project for the Arts, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Art, appetizers and conversation compose the evening in the gallery sponsored by the New Dominion Women's Club. \$20. [www.ndwc.org/home.html](http://www.ndwc.org/home.html).



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**Matt Jordan, of Vienna, received a Bronze Medal Award for "superior federal service."**

## Vienna Resident Honored by U.S. Census Bureau

Matthew Jordan, of Vienna, was honored with the prestigious Bronze Medal Award for "superior federal service," the highest honorary recognition awarded by the U.S. Census Bureau. The award is given for superior performance of assigned tasks and for significant contributions affecting major programs within the U.S. Census Bureau, including the demonstration of unusual initiative in the development and improvement of methods and procedures.

Jordan, a mathematical statistician at the U.S. Census Bureau, was recognized with his research team for outstanding contributions to voter language assistance that was used to support non-English speakers with voting in this past election. The duration of the project took eight months and advanced language assistance for national voting needs. The team used the 2010 Census data and the American Community Survey to determine which jurisdictions nationwide needed language assistance for voters, per the Voting Rights Act. The team also improved the accuracy and

efficiency of the data through combining "regression type" estimates with direct estimates.

Jordan determined that his own hometown of Fairfax County was one of the jurisdictions that required voter language assistance for Spanish-speakers. Translators or ballots in different languages are examples of voter language assistance.

"I am truly humbled and honored to be recognized with the Bronze Medal. I'm even more honored to have had the opportunity to help many citizens exercise their basic, fundamental right to vote in this past election," Jordan says.

Jordan has worked as a mathematical statistician at the U.S. Census Bureau for three years. He graduated an "All-American" swimmer from Adelphi University with an undergraduate degree in mathematics and C.W. Post with a graduate degree in applied mathematics. Jordan currently lives in Vienna, but returns home on holidays to visit with his parents, grandmother, and friends in Long Island New York.

## FAITH NOTES

*Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to [vienna@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:vienna@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.*

**Church of the Holy Comforter,** 543 Beulah Rd. NE, Vienna, holds a Taize contemplative worship service at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 27. The service combines chant and scripture with time spent in silence in a setting of greenery and candlelight. 703-938-6521 or [www.holycomforter.com](http://www.holycomforter.com).

**Great Falls United Methodist Men** invite you to their annual pancake dinner Tuesday, Feb. 12, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Dinner is free and donations are accepted. All proceeds will be sent to The Society of St. Andrew to help feed the hungry. For more

information call the church at 703-759-3705.

**St. Francis Episcopal Church,** 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, offers three Sunday services and a host of musical, educational, outreach, and fellowship ministries to enrich spiritual growth. 7:45 a.m. Worship Service without music; 9 a.m. Worship Service, Children's Chapel and Children's Choirs; 10 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum; and 11 a.m. Worship Service with Adult Choir. 703-759-2082.

**Redeemer Lutheran Church,** 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, offers a 9 a.m. traditional service and a 10:30 a.m. contemporary service on Sundays. Also offers two services during the summer - both of which will include children's sermons. 703-356-3346.