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NEWS



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People rushing to get on the first public Silver Line rail cars on Saturday, July 26, at Weihle-Reston East Silver Line station.

Local, state and national officials at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Silver Line on Saturday.

Silver Line Officially Opens

Weihle-Reston East to Largo Town Center.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

After the speeches, after the ribbon-cutting, there was a mad rush to board the first publicly open rail cars that rolled on the Silver Line heading towards Tysons Corner. “Step back. Doors closing.”

Those inside the eight new rail cars cheered. Those outside were visibly - and

some vocally - disappointed.

After years of promises, history was being made. Local residents wanted to be a part of it.

THE SILVER LINE grand opening ceremony, attended by energetic local, state and national dignitaries, was held Saturday at the Wiehle-Reston East Station, a station that was only one part of the \$2.9 billion project known as Phase I.

“Welcome aboard the Silver Line!” said Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority CEO Richard Sarles. “It’s time to ride.”

WMATA expects 37 percent of current rail riders will experience shorter wait times thanks to the new project.

“The Silver Line is not just a transportation project,” said Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova. “It’s a major transformative initiative.”

She and other officials, including Gov. Terry McAuliffe and U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx, rode the very first rail cars to the W-RE station before the ceremony.

“I just rode the car from Tysons,” said Gov. McAuliffe. “It was smooth, it was right on time, it was perfect and soon, we’ll all be on it.”

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Tysons Welcomes Metrorail

BY RYAN DUNN
THE CONNECTION

Five Silver Line Metro stations located in Reston and Tysons Corner opened to the public on Saturday, July 27. According to a report provided by the WMATA, approximately 32,147 people entered or exited at one of the five new Silver Line stations that day. The first phase of the Silver Line is a 1.7-mile extension from East Falls Church in Arlington to Wiehle Avenue in Reston. It includes five Metrorail stations: McLean, Tysons Corner, Greensboro, Spring Hill, and Wiehle-Reston East.

THE PHASE 1 of the Silver Line cost \$2.9 billion to construct. The Metro line extension in Virginia is planned to expand an additional 11 miles by 2018, connecting the rail system to Dulles International Airport. Many riders seemed relieved the Silver Line is finally in operation. “I think the Silver Line will be transformative, it is great,” said Reston resident Roz Rakoff who rode the Silver Line out to the Spring Hill metro station in Tysons.

“I think the Silver Line will bring more corporate business to the area,” said Herndon resident and retiree Charles E. Walker. “My nephew bought a parking space at the Reston station garage.” The

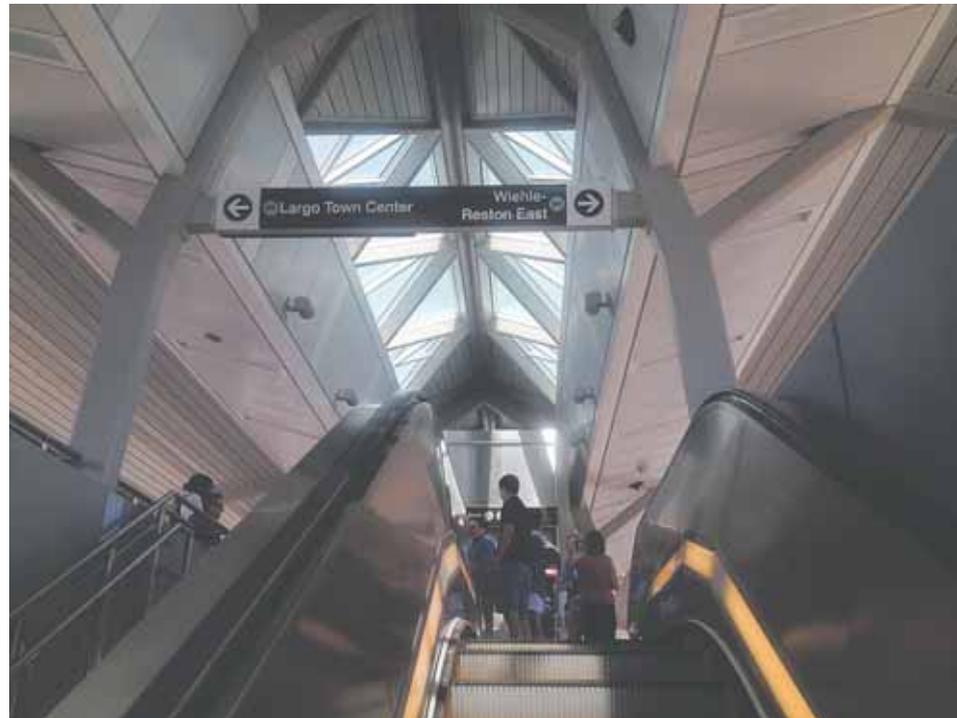


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An elevator and stairs lead up to metrorails at the Silver Line Spring Hill metro station. Both Loudoun County Transit and the Fairfax Connector have bus routes to Spring Hill metro.

Reston garage was built as a public-private partnership by Comstock Partners and Fairfax County. The county owns the commuter garage, and Metro will collect park-

ing fees. Rates will be the same as at other Metro garages in the county: \$4.85 per day; \$65 a month for reserved parking; and \$75 a year for using the secure bike room.

Arrival of Silver Line to Tysons set to encourage residential development.

Ultimately the Silver Line will extend to the Dulles International Airport and into Loudoun County. Costs are expected to exceed \$2.7 billion. “It is so exciting to finally see this critically-important rail link become a reality,” remarked U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11). “You can sense the excitement in Reston and Tysons as residents and creative-thinkers look forward, envisioning bold projects incorporating smart growth and transit-oriented economic and housing development.”

“I think the Silver Line will make transportation issues easier for commuters,” said Alex Horwitz, a resident of Fairfax and middle school teacher. “Although the lack of parking at some of the metro locations is bit unusual.” There are no parking garages at the metro station in Tysons, but there are bike racks and bike lockers. Wiehle-Reston East is the only Silver Line station with a parking garage. “I think the Silver Line will bring a lot of great opportunities,” said Fairfax resident Steven Tricarico, an events coordinator with Comstock Partners.

HOUSING DEVELOPERS are testing to see if metro accessible Tysons will bring in more tenants. Home to two

SEE SILVER LINE, PAGE 4

First Train Arrives to McLean

Grand opening of the new metro line welcomed by residents.

BY EMMA HARRIS
THE CONNECTION

It was 12:23 p.m. Saturday, July 26 when for the first time, a full Silver Line metro train zoomed from Reston, through Tysons Corner and into the new McLean metro station.

The gates of the station opened at 11:30 a.m., letting in about 30 people who had been waiting to enter. At noon, riders were allowed onto the platform. Orange Line trains began heading to both Largo and Wiehle-Reston East almost immediately — a temporary move until the first Silver trains in both directions made their ways to the McLean station. Currently, the Orange and Silver lines split at East Falls Church.

A mix of train enthusiasts, police, reporters and area residents crowded the platform waiting for the first Silver Line train to arrive, though many came for different reasons. Throughout the stations were Metro representatives handing out free silver flags to commemorate the opening day.

“In the long run, this will bring some business and more residents,” said David Won of McLean. “I’m elated,” he said, “because this will change my life a little. I don’t need to go to West Falls Church now that this stop is so close to my house.” Not wanting to miss the first day, Won said he was happy because the metro is another way of connecting people in Northern Virginia to Washington, D.C.

“I’m here today because why not,” said William Varona of McLean. “I’m kind of impressed, too. This is a solid, well-thought out station.”

Emy Dillon of McLean said she likes the convenience of the new metro line, even not for commuting. “The metro line is wonderful, and the view is beautiful from here,” she said. And though the metro will “definitely change” Tysons, Dillon said it is a nice travel option to have available.

Amongst the growing crowd were many parents with their young children, most very excited to see a train arrive.

“This is my train aficionado,” said Lynn Stein, gesturing to her young son wearing a conductor’s hat and clutching a miniature train. “It’s been a five year wait, and he is so excited.”



PHOTO BY EMMA HARRIS/THE CONNECTION
Metro riders walk on and off of the first Silver Line metro train at the McLean station, Saturday, July 26.

Jeehang Lee and his son Nathaniel stood by the tracks waiting for a train, too. “I’m only here for him,” Lee said as Nathaniel eagerly asked when a train would arrive. “But hopefully the traffic won’t be that bad after this station gets busy,” he added.

Next weekend is expected to bring a “packed” silver line, said Metro Transit Police officer J. Anderson.

“Metro has changed the character of the area,” said Darren Ewing of McLean. “Even if you don’t commute, having it here to go into DC for events is nice,” added Andy Marshall of Great Falls. For Saturday, they both were there for the same reason: “the inaugural ride.”

Other residents doubted that the full impact of the metro on the McLean community would be seen for another few years. “As exciting as it is to have the Silver Line opening, I don’t think we will get the full effect until it connects to Dulles airport in a few years,” said Nancy Eveleigh of McLean. “Then the major transport needs of the metro area will be met by not just those of some commuters and shoppers.”

After the first train from Wiehle-Reston East left for East Falls Church, there was still one more first — at 12:30 p.m., the first Silver Line train headed through Tyson’s to Wiehle-Reston East pulled into the station. “All aboard,” the Metro train operator called as passengers walked into the cars.



Nathaniel Lee, a train enthusiast, points to the first Silver Line metro train after it pulls into the McLean station, Saturday, July 26.



Riders walk through the gates and up to the platform for the first time at the McLean metro station, Saturday, July 26.

VIEWPOINTS

How will the Silver Line affect the area?

—EMMA HARRIS

Emy Dillon, McLean

“It’s a convenient new way to travel for both commuters and residents. People will move around differently, so this will definitely change Tysons.”



William Varona, McLean

“With the metro, more people will come to Tysons. I’m kind of impressed, too. This is a solid, well-thought out station.”



Darren Ewing, Great Falls, left

“The area will expand. This connects people from all the way out in Reston to Maryland. It will change our community.”

Andy Marshall, McLean, right

“Metro has changed the character of the area. Everyone, not just people going into D.C. for work, will ride. And more people will come here, too.”

Silver Line Spurs Development

FROM PAGE 3

shopping malls and the corporate headquarters of numerous companies, Tysons currently has more stores and jobs than residents. Tysons is effectively Fairfax County’s central business district and a commercial

center with a population of 19,627 as of the 2010 census. In June 2010, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors adopted a Comprehensive Plan for a Metro-accessible, urban Tysons with 100,000 residents. The Plan is designed to take advantage of the new Metro stations and by the year 2050

transform Tysons into a walkable urban center.

In April, The Ascent, a 25-story high-rise on 8421 Broad Street welcomed its first tenants. A second building designed by R2L Architects of Georgetown will be constructed by the Spring Hill Metro Station.

This location will add another 400 housing units. The project is one of seven planned towers which will be part of the 7.8 million-square-foot Spring Hill Station development.

For more information on the Silver Line, visit silverlinemetro.com.



PHOTO BY REENA SINGH/ THE CONNECTION

Patti McKeown, Laura Murray and Ian McKeown are three of the four owners of newly opened Great Falls Creamery.

Great Falls Creamery Opens

Local family runs business.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

Chocolate or vanilla? Chocolate chip cookie dough or mint chocolate chip?

Great Falls Creamery, the newest ice cream shop in town, opened earlier this summer to give locals an in-town option for their favorite scoops.

"It's a true family business," said Patti McKeown.

Patti runs the business with her husband Gary, son Ian and future daughter-in-law Laura Murray.

Ian owns State Garden Center across the street. He recalled the day someone at the shop suggested that he open an ice cream parlor in the Great Falls Village Center.

"The goal is for it to be Great Falls' creamery," said Ian. "Where the customer can see the ice cream being made. They know it's good."

Everything a customer can dream up is served there. The most commonly requested items are hard scoops, soft serve and milkshakes, but the Creamery also serves root beer floats, mixed scoops and - as one person has requested - a sorbet shake.

THE MORE POPULAR ice cream flavors have been mint chocolate chip and moose tracks, but the shop also offers more creative flavors like dulce de leche and cherry jubilee.

The creamery opened June 29 for a soft opening. However, because the Concerts on the Green was right outside their window, they ended up having lines out the door. Those lines have become a tradition of sorts for the shop every Sunday since then.

"It's fun to see familiar faces as well as new faces," said Murray. "It's a feel good environment."

Even with its success, the company is thinking long term. Murray said new plans for organic ice cream from a dairy farm that grass-feeds their cows may be available soon. The creamery hopes to experiment with their own flavors in the future as well.

"We would love to be able to add our own flavors and add new creations," she said. "We've always talked about fresh produce - fresh peaches and strawberries."

They are also planning promotions and weekly specials. Currently, the weekly specials include \$1 off banana splits on Monday, getting your first topping free on Wednesday and \$5 large shakes Friday. These weekly specials will be changed up every so often.

Additionally, Murray said the

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On July 28, 2014, in affirming that Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage is unconstitutional, Circuit Judge Henry F. Floyd writes:

"We recognize that same-sex marriage makes some people deeply uncomfortable. However, inertia and apprehension are not legitimate bases for denying same-sex couples due process and equal protection of the laws. Civil marriage is one of the cornerstones of our way of life. It allows individuals to celebrate and publicly declare their intentions to form lifelong partnerships, which provide unparalleled intimacy, companionship, emotional support, and security. The choice of whether and whom to marry is an intensely personal decision that alters the course of an individual's life. Denying same-sex couples this choice prohibits them from participating fully in our society, which is precisely the type of segregation that the Fourteenth Amendment cannot countenance."

Judge Arenda Wright Allen, on Valentine's Day, 2014, ruled that Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage is unconstitutional, writing:

"A spirited and controversial debate is underway regarding who may enjoy the right to marry in the United States of America. America has pursued a journey to make and keep our citizens free. This journey has never been easy, and at times has been painful and poignant. The ultimate exercise of our freedom is choice. Our Declaration of Independence recognizes

that 'all men' are created equal. Surely this means all of us. While ever-vigilant for the wisdom that can come from the voices of our voting public, our courts have never long tolerated the perpetuation of laws rooted in unlawful prejudice. One of the judiciary's noblest endeavors is to scrutinize laws that emerge from such roots.

EDITORIAL

"Plaintiffs assert that the restriction on their freedom to choose to marry the person they love infringes on the rights to due process and equal protection guaranteed to them under the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution. These challenges are well-taken..."

"The Court is compelled to conclude that Virginia's Marriage Laws unconstitutionally deny Virginia's gay and lesbian citizens the fundamental freedom to choose to marry."

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Our 2014 Insider's Edition Newcomers and Community Guides, will publish the last week of August.

What tips do you have for someone getting to know your community? What do you wish you had discovered sooner?

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tivities, events, organizations, volunteer opportunities and more that make each community what it is. Tell us your favorite park; let us know what events are not to be missed. Give a shout out to organizations that do a great job. Share your best volunteer experiences. Do you have tips for navigating your PTA or your school's front office? We'd love to have your photos to go along with your suggestions.

Faith organizations, nonprofit organizations, clubs, environmental groups, advocacy groups, youth sports teams and others who offer events open to the public are invited to send a paragraph about your organization and how to get involved.

We will publish a selection of local tips along with a plethora of information useful to newcomers and long-time residents alike, including our award-winning Insiders Guide to the Parks, information on how to vote and more.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Walker Road 'After'

To the Editor:

I was pleased to see that the traffic lanes that were taken away from Walker Road at Georgetown Pike are being put to good use. So far I've seen the pedestrian crossing and single traffic lane blocked with a tanker truck filling up with water at the fire hydrant, and lawn-service trucks & trailers. Political protest is a bit ironic because it was probably \$1M in "stimulus" funding that was used to reduce the number of lanes on Walker.



Gene Phillip
Great Falls



Choosing Wisely In November

To the Editor:

Franklin Roosevelt stated, "Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to do so wisely." I recommend we choose Barbara Comstock instead of John Foust in the November election for our representative to the U. S. House of Representatives from the Virginia 10th District.

Whether you are a Democrat or Republican, the record shows that Barbara Comstock is the more qualified candidate, by virtue of her wide range of experience, as a successful mother and business professional, as a senior staff member for outgoing Congressman Frank Wolf, as a professional in the Justice Department handling public affairs, and currently as our very successful and highly respected delegate to the Virginia House of Delegates.

John Foust has been a fairly effective member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and has helped citizens of Great Falls with some but not all issues. Somewhat problematic, he has consistently supported higher

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THURSDAY/JULY 31

Teen Volunteer Sign-up for Reading Buddies. 4:15 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Please report at 4:15 p.m. Teen. 703-757-8560.

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Great Falls Rotary Club Weekly Speaker Series. 7:30-8:30 a.m. River Bend Country Club, 375 Walker Road Great Falls. Visit <http://www.rotarygreatfalls.org/> to join.

Artists Meet for Coffee. 8:30-10 a.m. Katie's Coffeehouse, Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Local Artists meet for Coffee; do drop in! 703-759-2759.

Capitol Tap - Tapping the Timeline: Tap Music from the 1920s to Today. 10:30 a.m. Wolf Trap Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. D.C. youth trap ensemble performs both new and classic work including traditional jazz, Latin music, and hip-hop. Admissions: \$8. 703-255-1900.

FRIDAY/AUG. 1

Kayak Tour - Moonshine & Mayhem. 5-7 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. What is now Riverbend Park once was a safe haven for illegal whiskey-making operations during the 1920s; kayak past river islands and discover its shady past. Ages 14+. \$59-\$74. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/>



Vienna native Natalie York returns with her Brooklyn, N.Y.-based band and second album PROMISES on Aug. 2 at Jammin' Java.

riverbend-park/kayaktours.htm.

FRIDAY/AUG. 1, 2, 8 AND 9

"Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" 7:30 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, Vienna. A musical production capturing the funniest aspects of youthful growing pains, and the trying moments of adolescence.

FRIDAY/AUG. 1 - SATURDAY/AUG. 2

Pushcart Players: "Little Red Riding Hood & Other Stories" 10:30 a.m. Wolf Trap Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Watch Emmy-

historical and natural beauty of the Potomac. Ages 14+. \$59-\$74. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/kayaktours.htm>.

Free Tai Chi Beginners' Practice. 8-9 a.m. McLean Central Park basketball court, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd, McLean. Open to all, including first-timers, every Saturday morning. 703-759-9141 or www.freetaichi.org/practice.shtml.

Natalie York Band at Jammin' Java. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Vienna native Natalie York returns with her Brooklyn, NY-based band and second album PROMISES. Tickets available at www.jamminjava.com.

Joel Henry Stein House Concert and Potluck. 7 p.m. Somerville Residence, 831 Ninovan Road SE, Vienna. Seating is limited. \$20. Please search "Joel Henry Stein" on www.Eventbrite.com to RSVP. More info available at www.joelstein.com.

SUNDAY/AUG. 3

Intro to River Kayaking. 1-1:30 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. This introductory level course covers river hazards, water safety and paddling basics. Ages 14+. \$28-43. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/kayaktours.htm>.

TUESDAY/AUG. 5

A Bailar! 2:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Cantaré, Latin American Music is a group based in the Washington D.C. area that brings music to audiences while teaching about Latin American geography, history and culture. www.cantaremusic.com.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 6

Pat Metheny Unity Group and Bruce Hornsby - Campfire Tour 2014. 7:30 p.m. Wolf Trap - The Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Enjoy this boundary-pushing jazz quintet meet genre-hopping pop pianist and songwriter behind '80s hit "The Way It Is". Admissions: \$22-\$55. 703-255-1900.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 6 - THURSDAY/AUG. 7

Taylor 2: Paul Taylor 2 Dance Company. 10:30 a.m. Wolf Trap Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. This dance company will showcase the vision of famous choreographer Paul Taylor. Admissions: \$10. 703-255-1900.

SATURDAY/AUG. 2 - SATURDAY/AUG. 9

McLean AAUW 45th Annual Used Book Collections. 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Sun Trust Bank, 515 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Bring book, CD and DVD contributions for the 45th Annual Used Book Sale in September. Email aauwbookfair@gmail.com or call 703-527-4206 for information.

SATURDAY/AUG. 2 - SUNDAY/AUG. 3

Tysons-Pimmit Library Book Sale. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Friends of the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library is holding a book sale to benefit the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library on August 2 and 3. Choose from a large selection of 3-

FRIDAY/AUG. 8

Kayak Tour - Sunset over Riverbend. 5-7 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Experience the end of the day with a tour of the upper Potomac. Ages 14+. \$59-\$74. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/kayaktours.htm>.

SATURDAY/AUG. 9

Free Tai Chi Beginners' Practice. 8-9 a.m. McLean Central Park basketball court, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd, McLean. Open to all, including first-timers, every Saturday morning. 703-759-9141 or www.freetaichi.org/practice.shtml.

SUNDAY/AUG. 10

Tom Principato Celebrate Great Falls Concert on the Green. 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre Green, Georgetown Pike and Walker Road, Great Falls. Come out with your picnic baskets and chairs for an evening of live, free blues and rock music. 571-293-0474.

Intro to River Kayaking. 1-1:30 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. This introductory level course covers river hazards, water safety and paddling basics. Ages 14+. \$28-43. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/kayaktours.htm>.

TUESDAY/AUG. 12

Noche Flamenca. 8:30 p.m. Wolf Trap - The Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Live music with song and dance featuring Flamenco. \$10-\$44. 703-255-1900.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 13

Kayaking for Fitness. 5-7 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills

SATURDAY/AUG. 16

Ballroom Dance. 8-11:30 p.m. Colvin Run Dance Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. 8-9pm Mambo lesson; 9-11:30pm dance with favorite dance tunes from the 1930s to today. Attire is ballroom casual. \$15. 703-759-2685.

Sunrise Kayak Tour. 7-9 a.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Paddle with a naturalist and learn about the historical and natural beauty of the Potomac. Ages 14+. \$59-\$74. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/kayaktours.htm>.

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LETTERS

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taxes. He has recently accepted massive campaign funding from National Democrats including Nancy Pelosi, and in exchange has pledged support for Obamacare and other issues. We should much prefer someone beholding only to his conscience and his constituents.

Gerry Connolly, Tim Kaine, and Mark Warner have been consistent followers of the Democratic answer to problems, and have not been leaders in the Congress.

Electing John Foust would not make the House more effective.

John Kennedy once said, "Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer." Barbara Comstock was clearly the first choice from six Republican primary candidates. Because of her leadership, she will quickly become a leader in the House of Representatives, and work with her peers in both parties to find the right answers to the continuing problems of health care, economy, and defense of our Nation. She is well known

at all levels, District, State and National. She has a high degree of respect of military service personnel, and has been endorsed by numerous business organizations.

Barbara Comstock is a highly principled legislative leader. She has sponsored a wide range of important legislation that has become law in Virginia, including improved diagnosis of Lyme disease, congenital defects, improving the business climate important to creating high tech jobs in Northern Virginia and saving tax money during Metro contracting.

She also created a Young Women's leadership Organization to teach motivated young people on solving problems of today, and become leaders for tomorrow. She clearly is sensitive to issues affecting women, including workplace, family, and medical issues.

Her constituent service is exemplary. She is always accessible to hear an issue, and always responsive. She listens carefully as people describe a problem, and then works across party lines, to prepare legislation if needed. Barbara Comstock advocates a conserva-

tive approach to limiting Federal Government involvement in our lives. She believes in low taxes, and protection of our Constitutional Bill of Rights.

Therefore, I highly recommend we all support Barbara Comstock to become our Representative to the U. S. House of Representatives. She is a winner and the wise choice in November!

Glen Sjoblom
Great Falls Citizen

A Good News

To the Editor:

Saul Centers is to be loudly applauded for the new oasis at the Safeway Shopping Center on Walker Road. The open space between CVS and Starbucks has been transformed into a tranquil park, complete with splashing fountains and restful landscaping for all to enjoy.

After initial dismay at the removal of some trees and the reconstruction of the parking lot last year, the results prove to be worth the wait. This is just a lovely spot, one which no one was obligated to provide to the community.

Thanks, Saul Centers, for an invaluable gift to Great Falls.

Robert and Lynn Mobley
Great Falls

Government In Bedrooms

To the Editor:

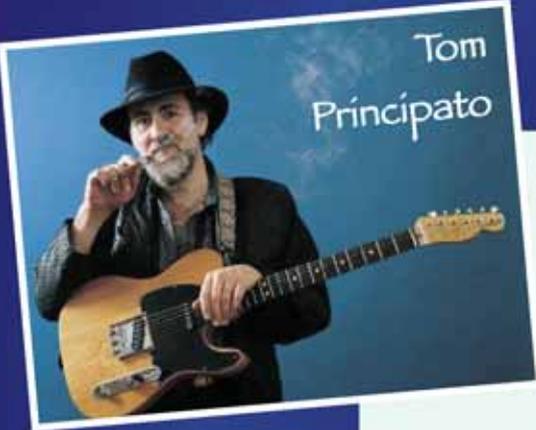
For a moment there, when I read that Delegate Barbara Comstock "spearheaded the effort to ... end birth control politics by making birth control pills available over the counter," ["Foust, Comstock Battle Women's Issues," Connection, July 16, 2014] I was impressed. Maybe she really did want to help wives and husbands plan their families. Maybe she realized her vote for the Personhood Amendment, which would give politicians the power to decide which forms of birth control women are allowed to use, was unnecessary government interference in our bedrooms. But no, turns out that the "effort" she "spearheaded" amounted to a letter to Kathleen Sibelius, then Director of the Department of Health and Human Services. She was not working to help Virginia families at all. Instead, we need Supervisor John Foust to represent us in Congress, a public servant who listens to his constituents and fights for their causes.

Linda Burchfiel
McLean

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WEEK IN GREAT FALLS

Loebig Chiropractic to Host Blood Drive

Loebig Chiropractic & Rehab, in partnership with The American Red Cross, will be hosting another community blood drive in Great Falls at the office of Dr. Glenn Loebig, 754 Walker Rd, Great Falls on Tuesday, Sept. 16 from 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

“The turnout for our last blood drive was so amazing, we decided to host another event to assist with our local blood shortage,” said Loebig.

The American Red Cross mentions that people can donate a pint of blood every 56 days and each donation can help save up to three lives.

Prospective blood donors should bring a photo ID, weigh a minimum of 115 pounds and be at least 17 years of age. A 16-year old may donate blood with written parental consent. Many health conditions and medications do not prevent someone from donating blood, so all interested parties are encouraged to call 703-757-5817 with any questions.

Creamery Opens

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shop is planning a “last taste of freedom” special on Sept. 1, the day before school starts again. From 1 to 2:50 p.m., the time a customer comes into the shop will be the price they pay for a single scoop. If they come in at 1:50 p.m., each scoop will be \$1.50.

“We try really hard to keep the prices down,” said Murray. “We don’t want a family of four to break the bank to come get ice cream here.”

Patti said she hopes businesses use the location as a relaxed place for meetings. She said she has already spoken to local businesses about that potential. Most of all, she wants to see people happy when they are at the shop.

“We want to see people enjoy coming here,” she said.

Although Gary was on a trip to Africa, he sent a note stating how thankful he is for the community’s support.

“If you haven’t already, stop by to enjoy your favorite ice cream and friendly employees and make yourself at home,” he said.

GREAT FALLS CREAMERY is open seven days a week all year around. From Monday to Thursday and Sunday, it is open noon to 9 p.m. On Friday and Saturday, it is open noon to 10 p.m. It is located at 766 Walker Road behind the Old Brogue Irish Pub.

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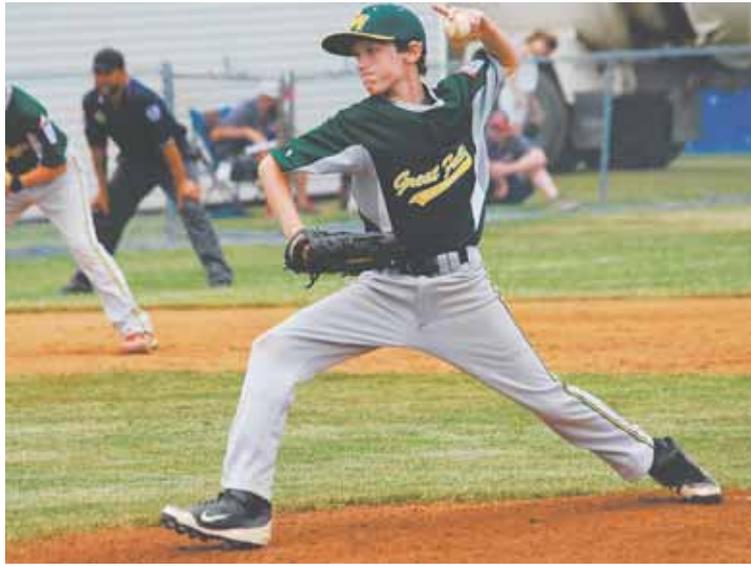
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SPORTS

Joey Thomas pitching against Tuckahoe in the State semi-finals. Thomas later hit a grand slam home run.



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Nicholas Faili pitching a gem against Green Run in the State quarterfinals.

Great Falls All Stars Reach the Final Four

The Great Fall Little League All Stars took their high-octane pitching and excellence across the line up hitting to the semi-finals of the Virginia State Little League All Star tournament in Bridgewater, Va.

The semi-final game against eventual state winner Tuckahoe American featured heart-stopping action. Joey Thomas put forth a grand-slam home run to tie the game at 5, bolstering his already solid

pitching performance. Later, Brian Check hit a home run with two runners on to tie the score at 8. Great Falls scorers were William Bean (2), Justin Duenkel, Zack Baskin, Simon Medina, Nicholas Faili, Thomas and Check. An eventual home run by Tuckahoe in the sixth was the decisive scoring, ending a thriller at Oakdale Park, in Bridgewater.

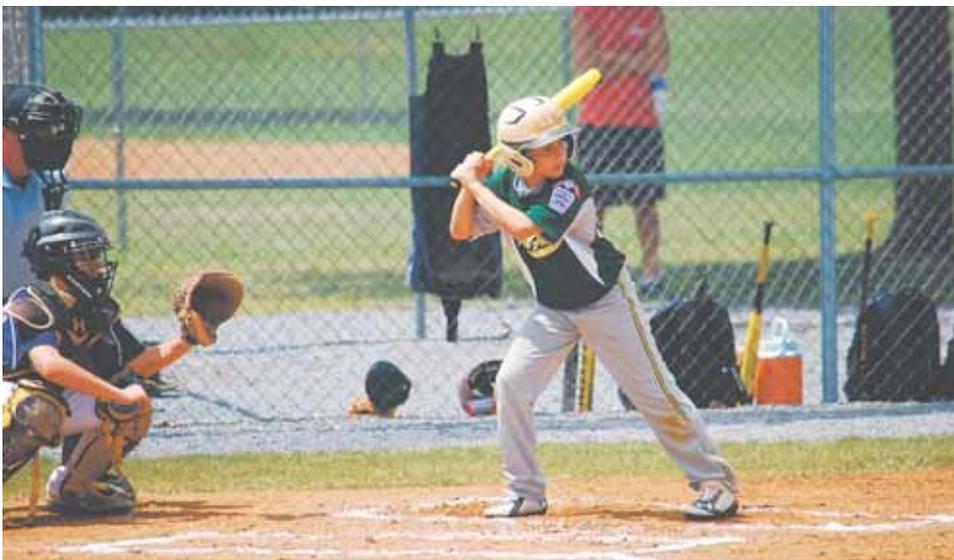
Along the way, Great Falls beat Bristol 14-2, Loudoun South 8-7, and Green Run 10-7

in the quarter-finals. Incredible pitching performances were put in by Faili, Bean, and Jake Berry.

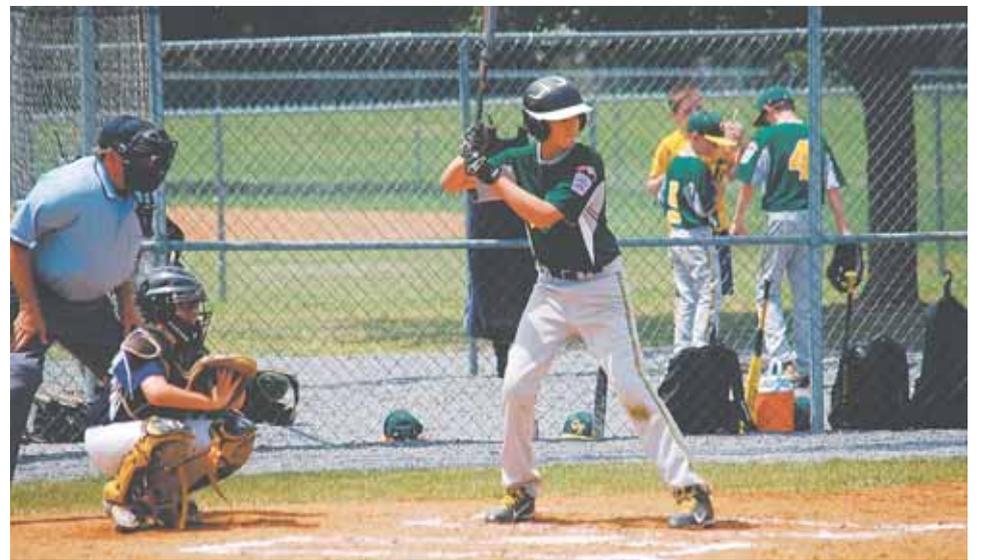
“Great Falls should be proud of what our kids have accomplished,” said GFLM Manager Steve Baskin. “Our small little league with only 4 Majors teams developed one of the top 4 teams in the state. Every single member of this team contributed and we needed all thirteen of them to accomplish this feat. The boys worked hard and will

carry these unbelievable memories for the rest of their lives.”

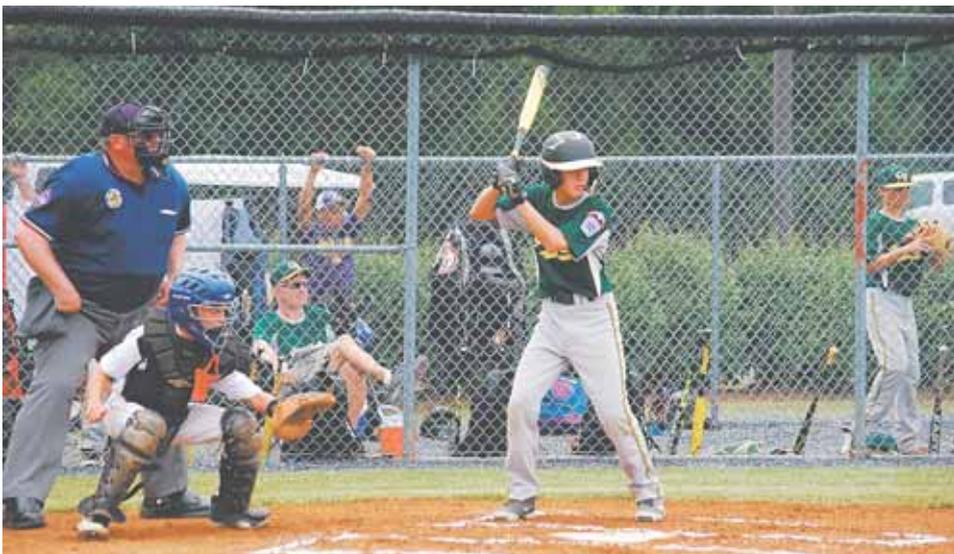
Members of the Great Falls Little League All-Stars: Zach Hamilton, Nicholas Faili, Joey Thomas, Garrett Appleton, Riley Cox, Simon Medina, Brian Check, Justin Duenkel, Sam Maruca, Jake Berry, Zack Baskin, William Bean, and Joey Femia. The Great Falls Manager is Steve Baskin, and Coaches are Gordon Bean and Jim Check.



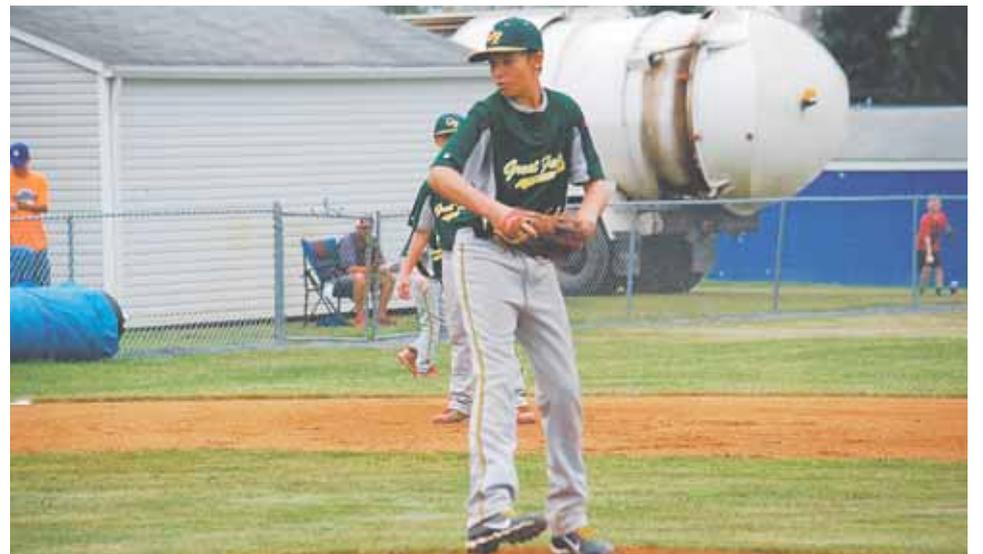
Zack Baskin



Jake Berry



William Bean



William Bean closed out Loudoun

Metrorail Seen As 'Game Changer'

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Several of the speakers following him commented on the governor's energy about the project.

"Virginia, sir," he said. "50 states. It's only the Commonwealth that matters. Nowhere else are they doing what we're doing today in Virginia."

Laughing, he ordered that Phase II of the Silver Line would be completed the day before his term of office is over.

After Phase II is completed, WMATA does not expect there will be another major project until a new strategic plan is drawn up in 2025.

"We are committed to unlocking the region," said Gov. McAuliffe. "That's why we've been so involved with making sure this comes to fruition."

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) said the road to the Silver Line has not been easy, however.

"There were not many believers," he said. "We were sued. Some of the people who sued us are in this room."

A couple of people in the audience laughed and raised their hands.

"This is going to transform our corridor," he said.

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx spoke similarly. He likened the road to the Silver Line like building a cathedral during the medieval era. While the builders did not know what the cathedral would look like by the end, they finished their work.

"The work of transportation is really the work of generations," he said. "Today is the day to celebrate



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Gov. Terry McAuliffe is interviewed by the media moments after stepping off the Silver Line rail car on the way to the extension's grand opening Saturday.

the voice of yes being stronger than the voice of no."

SUPERVISOR Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) spoke as a WMATA board member and as a longtime resident of Reston.

"When many of us moved to Reston, we were told that rail was coming," she said. "We didn't think it would take 48 years to come." She said that Reston's motto of live, work and play will be taken beyond the town boundaries with the new Metro line.

"These five stations really make a game changer for the county," she said.

But a ribbon cutting and a train ride is just the beginning, said Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville). Foust was not a speaker at the event, but also had the opportunity to ride the Metro line on the way to the event.

"This will really affect the quality of life and jobs here," he said. "It will create the opportunity to develop new communities around the metro stops that will become vibrant places to live, to work and to play."

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SATURDAY/AUG. 2

Red Cross Blood Donation. 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sharon Masonic Temple, 999 Balls Hill Road, McLean. The American Red Cross encourages all eligible blood donors to make an appointment to donate blood soon to help prevent a shortage. To make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

WEDNESDAY/AUG.13

Red Cross Blood Donation. 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. National Automobile Dealers Association, 8400 Westpark Drive, McLean. The American Red Cross encourages all eligible blood donors to make an appointment to donate blood soon to help prevent a shortage. To make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

SATURDAY/AUG. 16

McLean Child Safety Inspection. 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Lewinsville Center, 1609 Great Falls Street, McLean. The McLean District Police Station holds child safety seat inspections once per month.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 20

Governing Board of the McLean Community Center Special Meeting. 7:30 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. The Board will hold this special meeting to work on some time-sensitive projects, such as a proposed renovation and expansion and the FY 2016 budget proposal.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

McLean Child Safety Inspection. 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Lewinsville Center, 1609 Great Falls Street, McLean. The McLean District Police Station holds child safety seat inspections once per month.

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"CanSir"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

When it comes to being a cancer patient, even more so a multi-year cancer survivor, I have always erred on the side of caution. And by caution, I mean being respectful to the disease, courteous of its comings and goings, mindful of its potential damage and afraid of its intangibles. And by intangibles, I mean the unexplained and the inexplicable, and most fearfully, its power and unpredictability. Therefore, my behavior toward it has been intended to be as polite as possible; never to be perceived – in any way imaginable – as arrogant, presumptuous, in control, all-knowing and most especially, victorious.

My philosophy has been to remain as positive as I could, never buying into the generally unfavorable statistical models, while taking any success I've had as much in stride as humanly possible. Moreover, to the extent these successes have prolonged my life – and of course they have, considering the original "13 month to 2 year" prognosis I was given back in late February, 2009 – I still want to maintain a low profile and never boast or speak loudly, and never confidently, about the amazing good fortune I've experienced since I was diagnosed as "terminal" five years and exactly five-months-to-the-day ago (27th of the month). I've always worried that the reason I've survived is that somebody (some entity) somewhere made a mistake in their accounting and skipped over my name, sort of like a reverse typo. Irrational I suppose; nevertheless, I see no advantage in rocking the boat and/or bringing any attention to the fact that yours truly is still very much alive; flying under the radar is my preferred route.

Granted, I do write about this fact and I do bring attention to it, but not out of any need for self-aggrandizement. I do it because if I didn't, I'd probably be much less able to endure under my circumstances. Apparently, the need to express myself publicly is too overwhelming to deny. And thanks to my Publisher, Mary Kimm, I have had and continue to have the means, motivation and opportunity to do so/share my feelings about life as a cancer patient/survivor; hardly a crime. But never have I written any words because I matter in the discussion; rather because the subject (cancer) matters. And since I've been able to do so in a relatively quiet, honest and positive manner – never intending to be the story, only the storyteller – my life, my pursuit has continued.

Certainly I realize, as an originally-characterized-as-terminal cancer patient, that I'm up against an immovable object, generally speaking; still, statistics do have a margin of error, and human beings do have an immeasurable desire to live. Yet living to one's ripe old age is hardly guaranteed, as I've learned all too well. Accordingly, as you regular readers know, I've made many changes in my life, incorporating a variety of anti-cancer remedies into my daily routine, and so far, so great. What you may not have known, however, is how I've actually lived my life while changing. I have done so by always being grateful for the gift of life I have received and reverential to the powers that be. What I've done, I could not have done alone and elevating myself would seem to be the definition of counter-productive.

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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Thomas Gedle, as grantor, to John D. Eubank and Timothy E. Lewis, as trustees, for the benefit of Commercial Lending, LLC, a Virginia limited liability company, as beneficiary, dated November 29, 2012 and recorded on November 30, 2012 in Book 22736 at Page 0619 as Instrument No. 2012054176.010 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia ("Deed of Trust"), with an original principal balance of \$400,000.00 (as increased to \$600,000.00 by a duly-recorded modification), default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the front door of the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030, on

AUGUST 7, 2014 AT 10:00 AM

ALL THAT fee-simple LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Fairfax County, Virginia, known as 3809 Munson Road, Falls Church, Virginia 22041, and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of ten per centum of the sale price will be required of the Purchaser at the time and place of sale. The deposit must be paid in cash or certified funds. The balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds within twenty (20) days of the date of sale. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale to the date of settlement. The party secured herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest. Purchaser shall settle within twenty (20) days of the date of sale. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY THE PURCHASER. In the event that Purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, Purchaser shall be in default. The defaulting Purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property, and the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all of the expenses of this sale (including attorneys' fees and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. In the event settlement is delayed for any reason, including, but not limited to, exceptions to the sale, bankruptcy filings by interested parties, court administration of the foreclosure, or unknown title defects, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, ground rent, water and all public charges including electrical, sanitation, and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, are to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the Purchaser. Cost of all documentary stamps, recordation taxes, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the Purchaser.

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In the event that the Trustees are in default for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect.

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The EA was prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and Council of Environmental Quality and DoD Regulations implementing NEPA. The Master Plan Update Alternative and No Action Alternative were evaluated in the EA. Potential effects associated with the alternatives were identified and evaluated.

The Master Plan Update EA is being made available to the public and Federal, state, and local government agencies for review. The EA is available for download on WHS' website: <http://www.whs.mil/our-services/building-and-facilities>. A copy of the EA is also available for review at the following locations: **Arlington County Public Library – Central Library** at 1015 North Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22201; **Arlington County Public Library – Columbia Pike Branch** at 816 South Walter Reed Drive, Arlington, VA 22204; **Arlington County Public Library – Aurora Hills Branch** at 735 South 18th Street, Arlington, VA 22202; and **Arlington County Public Library – Plaza Branch** at 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, 1st Floor Lobby, Arlington, VA 22201.

Please send all written comments on the EA no later than August 31, 2014, to Ms. Elizabeth Lenyk, AIA, Chief Master Planner, Pentagon Reservation, 100 Boundary Channel Drive, Arlington, VA 22202-3700. Comments may also be sent via email to: elizabeth.h.lenyk.civ@mail.mil.

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