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## The Importance of Including Everyone

Hundreds turn out as School Board votes to add “gender identity” to nondiscrimination policy.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

Discrimination is bad, and every one should have a safe environment in which to learn. These sentiments were common to the Fairfax County School Board members and the hundreds of parents who packed the auditorium and front lobby of Luther Jackson Middle School for the board’s May 7 meeting.

But as the board convened to take action on adding the words “gender identity” to its nondiscrimination policy, there was significant, emotional discord in the audience and among several board members as to how the board had arrived at making this decision and what implementation of the policy update would ultimately look like.

Though signs and banners are typically allowed inside the school’s auditorium during School Board business meetings, additional security at the May 7 meeting prohibited those with signs from entering. Dozens of citizens therefore crowded around the open doors to the auditorium and periodically vocalized their opinions.

In November, the School Board voted to add sexual orientation to the list of categories for which a Fairfax County student, employee or applicant for employment should not be discriminated against. That list also includes age, race, color, sex, religion, national origin, marital status or disability.

At-large member Ryan McElveen introduced the gender identity update to the policy at a forum in March of this year. Then it came up as new business at the board’s April 23 regular meeting and was scheduled for a vote on May 7.

McElveen gave several reasons justifying the motion, beginning with a March opinion by Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring that local school boards do have authority under Virginia law to make such decisions.

Regarding the protection of transgender students and employees, he said, “The truth is we already do, but that protection has never been clearly outlined in our policies.”

Several public speakers at the beginning of the meeting voiced concerns that this policy change would make bathrooms and locker rooms unsafe by allowing members of one biological gender to use the opposite facility.

“Fears about this policy change are unfounded and need to be better understood,” McElveen said. “After we pass this policy tonight, nothing will change in how we handle cases of transgender and gender nonconforming students and employees.”

McElveen added that students and employees will continue to go through a thorough vetting process with regards to any gender-nonconformity, and that the board



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

**Citizens were actively engaged in the discussion leading up to the Fairfax County School Board’s 10-1 vote in favor of adding gender identity to the district’s nondiscrimination policy.**

has “never received a concern regarding a bathroom incident of this nature.”

Another justification raised by McElveen was the board is being compelled by the U.S. Department of Education office of civil rights to amend its policy as part of a national gender identity protection rollout. “In this light, amending is non-negotiable,” he said, “unless we want the government to come after our federal funding.”

The School Board’s counsel John E. Foster confirmed McElveen’s statements, saying “the federal government has been very clear they expect local school divisions to amend their policies to include gender identity.”

**NOT ALL BOARD** members agreed with that interpretation, however.

“That the government could compel individual local school boards around the country or risk losing federal education money like Title IX funds is unconscionable,” said Elizabeth Schultz, representing the Springfield District.

“Is my federal government really threatening me, as a duly elected local official who has sworn an oath to the constitution of Virginia to run this school system, to do their bidding by inserting ‘gender identity’ or face taking our children’s lunch money?” Schultz also voiced concerns that the board had not taken sufficient time to fully examine how it would implement the policy update and what the effects would be, both for staff workload and cost to the school system.

She motioned to postpone action on the policy until October, “so that the board can be provided the commensurate draft regulation and handbook language, and determine the overall impact of the proposed revision to Policy 1450.”

Patty Reed, representing Providence District, agreed with Schultz.

“This is about whether our board is being responsible or foolhardy,” she said. “Frankly the process we’ve used to get to

this point is troubling and embarrassing — so many fundamental questions that remain unanswered.

The board members, Reed continued, “clearly have caught the public by surprise and not done justice to our established public engagement process.”

Ultimately, Schultz and Reed were outvoted and the action moved forward, amid spontaneous outbursts from an increasingly boisterous audience.

The board finally voted 10-1 in favor of updating the policy to include “gender identity.” Schultz was the only dissenting vote, with Reed abstaining.

**IN CHAIRMAN** Tammy Derenak Kaufax’s statement regarding the decision, she said, “No decisions have yet been made regarding accommodations that will be provided under the revised policy. Our next step will be to hire a consultant to assist in developing appropriate regulations that protect the rights of all students and comply with state and federal law.”

Following the vote, citizens began filing out of the auditorium and lingered in the lobby and covered area leading into the school.

Josh Israel of Fairfax was one of the public speakers before the School Board, in support of the update. “This policy sends an important signal to all our teachers, staff and students — particularly those who are transgender — that they need not be afraid,” he said in his remarks.

After the vote, Israel said, “They demonstrated they understand the importance of including everyone.”

In response to Schultz’s comments during the meeting that Fairfax County policy should instead simply read “Don’t discriminate,” Israel said, “It still has to mean something; until these are enumerated, there isn’t any enforcement. It’s encouraging that 10 School Board members recognized that tonight.”

Devon Flynn of Centreville is a junior at George Mason University. He came out

### The New Policy

“No student, employee, or applicant for employment in the Fairfax County Public Schools shall, on the basis of age, race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, national origin, marital status, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity, as required by law. It is the express intent of the School Board that every policy, practice, and procedure shall conform to all applicable requirements of federal and state law.”

What Happens Next:

“No decisions have yet been made regarding accommodations that will be provided, under the new policy. FCPS will hire a consultant to assist in developing appropriate regulations that protect the rights of all students and to comply with state and federal law.”

SOURCE: [WWW.FCPS.EDU/NEWS/POLICY1450.SHTML](http://WWW.FCPS.EDU/NEWS/POLICY1450.SHTML)

against the proposition. “I was hoping with the majority here opposing it, the board would see and respond to our opinions,” he said.

One big issue for Flynn is the “federal one size fits all” aspect of the policy update. “They have no place to tell a county, a school district,” what to do, he said. Another concern for him is bathrooms and locker rooms: Flynn said he would move his future children to another county if students are allowed to use facilities designated for the opposite sex.

“I think it’s a shame,” he said.

Dalia Palchik, an Annandale resident and teacher at Sheridan School in Washington, D.C. supports the policy update. “As a teacher, I’ve seen kids struggle,” she said afterwards. “It’s time we do everything we can to help everyone, including the most vulnerable.” Palchik is also running to represent Providence District on the School Board.

John Thom of Fairfax came to the meeting to get a sense of what was happening and how the public was feeling. “I didn’t see a need to change the policy, and why this inexplicable rush to pass it without analysis?”

“Proper deliberation is what I hear people asking for — did they collect all the information and have a substantial debate?”

**THESE QUESTIONS** were answered by School Board vice chairman Ted Velkoff: “The reason we that haven’t had a full-blown community engagement about this policy is because, frankly, nothing is changing,” he said during the meeting.

“The notion that outside agitators promote, that this policy change will cause a sudden massive upheaval, is not true,” Velkoff continued. “The proof is that we have been dealing with transgender persons in FCPS and none of these catastrophic consequences has ever materialized.”

Student representative to the School Board Harris LaTeef refrained from weighing in on the motion, other than to say the majority of students he talked to supported changing the policy. The Langley High School senior did, however, implore the audience for something else:

“Come budget time next year I want to see this passion, this vigor, this community involvement when it comes to funding our schools,” he said. “That is a true threat to our children, our community, the underfunding of our schools.”



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Ten McLean elementary school students were honored for significant safety patrol contributions.

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From left: Music students Daniel Arnold, Steve Han, Kayla Krieger and Cindi Rodi.

# Musicians, Safety Patrols Receive Awards

Woman's Club honors middle- and elementary-school students.

The musicianship of four students from Cooper and Longfellow middle schools was recognized by the Woman's Club of McLean at a ceremony on Tuesday, May 5, where the students also performed on their instruments. Kayla Krieger and Cindy Rodi, of Cooper Middle School, played solo works by Mlynarski and Honegger on the violin and flute, respectively. Students Daniel

Arnold and Steve Han, of Longfellow, performed pieces by Alary and Boccherini on the euphonium and cello, respectively. Daniel was accompanied on the piano by Laura Bogart, and Steve by Hye Jung. The four students each received an award of \$100 from the Woman's Club.

Ten students at McLean elementary schools were recognized for their significant contributions as safety patrol members. The

honorees were: Evelina Swigart and Jay Gollob, from Chesterbrook Elementary; Alyssa Kim and Daniel Kalish, from Churchill Road Elementary; Gloria Tena and Luke Feghali, from Franklin Sherman Elementary; Callison Reing and Alexander Lin, from Kent Gardens Elementary; and Adelaide Loving and Joshua DeFilipps, from Spring Hill Elementary. The students received trophies engraved with their names

and those of their schools, and each school received an award of \$80 for safety program equipment.

The students' parents and the school principals, music directors and patrol sponsors attended the ceremony, as did Officer Thomas W. Harrington, school resource officer of the Fairfax County Police Department. The award ceremony is an annual event of the Woman's Club of McLean.

— LAURA SHERIDAN

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## Public Comment at Police Commission

**Come out to testify before the commission on Monday, May 18.**

**J**ohn Geer was shot dead by Fairfax County Police Officer Adam Torres on Aug. 29, 2013, and the outrage over the quality and timing of the release of information about the shooting led to the formation of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission, which will hold a public forum next Monday, May 18.

Geer was standing unarmed with his hands up inside the doorway to his home in Springfield when he was killed. Police had been called to the scene because of a domestic argument, and while Geer was a legal gun owner, as are one-third of all Virginia residents, no crime had been committed. Aside from the officer who shot Geer, four other officers on the scene told investigators that same day that they were shocked by the shot that killed Geer and thought the shooting was unnecessary. (One officer described his first reaction: "WTF.") Geer made great effort to be predictable in his actions, asking permission to scratch his nose, otherwise keeping his hands up on the doorframe.

Still it took a year and a half and a court order before police officials released the name of the officer who fired the shot and about 11,000 pages of documents related to the in-

vestigation. Reading the details of the investigation, it was easy to feel that the meager police statements in the meantime had been deliberately misleading.

In January 2015, just before the statements of the other officers were released because of the court order, Police Chief Edwin Roessler released this update with the name of the officer: "Geer was reported as having multiple firearms inside the home, displaying a firearm that he threatened to use against the police, and refused the officers' requests that he remain outside and speak to them. Officers, including a trained negotiator, attempted to peaceably resolve the situation. They spoke with Geer for more than 30 minutes as he stood in the doorway of his home. When Geer began lowering his hands at one point during the negotiations, PFC Adam Torres fired a single shot that struck Geer."

It was public concern about the huge delay in any information released, and the inconsistencies between police releases and the investigative record that resulted in the Board of Supervisors forming the police review commission. The commission has undertaken a broad review of police policies and practices but will not report on the Geer shooting itself.

The Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission is holding a public forum on Monday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fairfax County Government Center Board Auditorium. Members of the public may sign up to speak by filling out the online form, or by calling the Clerk

to the Board's office at 703-324-3151. See [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker\\_bos.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker_bos.htm)

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## Call for Father's Day Photos

In the last two weeks, we printed Mother's Day photos submitted by readers, and now we call for photos for Father's Day.

Father's Day is Sunday, June 21, and once again the Connection will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

Every year at this time, the Connection puts out the call for photographs of fathers and their children, grandfathers and their children and grandchildren.

Send in photos as soon as possible, with the following information: the town where you live, the names of everyone in the picture, the approximate date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and a sentence or two about what is happening and where the photograph was taken. Be sure to tell us your town name and neighborhood. Photos are due by June 15.

You can submit your photos online at [www.connectionnewspapers.com/fathersday](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/fathersday). You can also email photos to [editors@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:editors@connectionnewspapers.com).

## Rebuttal on School Funding

**Schools have been county's top priority, receiving \$2 billion.**

BY SHARON BULOVA  
CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**O**n April 28 the Board of Supervisors adopted the FY2016 Budget. Our board approved a total transfer to the schools of \$2.01 billion, an increase of \$66.7 million (an increase of 3.43 percent) over FY2015 and nearly two-thirds of all new revenue associated with increased property values. The total school budget, which is comprised of the county transfer, plus state and some federal funding, totals \$2.6 billion.

Education is our board's highest priority; it is not, however our only priority. The school transfer amounts to almost 53 percent of our General Fund Budget. Public safety, human services, parks and libraries all receive a fraction of what FCPS does and these services are also critical to making Fairfax County one of the best places in the country to live, work, raise a family and grow older comfortably. It is also important that real estate taxes are affordable to our

residents, many of whom are still struggling to get back on their feet following the recent recession.

Fairfax County's Direct General Fund Budget, services and programs, excluding the School Transfer is \$1.81 billion. This year the General County disbursements increased by only 2.06 percent, less than the increase in the School Transfer.

Fairfax County worked hard this year to advocate for a larger share of state funding for our schools, getting \$9.9 million more than anticipated through the state budget. With these funds, FCPS is within \$4.1 million of their total \$2.6 billion Advertised Budget proposal; a gap of just 0.16 percent (sixteen hundredths of a percent).

The superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools Karen Garza increased her request for a transfer after the state budget increase was announced and shortly before our budget adoption.

In her April 28 release, the superintendent indicated this figure is now \$7.6 million or 0.297 percent of FCPS Proposed Operating Budget. Enrollment estimates, and

the associated costs, can and do change as the school year approaches and FCPS staff refines their estimates. The gap, therefore, is somewhat of a moving target.

Our Board of Supervisors continues to be supportive of the school system and our partners on the School Board. When the Board of Supervisors adopted the FY2016 Budget, we also gave county staff Budget Guidance for FY2017 which provides a planning target for an additional increase of 3 percent next year.

As we look ahead at the fiscal outlook for next year, we know that we will continue to be affected by a sluggish economy and the effects of federal cutbacks and sequestration. Like the schools, the General County side of the ledger is projecting a budget shortfall for the next (2017) Fiscal Year. This will have to be resolved, as Fairfax



**Sharon Bulova**

County is required to adopt and maintain a balanced budget.

This spring, the Board of Supervisors will lead the community in a Lines of Business review. This process will be a comprehensive review of all the programs and services the county provides. It will help the board to identify redundancies, establish further efficiencies, consider strategic changes to reach intended outcomes and make sure that the investments we make conform to the community's expectations. In our Budget Guidance, we invited our counterparts on the School Board to participate and we hope they will undertake a similar process for FCPS.

I also hope that the School Board is able to fill the vacant Auditor to the School Board position they created in October of 2014. The Board of Supervisors has had an Auditor to the Board since the 1990s. This independent, critical perspective on the budget and county programs can help elected leaders identify efficiencies and cost avoidance opportunities and has saved taxpayers millions of dollars.

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# News



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## McLean Day Turns 100

### Festival at Lewinsville Park celebrates community.

The McLean Day festival is 100 years old on May 16. To celebrate, the event's producer, the McLean Community Center (MCC), has planned a number of new features and improvements. The festival has a new look and feel thanks to a new layout, new exhibitor tents and a bigger, professional platform stage. In addition, Wheat's Landscape Company, one of eight new McLean Day community sponsors, is beautifying the event. The festival will be held on Saturday, May 16, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road. Admission is free.

#### 100 YEARS OF BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

McLean Day began in 1915 when the McLean School and Civic League sponsored a festival to raise funds for school and community projects. The first McLean Day was held in a field adjacent to Franklin Sherman School and featured a jousting contest. Various community organizations sponsored McLean Day, until MCC began producing the festival in the mid-1970s. It moved to its current home at Lewinsville Park in 1988, due to an expansion at MCC and an increase in the number of participants. New to this year's festival will be a History Walk, located at Meadowbrook, the historic white house. The walk is being organized by the McLean Historical Society, the McLean Chamber of Commerce, the McLean Citizens Association and Franklin Sherman School, the former two of which celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversaries this year.

#### VOTE FOR MCC BOARD MEMBERS

Eight district residents are running for seats on the 2015-2016 MCC Governing Board. Four adults are vying for three adult seats and four teens are vying for two student seats (one for Langley High School and one for McLean High School). The center asks residents of Dranesville Small Tax District 1A, to cast their votes to elect and re-elect members to the 11-member Governing Board. The election will be held at the park from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The voting tent is located inside the entrance to the park. This year, each of the candidates will have their own tents along the main walkway on sponsorship row. Residents may vote in advance by absentee ballot if they are unable to attend the festival through Wednesday, May 13. Voting instructions and candidate information are available online at the center's website: [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org).

#### AMUSEMENT RIDES AND ACTIVITIES

Along with the popular large amusement rides that patrons have come to expect at McLean Day, like the Vertigo, the Orbiter, the Zipper, Full Tilt and Pharaoh's



Fury, a number of new activities have been added this year. A new "Kids' Way" area features ticketed rides for young children. Close by is a new area, called "Balloon Alley," with balloon artists and roaming costumed characters. Free laser tag and children's activities, such as Bump Ball and a petting zoo, also will be offered this year.

#### FOOD TRUCKS DRIVE IN BIG FLAVORS

The food game at McLean Day will be changed this year by the appearance of several popular gourmet food trucks. Returning vendors Big Fat Daddy's, Brad's Concessions, The Tender Rib and the Rotary Club of McLean, will be joined by Red Hook Lobster Pound, Megrolls and Crepe Love, among others. Foodies will be delighted with an expanded menu that includes halal food by Fava Pot, new vegetarian options and a sneak peek at a new restaurant opening near Tysons Corner this summer, Astro Doughnuts and Fried Chicken.

#### HOMETOWN FAVORITES RETURN

Grammy Award-nominated Eric Brace and Last Train Home, a roots-rock band that began as a part-time gig in Washington, D.C., and has become a full-time professional touring band based in East Nashville, Tenn., will return to the D.C. area to perform at McLean Day 2015. Other performances are scheduled by Mutts Gone Nuts, and the students enrolled in Joy of Dance classes at MCC. The McLean Citizens Association will present its Teen Character Award as well.

#### PARKING AND FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE

Parking is not available at Lewinsville Park on the day of the festival, so MCC strongly encourages participants to use its free shuttle service. Starting at 10:15 a.m. and continuing throughout the day, shuttle buses will run from the park to McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Road, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1545 Chain Bridge Road, and MCC, 1234 Ingleside Avenue.

**FOR FESTIVAL UPDATES**, driving directions, shuttle bus stop locations and a festival area map, visit: [www.mcleancenter.org/special-events](http://www.mcleancenter.org/special-events) or call the Center at 703-790-0123/TTY: 711. The center's telephone will be answered from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the day of the festival.

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The HAZE documentary film contains graphic imagery but is a must-see for all parents, their college-bound teens, and anyone who is concerned about the dangers of underage and high-risk drinking.



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The Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County is a non-profit organization working to prevent substance abuse by youth and young adults with partners at the local, state and national levels. This event is partially funded by a federal STOP grant. Funding for this ad is provided by the federal SAMHSA Virginia Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant.



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### McLean Girl Scouts Earn Bronze

**Troop 6963 recognized for foster care advocacy.**

**T**he seven-member Junior Girl Scout Troop 6963, Service Unit 50-6 based in McLean, earned one of the Girl Scouts' highest awards given in scouting — The Bronze Award — for its five month project on foster care advocacy.

The troop is led by Catherine Lorenze and Michelle Arcari and its members include: Eloise Lorenze, Rian Klanderman, Jane Sullivan, Amelia Swenson, Marin George, Summer Parise and Caroline Chaze.

Lorenze and Arcari said the Bronze Award took their troop of fifth-graders five months to research, plan and complete. "This leadership project is designed for Girl Scouts to make a lasting difference in their community. Following the completion of badge requirements, our Scouts decided to focus their Bronze Award 'Take Action' project on Foster Care. As kids, they wanted to help other kids," said Arcari.

In January, Troop 6963 spent a morning with D.C. Superior Court Judge Errol Arthur to learn about child neglect and how the foster care system works in the D.C. Metro area. Junior Girl Scout Summer Parise said, "We learned about how foster care kids enter the system, are treated by the court and what life is like for them in foster care."

Based on Judge Arthur's recommendation, Troop 6963 then made contact with Fairfax County's Department of Family Services, said Junior Girl Scout Caroline Chaze. "We learned that a six-year-old boy in Fairfax County was recently removed from his home after severe abuse by his mother and stepfather. It was really sad, and his mom wouldn't give the social worker any of the boy's belonging," said Chaze.

Troop 6963 learned the boy really missed his bicycle and decided to help out. "Using the money we earned from our Girl Scout cookie sales this year, we worked with Performance Bike in Tysons Corner to purchase a bike, helmet, bell, lock, and air pump to donate to him," said Junior Girl Scout Eloise Lorenze. "It felt really good to help another kid and to learn about foster care issues," said Junior Girl Scout Amelia Swenson.

An additional component to earning the Bronze Award is about spreading the word concerning the Scouts' project on Foster Care. "At the beginning of April, our entire troop spoke before the Fairfax



**Girl Scout Troop meets with Superior Court judge to learn about foster care. From left are Eloise Lorenze, Amelia Swenson, Summer Parise, Marin George, Rian Klanderman and Judge Errol Arthur.**

PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED



**Girl Scout Troop donates bike to boy in Fairfax County foster care. From left are Jane Sullivan, Marin George, Ameila Swenson, Rian Klanderman, Summer Parise, Eloise Lorenze and Caroline Chaze.**

County Board of Supervisors at their public budget hearings to discuss what we learned about foster care and to request continued funding for the Good Touch/Bad Touch Education Program," said Junior Girl Scout Rian Klanderman.

"It was really scary to get up in front of all those elected officials, but this important program teaches kids about personal body safety and can help protect kids from abuse and keep them out of foster care," said Junior Girl Scout Jane Sullivan.

"Working for our Bronze Award taught us all a lot that kids can make an impact on their own community and demonstrates our commitment to helping others," said Junior Girl Scout Marin George.

Troop 6963, Service Unit 50-6, is part of the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital and has been an active troop for six years. Its members attend Spring Hill Elementary School and St. Luke Elementary School. Scouts from Troop 6963 all plan to work towards their Silver and Gold Awards as Cadette and Ambassador Girls Scouts in future years.

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**4 Artists Spring Show.** The Frame Factory Gallery, 212 Dominion Road, NE, Vienna. 703-281-2350. [www.theframefactory1.com](http://www.theframefactory1.com)

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 13

**MPA Spring Benefit 2015.** 7-9 p.m. At the home of Selwa Masri Rutchik and David Rutchik, 1324 Ballantrae Farm Drive, McLean. The ever-popular annual MPA Spring Benefit, the centerpiece of MPA's 2015 growth. Tickets: <http://www.mpaart.org/spring-benefit-2014/>

## FRIDAY/MAY 15

**Playdate Café.** Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls.



**McLean Day 2015 will take place on Saturday, May 16, from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. There will be a petting zoo, rides, games, food trucks and more. <http://mcleancenter.org/>**

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**Preschool Storytime.** Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 10:30 a.m. Ages 3-5 with adult enjoy stories, songs and activities.

**Drop-in Chess and Board Games.** Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 3:30 p.m. All ages are welcome to drop-in and play chess and assorted board games.

**McLean Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Fridays, May 1-Nov. 20. 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mcleanmkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mcleanmkt.htm)

**McLean Art Society Meeting.** 10 a.m. - noon. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Ms. Davis, a member of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists explains her artwork as a riot of color

and a way of conveying meaning and a new perspective to mundane objects like industrial towers. She will be demonstrating techniques using alcohol inks. Guests are welcome.

## SATURDAY/MAY 16

**McLean Day 2015.** 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Petting zoo, rides, games, food trucks and more. <http://mcleancenter.org/>

**Vienna Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Faith Baptist Church Parking Lot, 301 Center Street South, Vienna. [www.viennafarmersmarket.com](http://www.viennafarmersmarket.com).

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 16-17

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**Amadeus Orchestra with Jessica Stecklein.** 4 p.m. Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Soprano Jessica Stecklein returns to perform with the Amadeus Orchestra. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased at the door or online at <http://www.amadeusconcerts.com>. Students 17 and under are admitted free of charge.

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## MONDAY/MAY 18

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## WEDNESDAY/MAY 20

**Morning Book Group for Adults.** Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 10:30 a.m. Call branch for title.

## THURSDAY/MAY 21

**James Madison High School Spring Concert.** 7:30 p.m. the Madison High School Auditorium, 2500 James Madison Dr., Vienna. These bands were recently awarded superior ratings at the state assessment for the 10th straight year. Come out and hear joyful, spirit-lifting music.

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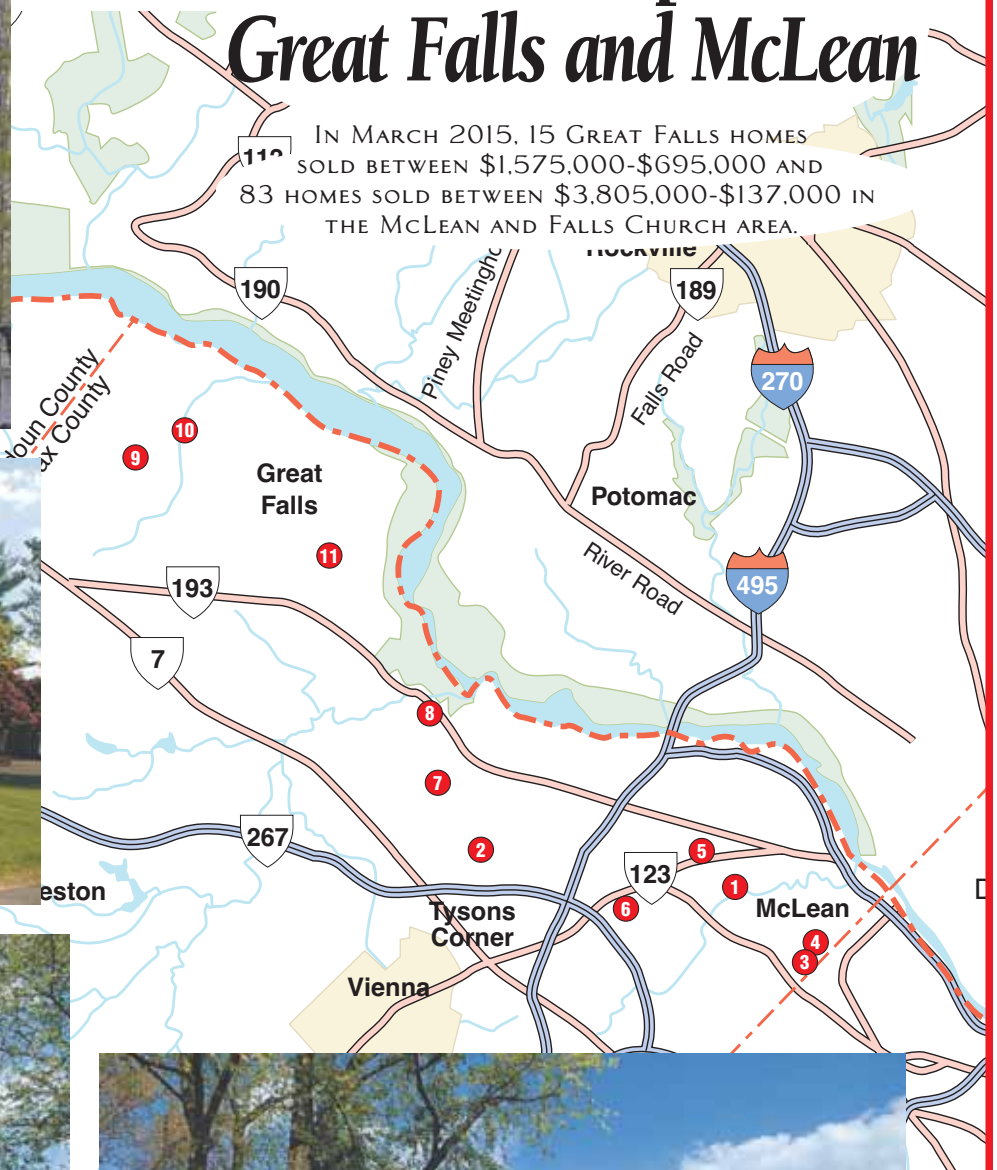


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The new space plan to the Napolitano home called for a family entertainment zone in a newly formed great room that incorporates the kitchen, an informal dining area and a computer work station.

## Adding On

“Bump-out” plus first floor reconfiguration meets family’s evolving space requirements.

BY JOHN BYRD

At what point does a house become “old”, which is to say — no longer a good fit for its usually adaptive occupants?

Michael and Kim Napolitano of Reston pondered this question recently, deciding to investigate options for adding living space to their 33-year-old, 2,000-square-foot colonial.

“When we moved in 12 years ago,” Michael Napolitano said, “the kids were in grade school, Kim was working in an outside office, and our home’s first floor plan supported all our daily requirements. Also, we’ve always loved the beautiful setting — which is about an acre with many mature trees.”

About five years ago, though, Kim started working from home and quickly set up an office in the basement. An L-shaped work-station under a transom window, the arrangement was intended to be “a step” towards a more suitable accommodation.

Meanwhile, the three children entered high school. As they grew, so did the number and size of their friends — and the duration of their visits.

Gradually, the Napolitanos began to notice that their once ideal home was no longer meeting their changing needs. The front-to-back family room on the west side of the house, for instance, seemed “disconnected” from the rest of the house since one had to pass through the dining room or the foyer to get to the kitchen. The dining room seemed smaller; ditto the upstairs master bedroom with its limited closet space and tiny master bath.

In fact, the entire first level plan — about 1,200 square feet in all — seemed positively crowded when the family was entertaining.

**WHAT TO DO?** “When we reviewed the Napolitano’s preferred improvements “wish list,” it was clear that the existing first floor footprint was

really only about 400 feet short of a plan that would satisfy all the current requirements — including relocating Kim’s office to the first floor,” designer Suzanne Glatz said. Glatz, of Foster Remodeling Solutions, was hired last year by the Napolitanos to develop and supervise a budget-sensitive makeover. Trained as both a space planner and an interior designer, Glatz has been finding creative ways to add square footage to space-restricted older homes.

“Basically, Suzanne invited us to think about the floor plan differently,” Michael Napolitano said.

The first consideration: repurposing the 12-foot-by-35-foot family room and adding 160-square-feet of newly enclosed space as an open family entertainment zone within a 500-square-foot L-shaped “great room” that would incorporate the kitchen, breakfast room and a new computer work station.

The new enclosure’s remaining square footage would extend the former family room, which would now be converted into a first-level master bedroom suite. The resulting accommodation features a 58-square-foot walk-in closet (more than triple the size of its predecessor), and a luxury bath complete with glass-encased walk-in shower, soaking tub, and a his-and-her vanity.

“The great room is a perfect solution for us now,” Michael Napolitano said, “We can be together in the same place working on different projects — cooking, homework, television — without disrupting each other. It offers a nice balance of family time and independence.”

The first level interior design — a collaboration between Glatz and Kim Napolitano — explores “transitional”-style sensibilities. By contrast, the master bath unfolds in a restful taupe that complements the wood-grain porcelain flooring and silestone counter tops. In short, a perfect setting for a white Jacuzzi holstered in a wood frame — and a few blissful moments all to one’s self.

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# SPORTS



**McLean senior Erin Calpin launches a walk-off home run against Madison on May 8. The Highlanders won 1-0 on senior night.**

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**Madison pitcher Katie Vannicola held McLean scoreless for six innings before surrendering a seventh-inning home run to McLean's Erin Calpin during a 1-0 loss on May 8.**

## McLean Senior Calpin Launches Memorable Home Run

**Highlander frosh Longo edges Madison's Vannicola in pitcher's duel.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**E**rin Calpin stood with a softball in her hand and described her moment of glory as "absolutely amazing."

But before she clutched that ball during a joyful postgame interview Friday night, McLean's senior third baseman crushed it.

Calpin's solo home run in the bottom of the seventh inning gave the McLean softball team a 1-0 victory over Madison on May 8 during senior night at McLean High School.

Facing an 0-2 count, Calpin ripped her walk-off homer over the center-field fence, ending a pitcher's duel between Madison junior Katie Vannicola and McLean fresh-



**McLean freshman Julia Longo threw a two-hit shutout against Madison on May 8, striking out 11.**

man Julia Longo while creating an ever-lasting memory.

After the game, Calpin held her home run ball and said she planned to frame it.

"I've been dreaming of this since my freshman year," Calpin said. "One of our seniors when I was a freshman, she hit a grand slam on senior night and I've just admired that so much and to have it actually happen for me is absolutely amazing."

Calpin said she momentarily considered trying to lay down a bunt, which could have helped set the stage for one of her teammates to drive in the winning run if Calpin had reached base. Instead, No. 6 ended the game with one swing of her bat.

"That was such a perfect way to end the game for her," Longo said, "especially being her senior night."

McLean head coach Maurice Tawil said he was surprised by the location of the pitch Calpin saw after falling behind in the count.

"I'm surprised that the pitch was where it was," Tawil said. "It might have been a mistake. I don't think anybody on the Madison side wanted the pitch quite there, not the pitcher, as well. [Vannicola] did a really good job all night long. She made one mistake and unfortunately it cost them the game."

Vannicola allowed the one run on five hits over 6 1/3 innings. She walked one and

struck out five.

While Vannicola performed well in the pitcher's circle, McLean's Longo was even better. The freshman tossed a two-hit shutout and did not allow a runner to reach second base. Longo walked one and struck out 11.

"Julia killed it," Calpin said. "... I'm beyond proud of her."

McLean second baseman Olivia Bravo had two hits. Shortstop Zoe Dobson and catcher Bella Norton each had one.

Madison catcher Cat Arase and right fielder Kristy Williams each had a hit.

The victory improved McLean's record to 18-1. The Highlanders finished the regular season with a road game against Fairfax on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline.

"I feel we're playing as well as we have all year long," Tawil said. "We're ready to charge into the conference championship."

Madison bounced back with a 7-1 victory over Fairfax on Monday, improving its record to 16-3. The Warhawks closed the regular season with a home game against Langley on Tuesday.

The Conference 6 tournament is scheduled to begin Friday, May 15.

**The Oakton girls' tennis team produced the top three singles finishers at the Conference 5 tournament on May 11. Annie Clark won the singles championship, Lindsey Le finished second and Victoria Thai placed third. Clark defeated Le 6-1, 6-4 for the title.**



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### Cougars Win Conference 5



**The Oakton doubles teams of Annie Clark and Lindsey Le, and Victoria Thai and Alekhya Nanduri finished first and second, respectively, at the Conference 5 tennis tournament on Monday. Clark and Le won 6-1, 6-0 in the final.**



## HISTORY OF McLEAN DAY

# How McLean Day Made McLean

BY PAUL KOHLENBERGER, MERRILY  
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*First in a series.*

### A School Organizes the Community

On Oct. 19, 1914, Martha Kadel watched as her older brother and sister walked to the new Franklin Sherman School.

One of the few families in the new community, the Kadels had watched the construction of the two-story, six-room brick building behind their home for the last year. The school, surrounded by farmland, rose above the small general store and a few homes at the intersection of the Great Falls and Old Dominion Railroad Line with Chain Bridge Road, recently named McLean for one of the trolley's founders.

On that first day of school, the Kadels would be two of the 29 students attending. Some came from communities up and down the new trolley line, others had walked from nearby communities on the connecting dirt roads.

The moment was historic.

The Kadels were attending the county's first consolidated school that had brought together the one-room schools at Langley, Lewinsville, Chesterbrook and Spring Hill, an idea advanced by the school board member for whom the school was later named.

In a letter dated Oct. 1, 1914, Captain Sherman wrote Charlotte Troughton, that building materials had been delayed but the desks had arrived and all would be ready for delivery for the opening of the school.

Troughton was the young woman teaching in a one-room school in Farmville, Va. who had accepted the job as principal and seventh-grade teacher at the new school.

When Charlotte arrived, aside from desks, she and Miss Lillian Skelton, who taught first through sixth grades, found nothing else in the school except a box of chalk and a broom. The school had no electricity or running water and the grounds were as the builders left them.

"One of the first things we had to do was organize this school and civic league," Charlotte wrote, "because if you wanted anything, there was nobody to ask for it. You had to get out and get it."

The school had an empty auditorium with just a stage, so the two teachers and parents put on plays every month to raise money. On Nov. 2, 1914, Charlotte co-founded the School and Civic League of McLean with local business and community residents and became its first secretary in addition to her duties as principal and teacher.

### The League, with the School as Its Base, Gets To Work

After raising enough money to furnish the school's auditorium with lamps and some seats, members of the League organized a committee of residents from surrounding communities to plan a carnival as a fundraiser. On July 31, 1915, the first



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### About The Authors

Paul Kohlenberger serves as president of the McLean Historical Society and as vice president of the Historical Society of Fairfax County. He is a member of the McLean Community Center governing Board and serves as Board Liaison to Friends of the McLean Community Center.

Merrily Pierce is a former president of the McLean Citizens Association, writer and photographer. In 2014, she and Kohlenberger co-authored "The Voice of McLean – 100 Years of the McLean Citizens Association" as part of the organization's Centennial Celebration.

Kim Todd attended Franklin Sherman Elementary School, her youngest child currently attends the school, and she serves as the Franklin Sherman Elementary School Historian. She helped lead the school's Centennial Celebration.

McLean Day was held on school grounds and an adjacent lot. A highlight was the equestrian tournament whose winner chose the fair's "Queen of Beauty."

Proceeds paid for drainage pipes, a driveway to the school, and sidewalks on the school grounds.

McLean Day was so successful that the League voted to make it an annual event.

The McLean Day Committee grew to involve many of the residents who lived in the surrounding area. In an era before the growth of the county government with a residential and commercial tax base, McLean Day would function for many years as the principal source of funding in this community for public infrastructure and school needs.

### McLean Day Makes McLean

Charlotte Troughton married, became Charlotte Troughton Corner, and retired from teaching in 1918 to raise her family.

She remembers 1918 and 1919 as being a period of disorganization in the community and school because of World War I and the flu epidemic.

McLean Day went on as usual that August with 5,000 people reportedly in attendance.

The Kadel family left McLean in 1918 and moved out to a farm on Kirby Road.

Martha and her siblings now had to walk along a dirt road to go to school. Martha lost her shoes in the mud one day on the way home. She stood in the mud and cried until a neighbor came by on a horse, pulled her out of the mud, found her shoes, and took her home.

Trolley lines all over the country were spurring the growth of commuter suburbs and coincided with the arrival of the automobile.

So great was the need for better transportation infrastructure that by 1920 a large percentage of the proceeds from McLean



Martha Kadel

Day was being spent on road improvements including "macadamizing" Elm Street, the road in front of the general store, buying cinders for Ingleside Road, building a shelter most likely for the Ingleside trolley stop, and for "cording" the road from the Spring Hill stop to Georgetown Pike.

The League decided to purchase the lot adjacent to the school beginning in 1916 with the idea of someday building a community center. The Farmville com-

munity, where Charlotte had taught earlier, thought their school should be a community center and she arrived in McLean with that idea firmly in her head.

By 1922, owning the property, the organization incorporated and in that same year helped sponsor a volunteer fire department. The annual McLean Day that would be held on "the League Lot" for the next 25 years grew to include keynote speakers, baseball games, baby contests and served as a grandstand for political candidates.

In 1923, under organization president Henry Ayers of Tysons Cross Roads, the League began sponsoring McLean Day with the McLean Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD). The proceeds continued to be administered by the League but were divided between the two groups. By 1925, a proper fire station and fire engines had been purchased for the county's first incorporated fire department which the Fairfax Herald called "one of the best small town departments in the State."

By the end of the decade, McLean Day had paid for installation of a school bell, a wire fence around the school, interior and exterior painting, playground equipment, installation of fire escapes, and a water cistern. School supplies included books for the school library and maps for elementary school classrooms. The League also began raising money for an addition to the school in 1924 to accommodate the growing numbers of students attending, which was com-

pleted the following year.

The school, through the League, also "functioned" like a community center providing meeting space — the Masons met there on Monday nights — and with McLean Day proceeds, the seed money for emerging organizations such as the McLean Library Association, the McLean Baptist Church, a local chapter of the American Red Cross and the area's first Boy Scout Troop 128.

By this time McLean Day had become McLean "Week," including a horse show, tug of war between towns, automobile races, raffles and even a "husband-calling" contest.

Electricity was slowly being extended to the countryside along with the growing population, but service was not dependable.

Beginning in 1922, the League began negotiating with Alexandria Light and Power Company to have a more reliable supply of electricity for the school and McLean residents. By 1925, the company had installed a substation at Westmoreland Street and Chain Bridge Road, which remains today.

Two hundred seventy-five students attended the school in 1927. The League lobbied for a doubling of school bus service from the Tysons Cross Roads part of McLean and negotiated with a commercial bus company to provide reduced student fares on its route along Chain Bridge Road. While transportation was gradually improving, it would take another seven years from the time the League had begun negotiations with the power company for seven street lights to be installed in the small downtown.

The League paid the bill for an eventual 15 street lights until 1954 from McLean Day and organization monies.

### McLean Almost Loses a Tradition

When Martha Kadel graduated from Franklin Sherman School in 1928, she spent two years at State Teachers College in Harrisonburg and then returned to her hometown to teach at the Jefferson School in Dranesville. She would teach in Fairfax County and enjoy McLean's hometown traditions for the next 40 years. Her granddaughter Ryan Kadel Gilpin shared her memories of the early days at Franklin Sherman School for the school's 95th anniversary.

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**Elizabeth W. Mara**

Elizabeth W. Mara, 95, of Willow Street, PA, died in Lakeside at Willow Valley on Friday, May 1, 2015. Born on March 27, 1920 in Orange, NJ, and nicknamed Pat, she was the daughter of the late George B. and Elizabeth D. Wakeley. She Elizabeth was the loving wife of the late Paul V. Mara who died in August 2012.

She was a graduate of East Orange High School and Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY, earning the latter with a degree in psychology. After graduation, she was employed in as a personnel professional activities at Prudential Insurance Co. in Newark, NJ, American Chickie Co. on in Long Island City, NY, and Prenticess Hall Publishing Co. in New York City. She was personnel director at the latter company when she resigned to be married and raise four children. Later, she returned to personnel work at the Pepperidge Farm headquarters in Norwalk, CT.

PatShe was a great admirer of horses from her participation in a mounted troop in New Jersey and spending her her summers on a small family farm in Levanna, NY on the shores of Cayuga Lake. One of these summers was spent training a previously unmanageable horse to the saddle. She enjoyed cooking, tennis and bridge as well as traveling, having visited some twenty countries in Europe and the Middle East. During her marriage she lived in Fishkill, NY, Northbrook, IL, Westport, CT and Great Falls, VA from which she and her husband entered the Willow Valley Retirement Communities in Willow Street, PA.

She was an active supporter of Skidmore College, having served as annual fund agent, reunion chairperson and president of her class at various times. While in Virginia, she was a member of the Home & Community Club, Great Falls Historical Society, charter member of the Great Falls Women's Club, member of the McLean Postcomers Club, the McLean Regency Racquet Club and the River Bend Golf & Country Club in Great Falls.

In Virginia, she was a volunteer in the telecommunications for the deaf program and in Meals -on -Wheels. In Pennsylvania, she mentored in a remedial modeled reading program at a Lancaster elementary school.

Surviving are three daughters, children: Ms. Virginia W. Mara of Arlington, MA; Mrs. Judith M. Anderson, wife of Mr. Keaven Anderson of Downingtown, PA; and Jean M. McCrystal, wife of William McCrystal of Pompton Plains, NJ., son-in-law Thomas Hunter IV, and six grandchildren, Susan M. Hunter (deceased), wife of Mr. Thomas Hunter IV, and Mrs. Jean M. McCrystal, wife of Mr. William McCrystal; grandchildren: Kaitlyn McCrystal, Meghan McCrystal, Emily Anderson, Eric Anderson, Susan Anderson and Irina Mara. Pat was predeceased by her husband Paul, daughter Susan M. Hunter, and brother George W. Wakeley.

A mMemorial cCelebration will be held at a later date. Interment will be at Chestnut Hill Cemetery, Union Springs, NY. Memorial cContributions may be made to S.O.M.E- . So Others Might ay Eat, 71 "O" Street, NW, Washington DC 20001 or to Skidmore College, 815 N. Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

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